

# MONTHLY ONE- LINER GK DIGEST: AUGUST 2022



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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### IMD, Japan and UNDP to collaborate for climate action

- The project will be **implemented in Bihar, Delhi-NCR, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, and Uttar Pradesh** during 2022-23.
- **Japan as part of its global support to 23 countries through UNDP's 'Climate Promise - From Pledge to Impact'** program will provide \$5.6 million in climate grants to UNDP India for this project.

### India and UAE collaborates to launch projects in Africa

- **A healthcare delegation of India-UAE visited Tanzania to meet senior government officials and explore investment opportunities.** The purpose of the visit is to identify projects for collaboration with government and private healthcare providers in Tanzania.
- The delegation consists of prominent hospitals, diagnostic centers, and investors from India (**Apollo**

hospitals, Fortis, Medanta, NephroPlus, Dr. Lal Path Labs, KEF holdings, FICCI, and Invest India) and the UAE (G42 Healthcare, Tamouth, and Sumerian) and government representatives of both the countries.

### S Jaishankar inaugurates Indian Embassy in Paraguay

- **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar** jointly with Julio Cesar Arriola inaugurates Indian Embassy in Paraguay.
- S Jaishankar's visit to Paraguay coincides with the **60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.**

### Pakistan's EFF Programme revived by the IMF

- A sum of **USD 1.17 billion** for the 7th and 8th tranches has been approved by the IMF.
- In an executive meeting in **Washington**, the Board completed the review and the bailout package was approved.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Tamil Nadu Police received President's Colour

- **Vice president of India M Venkaiah Naidu presented the "President's colours" to Tamil Nadu police** at a ceremony held at Rajarathinam stadium in Egmore. He presented the colours to M K Stalin, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- The police contingents **State Disaster Response Force, Commandos, and coastal security group displayed their guard of honour.**

### Assam government to procure 50 lakh national flags

- **CM of Assam Himanta Biswa Sarma released a video on 'Har Ghar Tiranga'** to create awareness of the initiative to mark the Independence Day celebration.
- **Chief Minister urged people to hoist flags in their homes, and offices from August 13 to 15.** With the request from the government of Assam, Self-Help groups in the state will produce 30 lakh flags.

### Telangana government to introduce insurance scheme to weavers

- **'Nethana Beema' scheme, an amount of Rs 5 lakh will be provided to families of deceased weavers.** The amount will be credited to the family member's account within 10 days after the death of the weaver.
- The **nodal agency for implementing the scheme is the Department of Handlooms and Textiles of the state government.**

#### Chhattisgarh government to rename three places of historical significance

- Chandkhuri will be named as **Mata Kaushalya Dham Chandkhuri. Giraudpuri will be named as Baba Guru Ghasidas Dham Giraudpuri** and Sonakhan will be called Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Dham Sonakhan.
- Chhattisgarh state government will **publish a notification regarding the renaming of the places in the gazette.**

#### Government sets target to reduce road accidents and deaths to half by 2024

- The government with the help of the World Bank and Asian Development Bank is working on other projects worth Rs 15,000 crore. The state government will also be given funds from these schemes for efficient black spot rectification by them.
- The government is going to launch the 'Bharat New Car Assessment Programme' to give five-star ratings to vehicles that are subjected to safety checks of world standards. Every vehicle before introducing to the market will have to carry out crash tests per these standards.

#### Tripura to increase DA for state government employees by 5%

- Cabinet led by Chief Minister Manik Saha cleared the proposal to hike DA for state government employees and pensioners by 5 percent with effect from 1 July. This move comes ahead of the assembly elections due in March next year.
- Minister of Information and Cultural Affairs Sushanta Chowdhury said for this government has to bear an additional annual burden of Rs 523.80 cr.

#### Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu flags off MPs Tiranga bike rally from Red fort

- **Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign: Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu flags off MPs Tiranga bike rally from Red Fort in Delhi.**
- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu along with **Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and Piyush Goyal flagged off the Tiranga bike rally of MPs of all parties from Red fort in Delhi which will end at Vijay Chowk.**

#### AMTRON to set up 3D Printing Centre of Excellence in Guwahati

- **Assam Electronics Development Corporation (AMTRON) to set up a 3D Printing Centre of Excellence in the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC)** with the collaboration of government agencies in Tech City, Guwahati.
- A team from AMTRON gave a live demo session at the video conference hall of the North Eastern Council (NEC) in the presence of secretary NEC K. Moses Chalai other senior officials of NEC and dignitaries from various organizations.

#### Odisha to refund excess royalty on inferior coal

- **The state is expected to repay Rs.300 crore royalty for coal supplied between April 2015 and March 2021 by Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL).**
- The customers can claim a refund from Coal India Subsidiaries and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd if they received coal of lower quality than paid for. In such cases, the companies will issue credit notes that can be adjusted in future payments.

#### Prime Minister Modi to inaugurate projects under Shrimad Rajchandra Mission

- **Shrimad Rajchandra hospital, a 250-bed multispeciality hospital will provide tertiary medical facilities** and is aimed at the people of the Southern Gujarat region.
- PM Modi will also lay the **foundation stone of Shrimad Rajchandra Animal hospital and Shrimad Rajchandra Centre of Excellence for Women.**

#### Walmart and Flipkart partners with Assam government to help MSMEs

- Walmart and Flipkart partner with the **Assam government to help local MSMEs expand through e-commerce.**
- **MoU was signed between Walmart and Flipkart with Assam's Industries & Commerce and Public Enterprises Department and also the Public Health Engineering, Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship and Tourism department to help local MSMEs expand their business.**

#### **Arunachal Pradesh develops provision for auto-generation of eLP permits**

- Arunachal Pradesh to develop **version 3 of eLP (Inner Line Permit) with provisions for auto-generation of eLP permits.**
- The eLP version 3 which is being developed has provisions for auto-generation of eLP permit. **CM requested police officials posted on the Assam-Arunachal border to play positive roles and cooperate to facilitate early solutions to the vexed boundary issue.**

#### **Amazon partners with Indian Railways to boost delivery of packets**

- Amazon ties up with Indian Railways **to boost its delivery service in the country.**
- **With this partnership, Amazon will be able to transport packages on more than 110 inter-city routes** thus ensuring one to two-day delivery to its customers.

#### **Government launches web based registration facility for ration cards**

- The center launches a **common registration facility in 11 districts and UTs so that homeless people, migrants, and other eligible beneficiaries can apply for rations.**
- **Around 81.35 cr persons are covered under National Food Security Act (NFSA) and around 79.77 crore persons are given highly subsidized food grains under this act.**

#### **Gujarat government to launch 'Village Engineers Programme'**

- The discussion was held under **the 'Skill Samwaad' series that focussed on the 'Village Engineers Programme'** that will be rolled out in the state soon.
- Under this program, tribal youth will be **provided with multiple skill training so that they can participate in the economic activities in their districts.**

#### **Nagaland government rolls out eSanjeevani service**

- **Nagaland's Health and Family Welfare Minister S Pangnyu Phom said the eSanjeevani initiative will replace the Nagaland government's Naga telehealth, a telemedicine platform and assisted teleconsultation system.**
- eSanjeevani is a citizen-centric **online-based outpatient consultation that is very useful to patients in remote areas.**

#### **Daiki Axis Japan to set up plants in every Indian states**

- The company has a vision and mission **to establish factories in each state and has started working on models for South and East India.**
- **Daiki Axis India, a subsidiary of Daiki Axis Japan is setting up its second plant at Palwal, Haryana with a capacity of 1,000 sewage treatment units with Japanese 'Johkasou' technology. The plant will cost about Rs 200 crore.**

#### **Google launches 'India Ki Udaan'**

- **Google launched 'India Ki Udaan', an online project drawing from rich archives and featuring artistic illustrations to tell the story of India. The project is executed by Google Arts and Culture.**
- The project is themed on the **unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years.**

#### **Uttar Pradesh to launch 'Radio Jaighosh'**

- 'Radio Jaighosh' is launched as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. **The radio channel is launched by the Department of Culture of the state to promote folk art, performing art, regional delicacies of Uttar Pradesh, and gallantry award winners.**
- **'Radio Jaighosh' will be available at 107.8 MHz and the programs will be broadcasted daily from 6 am to**

10 pm from the newly renovated studio of Sangeet Natak Akademi in Lucknow.

#### Karnataka to set up its own public policy think tank

- **The state-level public policy think tank called the State Institute for Transformation of Karnataka (SITK) will help the government set priorities and lay out policies to achieve development across various sectors.** This body will replace Karnataka State Policy and Planning Commission.
- This body will have an annual budget of Rs 150 crore. **CM of Karnataka Basavaraj Bommai will be the chairperson of the institution.**

#### Madhya Pradesh to contribute USD 550 billion to Indian economy

- PM Modi has set the target to **make India a USD 5 trillion economy and global powerhouse by 2024-25.**
- **The state government charted a self-reliant Madhya Pradesh map in 2020 and has achieved a 19.74 percent development rate in 2021-22.** The state will generate employment and one lakh government jobs will be provided in the next one years.

#### NSDC to set up online skill learning platform

- **National Skill Development Council (NSDC) to launch Skill India learning management system** and new programs in partnership with foreign universities.
- The online platform will also **provide job opportunities to the learners. For which NSDC has partnered with Unacademy's Relevel, an online job portal.**

#### Haryana government to provide 5 lakh tablets to students

- **The tablets will be provided to government school students studying in classes 10 to 12.** A total expenditure of Rs 620 crore has been incurred on the purchase of tablets.
- **The students will be provided with a free internet facility of 2 GB per day.** The tender for the purchase of tablets was floated by Haryana's Directorate of Supplies and Disposals, and the company from which

the tablet was purchased was chosen through a transparent process.

#### Assam government launches first drone school in Northeast

- **As part of the central government's move to make India a hub for drone technology,** the first remote pilot training school in the Northeast is to be launched in Guwahati.
- For this project **Assam Electronics Development Corporation Ltd (AMTRON) has partnered with Edurade, a startup incubated at IIT-Guwahati and IIM-Calcutta Innovation Park.**

#### Walmart foundation and ICRISAT to launch a Secondary Processing Unit (SPU)

- **Walmart Foundation and International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid-Tropics (ICRISAT) announced the launch of a Secondary Processing Unit (SPU) in Andhra Pradesh.**
- This facility will support **farmers with new livelihood and market access opportunities through value-added groundnut, millet, and other products.**

#### Kerala to launch Digital locker facility for flood-prone villages

- **Kodiyathur and Karasseryare, two flood-prone villages of Kerala will use technological solutions** and implement digital locker facilities for people to safely keep their valuable documents.
- Authorities of the villages will **conduct free camps in most rain-hit areas in the panchayats in order to create awareness among people about the facility and make them part of it.**

#### Odisha government to distribute national flags free of cost to people

- The national flag is prepared by women of Mission Shakti. This move by the government to **provide a national flag free of cost to people is part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to mark the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence.**
- **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a government of India initiative to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence.** For preparing 30 lakh flags, the

government has provided financial support to women of Mission Shakti.

#### 10 villages in Chhattisgarh get community forest resource rights

- **Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh distributes community forest resource rights to 10 villages in core** and buffer areas of two tiger reserves under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.
- On August 9, World Indigenous People's day **Bhupesh Baghel gave the titles to five-gram sabhas in Achanakmar Tiger Reserve and Sitanadi-Udanti Tiger Reserve.**

#### Microsoft and government of India to train 2.5 million civil servants

- **Through this training, civil servants will be trained to use the company's suite of digital tools.** The partnership between Microsoft, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), and the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) will provide help to civil servants in helping the underprivileged.
- CBC carries out capacity building for the **ministries of Defence, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Expenditure, Finance, Social Justice, Civil Aviation, Ports and shipping, and Labour.**

#### NCC cadets to help Punjab government in creating awareness against single use plastic

- **1 lakh NCC cadets to help the Punjab government** in creating awareness about single-use plastic.
- **A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Punjab Pollution Control Board and National Cadet Corps (NCC),** under which the service of NCC cadets will be utilized to create awareness against single-use plastics.

#### India's first saline water LED 'Roshni' launched

- **Union Minister Jitendra Singh launched lantern named 'Roshni' at Sagar Anveshika,** a Coastal Research Vessel of National Institute of Ocean

Technology (NIOT), Chennai used for coastal research.

- This saline water later will boost the Ujwala Scheme of the **government launched in 2015 for the distribution of LED bulbs across the country.**

#### J&K Lieutenant governor inaugurates 75 Oyo homestays

- As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav **J&K lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated 75 new Oyo homestays in Jammu and Kashmir.**
- **For this initiative, Oyo has partnered with Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM).** The partnership includes the identification of the homes, their audit, transformation, and civil work, transfer of technology, training of home stay owners, marketing, and branding.

#### Gujarat Chief Minister announced 3 per cent hike in DA for government employees

- **He also announced the expansion of welfare schemes under the National Food Security Act (NFSA).** The 3 percent DA hike for the state government employees under the 7th Pay Commission with retrospective effect from January 1, 2022.
- Around 9.38 lakh employees of the state government, panchayat service and pensioners will benefit from this. **This will increase the financial burden of the state government by about Rs 1,400 crore annually.**

#### Delhi to rename 16 parks in honour of unsung heroes of freedom struggle

- **Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena** dedicates 16 parks renamed in honour of unsung heroes of the freedom struggle.
- On the occasion of **76th Independence Day, as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Lt Governor V K Saxena unveiled a plaque of ' Lala Hardayal Park' and symbolically dedicated other parks. Lala Hardayal Park** was earlier known as "District Park".

#### Arunachal Pradesh launched drone-based healthcare service

- **The first flight of drone service 'Medicine from the Sky' was successfully launched from Seppa to Chayang Tajo** in the East Kameng district.
- As part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to make India the world's drone hub, the **government of Arunachal Pradesh in collaboration with the World Economic Forum (WEF) decided to conduct a pilot project using drones in healthcare, agriculture, and disaster management.**

#### Over 79 lakh children enrolled under Bal Aadhaar Initiative

- **UIDAI enrolls over 79 lakh children** under the BAL Aadhaar initiative.
- Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) enrolled **over 79 lakh children in the age group of 0-5 years for four months (April to July) this year. This is part of the effort to reach out to more children in the age group of 0-5 years under the BAL Aadhaar initiative to help parents and children avail the benefits.**

#### Hyderabad international airport to launch DigiYatra Programme

- The DigiYatra program of the **government enables paperless travel and will avoid multiple identity checks** at the airport enabling hassle-free travel.
- With this, the passengers in GHAL will be processed automatically based on the facial recognition system at selected checkpoints. **The first one will be at the departure domestic entry Gate 3 and the other at the Security Hold Area (SHA) in the passenger terminal building.**

#### Karnataka government to provide reservation to sportspersons

- **Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai** announced that the government will provide 2 percent reservation to sportspersons in all the state departments.
- The **2 percent reservation to the sports persons** will be given to **Police and Forest departments.**

#### Meta, National Commission for Women (NCW) and MARD

- **The campaign "Don't Hesitate, Do Report, Stay Safe"** aims to improve the online safety of

**women.** The campaign will focus on increasing awareness and knowledge about tools and resources available to users to report online abuse, inappropriate content, and behavior.

- **The campaign will be launched in five Indian languages such as Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, Kannada, and Tamil.** This will raise awareness among users to report the content they find objectionable.

#### ONGC partners with ExxonMobil for deep water exploration

- The collaboration areas focus on the **Krishna Godavari and Cauvery basins in the eastern offshore and the Kutch-Mumbai region in the western offshore.**
- This partnership between **ONGC and ExxonMobil will bring benefits to the entire energy value chain and open new vistas** to the exploration and production paradigm.

#### Assam government launches Vidya Rath- School on Wheels project

- **Assam government launches Vidya Rath - School on Wheels** project for economically weak children of the state.
- Vidya Rath - School on Wheels project will **provide economically weak children access to elementary education for a period of 10 months.**

#### Delhi Police to launch online facility to release seized vehicles

- Through this online facility, **the process has been made simple allowing people to apply online for the release of their seized vehicle while they are at home.**
- **The facility will be opened under the Civil Service System.** Currently, the services that are available online are theft or loss of goods, FIR viewing, elderly registration, and tenant/servant registration.

#### Chhattisgarh government decided to set up English medium college in every district

- CM of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel has given instruction to the state chief secretary to submit the action plan within 10 days. **The colleges will be set up in every district headquarters over the next**

three years and will be named as Swami Atmanand English Medium Model Colleges.

- In the initial stage of the project, **10 English Medium colleges will be opened in major cities of the state from the next academic session starting June 2023. Later the colleges will be opened in all the district headquarters over the next three years in a phase-wise manner.**

#### Punjab government plans to form classrooms in jail

- **The plan to set up classrooms in state prisons is to provide a learning environment to the inmates.** This decision is part of the government's mission to "transform lives of inmates and enable them to join social mainstream as reformed convicts".
- The department is planning to set up classrooms with a **capacity of 50 students in each jail. In the initial stage, two or three classrooms with a capacity of 50 students each will be constructed. In the future if more rooms are needed the capacity will be expanded.**

#### Chhattisgarh government to set up 300 Rural Industrial Parks

- This is aimed to strengthen the rural economy and make the gauthan (cattle shed) a center of livelihood. **In the first year of the project, 300 rural industrial parks will be established. The project will be launched on October 2, Gandhi Jayanti.**
- **The first park was established in Kulgaon, Kanker district which has been named Gandhi Gram.** The park was developed by the district administration along with women's self-help groups.

#### IIT Bombay and JSW Group signs agreement for steel technology hub

- IIT Bombay signs an agreement with JSW group **for establishing a state-of-the-art JSW Technology Hub in India for steel manufacturing.**
- The **partnership with IIT Bombay will also help the JSW group to increase research and development (R&D) efforts** in the steel sector to develop capabilities in the area of steel technology.

#### Assam government decided to come up with new litigation policies

- **Assam government decides to withdraw cases with the quantum of sentence of fewer than three years.** The state government will wipe out 86,000 cases by this measure.
- At an official ceremony Justice R M Chayya, Chief Justice of Guwahati High Court and **Chief Minister of Assam Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated Barpeta district's newly constructed judicial court building.**

#### Rajasthan government to provide smartphones to women

- Rajasthan government to **provide smartphones to 1.35 crore women in the state.**
- **As part of the Chief Minister's Digital Seva Yojana, the Rajasthan government will provide smartphones to 1.35 crore women in the state.** After evaluation, a high-level committee will take a decision on the bidders this month.

#### Government to name all 23 AIIMS after local heroes, monuments or historical events

- The majority of the All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) has submitted a **list of names to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to receive suggestions from them on the matter.**
- **AIIMS which are operational and being set up under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)** is known by their generic names and is distinguished by their location.

#### India's first indigenously built Hydrogen Fuel Cell bus launched in Pune

- **Union Minister of Science and Technology Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's first indigenously built Hydrogen Fuel Cell bus.** The bus was developed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and KPIT Limited.
- The fuel cell uses Hydrogen and Air to generate electricity **to power the bus and will have water as effluent, making it an environment-friendly mode of transportation.**

#### UP government to build India's first education township

- This education township will provide high-quality education and professional skills to the youth in a single place. **This education township will be**



developed on the idea of 'Single Entry, Multiple Exit'.

- This education township will focus on high-end education which can be **availed by students from the country and from Africa, Latin America, and Central Asian countries.**

#### Nirmala Sitharaman & Neiphiu Rio launches Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative

- The scheme under the nomenclature of the **Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative has been approved by the Government of Nagaland** to provide affordable credit for carrying out economic activities.
- The objective of the scheme is **to enhance farmers' income by increasing investments in agriculture and allied sector, improving agri-marketing networks** and infrastructure, promoting credit discipline, and boosting private enterprise.

#### Odisha CM opens ICICI bank's phone banking centre

- **This center will provide employment to 1,200 individuals mostly from the state and 60 percent of the workforce are women.** Odisha is the first among other Indian states to provide digital services in the field of education, telecom, land record, and disaster management.
- The phone banking center will service customers from not only the state but also all across the country. **1200 employees are trained and upskilled to provide services to the customers of the bank across the country.**

#### Rajasthan government to fund for distant education

- **Chief Minister of Rajasthan Ashok Gehlot approved to reimburse the fees paid by women to institutions for higher education through distance education.** Through this move, women can build their future by continuing their studies.
- For this, the government has implemented the 'Girls Distance Education Scheme' in the state. **For this scheme, a total of Rs 14.83 crore has been sanctioned and will benefit 36,300 girls and women every year.**

#### Jharkhand gives nod for creation of 50,000 posts of assistant teachers

- **Jharkhand cabinet approves the creation of 50,000 posts of assistant teachers** for primary and middle schools in the state.
- **The cabinet also gave approval for creating 87 teaching posts in degree colleges, and 1,990 posts of medical officers and paramedical staff at 134 newly created primary health centers.** This was decided during a cabinet meeting chaired by chief minister Hemant Soren.

#### Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates Amrita Hospital

- The inauguration of Amrita Hospital will provide modern medical infrastructure in the National Capital Region (NCR). **The hospital is managed by Mata Amritanandamayi Math. The super specialty hospital will have 2,600 beds.**
- **The Amrita hospital is constructed with an estimated cost of Rs 6,000 cr** and will provide state-of-the-art healthcare facilities to the people of Faridabad and the NCR region.

#### Ayushman cards will be co-branded to include names of state schemes

- **All other states and Union Territories except Delhi, West Bengal, and Odisha** have agreed on the co-branding of the cards which will be renamed 'Ayushman Cards'.
- The National Health Authority (NHA) in order to bring greater integrity and **uniformity to the beneficiary cards issued under the scheme has decided to rename them under the common name 'Ayushman Cards'.**

#### Assam government to set up mini rice mills

- **Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chief Minister of Assam in a meeting with the officials of the Agriculture Department and Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY)** discussed key initiatives for supporting the farmers.
- The government will provide support for the setting up of 50 rice mills in the state with a 200 MT milling capacity. **The scheme is promoted in line with CMSGUY and Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)**

with subsidies of 10 lakhs to 40 lakhs depending on the capacity of the mill.

#### Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate Smriti Van in Bhuj

- PM Modi will also address 'Khadi Utsav' at Sabarmati riverfront in Ahmedabad and **will also address a program in Gandhinagar commemorating 40 years of Suzuki in India.** The 'Khadi Utsav' is being held as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and is organized to pay tribute to Khadi and its importance during the freedom struggle.
- 'Khadi Utsav' will be held at Sabarmati riverfront and **will witness 7,500 women artisans from various districts of Gujarat spinning charkha live at the same time and at the same place.**

#### Government to offer loan to help complete houses under PMAY-G

- The **credit guarantee scheme is for beneficiaries in rural areas who are struggling to complete the construction of pucca houses** under the government's Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin).
- The scheme will involve a network of self-help groups (SHGs) in rural areas. **The SHGs will act as guarantors for a beneficiary who wants to take a loan of Rs 70,000 from the bank.**

#### India to have World's largest religious monument

- The Temple of Vedic Planetarium in West Bengal will be the headquarters of the **International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKON) and will have the world's biggest dome.**
- The Vedic Planetarium will provide a tour of various parts of the cosmic creation to the guests. **The Temple of Vedic Planetarium is situated in Mayapur in Nadia district, West Bengal.**

#### PM Modi to inaugurate Foot-over Bridge in Ahmedabad

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the **foot-over bridge built near Sabarmati Riverfront.**
- The foot-over bridge is built between **Ellis Bridge and Sardar Bridge built near Sabarmati Riverfront.**

This bridge connects the east and west side of the Sabarmati Riverfront. The bridge is 300- meters long.

#### Maharashtra government starts free travel scheme in buses

- The Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) will **provide free travel for people above the age of 75 years in its buses.**
- **The citizens above the age of 65 and 75 will get a 50% rebate on ticket fares on selected routes and selected types of buses operated by the MSRTC.**

#### Dr. Jitendra Singh unveils website to boost Coastal Clean-Up Campaign

- Union Minister of State of Science and Technology, Earth Science Jitendra Singh unveiled [www.swachhsagar.org](http://www.swachhsagar.org) **to boost the ongoing pan-India Coastal Clean-Up campaign. The Coastal Clean-Up Campaign is a 75 days exercise.**
- Dr. Jitendra Singh also launched the campaign logo 'Vasuki' **dedicated to the youth of the country as the school students are joining the coastal and beach cleaning facilities.**

#### Karnataka government to launch a special programme for job creation

- **Under this program financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh to Rs, 10 lakh** will be provided to at least 100 SC/ST students in each Taluk in the state.
- The government is creating several programs to help students develop socially and academically. **100 new hostels are being built for SC/ST students in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Hubballi-Dharwad, Kalaburagi, and Mysuru.**

#### Odisha government to set up MSME parks

- Odisha government plans to set up **Micro, Small and Medium enterprises (MSMEs) parks in all the 30 districts of the state.**
- **This was announced by Chief Secretary S C Mohapatra at the concluding session of Propack Odisha 2022 and MSME Odisha 2022 organized by the Odisha Assembly of Small and Medium Enterprises (OASME).**

#### Ambulances in Kerala to get GPS based tracking device

- **Kerala State Transport Minister Antony Raju announced that all ambulances will be fitted with GPS-based vehicle location tracking devices.** This is to curb the illegal activity of drug smuggling and ferreting away criminals in ambulances.
- This move was taken against the **backdrop of complaints stating that ambulances are being used as getaway vehicles for drug smuggling and escaping criminals.**

#### Reliance Jio to Launch Standalone 5G Technology

- Jio confirmed that, as it did in 4G technology, it will launch a **standalone 5G network.**
- According to Jio, by Diwali, the plan will be first carried out in **four metro** cities and by December 2023 will expand to pan India.

## BANKING

#### CCI cleared deal between Bandhan Fin holdings-led consortium and IDFC

- The **consortium consists of Chrys capitals and Singapore's sovereign fund GIC.** The proposal includes the acquisition of a 99.69 percent stake in IDFC Asset Management Company Ltd and a 100 percent stake in IDFC AMC Trustee Company Ltd.
- Bandhan Financial Holdings Ltd, **Lathe Investment Pte. Ltd, Tangerine Investment Ltd, and Infinity Partners will acquire the stakes.**

#### SEBI forms 15-member FPI advisory committee

- The committee will give advice on measures to **facilitate ease of doing business by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) in India.**
- The committee will also suggest measures to **encourage FPI participation in the bond market and will give guidance to investors on issues** related to investments and operations in Indian markets.

#### NRIs can pay bills of their families in India directly through BBPS

- **RBI decided that NRIs can pay electricity, telephone, and other bills of their families in India** through Bharat Bill Payment Systems (BBPS).

- NRIs can soon be able to **directly pay bills on BBPS, without sending money to Indian accounts and using it to pay bills.**

#### RBI imposes penalty on eight Co-operative banks

- **Fine of Rs 40 lakh has been imposed on Mehsana Urban Co-operative bank, Gujarat** for non-compliance with certain provisions of Reserve Bank of India (Co-operative Banks - Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016.
- The **penalty of Rs 7 lakh has been imposed on Indapur Urban Co-operative Bank, Indapur (Maharashtra)** for non-compliance with certain provisions of exposure norms.

#### RBI approves payment aggregator's licence to Mswipe technologies

- **Mswipe is a company that provides a point of sales (PoS) solutions and digital payment services.** A payment aggregator (PA) is a third party responsible for managing and processing a merchant's online transactions.
- With a PA license, Mswipe can develop an **in-house online payment gateway, moving away from outsourcing transaction settlements.**

#### Airtel Africa signs credit pact with American banking major Citi

- Airtel Africa signs a credit pact of **USD 125 million with Citi Bank.**
- This facility will be used to **support Airtel Africa's operations and investments in four of its subsidiaries and it has a tenor up to September 2024.**

#### RBI cancels the licence of Rupee Co-operative bank

- The **commissioner for cooperation and registrar of co-operative societies of Maharashtra** has requested to issue an order for winding up the bank and to appoint a liquidator for the bank.
- The bank is barred from conducting the business of banking which includes **acceptance of deposits and repayment of deposits as defined in Section 5(b) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act 1949 with effect from September 22, 2022.**

### SBI moves NCLT to recover dues from Bajaj Hindusthan Sugar

- **State Bank of India (SBI) has moved the National Company Law Tribunal's (NCLTs) Allahabad bench** against Bajaj Hindusthan Sugar for not repaying dues.
- Bajaj Hindusthan Sugar owes SBI Rs 4,771 crore, it has availed of two debt-restructuring schemes leading to steep haircuts taken by the lenders. **The petition filed by SBI under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 is yet to be admitted by the tribunal.**

### IRDAI organises hackathon 'Bima Manthan-2022'

- The application for the innovative solutions has been invited as part of IRDAI's first hackathon- **Bima Manthan 2022 with the theme 'Innovation in Insurance'**.
- **IRDAI is looking for technology-enabled solutions for identifying uninsured motor vehicles and ensuring the issuance of mandatory third-party insurance** and technology-based distribution of insurance products including micro insurance in less penetrable areas.

### ADB and India signs loan worth \$96.3 million

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB) and India signed a \$96.3 million loan agreement** to provide safe drinking water and improve water supply and sanitation in Himachal Pradesh.
- The loan agreement was signed by **Rajat Kumar Mishra, Additional Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs on behalf of the Government of India, and Takeo Konishi, Country Director for ADB in India.**

### Nirmala Sitharaman to attend bankers' conclave

- **The minister will inaugurate 52 projects in Nagaland sponsored by various companies as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).** Most of the projects are related to the health, education, skill, and entrepreneurship development sectors.
- Nirmala Sitharaman launched projects during the **inaugural ceremony of the three-day CSR and**

### Investment Conclave in which many corporate delegates and investors will take part.

### RBI imposes penalty on 8 cooperative banks

- **A penalty of Rs 55 lakh was imposed on The Visakhapatnam Co-operative bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.** Bharat Heavy Electricals Employees' Co-operative bank, Kailasapuram, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu has penalized with Rs 10 lakh.
- A penalty of Rs 5 lakh was imposed on The **Ottapalam Co-operative Urban bank Ltd, Ottapalam, Palakkad district, Kerala, and Rs 10 lakh on the Darussalam Co-operative Urban Bank, Hyderabad, Telangana.**

### BOM's Maha Dhan Varsha Scheme

- It is a Fixed Deposit scheme with a time period of **400 days** and a maximum limit of up to **Rs. 2 Cr.**
- The highest rate of interest for non-senior citizens will be **5.50%** and for senior citizens will be **6%.**

## APPOINTMENTS

Name of the Person	Designation
Ruchira Kamboj	India's new permanent representative at the United Nations
Satyendra Prakash	Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau (PIB)
Gaurav Pandey	New Managing Director and Chief executive officer of Godrej Properties Ltd
Auguste Tano Kouame	Country Director for India of World Bank
Shweta Singh	Director in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO)
Suresh N Patel's	Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)
Sujoy Lal Thaoson	DG of ITBP (Indo-Tibetan Border Police)
Shweta Singh	Director in Prime Minister's Office (PMO)
Ravinder Takkar	New managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of telecom operator Vodafone Idea Limited (Vi)

Nalin Negi	New Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Fintech startup BharatPe
Jagdeep Dhankhar	14th vice president of India
Nallathamby Kalaiselvi	Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
Viswanathan Anand	Deputy President of the International Chess Federation (FIDE)
Inderjit Camotra	Managing Director and CEO of Unity Small Finance Bank (USFB)
Gustavo Petro	Colombia's first ever leftist President
Justice Uday Umesh Lalit	49th Chief Justice of India (CJI)
Rishabh Pant	'State Brand Ambassador' of Uttarakhand Government
Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios	Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)
IAS officer Piyush Goyal	National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) CEO
William Ruto	Country's Next President
Alkesh Kumar Sharma	To high-level UN internet panel
Simon Stiell	New Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Shrikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty	Brand Ambassador of Mastercard in India
Rajkiran Rai G	Managing Director of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)
Mohammad Mustafa	Chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
Anuj Poddar	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bajaj Electricals
Vijay Shekhar Sharma	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the company Paytm
Tarun Bajaj	Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Vikram Doraiswami	Next High Commissioner of India to the UK
Debasisa Mohanty	Director of the National Institute of Immunology (NII)
Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga	Interim Prime Minister of Mali
Mahendra N Shah	Managing Director (MD) of IDBI Board
Krishnamurthy Subramanian	Executive Director (India) at the International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Scientist Samir V Kamat	Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation
Justice U.U Lalit	49th Chief Justice of India
Sourav Ganguly	First Brand Ambassador of Travel Platform DreamSetGo
Santhosh Iyer	Managing Director and Chief Executive of Mercedes Benz India
Angira Agrawal	Global SVP of go to market and strategy

### AWARDS AND HONOURS

Awards	Awardee
'dPal rNgam Duston' award the highest civilian honour of Ladakh	Dalai Lama
Miss India USA in 2022 in New Jersey	Aarya Walvekar
'Kannada Ratna' Award	Late Kannada film star Puneet Rajkumar
France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur	Congress leader Shashi Tharoor
Liberty Medal 2022	Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy

### IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
1 <sup>st</sup> August 2022	World Lung Cancer Day	<b>Theme:</b> "close the care gap"
1 <sup>st</sup> August to 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	World Breastfeeding Week	--
6 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Hiroshima Day	--
7 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	National Handloom day	--

7 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	National Javelin Throw day	--
8 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Quit India Movement Day	--
9 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Nagasaki Day	--
9 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples	<b>Theme:</b> The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge
9 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	World Biofuel Day	--
10 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	World Lion Day	--
12 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	International Youth Day	<b>Theme:</b> Intergenerational solidarity: Creating a world for all ages
13 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	World Organ Donation Day	--
13 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	International Lefthanders Day	--
13 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	World Sanskrit Day	--
15 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Indian Independence Day	--
20 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Sadbhavna Diwas or Harmony Day	--
20 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Akshay Urja Diwas 2022	--
20 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	World Mosquito Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives.'
21 <sup>st</sup> August 2022	World Senior Citizen's Day	--
22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2022	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief	--
23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2022	International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	--
23 <sup>rd</sup> August to 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022	World Water Week	<b>Theme:</b> "Seeing the Unseen: The Value of Water"

26 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	International Dog Day	--
26 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Women's Equality Day	<b>Theme:</b> Gender Equality today for a sustainable tomorrow
29 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	National Sports Day	--
30 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	National Small Industry Day	--

## MOUS SIGNED

### HDFC banks Parivartan signs MoU with IISc Bengaluru

- HDFC Parivartan bank's CSR arm signed a memorandum of understanding with the **Indian Institute of Science pledging Rs 107.76 cr for the construction of Bagchi-Parthasarathy hospital at IISc.**
- The bank will **support the cardiology, radiology, and emergency medicine wing of the hospital.**

### India signs six pacts with Maldives to broad-base ties

- **India and Maldives** upgraded their strategic partnership by **signing six pacts and documents across sectors including defence and cyber security to maintain stability in the Indian Ocean region.**
- **India has announced a \$100 million line of credit to finance infrastructure projects in the Maldives.** The two sides also decided to widen the counter-terror partnership.

### NPCI and IIT Kanpur signed MoU for research collaboration

- **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for knowledge sharing and research collaboration.
- This collaboration will help in the augmentation of **cybersecurity controls for NPCI and its subsidiary's products and services.**

### Indian Army signs MoU with DFI to develop high impact drones

- **Indian Army's Design Bureau signs MoU with the Drone Federation of India (DFI) to develop drones.**

- The MoU was signed **to jointly promote research, development, joint R&D, testing, and manufacturing of drones, counter-drones** and associated technologies to be used in the force's operations.

#### NHPC signs MoU to develop two hydro projects in Nepal

- The National Hydro Electric Power Corporation of India (NHPC) signed a pact with Investment Board Nepal (IBN) **to develop 750 MW West Seti and 450 MW SR-6 hydroelectric projects in Nepal.**
- The **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed and exchanged on August 18, 2022 by A K Singh, CMD of NHPC, and Sushil Bhatta, Chief Executive Officer IBN at Kathmandu.** Sher Bahadur Dubea, Prime Minister of Nepal was also present on the occasion.

#### Godrej Agrovet signs MoU with Assam, Manipur and Tripura for oil palm cultivation

- Godrej Agrovet signed three Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with state governments of Assam, Manipur, and Tripura **to promote oil palm cultivation in the region under National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) scheme.**
- The **government of India launched the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEOP) on August 2021.** The total outlay of the project is Rs 11,040 crore.

#### AAI signed MoU with Sweden to collaborate in sustainable aviation technology

- Airport Authority of India (AAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sweden **to facilitate sustainable aviation technology collaboration.**
- The MoU was signed by the **Airport Authority of India (AAI) and LFV Air Navigation Services of Sweden at the corporate headquarters of AAI in New Delhi.**

#### IIM Shillong signs MoU with Mizoram Youth Commission

- Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis, IIM Shillong, and Mizoram Youth Commission (MYC) signed a Memorandum of**

Understanding (MoU) to advance human resource development in Mizoram.

- The agreement was signed by **Prof. DP Goyal, Director of IIM Shillong, and Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, MLA, Chairman of MYC in Aizawl.**

#### NHPC Ltd. Signs MoU with PTC India Ltd.

- The MoU was regarding the upcoming **West Seti & Seti River-6** hydropower projects in Nepal.
- The hydropower project will be of the capacity of **750 MW (West Seti) & 450 MW (Seti River-6).**

### GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

#### India's first portal on arrested narcotics offenders become operational

- NIDAAN portal or the National Integrated Database on arrested narcotics offenders** is developed by **Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).**
- This portal is part of the narcotics coordination mechanism (NCORD) portal that was launched on **July 30 in Chandigarh during the national conference on 'Drug trafficking and national security by Union home minister Amit Shah.**

#### Assam government's poverty alleviation scheme to include another 6 lakh beneficiaries

- Assam government's poverty alleviation scheme Orunodoi** will encompass another 6 lakh beneficiaries.
- The amount given to the beneficiaries will be **increased to Rs 1,250 from Rs 1,000 from next month onwards.** A logo will be placed outside the houses of the beneficiaries.

#### Haryana government launches programme to help defaulting power consumers

- Haryana government launches program **to help defaulting power consumers pay off their bills.**
- The **chief minister of Haryana Manohar Lal Khattar extended the "Samadhan se Vikas" scheme, a one-time settlement plan** for the recovery of long-overdue dues on account of External Development Charges (EDC) against encroachers and developers by six months.

## DEFENCE

### India and Oman to conduct military exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV' in Rajasthan

- The exercises AL NAJAH-IV will focus on **counter-terrorism and will be held in Mahajan Field firing ranges in Rajasthan from August 1 to 13**. This year marks the fourth edition of the exercise.
- A 60-member team from the Royal Army of Oman will participate in the exercise. At the exercise, **the Indian Army will be represented by troops from the 18 Mechanised Infantry Battalion**.

### India and Vietnam to hold joint army exercise 'Ex VINBAX 2022'

- **The previous edition of the exercise was conducted in Vietnam in 2019** and is a major milestone in strengthening bilateral relations between India and Vietnam.
- **Ex VINBAX 2022 has a theme** of employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of a United Nations contingent for peacekeeping operations.

### India to be part of 'Pitch Black' exercise in Australia

- The exercise will take place from August 19 to September 6. **This is a biennial exercise conducted by Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF)**. The last edition of the Pitch Black exercise was held in 2018. The 2020 edition of the exercise was canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Royal Australian Air Force considers the 'Pitch Black' exercise as **its capstone international engagement activity** with the air forces of strategic partners and allies.

### India and US to carry out 18th edition of military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas'

- The exercise will consist of a number of complex drills, which aims **to enhance understanding, cooperation, and interoperability between India and US armies**.
- The exercise comes against the backdrop of rapidly changing situations in the Indo-Pacific. **The last**

edition of exercise Yudh Abhyas was held in October 2021 in Alaska, US.

### Indian Navy signs pact with ISROs Space Applications Centre on data sharing

- **Indian Navy and ISROs Space Applications Centre (SAC) in Ahmedabad signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** on data sharing and cooperation in satellite-based naval applications.
- With this agreement both the organizations will have **a common platform for mutual cooperation, and the scientific advancements by SAC will help Indian Navy's effort to protect countries' maritime interests**.

### India and US conducts Ex Vajra Prahar 2022

- India and the US conduct a joint special force exercise, **Ex Vajra Prahar 2022 in Himachal Pradesh**.
- **The Indian Army contingent is represented by Special Forces personnel under the aegis of SFTS**. The US side was represented by personnel from the 1st Special Forces Group (SFG) and Special Tactics Squadron (STS) of the US Special forces.

### Mizoram and Assam to resolve border dispute

- **This development came after the ministerial-level discussion between the two-state to solve the border dispute**. Atul Bora and Ashok Singhal ministers from Assam had discussed the border issue with the Chief Minister of Mizoram Zoramthanga.
- **During the ministerial level discussion which was held in Aizawl**, where both the states agreed to maintain peace and prevent any untoward incident along the border.

### US, Indonesia and Australia holds drill in Sumatra islands

- This year's **Super Garuda Shield Exercises was participated by more than 5,000 personnel from the US, Australia, Japan, Indonesia, and Singapore**, making it the largest since it began in 2009.
- China sees the expanded drill as a threat and has **accused the US of building an Indo-Pacific alliance similar to NATO to restrict China's growing military and diplomatic influence in the region**.



### ITBP to scale 75 peaks, undertake 75 day-long patrol along LAC

- **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) to scale 75 peaks, and undertake 75 day-long patrols** along the LAC with China to mark 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- **The peaks to be climbed are located near 75 ITBP border posts along the India-China Line of Actual Control (LAC).** Out of the peaks to be scaled, 33 of them are located in Ladakh, 16 in Uttarakhand, 11 in Sikkim, 10 in Himachal Pradesh, and 5 in Arunachal Pradesh.

### INS Satpura to conduct 75-lap at San Diego US Navy base

- **On Independence Day Indian national flag will be hoisted on the ship in the North American continent** in the presence of the Indian diaspora and other distinguished dignitaries.
- **INS Satpura's visit to San Diego is historic as this is the first time an Indian Naval ship has reached the west coast of North America.** This shows the capacity of the Indian Navy to deploy across the globe.

### Rajnath Singh handed over indigenous military equipments to Indian Army

- **Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** handed over indigenous military equipment to the Indian Army.
- Rajnath Singh handed over to the Indian army a wide range of indigenous **military equipment including unmanned aerial systems and quick reaction fighting vehicles to increase its combat capabilities in Eastern Ladakh.**

### Indian Air Force to participate in Pitch Black Exercise in Australia

- The **three-week-long Pitch Black exercise is hosted by Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).** Over 100 aircraft and 2500 personnel from 17 nations will participate in the exercise.
- The exercise is scheduled to be held from August 19 to September 8 in Darwin. **The Indian Air Force contingent led by Group Captain YPS Negi comprises 100 air warriors, deployed with four Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft and two C-17 aircraft.**

### India, Australia conclude the Maritime Partnership Exercise

- **INS Sumedha with HMAS Anzac participated in the exercise reaffirming the navy-to-navy links and interoperability between the Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy.**
- Maritime Partnership Exercise includes cross deck landing of helicopters, tactical maneuvers, and a farewell steam past. **INS Sumedha was docked in Perth to celebrate the 76th Independence Day of India.**

### India-US conducts joint Special Forces exercise in Himachal Pradesh

- The **13th edition of the India-USA joint special force drill, Exercise Vajra Prahar-22** concludes at Bakloh cantonment in Himachal Pradesh.
- This exercise provided an opportunity for the Special Forces of both countries **to train in air operations, special operations, and counterterrorism operations in a joint environment under the United Nations Charter.**

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### World's largest floating solar power plant to be built in Madhya Pradesh

- The solar power plant will **generate 600 Megawatt power by 2022-23 will increase the power generation capacity of Madhya Pradesh.**
- **The project is estimated to be worth over Rs 3000 crore.** Omkareshwar dam was built on the Narmada River, the hydel project is spread across 100 square kilometers, and there is a very large water body where the water level remains normal this will serve as the site for the floating solar power plant.

### Commercial Availability of Lumpy Disease Vaccine

- The virus is transmitted to cattle via vectors such as **mosquitoes, ticks, and biting flies.**
- A few symptoms include **loss of weight, low milk yield, fever, lumps on the body, etc.**

## SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

### National Conference of Rural Cooperative banks to be inaugurated by Amit Shah

- **Union Home and Cooperation minister Amit Shah** will inaugurate a one-day-long National Conference of Rural Cooperative banks.
- The National Conference of Rural Cooperative banks is organized by the **Ministry of Cooperation and the National Federation of State Cooperative Banks (NAFSCOB)**.

### Amit Shah to chair the Central Zonal Council meeting

- **The Central Zonal Council meeting will discuss issues on connectivity, power, sharing of river water, and other matters of common interests.** The Central Zonal Council consists of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.
- The meeting will also discuss in detail the welfare of **Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, farmers' welfare, crime against women and children, internal security, and prevention of terrorism and Naxalism.**

### Piyush Goyal likely to chair Board of Trade meeting

- The Board of Trade meeting will discuss ways to **boost the country's exports. The Board is an advisory body on foreign trade policy.**
- The Board is headed by the **minister and consists of participants from states, Union Territories, and senior officials** from the private and public sectors and will discuss ways to boost manufacturing and export.

### S Jaishankar to visit UAE for India-UAE Strategic Dialogue

- S Jaishankar will visit UAE (United Arab Emirates) from August 31 to **co-chair the 14th India-UAE Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) and 3rd India-UAE Strategic Dialogue with Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan.**
- **On February 18, both the leaders held a Virtual Summit during which they signed the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA),** and a vision statement was adopted. Both the leaders also participated in the I2U2 summit which was held on July 14.