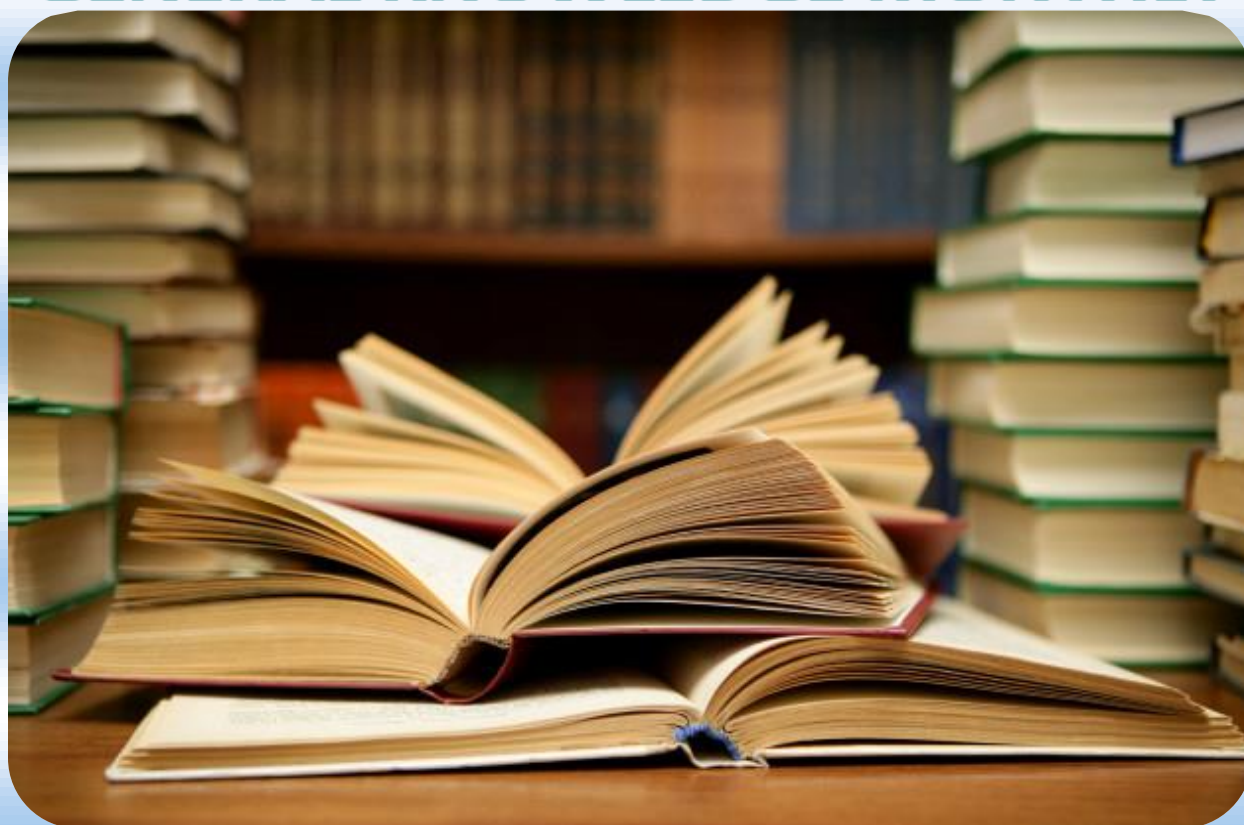


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GST collection for July 2022 second highest ever at Rs 1.49 lakh crore

GST collections for July remained above ₹1.4 lakh crore for the fifth straight month. Gross GST revenue collected in the month of July 2022 at ₹1,48,995 crore, which was the second highest collection ever since the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax. The July revenue figure is 28% higher than the revenues in the same month last year of ₹1,16,393 crore, as per the data by the government released on Monday. Out of the total figure, CGST is ₹25,751 crore, SGST is ₹32,807 crore, IGST is ₹79,518 crore (including ₹41,420 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is ₹10,920 crore (including ₹995 crore collected on import of goods).

RBI's Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) Inches Up

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday said that India's financial inclusion index (FI-Index) for the year ended March 31, 2022 improved to 56.4 from 53.9 in the previous year, with growth seen across all its sub-indices, the central bank said in a press release. The index is published annually in July. The central bank had in April 2021 announced that it will form the index for measuring financial inclusion, which is the focus area for the government, central bank and other regulators.

SIDBI and SVC bank collaborate to increase loans to MSMEs

MUMBAI: SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd and Small Industries Development Bank in India (SIDBI) have announced that they are entering into a partnership. The agreement was signed by Ashish Singhal, MD, SVC Bank and Sanjeev Gupta, GM, SIDBI in Mumbai on July 28. As per the agreement, SIDBI will extend refinance facility to SVC Bank to facilitate an improved flow of credit to MSMEs. Commenting on the occasion, Singhal said, "MSME sector is the backbone of the Indian economy in terms of exports, employment creation and revenue to exchequers.

Jio getting ready to launch World's Most Advanced 5G Network across India

Reliance Jio, which emerged as the largest acquirer of 5G spectrum in the latest auction, on Monday said it is all set to roll out the world's most advanced 5G network across the country and make India the global leader in digital connectivity and digital solutions. The company is confident that the latest auction round will help it consolidate leadership position in all 22 circles by acquiring right to use spectrum in the 700MHz, 800MHz, 1800MHz, 3300MHz and 26GHz bands. Jio's unique 700 MHz spectrum footprint will make it the only operator providing True 5G services across India.

Ministry for Commerce & Industry: India recognising over 75000 startups so far

Union commerce minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday said India has achieved a milestone of having 75,000 recognised startups in the country. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has recognised more than 75,000 startups -- a milestone which coincides with 75th year of independence, the commerce ministry said in a statement. As India celebrates Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Indian startup ecosystem continues to be fuelled by innovation, enthusiasm, and entrepreneurial spirit, it added.

Fortune Global 500 list: LIC breaks into Fortune 500 list

Recently-listed Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has broken into the latest Fortune Global 500 list, while Reliance Industries NSE -0.53 % has jumped 51 places. The nation's biggest life insurer with revenue of \$97.26 billion and a profit of \$553.8 million, was ranked 98th on the just released Fortune 500 list. Reliance Industries jumped 51 places to 104 on the 2022 list. This is the first outing of LIC on the list, which ranks listed companies by sales. Reliance, with revenue of \$93.98 billion and a net profit of \$8.15 billion in the latest year, has been on the list for 19 years.

World's largest floating solar power plant going to be built in Khandwa, MP

With an aim to increase the power generation capacity of the central state of Madhya Pradesh and address the electricity problems in the region, a floating solar power plant is going to be built in Khandwa which will generate 600 Megawatt power by 2022-23, informed the officials on Wednesday.



Ravinder Takkar named as Chairman of Vodafone Idea

Ravinder Takkar, the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of telecom operator Vodafone Idea Limited (Vi), will replace Himanshu Kapania as the telco's new chairman from 19 August. "The board unanimously elected Ravinder Takkar, as chairman of VIL board, effective August 19, 2022...it (also) accepted the request of Himanshu Kapania, to step down as non-executive chairman with effect from August 18," Vi said in a BSE filing on Wednesday.

Fintech platform BharatPe named Nalin Negi as new CFO

Fintech platform BharatPe on Wednesday said it has appointed former SBI Card CFO Nalin Negi as its new chief financial officer, as it prepares for its initial public offering (IPO). In his new role, Negi will take charge of the finance function for BharatPe and will be working towards making the company EBITDA positive by March 2023. He will report to Suhail Sameer, CEO, BharatPe and work closely with the Board of BharatPe, the company said in a statement.

NIESBUD tie-up with Hindustan Unilever Ltd to develop entrepreneurial skills

National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for developing entrepreneurial skills among the youth and identifying other aspects for mutual collaboration. The alliance will further enhance employment generation and create sustainable livelihood opportunities, giving a major boost to nano and micro-entrepreneurship advancement in the country.

Amazon India signed an agreement with Indian Railways to boost delivery

Amazon India has engaged with Indian Railways to boost its delivery services in the country. Through this partnership, the e-commerce firm said it will be able to transport packages on more than 110 inter-city routes, ensuring one to two-day delivery for its customer. Amazon began working with the Indian Railways in 2019. The company has increased its transportation lanes five-fold, it said.

K-DISC inks MoU with LinkedIn to Promote Employability

LinkedIn, the world's largest professional network, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC) and the ICT Academy of Kerala (ICTAK) as part of the Connect Career to Campus (CCC) campaign under the Kerala Knowledge Economy Mission (KKEM) initiative. Kerala government said this partnership aims to boost the employability skill among the youth of Kerala and aggravate relevant jobs for them using LinkedIn talent insights and learning tools.

New Payment System For NRIs: The BBPS

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed NRIs to pay bills on behalf of their families in India through Bharat Bill Pay System (BBPS). This facility will start soon. Experts say this is a significant development showing RBI's commitment to standardizing and further optimizing the digital payments ecosystem in India. "The announcement by RBI to allow NRIs to pay bills for their family members in India directly on BBPS.

Commonwealth Games 2022: Bajrang Punia Wins Gold in Men's 65kg Category

CWG 2022 Latest Updates: Wrestler Bajrang Punia on Friday gave a sensational performance at the CWG 2022 as he won the gold medal after beating Canada's Lachlan McNeil 9-2. It was in fact a dominant show from the ace Indian wrestler as he didn't give much chance to the Canadian to bounce back. Notably, he won the gold in Men's Freestyle 65kg Wrestling Final.



Commonwealth Games 2022: Sakshi Malik Wins Gold in Women's Wrestling

Indian wrestler Sakshi Malik beat Canada's Ana Godinez Gonzalez by fall to win gold in Women's Freestyle 62 kg at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games on Friday. This is India's third wrestling medal, and second gold, at this CWG after Bajrang Punia and Anshu Malik bagged gold and silver, respectively.



Chess prodigy V Pranav becomes India's 75th Grandmaster

Chess prodigy V Pranav on Sunday became India's 75th Grandmaster by winning a tournament in Romania. The Chennai-based Pranav won the Limpedea Open in Baia Mare, Romania to secure his third and final GM norm and attain the Grandmaster title.



Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand becomes FIDE deputy president

Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand was on August 7, 2022 elected deputy president of FIDE, the sport's world governing body, while incumbent president Arkady Dvorkovich was re-elected for a second term. Five-time world champion Anand was part of Dvorkovich's team.



Commonwealth Games 2022: Eldhose Paul becomes the first Indian to win gold in the triple jump

Eldhose Paul on August 7 created history by winning India's first-ever gold in the triple jump event at the Commonwealth Games 2022. Paul, who hails from Kerala's Ernakulam district, produced his personal best jump of 17.03 m to clinch the gold medal during his CWG debut. He was followed by teammate Abdulla Aboobacker, who won a silver medal with a 17.02 m jump.



Goa CM Pramod Sawant announced to implement 100% NEP in higher education

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant affirmed on Sunday that the state government will implement 100% of the syllabus in higher education institutes along the lines of the National Education Policy. At the seventh Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog, the Chief Minister also said that Goa is working on the skills of its human resources with the help of agreements signed with various industry associations. "We have started working on the implementation of the National Education Policy in the state. The implementation has already begun in the state-run and aided schools," an official release quoted Sawant according to news agency PTI.

RBI Imposes ₹2.33 Cr Monetary Penalty On Spandana Sphoorty Financial

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹2.33 crore on Hyderabad-based Spandana Sphoorty Financial Ltd for its failure to adhere to pricing of credit guidelines for Non-Banking Financial Company - Micro Finance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs). The pricing of credit guidelines are part of RBI's 'Non-Banking Financial Company - Systemically Important Non-Deposit taking Company and Deposit taking Company (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016.

SBI's first-quarter net profit fell by 7% to Rs. 6,068 billion

The State Bank of India reported a 6.7 per cent year-on-year fall in net profit for the June quarter at Rs 6068.08 crore, against the analysts' expectation of double digit growth in Q1. Sequentially, the company's profit has fallen 33 per cent. The net profit missed analysts' expectations of Rs 7,742 crore. SBI share price has risen 11% in the last one month and is now close to its 52-week high. On Friday, SBI share price ended at Rs 532 per share. Net interest income (NII), which is a bank's main source of income, stood at Rs 31,196 crore.

Google launches 'India Ki Udaan' to mark 75 years of Independence

Capturing the milestones India has achieved in its journey of 75 years since Independence, software giant Google on Friday unveiled a vibrant online project drawing from rich archives and featuring artistic illustrations to tell the story of the country. Named 'India ki Udaan', the project executed by Google Arts & Culture celebrates the country's achievements and is "themed on the unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years". The project was officially launched at a glittering event held at the Sunder Nursery in New Delhi in the presence of Union Culture and Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy and senior officials of the Culture Ministry and Google.

Commonwealth Games 2022: India's Final Medal Tally and Rank

From July 28 to August 8, nearly 200 Indian athletes competed for medals across 16 different sports at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham. At the last edition at Gold Coast 2018, Indian athletes won a total of 66 medals, 26 gold and 20 silver and 20 bronze to finish third overall, behind hosts Australia and England.



Prof Ramadhar Singh becomes 1st Indian Social Psychologist on US Heritage Wall of Fame

In a first, the extraordinary contributions to social psychology and management by an Indian professor has been recognised by the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in the United States. Amrut Mody School of Management of Ahmedabad University professor Ramadhar Singh has reportedly been marked on the 'Heritage Wall of Fame' of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in the United States, making him the only social psychologist from India to receive the honour.



India's GDP Growth to be fastest in Asia in FY23: Morgan Stanley

India is likely to be the fastest-growing Asian economy in the Asian region in 2022-23, according to analysts at Morgan Stanley, who expect the expect India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth to average 7 per cent during this period – the strongest among the largest economies – and contributing 28 per cent and 22 per cent to Asian and global growth, respectively. The Indian economy, they said, is set for its best run in over a decade, as pent-up demand is being unleashed.

Nation celebrates 76th Independence Day on 15th August 2022

Independence Day 2022: India is gearing up to celebrate its 75 years of Independence (76th Independence Day) from British rule on August 15, Monday. India achieved its Independence from British colonial rule on August 15, 1947. The struggle for freedom was a long and tiresome one; witnessing the sacrifices of many freedom fighters, who laid down their lives for their country and fellow citizens.



World's Highest Chenab Railway Bridge Inaugurated

Decked with the national flag, the 'Golden Joint' of the Chenab railway bridge was launched on Saturday thereby inaugurating the World's highest railway bridge. To commemorate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the world's highest bridge in Reasi district of J&K was decked up with the Tricolour by the workers on this occasion. The workers were seen celebrating and hoisting the national flag with love and pride right in the middle of the bridge at the golden joint.

India To Start Supplying Petrol With 20% Ethanol From April 2023

India will start supplying petrol with 20 per cent ethanol at select petrol pumps from April next year and will ramp up supplies thereafter as it looks to cut oil import dependence and address environmental issues. Oil Minister Hardeep Puri said a fifth of petrol will be made up of ethanol by 2025. "E20 petrol (petrol blended with 20 per cent ethanol) in some quantity will be available from April 2023 and the rest to be covered by 2025," he said.

Bajaj Electricals elevates Anuj Poddar as MD & CEO

Consumer durable products maker Bajaj Electricals on Tuesday elevated its Executive Director Anuj Poddar to Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The company has separated the post of Chairman & Managing Director and its patron Shekhar Bajaj will continue as Executive Chairman of the company, said a statement from Bajaj Electricals. "The separation of the Chairman and Managing Director positions is in continuation of the professionalisation of the management of the company and marks the company's commitment to strong corporate governance standards," said Bajaj Electricals.

State Bank of India introduced its first dedicated branch to support start-ups

State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its first branch dedicated to start-ups in Koramangala, Bengaluru, the country's largest lender said on Tuesday. Apart from providing funding and regular banking service to start-ups, SBI will also support such players through associated services such as investment banking, treasury operations, advisory and other ancillary financial services through its subsidiaries.

Paytm tie-up with Samsung stores to deploy smart PoS devices

Digital financial services firm Paytm on Tuesday said it partnered with Samsung stores across India to facilitate smart payments as well as its loan service Paytm Postpaid through deployment of point of sale devices. The partnership will enable consumers purchasing Samsung devices -- laptops, smartphones, television, smart watches etc -- from any authorised store in the country to pay through Paytm payment instruments, including UPI, wallet, buy now pay later scheme, debit cards and credit cards.

TCS partnership with five star bank to offer hyper-personalised customer experience

Tata Consultancy Services has partnered with Five Star Bank, a subsidiary of Financial Institutions, Inc. (NASDAQ:FISI), on its digital transformation journey, helping it determine lending risk and deliver hyper-personalized customer experiences using the TCS Customer Intelligence & Insights (CI&I) analytics platform. Five Star Bank is a premier provider of consumer and commercial lending services across Central and Western New York.

Vistara emerges second largest domestic airline by market share

NEW DELHI: Full service Vistara emerged as the second biggest airline by domestic market share in July with a 10.4% pie of the sky, distantly second to the market leader IndiGo at 58.8%, according to DGCA data. The number two, three and four positions saw airlines separated by just decimal points (see graphic).



Goodfellows, senior-focused startup launched by Ratan Tata

Mumbai-based Mrs. Demellow's grandchild is part of a band. For a while now, she has been wanting to see him perform, but did not know how to. Recently, a "Goodfellow" created an Instagram account for her. The 86-year-old now enjoys watching her grandson's activities on Insta stories. Shantanu Naidu, the founder of Goodfellows, a startup that aims to provide companionship to senior citizens, is a big believer in how much generations can learn from each other.

Mandla becomes India's first fully 'functionally literate' district

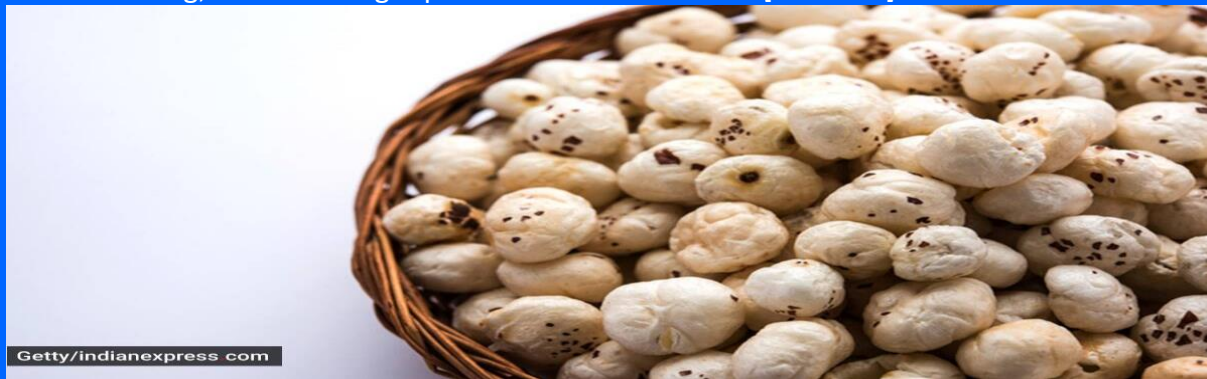
Madhya Pradesh's city Mandla, which is a tribal-dominated region has become India's first fully 'functionally literate' district, Bisahulal Singh, state minister of food and civil supplies announced. Singh made the announcement while addressing a gathering at an Independence Day function on Monday. According to the official statement, the district administration launched a campaign in 2020 to make the residents fully literate. For the purpose, the administration employed the education, and women and child development departments along with social workers to educate the people.

HDFC Bank opened the first all-women branch in north Kerala

Private sector bank major HDFC has opened its first all-women branch in north Kerala region in Kozhikode. The branch, located in Cherootty Road, the hub of traders in the district, will have 4 women bankers. This adds to all-women branches opened by the Bank in southern India and takes forward the bank's inherent values of diversity and inclusion, a statement said here. The branch was inaugurated by city Corporation Mayor Beena Philip at a function here on Wednesday.

Gol grants GI Tag to Bihar's Mithila Makhana

The government has awarded geographical indication (GI) tag to 'Mithila Makhana', in a bid to help farmers get the maximum price for their produce. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal announced it in a translated tweet, which read: "Mithila Makhana [is] registered with the GI tag; farmers will get profit and it will be easier [for them] to earn."



Super Vasuki: Indian Railways longest freight train

The Indian Railways ran the Super Vasuki, billed as the heaviest and longest freight train with 295 loaded wagons, on the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence. South East Central Railway operated the train on August 15 as part of the Centre's Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. South Western Railway said in a statement: "To mark the beginning of Amrit Kaal, SECR formed and ran Super Vasuki, five loaded train long haul on 15th Aug 2022 as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Celebration."



Indians Remitted \$6 Billion Q1 Of FY23 Under LRS Scheme

Outward remittances under the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) liberalised remittance scheme (LRS) made a strong comeback in the first quarter of FY23 as Indians increased spending on international travel, maintenance of close relatives, and gifts.



International Astronomy & Astrophysics Olympiad: India ranks 3rd

An Indian students' team bagged the third rank in the 15th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) held at Kutaisi International University in Georgia. In the event, which concluded on Monday, all five team members bagged medals, including two silver.



UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List: India nominated Garba

Gujarat's famed traditional dance form Garba has been nominated by India for inclusion in the UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list. The latest nomination will be considered for the next year cycle, a top official said on Saturday.



UP government to build India's first education township

In a first, the Uttar Pradesh government is planning to build an education township in the state. As per the Yogi Adityanath government, the education township will be developed on the idea of 'Single Entry, Multiple Exit'. The government said the move will provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills in a single place. Besides, it will provide accommodation and many other facilities to both students and teachers.

Adani group targets 55.18% stake in NDTV

When India's richest man Gautam Adani unveiled plans for his firm to control a majority stake in New Delhi Television (NDTV) on Tuesday, it was the stealth approach in executing the transaction that drew most attention in the news industry. This is how the firm controlled by the Adani family went about planning the takeover along with NDTV's options, outlined by lawyers.

SIDBI and Tata Power's TPRMG collaborated to support green entrepreneurs

Sustainability for MSMEs: Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has collaborated with TP Renewable Microgrid (TPRMG), a subsidiary of Tata Power, to launch 1,000 green energy enterprises across the country.



RBI to launch digital rupee soon

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor on Thursday said he cannot predict the exact timelines of when the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) will be launched but will happen in the next financial year (FY23). There will be no difference between the digital rupee and the normal rupee, Das said. Earlier, news agency PTI reported that the digital currency issued by the RBI would be numbered in units, just like every fiat currency has a unique number.

IIT Guwahati developed technique for making sugar substitute "Xylitol"

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati have developed an ultrasound-assisted fermentation method to produce a safe sugar substitute called "Xylitol" from bagasse, the residue left after crushing of sugarcane. According to officials, the new method overcomes operational limitations of chemical methods of synthesis and time delays associated with conventional fermentation.

Justice Uday Umesh Lalit takes oath as 49th Chief Justice of India

Justice Uday Umesh Lalit sworn-in as Chief Justice of India on Saturday, 27 August 2022. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Justice Lalit at the swearing-in ceremony held in the Durbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan. He succeeds Chief Justice N V Ramana who retired Friday, 26 August 2022. Justice UU Lalit will be in office for 74 days, a tenure shorter than average.

HDFC leads the credit card market while SBI tops chart in the debit card market

According to the latest data, the country's largest bank, The State Bank Of India remains the top player with a 30% market share of debit cards as of June 2022 despite a 6% drop in year-on-year growth. The data collated by PGA Labs show that public sector banks dominate the market share of debit cards as compared to private banks. With an 8% market share, Bank of Baroda secured second place followed by Bank of India, Canara Bank Union Bank and Punjab National Bank with 5% each.

Neeraj Chopra wins Lausanne Diamond League with 89.08m throw

Neeraj Chopra on Friday finished first at the Lausanne Diamond League, becoming the first Indian to clinch the top spot in a Diamond League meet, after registering an 89.08m throw in his first attempt. The Olympic gold medallist couldn't better his throw in the second attempt, registering a distance of 85.18m. Chopra, who skipped his third throw, had made a foul throw in his fourth attempt.



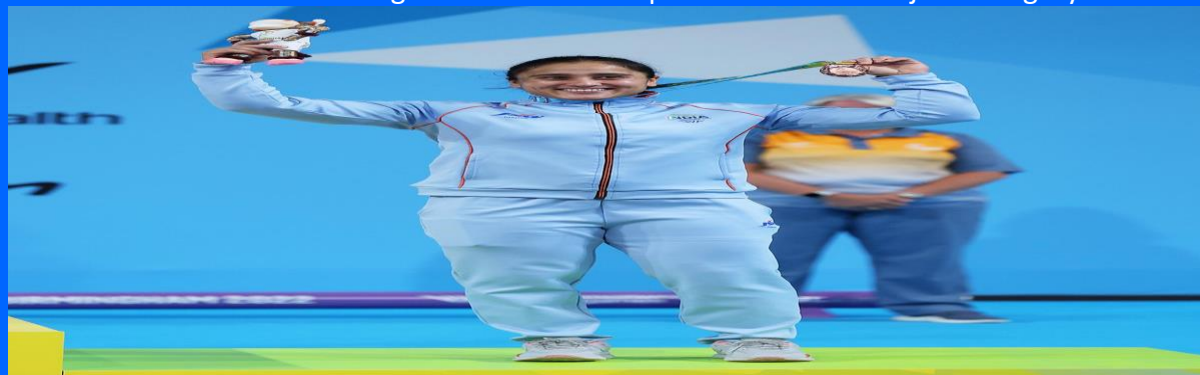
INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

Auguste Tano Kouamé appoints World Bank's New Country Director for India

The World Bank has appointed Auguste Tano Kouamé its country director for India, the multilateral body said in statement on Monday. He replaced Junaid Kamal Ahmad who recently completed a five-year term. Auguste recently served as the World Bank's country director for Turkey. Prior to this, he served as the director of the department of human development and economic management in the World Bank Group's Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) from January 2017 to April 2019.

Commonwealth Games 2022: Weightlifter Harjinder Kaur claimed the bronze medal

India's Harjinder Kaur claimed the bronze medal in the women's 71kg weightlifting competition after a dramatic climax at the Commonwealth Games on Monday. Luck was on Harjinder's side as she was assured of a podium finish after Nigeria's gold medal favourite Joy Eze was knocked out following three failed attempts in the clean and jerk category.



Commonwealth Games 2022: In Judo, Shushila Devi Likmabam won the silver medal

Indian judokas L Shushila Devi and Vijay Kumar Yadav signed off with a silver and a bronze medal in women's 48kg and men's 60kg respectively at the Commonwealth Games here on Monday.



Commonwealth Games 2022: Indian Team bags gold in Lawn Bowl

When India's lawn bowls team touched down in the United Kingdom a week before the 2022 Commonwealth Games, it didn't have training access at the rinks in Victoria Park, Leamington Spa. The fact that the side hasn't had a coach for a while didn't help either.



Indian-American Aarya Walvekar crowned Miss India USA 2022

Indian American teenager Aarya Walvekar was crowned with the title of Miss India USA 2022 in New Jersey as the pageant, organized annually, completes 40 years of its existence this year. Winning the crown was a big achievement for Walvekar, who wishes to pursue a career in acting.



Gustavo Petro sworn in as first leftist President of Colombia

Gustavo Petro on Sunday took the oath of office as Colombia's first-ever leftist president, before a crowd of hundreds of thousands at his inauguration in Bogota. The 62-year-old former guerrilla and one-time mayor takes over from the deeply unpopular Ivan Duque, with plans for profound reforms in a country beset by economic inequality and drug violence.



Russia successfully launched Iran's satellite into orbit

Russia launched an Iranian satellite into orbit on Tuesday from southern Kazakhstan, just three weeks after President Vladimir Putin and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei pledged to work together against the West.



In India, 7.3% Of The Population Owned Digital Currency in 2021

Over seven per cent of India's population owns digital currency, according to the U.N., which said that the use of cryptocurrency rose globally at an unprecedented rate during the COVID-19 pandemic. The U.N. trade and development body UNCTAD said that in 2021, developing countries accounted for 15 of the top 20 economies when it comes to the share of the population that owns cryptocurrencies.



Former West Indies Skipper Kieron Pollard first cricketer to play 600 T20 matches

Former West Indies all-rounder Kieron Pollard became the first cricketer to play 600 T20 matches on Monday. The hard-hitting batter achieved this landmark during his side's London Spirit's match against Manchester Originals during ongoing The Hundred tournament at Lord's.



Tamara Walcott lifts 737.5 kg to break powerlifting Guinness World Record

Tamara Walcott, a female powerlifter from Maryland in the United States broke Guinness Worlds Record (GWR) for the heaviest cumulative lift for bench/squat and press in competition (female) after lifting a total of 737.5 kg (1,620.4 lb) across three compound lifts - the squat, the bench press, and the deadlift, GWR said in a release on Wednesday.



Mexican President proposes peace commission led by 3 leaders including PM Modi

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador is planning to submit a written proposal to the UN to create a commission, made up of three world leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to promote a world truce for a period of five years, MSN web portal reported. "I will make the proposal in writing, I will present it to the UN. I have been saying it and I hope the media will help us to spread it. Because they do not speak when it is not convenient for them," MSN quoted Obrador as saying during a press conference.

India's IT Secretary Alkesh Kumar Sharma named to high-level UN internet panel

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Tuesday appointed India's Electronics and Information Technology Secretary Alkesh Kumar Sharma to a panel of eminent experts on internet governance. Internet pioneer Vint Cerf and Nobel Prize-winning journalist Maria Reesa were also appointed to the 10-member Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel, Guterres's spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said.

World's first fleet of hydrogen passenger trains by Germany

Almost four years after the start of trial operations, the world's first passenger train network powered by hydrogen was launched in the German federal state of Lower Saxony. The 14 trains with hydrogen fuel cell drive produced by French manufacturer Alstom are to replace diesel trains, Xinhua news agency quoted the local transport authority of Lower Saxony, LNVG, as saying on Wednesday.



Liberty Medal 2022 to be awarded to Ukrainian President Zelenskyy

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The 2022 Liberty Medal will be awarded this fall to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The National Constitution Center announced Monday that Zelenskyy will be honored in a ceremony in October for what it called "his heroic defense of liberty in the face of Russian tyranny." "President Zelenskyy has bravely led the Ukrainian people in their defense of freedom against Russian tyranny."

Former German chancellor Angela Merkel wins Unesco Peace Prize 2022

Former German chancellor Angela Merkel has been awarded the 2022 Unesco Peace Prize for "her efforts to welcome refugees". "All the members of the jury were touched by her courageous decision in 2015 to welcome more than 1.2 million refugees, notably notably from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea."



17-year-old pilot Mack Rutherford sets record for solo flight around world

A 17-year-old pilot became the youngest person to fly solo around the world in a small aircraft after he landed on Wednesday in Bulgaria, where his journey kicked off five months ago. Mack Rutherford, a Belgian-British dual national, landed on an airstrip west of Bulgaria's capital, Sofia, to complete his task and to claim two Guinness World Records. Along with becoming the youngest person to fly around the world by himself, Rutherford is the youngest person to circumnavigate the globe in a microlight plane.

South Korea breaks its own record for the world's lowest fertility rate

Seoul, South Korea (CNN)South Korea has broken its own record for the world's lowest fertility rate, according to official figures released Wednesday, as the country struggles to reverse its years-long trend of declining births.



Bangladeshi Fahmida Azim won the Pulitzer Prize 2022

Bangladesh born illustrator and author Fahmida Azim who works in the USA has been selected for the 2022 Pulitzer prize under the category of “Illustrated Reporting and Commentary.” She is one among the four journalists who have been selected for the prestigious award.



AirAsia India Becomes the First Airline to use CAE's AI Training System

AirAsia India is collaborating with CAE to integrate the CAE Rise Training System into the airline's simulator training programme, making it the first airline in India to adopt a data-driven training programme using CAE Rise. The AI-powered technology leverages analytics to deliver a higher quality of training, providing real-time data during training sessions while giving instructors insights that enable them to objectively assess a pilot's technical competencies and performance.

