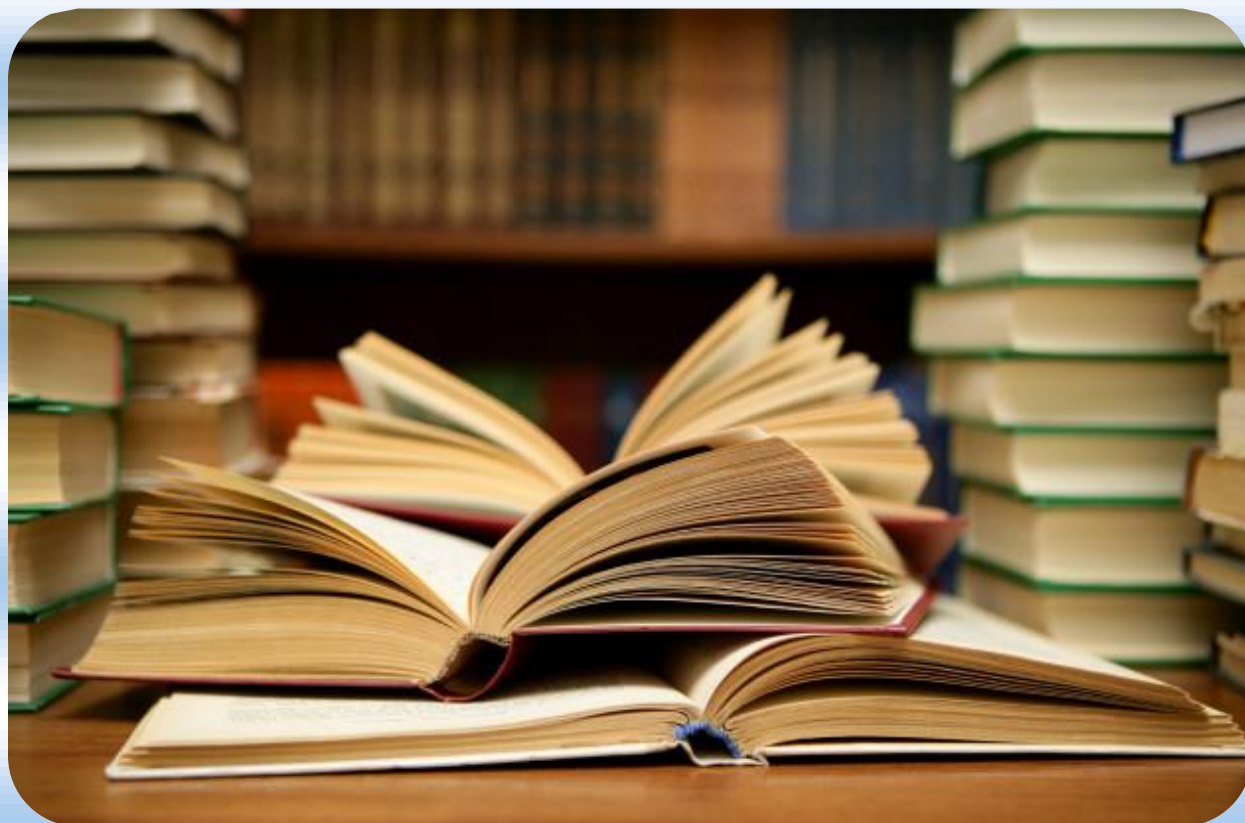


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# NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

## ***5G Launch: PM Modi says rollout of 5G a gift to 130 billion Indians***

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched 5G services in the country, ushering in an era of ultra high-speed internet on mobile phones, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement. The prime minister also inaugurated the sixth edition of the India Mobile Congress. Addressing the gathering PM Modi said, "Today, 130 crore Indians are getting a wonderful gift in the form of 5G from the country and from the telecom industry of the country. 5G is a knock on the doors of a new era in the country...5G is the beginning of an infinite sky of opportunities. I congratulate every Indian for this."



## ***World's largest safari park to be developed in Gurugram***

CHANDIGARH: Haryana has decided to hire two international firms to develop the world's largest jungle safari park spread across 10,000 acres in the Aravalli range of Gurugram and Nuh districts near Delhi. "The proposed project will be jointly developed by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and the Haryana government. The Centre will also provide funds to the state for the project," said Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar.

## ***India's Unemployment Rate drops to 6.43 per cent in September: CMIE***

India's unemployment rate dropped drastically to 6.43 per cent in September on the back of increase in labour participation in the rural and urban areas, data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) on Saturday said. Last month, unemployment rate surged to 8.3 per cent as employment sequentially fell by 2 million to 394.6 million. "In September, the unemployment rate has fallen significantly with an increase in labour participation in both urban and rural areas," CMIE managing director Mahesh Vyas told PTI.

### ***Indore Gets India's Cleanest City Tag for 6th Time in a Row: Swachh Survekshan Awards***

Indore has been adjudged the cleanest city of India for the sixth year in a row, while Madhya Pradesh is the cleanest state in the country. Surat is the second cleanest city and Navi Mumbai comes a close third in the category of cities with a population more than a lakh.



### ***Inflation Likely to come down to 5.2% Owing to Normal Rains, Ease in Supplies: RBI report***

Persistently high inflation remains a key policy concern for the Reserve Bank, which has raised rates aggressively so far this year, but the pressure might ease next fiscal assuming normal rains and further normalisation of global supply chains without any exogenous shocks, according to an RBI report. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) expects retail inflation to come under control at 5.2 per cent in the next financial year beginning April.

### ***Aditya Birla Health Insurance launches Activ Fit for young & healthy adults***

Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Limited. (ABHICL), the health insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL), today announced the launch of ACTIV FIT, a comprehensive health insurance plan for young and healthy adults. Targeted at consumers who are health aware and active, this new product by ABHICL looks at rewarding them for their good health behaviour.

### ***Former Indian cricket MS Dhoni launches Made-in-India 'Droni' camera drone***

Indian cricket star Mahendra Singh Dhoni has launched the made-in-India camera drone named 'Droni' with advanced features manufactured by Garuda Aerospace. Dhoni is the brand ambassador of Garuda Aerospace, a company which has attempted to offer drone solutions for agricultural pesticide spraying, solar panel cleaning, industrial pipeline inspections, mapping, surveying, public announcements, and delivery services.

### ***RBI Launches Concept Note To Create Awareness About Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)***

The Reserve Bank Of India or the RBI has released a concept note on the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) today. The CBDC is a digital form of currency notes issued by a central bank. While most central banks across the globe are exploring the issuance of CBDC, the key motivations for its issuance are specific to each country's unique requirements. This Concept Note explains the objectives, choices, benefits and risks of issuing a CBDC in India.



### ***Space Economy To Touch 13 Billion \$ By 2025***

Indian space economy is set to reach \$13 billion by 2025, according to a joint report prepared by EY and the Indian Space Association (ISpA), an apex industry association of space and satellite companies in the country. The report also said the space launch segment would grow fastest at a CAGR of 13% spurred by growing private participation, latest technology adoption and low cost of launch services.



### ***"Mahakal Lok" 900 m long in MP's Ujjain to be opened by PM***

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the first phase of the 'Mahakal Lok' corridor on Tuesday evening in Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain city. The project is said to help in enriching the experience of pilgrims and boost tourism in the city. On Sunday, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan reviewed the preparations for the grand opening of the Mahakal Lok.



### ***CJI UU Lalit Recommends Justice DY Chandrachud As The Next Chief Justice Of India***

Chief Justice of India UU Lalit on Tuesday recommended the name of Justice DY Chandrachud for the position of 50th CJI. Justice Lalit, sworn in as the 49th Chief Justice of India on August 27, 2022, will retire on November 8 and has less than a month before he demits office. Tradition has it that outgoing CJIs leave the issue of appointment of judges through collegium deliberations to the successor the day their remaining tenure in the office comes down to a month.

### ***Indians to be able to pay in Europe using UPI soon***

Indian travellers to Europe would soon be able to make payments from their Indian bank accounts using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with the National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI) international arm entering into a pact with payments services operator Worldline. How will users be able to make payments in Europe using UPI? It will be mandatory for users to have an Indian bank account with an UPI activated on their accounts. The users will also need an app to make UPI payments, like the BHIM app.

### ***Maharashtra: Mumbai airport completely switches to renewable energy***

Adani group-AAI operated Mumbai airport on Monday said it has switched to green energy sources, fulfilling 95 per cent of its requirement from hydro and wind and the rest 5 per cent from solar power. The facility witnessed a rise in natural energy procurement with 57 per cent green consumption in April to a whopping 98 per cent between May to July, and finally attained 100 per cent utilisation of renewable sources of energy in August, the private airport operator said in a statement.

### ***1983 World Cup hero Roger Binny set to replace Sourav Ganguly as BCCI president***

NEW DELHI: India's 1983 World Cup winning hero Roger Binny is likely to replace Sourav Ganguly as the BCCI President when the Board will hold its AGM on October 18, sources in the cricket body said on Tuesday. After hectic parleys and back-channel discussions in the past one week, it was decided that the 67-year-old from Bengaluru would be the 36th Board president, one of the sources familiar with the development, said.



### ***Edutech Adda247 raised \$35 million led by WestBridge Capital, Google***

Adda247, an edtech startup that offers courses for jobs in public sector banks, government departments and the railways, said it has raised \$35 million in a funding round led by WestBridge Capital. Google, a new investor, also participated in the round along with existing investors such as Info Edge Ventures and Asha Impact. The New Delhi-based startup said it would use the funds to enhance its technology and product, expand its student counselling team, and hire for some key leadership roles.

### ***IMF Slashed India's GDP growth at 6.8% from 7.4% in Current Financial Year***

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its latest World Economic Outlook report, cut its forecast for India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth in financial year 2022-23 (FY23) by 60 basis points (bps) to 6.8 per cent, warning of a long and tough economic winter. "The outlook for India is for growth of 6.8 per cent in 2022, a 0.6 percentage point downgrade since the July forecast, reflecting a weaker-than-expected outturn in the second quarter (April-June) and more subdued external demand," the IMF said.

### ***Google launches Play Points Rewards Programme in India***

Google said on Tuesday it will next week roll out Play Points, a global rewards programme, for users in India. Users will earn points when they make purchases with Google Play, including in-app items, apps, games, and subscriptions. The rewards program has four levels—bronze, silver, gold and platinum—that provide members with perks and prizes depending on their tier, which is based on the number of points they have collected.



### ***Paytm tie-up with Jana Small Finance Bank for deployment of card devices***

One97 Communications Limited (OCL), which owns the Paytm brand, has partnered with Jana Small Finance Bank to deploy card machines to further drive digitisation among merchants across the country. This partnership will enable Jana Small Finance Bank to extend Paytm's All-in-one EDC machines to its existing and potential customers, providing a one-stop solution for all their digital payment needs.

### ***Times Higher Education Rankings 2023: IISc tops among Indian Universities***

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) improved its position in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023 and was the only Indian university in the top 300 list, even as several IITs boycotted it for the third consecutive year raising doubts over its parameters and transparency. Seventy-five Indian institutes were part of the rankings in 2023 as compared to 56 in 2020 and just 31 in 2017.

### ***India's foreign exchange reserves increased by USD 204 million***

India's forex reserves rose by \$204 million to \$532.868 billion for the week ended October 7 on an increase in the value of gold holdings, the Reserve Bank said on Friday. In the previous reporting week, the overall reserves had dropped by \$4.854 billion to \$532.664 billion. The reserves had been falling for many weeks now as the central bank deploys the kitty to defend the rupee amid pressures caused majorly by global developments.

### ***D Gukesh becomes youngest to beat World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen***

Indian Grandmaster Dommaraju Gukesh has defeated Magnus Carlsen in the ninth round of the preliminary phase of the Aimchess Rapid online chess tournament. The 16-year old from Chennai beat the world No.1 with white pieces in 29 moves early on Monday to move up to third position in the tournament. Gukesh became the latest Indian teen to defeat Carlsen - World Chess Champion since 2013 - in recent times.

### ***Jyothi Yarraji becomes first Indian woman to run sub-13s hurdles***

India's ace hurdler is galloping past hurdles at a fast clip, and on Monday, she dipped under the crucial 13-second mark in her 110m hurdles at the 61st National Open Athletics Championships in Bengaluru. With her timing of 12.82 seconds in the last race of her season, Jyothi rewrote her own national record.



### ***Mallikarjun Kharge Elected As The New Congress President***

Taking charge as the first non-Gandhi Congress president in 24 years, Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday declared that the party will demolish the current regime's "system of lies, treachery and hatred" and quoted Rahul Gandhi's slogan 'daro mat' as a morale booster for party workers.





### ***Google partners with Assam Government to power digitalised learning***

Tech giant Google on Monday announced it has collaborated with the government of Assam to drive digital-led learning and skill development for students and youth in the state. Under the initiative, Google will collaborate with the Assam Government's Skill, Employment, and Entrepreneurship Department (SEED) to strengthen its school digitisation efforts with learning tools and solutions.

### ***CASHe tie-up with IRCTC to launch 'travel now pay later' facility***

AI-driven financial wellness platform, CASHe, today announced that it has partnered with Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), to provide a 'travel now pay later' (TNPL) payment option on its travel app, IRCTC Rail Connect. This will enable travellers of Indian Railways to book their rail tickets instantly and pay for it later in pocket-friendly EMIs, ranging from three to six months. With CASHe's payment option, booking and paying for rail tickets on the IRCTC travel app will now be easier and hassle-free for millions of Indian Railway passengers.

### ***Reliance Jio surpasses BSNL to become largest landline service provider in August***

Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Jio became the largest landline service provider in the country for the first time, in August. With 7.35 million landline connections as on August 31, Reliance Jio beat state-owned telecom operator and hitherto market leader BSNL's 7.13 million connections, according to the latest data released by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai). Third-placed MTNL provided 2.6 million connections.

### ***Deependra Singh Rathore named as Interim CEO of Paytm Payments Bank***

New Delhi [India], October 16 (ANI): As the country moves towards digitalisation of the whole banking sector and paperless transactions, Paytm Payments Bank is strengthening its leadership with seasoned executives from the banking and financial services industry. The bank has appointed Deependra Singh Rathore as the interim chief executive officer (CEO), in addition to his role as chief product & technology officer, according to sources.

### ***Reliance Jio to deploy 5G gear from Nokia & Ericsson***

NEW DELHI: European telecom gear makers Nokia and Ericsson have inked multi-year supply contracts with Reliance Jio for supplying 5G network equipment to the country's largest carrier for deploying standalone or 5G SA, they said in separate statements on Monday. Finnish supplier Nokia said it will provide 5G Radio Access Network (RAN) equipment from its AirScale portfolio including base stations, high-capacity 5G Massive MIMO antennas, and Remote Radio Heads (RRH) to support different spectrum bands, and self-organizing network software.



### ***India, France Re-Elected as President and Co-President of International Solar Alliance***

India and France are re-elected as President and Co-President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) at the fifth general assembly of the body. Union Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh will be the President of ISA while Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, France's Minister of State for Development, Francophonie and International Partnerships, will be co-president of the International Solar Alliance, ISA Director General Ajay Mathur told reporters on Tuesday.

### ***HDFC Securities Opens Women-Only Digital Centre in Bengaluru***

HDFC Securities, a leading stock brokerage firm, has announced the opening of the first-ever women-only Digital Centre (DC) in India. The centre, staffed with a team of women, will serve both male and female investors. The centre will be based in Bengaluru and cater to customers from Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. This closely follows the company's announcement regarding the opening of multiple DCs across India to ease access to services and promote digital adoption, according to a statement.

### ***Fintech platform PhonePe launches its first green data centre in India***

Dell Technologies and NTT have built a green data centre for fintech major PhonePe using liquid immersion technology - a first in India. This is also PhonePe's first green data centre in India which will help the fintech reduce its carbon emissions and meet sustainability goals, said the company. This 4.8-megawatt facility, which occupies 13,740 sqft at Mahape, Navi Mumbai, is built and designed with advanced alternative cooling technologies like Direct Contact Liquid Cooling (DCLC) and Liquid Immersion Cooling (LIC).

### ***MakeMyTrip, Goibibo, OYO fined Rs 392 crore by CCI***

Online travel firms Make My Trip-Goibibo (MMT-Go) and hospitality services provider OYO were slapped with penalties totalling more than Rs 392 crore by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) today. The penalty, spelt out in a 131-page order, is for "unfair business practices". As per the order, Make My Trip-Goibibo will pay a fine of Rs 223.48 crore, while OYO will pay Rs 168.88 crore.

### ***Guinness World Records Officially Declares Monday 'Worst Day Of The Week'***

If you have a mundane nine-to-five job, then the chances of you hating Mondays are pretty high, especially after a fun-filled weekend. With a majority of people in a holiday mood with no deadlines to meet on Sunday, it is hard for them to get back into a work-mode groove at sharp 9 am the very next day. Hence, Mondays more or less have the dubious distinction of being the most hated day for many.

### ***India to Beat US, Europe in Terms of Learners: Coursera chief***

India is expected to surpass its home market, the United States, and even Europe in terms of learners over the next 18-20 months, edtech firm Coursera's chief executive Jeff Maggioncalda told ET. The company, which has 17 million learners and content partnerships with 15 universities in India, is expected to overtake the United States and Europe. It has 20 million learners in America and 19 million in Europe.

### ***Punjab Government: Return of Old Pension Scheme for its Employees***

The Punjab government on Friday took an in-principle decision to restore the old pension scheme for its employees. Giving a Diwali gift, the government has decided to implement the old pension scheme, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann announced after a meeting of the state cabinet here. "We have taken in-principle decision to this effect in the cabinet meeting. This will benefit lakhs of employees.

### ***HCL's Shiv Nadar named country's most generous philanthropist***

With an annual donation of ₹1,161 crore, Shiv Nadar reclaimed the title of 'India's Most Generous', according to EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022. Mr. Nadar had donated ₹3 crore every day. Wipro's Azim Premji slipped to the second spot with an annual donation of ₹484 crore, while Gautam Adani came seventh in the list with a donation of ₹190 crore.



### ***Telangana Hyderabad Haleem bags 'Most Popular GI' award***

HYDERABAD: In competition with 17 food items from across India with a Geographical Indication (GI) status – including the Rasogulla, Bikaneri Bhujia and Ratlami Sev -- the Hyderabad Haleem beat all of them to bag the 'Most Popular GI' award in the food category.



### ***Prime Minister Launches the 1st Phase of “Rozgar Mela” to Provide Jobs to 10 lakh Youths in Central Government***

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched the 'Rozgar Mela' - a recruitment drive for providing employment to 10 lakh people, and called it an "important milestone" for India. During the ceremony, he addressed the country via video-conferencing and laid emphasis on making India more self-reliant and taking forward the government's 'Make in India' mission.

### ***Ayodhya Deepotsav to light over 15 lakh diyas, to make World Record***

Breaking its own record, Ayodhya bagged the Guinness World record for the 'largest display of oil lamps' by lighting more than 15.76 lakh earthen lamps at Ram ki Paidi during the last day of the Deepotsav celebrations on Sunday.



### ***Former cricketer Yuvraj Singh named brand ambassador of T20 World Cup for the Blind***

The Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) has announced former Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh as the brand ambassador for the third T20 World Cup for the Blind to be held in India. The participating countries for the third T20 World Cup for the blind are India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Australia, South Africa, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The India squad list was announced with I. Ajay Kumar Reddy B2 (Andhra Pradesh) leading the team as a captain and Venkateswara Rao Dunna – B2 (Andhra Pradesh) the vice-captain.

### ***India fines Google Rs.1337 crore for abusing its dominant position***

The Competition Commission of India on Thursday imposed a fine of ₹1,337.76 crore on tech giant Google for 'abusing its dominant position' in multiple markets in the android mobile device ecosystem.



### ***Jakson Green to invest Rs 22,400 cr in green hydrogen project in Rajasthan***

Jakson Green has inked a pact to invest Rs 22,400 crore to set up a green hydrogen and green ammonia project, in phases, in Rajasthan. The company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the government of Rajasthan to this effect, Jakson Green said in a statement.



### ***Coca-Cola's Sprite becomes billion-dollar brand in Indian market***

Beverage major Coca-Cola on Tuesday said that Sprite has now become a billion dollar brand in India in terms of sales. This will be the second brand in the company's India portfolio after Thums Up to achieve this milestone. In August, the beverage giant had stated that Sprite was the biggest contributor to the overall volume-led growth for Coca-Cola India in the first half of the year. The lime and lemon-based soft drink brand also has the highest household penetration in the company's India portfolio.

### ***Elon Musk Fires Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal, "Escorted Out" an Executive***

Elon Musk became Twitter's new owner on Thursday, firing top executives he had accused of misleading him and providing little clarity over how he will achieve the lofty ambitions he has outlined for the influential social media platform.



### ***Zee-Sony merger: Groups agree to sell 3 Hindi channels to address anti-competition concerns***

Sony India and Zee Entertainment Enterprises (ZEEL) have agreed to sell three Hindi channels-Big Magic, Zee Action and Zee Classic-to address anti-competition concerns arising out of their proposed merger. The broadcasters submitted their proposal to the Competition Commission of India (CCI), which gave a conditional approval on October 4. On Wednesday, the CCI made public its detailed 58-page order, specifying the channels that would be dropped. Incidentally, all three channels belong to the Zee network.



# INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

## *Vladimir Putin Declares Annexation Of 4 Ukrainian Regions by Russia*

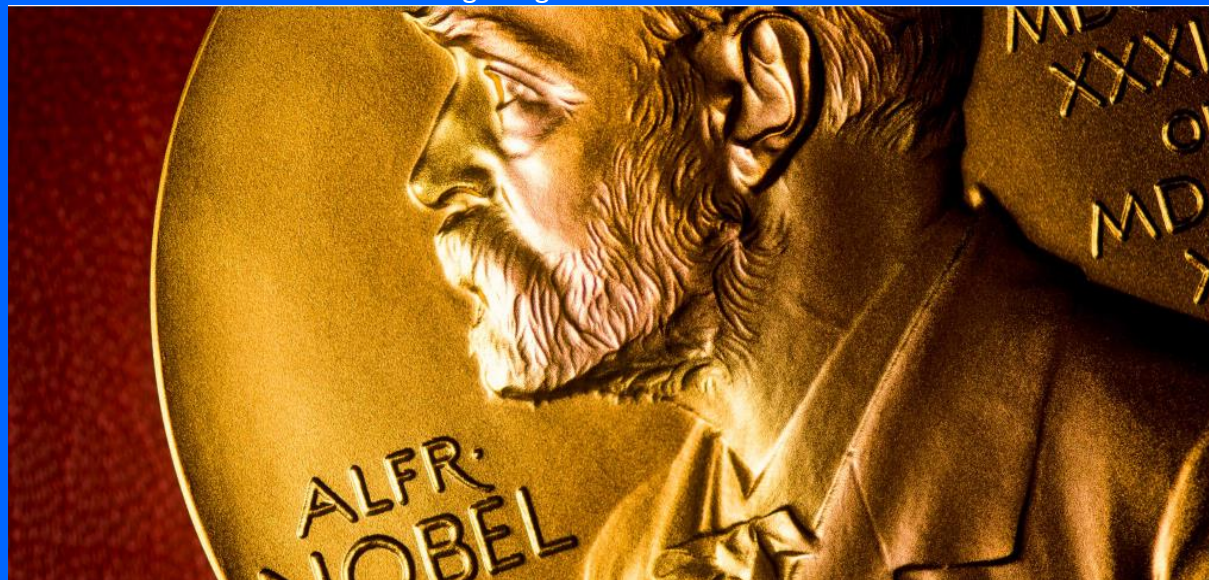
Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed laws to formally absorb four Ukrainian regions into Russia, following referendums in those areas that Kyiv and its Western allies called a meaningless “sham”. “Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed four federal constitutional laws on the entry of the Donetsk and Luhansk People’s Republics, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions into the Russian Federation,” the lower house of parliament said, in documents published on a Russian government website on Wednesday morning. “He also signed the relevant laws on ratification.”

## *Optimus robot’s prototype unveiled by Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla*

Tech billionaire Elon Musk has presented the latest prototype of a humanoid robot being developed by his Tesla electric car company. Optimus appeared on stage at a Silicon Valley event, where it waved to the audience and raised its knees. The CEO said the robot was work-in-progress but could be on sale to the public in a few years' time. Tesla's mass-market robots will be tested by working jobs in the car factories, company engineers say. The prototype was wheeled on stage during an annual Tesla AI [artificial intelligence] Day presentation.

## *Nobel prize 2022*

Swedish scientist Svante Pääbo has been awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology for the year 2022 “for his discoveries concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution.”



### ***EU parliament approved adoption of world's first single charger rule***

The European Parliament has approved a new rule that will introduce a single charging port for mobile phones, tablets and cameras by 2024 in the European Union in a world-first measure that is expected to affect iPhone maker Apple more than its rivals.



### ***Chinese Economy Is In Serious Trouble, A Sluggish Growth trend***

Hong Kong CNN Business: When Xi Jinping came to power a decade ago, China had just overtaken Japan to become the world's second largest economy. It has grown at a phenomenal pace since then. With an average annual growth rate of 6.7% since 2012, China has seen one of the fastest sustained expansions for a major economy in history. In 2021, its GDP hit nearly \$18 trillion, constituting 18.4% of the global economy, according to the World Bank.

### ***Formula-1 Racing: Sergio Perez won Singapore F1 GP 2022***

Sergio Perez snatched the lead at the start from pole-sitter Charles Leclerc and had to dip into every reserve of his talent to win the Singapore Grand Prix in extremely tricky conditions at the Marina Bay Street Circuit on Sunday. The race was delayed by one hour due to torrential downpours just 90 minutes before the scheduled start time.





### ***Majestic Hindu temple opens in Dubai***

A majestic new Hindu temple that blends Indian and Arabic architecture designs has been inaugurated here in Jebel Ali Village, with a powerful message of tolerance, peace and harmony. Located in a neighbourhood referred to as the emirate's 'worship village', the temple formally opened its doors to worshippers across the U.A.E. on Tuesday.



### ***Hollywood actor Tom Cruise became first actor to film in outer space***

The Bourne Identity director Doug Liman and the 60-year-old Hollywood veteran are working on a concept for a movie that will reportedly be shot in space. The project was initially slated for 2020, but the Covid-19 outbreak put the project on hold. According to reports, Liman and Cruise have approached UFEG (Universal Filmed Entertainment Group) with a plan to see the actor board a rocket and travel to the International Space Station.

### ***Israel and Lebanon Agreed to 'Historic Agreement' on the Maritime Dispute***

Israel and Lebanon reached a historic agreement to resolve a long-running maritime border dispute on Tuesday, following months of negotiations mediated by the United States. The breakthrough between the two longtime adversaries — who are still technically at war — will enable both countries to develop the offshore gas fields in their waters and ramp up gas production, exports of which could be vital for Europe at a time when it is desperately seeking new sources.



### ***Beijing Witnesses A Protest Against President Xi***

Days before all important Communist Party session, Chinese President Xi Jinping and the country's Covid restrictions were the targets of a rare rally in Beijing. Two protest flags were also seen on a bridge in the city's northwest. It seems that the authorities immediately dispersed the rally. Resentment in the capital city has been rising in the lead-up to the party congress, according to reports.

### ***Abdul Latif Rashid elected as President of Iraq***

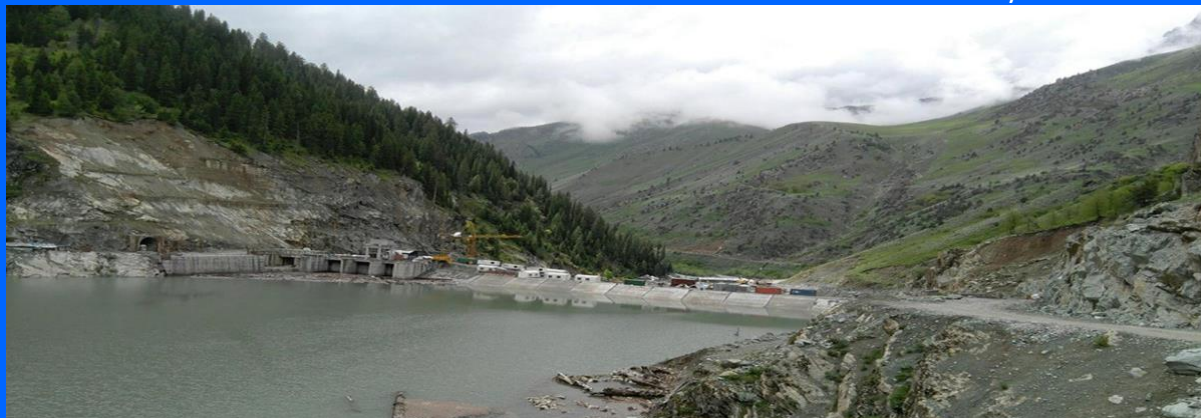
Iraqi lawmakers have elected Abdul Latif Rashid as the new President of Iraq, marking a crucial step toward forming a new government for the country, the parliament said. Rashid received 162 votes in the second round of voting, defeating Barham Salih who gained 99 votes, while eight votes were considered invalid, according to the media office of the parliament on Thursday.

### ***Pakistan May Take Out off FATF Grey List***

Four years after it was placed on the "grey list" and penalised with severe financial strictures by the Financial Action Task Force, Pakistan won a major reprieve on Friday, as the international watchdog on terror financing and money laundering agreed to remove Pakistan's name from the list of countries under "increased monitoring". Reacting to the decision, the Ministry of External Affairs said that Pakistan must continue to take "credible, verifiable, irreversible and sustainable" action against terror groups on its soil.

### ***Indus Waters Treaty: World Bank Appoints Chairman of Court of Arbitration***

The World Bank has appointed a "neutral expert" and a chairman of the Court of Arbitration regarding the Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric power plants, in view of disagreements and differences between India and Pakistan over the 1960 Indus Water Treaty.





### ***Liz Truss to resign as PM of UK***

On Thursday, Liz Truss resigned from her position as the United Kingdom's prime minister and the Conservative party leader. Truss's resignation came amid speculations over the future of her six-week-old government and the growing chaos from the party members seeking her resignation. Truss came to power on September 6 and is the shortest-serving UK prime minister who succeeded Boris Johnson.

### ***FIFA: Tazuni unveiled as mascot for 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup***

Penguin Tazuni has been unveiled as the official mascot of next year's FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand. The design is based on the Eudyptula minor species found in both host countries, and the name combines the Tasman Sea and the word unity.



### ***Rishi Sunak, Youngest UK PM in two centuries, takes office***

Former Goldman Sachs employee and hedge fund manager, Rishi Sunak, started life as Britain's 57th Prime Minister just before noon, yesterday, when, after meeting King Charles III at Buckingham Palace and being formally appointed, he was asked to form his government.



### ***Anna May Wong set to become first Asian American to feature on US currency***

The legendary Hollywood star Anna May Wong will become the first Asian American to appear on US currency. Starting Monday, Wong's image will be imprinted on quarters across the country.



### ***Chinese President Xi Jinping wins record third term in power***

China's Communist Party on Sunday formally reelected Xi Jinping the party's general secretary for another five years, paving the way for his historic third term as Chinese president. The widely expected announcement comes after a week-long Communist Party Congress during which Xi further cemented his grip on power.



### ***Netherlands Beats China, Becomes India's 3rd-Largest Export Market***

The export pecking order has changed dramatically this fiscal. The Netherlands has emerged as India's third-largest export destination, ahead of China and Bangladesh. It has moved up two spots in the list of India's top ten export destinations since FY22, thanks to a 106% surge in despatches until August this fiscal from a year before to \$7.5 billion. But what comes as a greater surprise is that Brazil, which occupied the 21st spot in FY22, is now India's 8th biggest export market.

