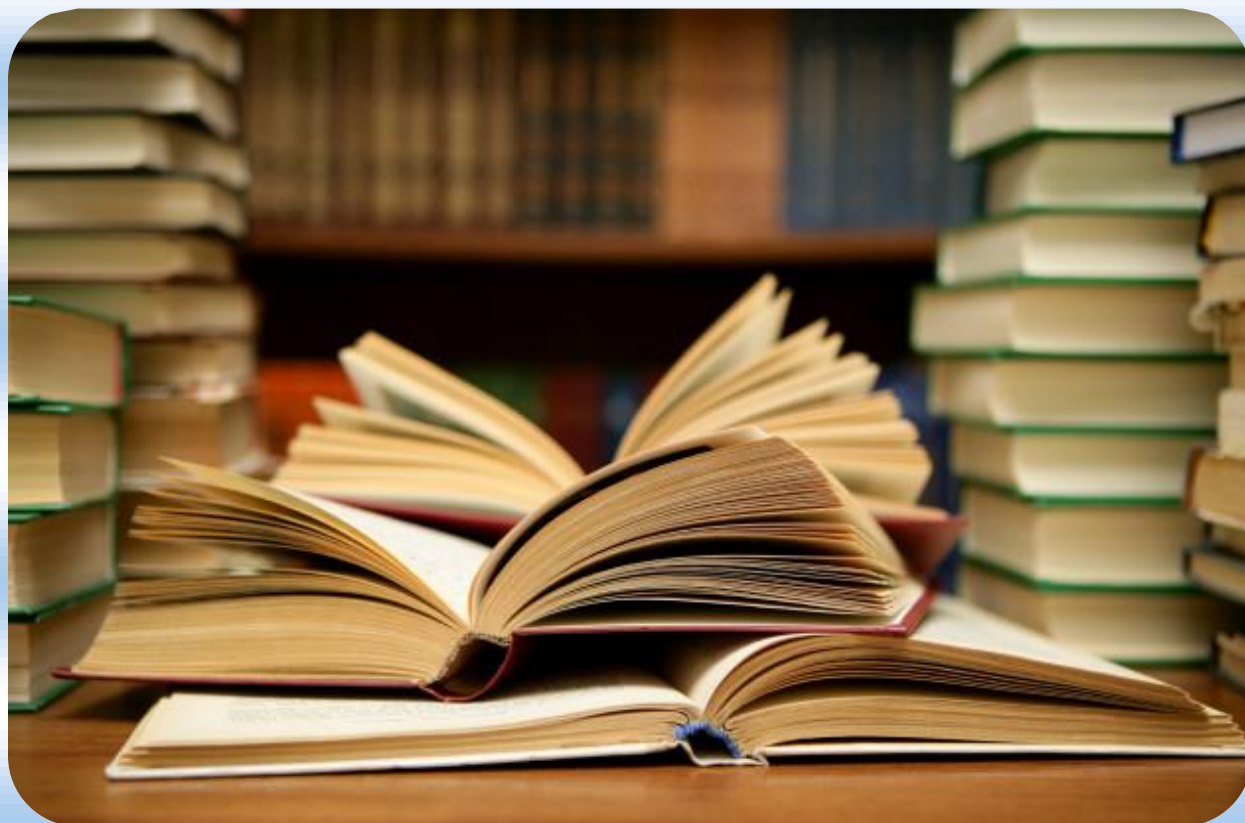


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# NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

## ***Eknath Shinde to take oath as Chief Minister of Maharashtra***

Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde was on Thursday sworn in as the 20th chief minister of Maharashtra, while BJP stalwart Devendra Fadnavis took oath as the deputy chief minister, capping a day of surprises and hectic political activities, just 24 hours after the collapse of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government. In a surprise move, Fadnavis announced in the evening that Shinde, who led the rebellion in the Shiv Sena, will be the new chief minister, while he himself will be out of the new government, only to change his stand and become the deputy CM following prodding from his party's central leadership.

## ***Sandeep Kumar Gupta named as next chairman of GAIL***

Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Director for Finance at Indian Oil Corporation, has been picked to head India's largest gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd, the government headhunter said. The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) selected Gupta, 56, for the post of chairman and managing director of GAIL after interviewing 10 candidates, it said in a post-interview notice. He will replace Manoj Jain, who is scheduled to retire on August 31.

## ***SEBI imposed Rs. 7 crore penalty on National Stock Exchange***

Capital markets regulator regulator Sebi on Thursday imposed penalties totalling Rs 11 crore on 8 entities, including National Stock Exchange (NSE) and its former chiefs Chitra Ramkrishna and Ravi Narain, in a case pertaining to software related to algorithmic trading. The regulator has levied a fine of Rs 1 crore each on NSE, Ramkrishna and Narain. Also, a fine of Rs 1 crore has been imposed on Suprabhat Lal, who was a NSE official at the time of violation. Also, the regulator slapped a penalty of Rs 3 crore on Ajay Shah, who was on the board of NSE's subsidiary NSSCL, Rs 2 crore on Infotech Financial Services Ltd, a company which was in the business of developing algorithmic software and selling it to market participants.

## ***Adani Sportsline is principal sponsor of Indian Olympic Association***

Adani Sportsline, the sports arm of the Adani Group, has become an official partner with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for the upcoming Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, and Paris Olympic Games 2024. This is the second time that the Adani Group has come on board with IOA. The earlier association was in 2021 when the group sponsored the Indian Contingent during the Tokyo Olympics.

### ***Bosch India's "smart" campus is opened by PM Modi in Bengaluru***

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday virtually inaugurated the new 'smart' campus of Bosch India, a leading supplier of technology and services in Bengaluru. It is a special year for both India and Bosch NSE -1.12 % India, as the nation celebrates 75 years of Independence and Bosch celebrates a century of its presence in India, Modi said in his inaugural address, according to a company statement.

### ***Crisil projects India's FY23 GDP growth estimate to 7.3%***

Domestic rating agency Crisil on Friday lowered its real GDP growth forecast for India to 7.3 per cent in FY23 from 7.8 per cent estimated earlier. It attributed the downward revision to higher oil prices, slowing of export demand and high inflation. This is in line with the RBI's estimate of 7.2 real GDP growth for this fiscal year. Crisil said there are a slew of negatives like high commodity prices, elevated freight prices, drag on exports as global growth projections get lowered, and the largest demand side driver of private consumption remaining weak.

### ***Google's proposed equity acquisition of Bharti Airtel approved by CCI***

New Delhi: Anti-trust regulator Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Thursday approved tech giant Google's acquisition of a 1.28% stake in telecom provider Bharti Airtel NSE 0.44 %. CCI said in a press release that Google LLC plans to acquire a non-controlling minority stake in the telecom provider, adding that both parties have also entered certain commercial arrangements.

### ***NTPC Commissions India's largest floating solar power project in Telangana***

The country's largest floating solar power project has become fully operational, just as NTPC declared commercial operation of the final part capacity of 20 MW out of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project at Ramagundam, Telangana with effect from July 1. The operationalisation of 100-MW Solar PV Project at Ramagundam means that the total commercial operation of floating solar capacity in the Southern Region has now gone up to 217 MW. Additionally, NTPC declared commercial operation of 92 MW Floating Solar at Kayamkulam (Kerala) and 25 MW Floating Solar at Simhadri (Andhra Pradesh).



### ***FanCode onboards Ravi Shastri as brand ambassador***

FanCode has appointed Ravi Shastri as its new brand ambassador. As per the company, FanCode has exclusive rights to India's tour of the West Indies and England and Wales Cricket Board's (ECB) The Hundred; the appointment of Shastri aims to bring out FanCode's 'fan-first' proposition by leading the upcoming campaigns for these properties. "Ravi Shastri is one of few sports personalities who has experienced success as a player.



### ***Star Health and IDFC FIRST Bank joined together to offer Bancassurance***

The insurer has signed a corporate agency agreement with IDFC FIRST Bank for distribution of its health insurance solutions. Under this strategic agreement, Star Health and Allied Insurance Company will offer its best in class health insurance products to the Bank's customers using IDFC FIRST Bank's state of the art digital platform and its wide distribution network.

### ***Govt revamps Banks Board into Financial Services Institutions Bureau***

The government has transformed Banks Board Bureau (BBB), the headhunter for directors of state-owned banks and financial institutions, into Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) by making some amendments. Guidelines for selection of general managers and directors of public sector general insurance companies have been made part of FSIB, sources said. The amendments were required as the Delhi High Court in its order last year said the BBB.

### ***RBI modifies the rules for banknote sorting and authentication***

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday issued guidelines directing banks to test their banknote sorting machines on a quarterly basis. The central bank revised the existing guidelines for authentication and sorting following introduction of the new series banknotes. "In the backdrop of introduction of the new series banknotes, these parameters have been reviewed and a revised set of guidelines are enclosed for implementation," the central bank said.



### ***Rs 1,44,616 Crore Gross GST Revenue Collection for June 2022***

GROSS GOODS and Services Tax (GST) collections rose 55.8% year-on-year to Rs 1,44,616 crore for June (for sales in May), the second highest level since the July 2017 rollout of the indirect tax regime, according to data released by the Finance Ministry. Economic recovery, anti-evasion activities, especially action against fake billers, along with the impact of inflation have contributed to the rise in GST.

### ***HCL Technologies bags Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards 2022***

HCL Technologies was recognised at Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards 2022, for innovation and implementing customer solutions based on Microsoft technology. HCL Tech bagged Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Healthcare and Life Sciences (global winner) and the 2022 UK Microsoft Partner of the Year Award (country winner). The IT company was also named a finalist in the 2022 Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Internet of Things (domain finalist).



### ***QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023: Mumbai tops in India***

In the QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023, London has emerged as the best city for students looking to study abroad in terms of affordability, student facilities, and university standard among other factors. Seoul and Munich are at second place followed by Zurich and Melbourne at fourth and fifth positions, respectively. India's highest-ranked student city is Mumbai at 103 spot which scored for affordability but struggles with student mix and desirability.



### ***People can receive R. 10 lakh without telling authorities after Center modifies FCRA***

NEW DELHI: The Union Home Ministry has amended certain rules related to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) allowing Indians to receive up to Rs 10 lakh in a year from relatives staying abroad without informing the authorities. The earlier limit was Rs 1 lakh. In a notification, the home ministry also said if the amount exceeds, the individuals will now have 90 days to inform the government instead of 30 days earlier.

### ***Start-up ranking 2021: Gujarat, Karnataka emerges as best performers***

Gujarat and Karnataka emerged the “best performers” in the third edition of States’ Start-up ranking, 2021, while Meghalaya bagged the top honour among Northeastern (NE) states. In the second edition of the survey, which was conducted in 2020, Gujarat was the best performer.



### ***Michelle Poonawalla received the coveted Shiromani Award***

Michelle Poonawalla, well known artist, businesswoman and philanthropist, from the renowned Poonawalla family received the coveted Shiromani Award from the hands of Mr. G. P. Hinduja, the co-chairman of Hinduja Group at NRI World Summit 2022.



### ***Aviva India appoints Asit Rath as new CEO and MD***

Aviva India has appointed Asit Rath as chief executive officer and managing director. Rath will succeed Amit Malik who is leaving the business after 10 years. The appointment will come into effect on July 11. “Asit Rath has a proven track record in transforming and innovating businesses and will be well suited to lead Aviva India through the next phase of our transformation journey,” Randy Lianggara, regional CEO, Asia, said.

### ***PM Modi inaugurated Digital India Week 2022 at Gandhinagar***

The Digital India campaign has helped save Rs 2.25 lakh crore from falling into the wrong hands in the past eight years, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Gandhinagar Monday. The campaign has also helped to eliminate middle-men, he said while inaugurating “Digital India Week 2022” and a Digital Expo at Mahatma Mandir in the city. The transparency that has come due to Digital India has eliminated corruption at various levels adversely affecting the poor and the middle class.

### ***RBI imposes monetary penalty on IndusInd Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank***

The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1 crore on IndusInd Bank and of ₹1.05 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank in two separate developments. “The RBI has, by an order dated June 29, 2022, imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1 crore on IndusInd Bank for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on ‘Reserve Bank of India (Know Your Customer (KYC)) Directions, 2016’,” the RBI said on Monday.

### ***PM Modi unveils 30-ft statue of freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju***

Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Monday unveiled a 30-ft bronze statue of legendary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju on the latter’s 125th birth anniversary here. The 15-tonne statue was carved out at a cost of Rs 3 crore and installed by the Kshatriya Seva Samiti in the Municipal Park at ASR Nagar in Bhimavaram, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

### ***IAF Father-daughter team of fighter pilots makes history***

New Delhi: As a child living near air force bases, she would often look up at the jets and ask her father, “Why is there no woman fighter pilot?” The father, a fighter pilot, would see the future: “Don't worry, you'll be one.” Not only is that girl now Flying Officer Ananya, but she and her father, Air Commodore Sanjay Sharma, have done one better. Making history, the father-daughter duo flew their jets in the same formation of Hawk-132 aircraft in Karnataka's Bidar on May 30.





New Delhi: Renewable energy company Greenko has joined hands with IIT-Hyderabad to set up an institution where students will be educated towards sustainable goals like climate change mitigation, circular economy, energy transition among others.



The Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) has set up a 'Remote Pilot Training Centre' (RPTC) to teach drone flying to defence/security forces personnel as well as citizens at its campus in Lavad village of Gandhinagar. On Tuesday, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between RRU and DroneAcharya Aerial Innovations.



State Bank of India (SBI) on Wednesday said it has renewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Air Force for the Defence Salary Package (DSP) scheme. Under this scheme, it will offer various benefits and features to all serving and retired Air Force personnel and their families. The lender offers extensive benefits to the Air Force personnel such as complimentary personal accidental insurance, air accidental insurance.

Irdai and National Health Authority (NHA) will develop a National Health Claims Exchange as a digital platform to settle health claims. Based on a presentation by R S Sharma, CEO of NHA, chairman of Irdai Debasish Panda, has proposed creation of a working group with representation from the industry to decide how to make the largest segment of general insurance in India attract more people to buy health insurance.



### ***India's first autonomous navigation facility "TiHAN" launched at IIT Hyderabad***

NEW DELHI : India's first Autonomous Navigation facility, TiHAN was inaugurated by Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology at the IIT Hyderabad campus on Monday. Developed at a budget of Rs. 130 crores by the Union Ministry of Science & Technology, TiHAN (Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation) is a multidisciplinary initiative that will make India a global player in the futuristic and next generation 'smart mobility' technology.

### ***SBI General Insurance appoints Paritosh Tripathi as MD & CEO***

SBI General Insurance Company Ltd. has announced Paritosh Tripathi as managing director and chief executive officer, effective 5 July. He was nominated by the parent company, State Bank of India, for the post and succeeds P.C. Kandpal. Tripathi is in-charge of the SBI General Insurance's overall business strategy & growth, operations, budgets, and strategic growth. He has over 32 years of banking experience.

### ***Suranjan Das named as the new president of AIU***

The Jadavpur University Vice-Chancellor Suranjan Das was appointed as the president of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). Das said he will take up the issue of executing the new education policy's (NEP) salient features, raising central funding for state varsities involved in important research activities, and work on taking the standards of Indian universities to global levels.

### ***R Dinesh named the Confederation of Indian Industry's new president***

ITC chairman and managing director Sanjiv Puri has been elected the Vice President of CII for 2022-23, while TVS Supply Chain Solutions Executive Vice Chairman R Dinesh has become the new President Designate, the industry body said on Thursday. "Sanjiv has been a member of CII National Council and has held several important positions in CII including Chairman of CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development and as the Chairman of CII Agriculture Council to name a few," the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) said.

### ***SBI General Insurance launches Cyber VaultEdge insurance plan***

SBI General Insurance has launched the Cyber VaultEdge insurance plan, a comprehensive cyber insurance cover for individuals that provides protection against financial losses arising from cyber risks and attacks, said the firm in its statement. The pandemic has led to a significant increase in adoption of digital infrastructure across services. Individuals were forced to adopt work from home model (WFH) and various digital methods of operating for most services, including payments.

### ***Google launched Startup School India, targets 10,000 startups in small cities***

Google today announced the launch of Startup School India (SSI) as part of the Google for Startups initiative. This is a platform under which Google will bring together investors, successful entrepreneurs and programmers that startups from the smaller cities can tap into and learn from the best. The idea of creating the Startup School India is to reach out to more and more startups in India.

### ***Amitabh Kant, former CEO of NITI Aayog, to serve as new G-20 Sherpa***

Former NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant has been picked as India's new Sherpa for the G-20, replacing Piyush Goyal, Minister for Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs, who was appointed as the G-20 Sherpa in September last year. Kant's appointment comes ahead of India assuming the G-20 presidency later this year. India will hold the presidency from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023, and the need for a full-time Sherpa for this duration is being cited as one of the reasons for the change.

### ***To execute NEP 2020, PM launches Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam***

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam on implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) in Varanasi on Thursday. Present in the event were Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Union Ministers Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Smt. Annapurna Devi, Subhas Sarkar, Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, State Ministers, educationists and other stakeholders.

### ***Union Bank launched Open Banking Sandbox and Metaverse Virtual Lounge***

Union Bank of India has announced the launch of a Metaverse Virtual Lounge & Open Banking Sandbox environment. This initiative is in partnership with Tech Mahindra. Uni-verse, the bank's Metaverse Virtual Lounge, will host product information and videos in the initial phase. Uni-verse will deliver a unique banking experience to customers by providing them information on the bank's deposits, loans, government welfare schemes, digital initiatives etc. in a way as if they are in the real world.

### ***Pratik Pota hired by Advent International to head Eureka Forbes***

PE fund Advent International hired Pratik Pota to lead its portfolio company, Eureka Forbes. Pratik will join as Managing Director & CEO of Eureka Forbes. Pratik will lead the management team to continue scaling the business and delivering innovative products. Pratik will join Eureka Forbes on 16 August, said Advent press statement. Pratik was the CEO at Jubilant Foodworks Ltd NSE 3.86 %. Under his leadership, the JFL entered new markets, including Bangladesh and Turkey.

### ***India's Retail inflation at 7.01% in June***

India's retail inflation eased slightly to 7.01% in June against 7.04% in the previous month, government data showed today. However, in June 2021, the retail inflation stood at 6.26%. The consumer price-based inflation (CPI) has breached the upper limit of RBI's tolerance band, ranging from 2-6%, for the sixth consecutive month and has remained above 7% for third consecutive month.

### ***Indian women's cricket team for upcoming Commonwealth Games announced***

The BCCI on Monday announced the squad for the Indian women's team which will take part in the 2022 Commonwealth Games, spanning from July 28-August 8. This will be the first time that Women's T20 International will be featured in the prestigious multi-sport event. India is placed in Group A along with Australia, Barbados and Pakistan. Sri Lanka, England, New Zealand and South Africa are placed in Group B.



### ***AAI Leh Airport is being built as nation first carbon-neutral airport***

New Delhi: In line with the vision of Hon'ble PM towards making Ladakh a carbon-neutral region, AAI's Leh airport is being built as a carbon-neutral airport, a first in India. A "Geothermal system" in hybridization with Solar PV Plant will be provided in the New airport Terminal Building for heating and cooling purposes. This system works by exchanging heat between the air and the ground as its heat pumps are used for space heating and cooling, as well as water heating.





### ***Delhi Government tie-up with UNICEF for employment opportunities for students***

The Kejriwal government Monday announced a new pilot project with the UNICEF to enable access to employment opportunities for students of the Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU). The government said in a statement that the DSEU and UNICEF have introduced 'Career Awareness Sessions' for students. "Skill Varsity of Delhi joins hands with YuWaah (Generation Unlimited India) at UNICEF to enable access to employment opportunities, assist students in becoming job ready as well as listen to and amplify the voices of young people," the statement read.

### ***Uttarakhand becomes first state in India to implement NEP at pre-primary level***

Dehradun, Uttarakhand on Tuesday became the first state in the country to initiate process of implementing the Centre's New Education Policy, with Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurating 'Bal Vatikas' at anganwadi kendras across the state to strengthen the pre-primary education system.



### ***Nomura cuts India's GDP forecast for 2023 to 4.7%***

Nomura has cut its 2023 forecast for economic growth in India, as measured by the gross domestic product (GDP), to 4.7 per cent from its earlier projection of 5.4 per cent amid recession fears and rising interest rates. "Exports have started to struggle, while elevated imports are pushing up monthly trade deficits to record highs. Higher inflation, monetary policy tightening, dormant private capex growth, the power crunch and the global growth slowdown pose medium-term headwinds.

### ***India's first locally created HPV vaccine receives DCGI approval***

India's first Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus vaccine (qHPV) against cervical cancer gets Drugs Controller General of India's (DCGI) approval for market authorisation. This vaccine will be manufactured by the Serum Institute of India (SII). The Serum Institute of India's CEO Adar Poonawalla tweeted to make the announcement. "For the first time, there will be an Indian HPV vaccine to treat cervical cancer in women that is both affordable and accessible.

### ***Ahmedabad & Kerala features in TIME Magazine's The World's Greatest Places of 2022***

Ahmedabad city and the state of Kerala have been listed by TIME magazine among the "50 extraordinary destinations to explore" in its list of the world's greatest places of 2022. "As persistent as the challenges of life in 2022 is the hope that understanding and human connection can be found through travel. So, with much of the global population now vaccinated against COVID-19, world travelers are again hitting the road—and the skies.



### ***Mohammed Shami becomes fastest Indian bowler to take 150 ODI wickets***

Pacer Mohammed Shami became the fastest Indian to scalp 150 wickets in ODIs. Shami achieved this feat during the first ODI of the three-match series against England at the Kennington Oval on Tuesday. The pacer took three wickets, which included the likes of Ben Stokes, Jos Buttler, and Craig Overton. He took a total of 80 matches to reach his 150 wickets and surpassed the record of former Indian pacer Ajit Agarkar, who took 97 matches.

### ***Rohit Sharma sets a world record and becomes the first captain to win 13 straight T20I matches***

India skipper Rohit Sharma became the first captain in cricketing history to win 13 consecutive T20Is. Rohit achieved this feat during the first T20I match of the three-match series against England on Thursday, here at Southampton. After taking over the captaincy from Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma took the Men in Blue to victory against New Zealand, West Indies, Sri Lanka, and now England.

### ***National Rail and Transportation Institute upgraded as Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya***

The National Road Transport Institute in Gujarat will be upgraded to a central university and will be known as the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur, said on Monday. The cabinet has also approved the setting up of the university. The Gati Shakti University will become the second central university in the state following the Central University of Gujarat. The minister said that the university's capacity would be increased and more courses would be introduced.

### ***UIDAI launched 'AadhaarFaceRd' mobile app to perform Aadhaar face authentication***

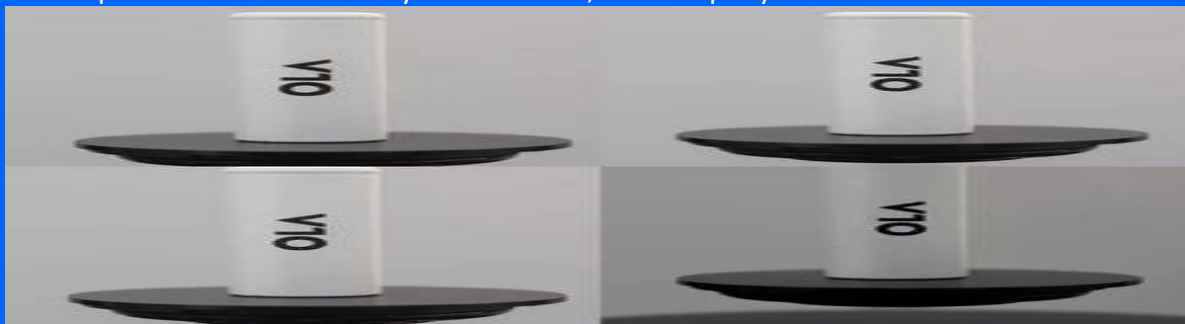
Aadhaar holders' identities, including their Aadhaar numbers and any demographic or biometric data, can be stored in the Central Identity Data Repository using face authentication, according to the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). Aadhaar holders no longer need to carry physical identification by using Iris and Fingerprint scans by physically visiting their local Aadhaar enrollment centre.

### ***Wholesale inflation declines marginally to 15.18% for June***

Wholesale Price Index-based inflation (WPI) for June decreased slightly from a four-decade high in May. Still, it remained at 15.18 per cent, primarily driven by international crude prices, food articles, mineral oils, and others. This was the third consecutive month that factory-gate inflation was above the 15 per cent mark. WPI inflation in May had come in at 15.88 per cent, a record for the current series and the highest since September 1991.

### ***Ola introduces India's first indigenously made lithium ion-cell***

New Delhi: Ola Electric on Tuesday unveiled the country's first indigenously developed lithium ion cell. The Bengaluru-based two-wheeler maker said it will begin the mass production of the cell -- NMC 2170, from its Chennai-based Gigafactory by 2023. The use of specific chemistry and materials enables the cell to pack more energy in a given space and also improves the overall life cycle of the cell, the company said in a statement.



### ***Infosys purchases a Danish-based life science company***

Infosys on Wednesday said it will acquire Denmark-based BASE life science for about 110 million euros (Rs 875 crore) in an all-cash deal. The acquisition will deepen Infosys' expertise in life sciences domain as well as strengthen its footprint across Europe. "This acquisition augments Infosys' deep life sciences expertise, and expands our footprint further in the Nordics region and across Europe, and scales our digital transformation capabilities with cloud-based industry solutions. "We are excited to welcome BASE life science and its leadership team into the Infosys family," Infosys president Ravi Kumar S said.



### ***Bharti Airtel allotted 1.2% equity shares to Google for USD 1 Billion***

Bharti Airtel Ltd on Thursday said it has closed the \$1 billion investment deal with Google International LLC, with the search giant holding 1.2% in India's No. 2 telecom service provider. The Sunil Mittal promoted company has allotted preferential shares amounting to over ₹5,224 crore to Google while the remaining \$300 million will be invested through commercial agreements over the next five years.

### ***OneCard is India's 104th unicorn, raises \$100 mn in Series D led by Temasek***

OneCard, a mobile-first credit card firm, became the 104th unicorn in India after it raised \$100 million in a series D round of funding led by Temasek. In 2022 so far, India has produced more than 20 fintech unicorns, which includes OneCard, Open, Oxyzo, and Yubi (formerly CredAvenue). The latest round by OneCard, owned by Pune-based FPL Technologies, also saw investment from existing investors such as QED, Sequoia Capital, and Hummibird Ventures.



### ***RIL tie-up with Athletics Federation of India to support Indian Athlete***

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) have announced a long-term partnership to enable the holistic growth of athletics in the country. Reliance Foundation has been a dedicated partner to AFI over the years and this tie-up is set to deepen the engagement between the two organisations. The partnership, according to a Reliance Industries media statement.



# INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

## *Ferdinand Marcos Jr. takes oath as Philippine president*

Ferdinand Marcos Jr, the son of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos Sr, won the elections on 9th May with 31.6 million votes and was sworn as the 17th President of the Philippines on Thursday, 30th June 2022. He took the oath at the National Museum of Fine Arts in Manila before the Supreme Court Justice, Alexander Gesmundo.



## *Ketanji Brown Jackson sworn in, becomes 1st Black woman on US Supreme Court*

The appointment follows one of the most consequential Supreme Court terms in recent memory, with significant rulings on abortion and gun rights. Ms Jackson, 51, will replace Justice Stephen Breyer, joining the court's three-member liberal minority. She accepts "the solemn responsibility" of the role, she said in a statement.



## *Yair Lapid takes over as 14th Prime Minister of Israel*

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday congratulated Yair Lapid for becoming the 14th Prime Minister of Israel. "Warm wishes and heartiest congratulations to His Excellency @yairlapid for assuming the premiership of Israel. I look forward to continue furthering our strategic partnership as we celebrate 30 years of full diplomatic relations," tweeted PM Modi. Yair Lapid officially became the 14th Prime Minister of Israel at the stroke of midnight between Thursday and Friday.

### ***Singapore's T. Raja Kumar is new president of FATF***

T. Raja Kumar of Singapore has been appointed as the president of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the anti-money laundering watchdog. Kumar has replaced Marcus Pleyer who was holding the post till now, and will discharge his service for next two years. "Raja Kumar starts as FATF President today. He will focus on enhancing the effectiveness of global anti-money laundering & counter-terrorist financing measures, improving asset recovery and other initiatives," FATF tweeted while making the announcement on Friday.

### ***Google Parent Alphabet appoints Goldman Sachs Veteran, Marty Chavez to Board***

Wall Street veteran Marty Chavez is joining the board of Google parent Alphabet Inc., adding significant finance muscle to the technology giant. Chavez, a vice chairman and partner with Sixth Street Partners, has worked as an investor and software executive.



### ***Samsung created fastest graphics DRAM chip in the world***

Samsung said on Thursday it has developed a new graphics dynamic random-access memory (DRAM) chip with a faster speed and improved power efficiency. The 24-gigabit Graphics Double Data Rate 6 (GDDR6) adopts third-generation, 10-nanometer technology and boasts a data processing speed that is over 30 per cent faster than existing products, the company said in a statement.

### ***WEF's Gender Gap Report 2022: India ranks low at 135th globally***

India was on Wednesday ranked low at 135th place in terms of gender parity, despite an improvement of five places since last year on better performance in areas of economic participation and opportunity.





### ***Chinese Academy of Sciences launched global naming event for its newest solar observatory***

China has planned to launch a new space-based solar observatory to study the relationship between the solar magnetic field, solar flares and coronal mass ejections (CMEs). Targeted for launch this October.



### ***1st Webb Telescope image reveals earliest galaxies formed after Big Bang***

Washington: NASA's James Webb Space Telescope is poised to reveal some of the earliest galaxies that formed after the Big Bang, the White House said Monday, as anticipation builds for the powerful observatory's first images. President Joe Biden will unveil the images during a livestreamed event starting at 5:00 pm (2100 GMT). "The high resolution images will show light captured from galaxies that are more than 13 billion years old," White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre said.



### ***Sri Lanka PM Ranil Wickremesinghe announces resignation***

Ranil Wickremesinghe on Saturday has resigned as Sri Lankan prime minister to make way for an all-party government to take over, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said. According to the media reports, protesters broke into the private residence of Wickremesinghe on Saturday evening and set it on fire. When this government resigns, it is essential that another government be ready to immediately assume duties to ensure stability, the PMO said.

### ***Jonny Bairstow & Marizanne Kapp named ICC Players of the Month for June***

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on July 11 announced the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for June 2022 as England's all-conquering Jonny Bairstow and South Africa's batting force Marizanne Kapp. Bairstow is crowned following a month of memorable performances in his side's 3-0 ICC World Test Championship (WTC) series victory against reigning champions New Zealand.

### ***Ferrari's Charles Leclerc wins Austrian Grand Prix 2022***

Charles Leclerc survived a late throttle scare to win the Austrian Grand Prix for Ferrari on Sunday and move back up as Formula One world championship leader Max Verstappen's closest rival. Red Bull's Verstappen had to settle for second, with a comfortable 38 point lead over the Monegasque after 11 of 22 races. Mercedes' seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton completed the podium for the third race in a row.



### ***Wimbledon 2022: Novak Djokovic wins the seventh title***

LONDON: Novak Djokovic won a seventh Wimbledon title and 21st Grand Slam crown on Sunday with a four-set triumph over Nick Kyrgios, whose challenge angrily unravelled after a blistering start. Top seed Djokovic won 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) to equal Pete Sampras's mark of seven titles at the All England Club and move within one of the men's record of eight held by Roger Federer.



### ***Gita Gopinath becomes 1st woman to feature on IMF's 'wall of former chief economists'***

India-born Gita Gopinath became the first woman and second Indian to feature on the 'wall of former chief economists' of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The first Indian to achieve the honour was Raghuram Rajan who was Chief Economist and Director of Research of IMF between 2003 and 2006. Gopinath was appointed as IMF Chief Economist in October 2018 and was later promoted as the IMF's First Deputy Managing Director in December last year.

### ***Boris Johnson resigns as United Kingdom Prime Minister***

LONDON — U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson resigned on Thursday after more than 50 members of Parliament resigned from his government within 48 hours. Speaking outside Downing Street, Johnson said that it is “clearly now the will of the parliamentary Conservative Party that there should be a new leader of that party and so a new prime minister.” He said he will remain in place until a new leader is selected by the Conservative Party.

### ***Indian-American Billionaire on Forbes' List of America's Richest Self-Made Women***

Forbes last month in June released the eighth annual list of America's richest self-made women and it recorded the country's top female entrepreneurs who have managed to shatter glass ceilings in their respective fields.



### ***Ukrainian mathematician Maryna Viazovska wins prestigious Fields Medal 2022***

A Ukrainian mathematician whose feats one peer said would have made the 20th century mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan “extremely, extremely happy” is among four winners of the 2022 Fields Medals, widely considered equivalent to a Nobel Prize in mathematics had there been one.



### ***International Plastic Bag Free Day 2022: 03 July***

International Plastic Bag Free Day which is celebrated each year on 3rd July, is an effort to eliminate the use of plastic bags. Who said shopping bags need to be boring? There are an array of eco-friendly bags that will definitely make a fashion statement the next time you walk into your favourite grocery store. It's all about Reuse and Recycle and the bag industry are creating designs that match your personality and your fashion sense.



### ***Singapore's T. Raja Kumar is new president of FATF***

T. Raja Kumar of Singapore has been appointed as the president of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the anti-money laundering watchdog. Kumar has replaced Marcus Pleyer who was holding the post till now, and will discharge his service for next two years. "Raja Kumar starts as FATF President today. He will focus on enhancing the effectiveness of global anti-money laundering & counter-terrorist financing measures, improving asset recovery and other initiatives," FATF tweeted while making the announcement on Friday.

### ***Jasprit Bumrah breaks Lara's world record smashes Broad for 29 runs***

Ravindra Jadeja reaffirmed his status as India's most valuable player across formats with a superbly crafted hundred before skipper Jasprit Bumrah took the centre-stage, smashing a world record as the visitors scored an impressive 416 against England on the second day of the fifth Test match. At lunch, England were 16 for one as a nicely warmed-up Bumrah castled opener Alex Lees (6) with a delivery that came in with the angle.

