

# Monthly One-Liner GK Digest

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### World's First Hydrogen-Powered Flying Boat will be Launched in Dubai

- It is having **cutting-edge characteristics** and is built with advanced technologies.
- It is having **two fuel cells, environment-friendly technologies which will help to reduce carbon emissions.**

## NATIONAL NEWS

### GoI Approved the Sale of NINL to Tata Steel

- The Government of India has approved the sale of **Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL) to Tata Steel Long Products Ltd.**
- The deal of **Rs 12,100 crore** was approved for the same.

### 30th Foundation Day of NCW

- The program aimed to **celebrate women's contributions and achievements in various fields.**
- The discussions on topics like **'Women Entrepreneurs driving the change', 'Women in decision making' and 'Digital empowerment of women'** took place.

#### **HPCL Launches Retail Store 'HaPpyShop'**

- The HaPpyShop will **make available daily needs to its customers.**
- In September 2021, the **first store was launched in Mumbai at Company's Retail Outlet** at Nepean Sea Road.

#### **Vedanta Partnered with Union Bank of India**

- They have partnered with a **facility of Rs 8000 crore at 7.75% to take over the majority of the syndicated facility.**
- In 2020, Vedanta Ltd had **tied up a syndicated facility of Rs 10,000 crore with the State Bank of India** as the lead bank at a running cost of 10.5%.

#### **Dukaan partnered with Simpl**

- They have partnered to **provide BNPL services to the merchants associated with Dukaan.**
- Dukaan supports SMBs with **various services like logistics, build an operating systems** and many more.

#### **IISc Commissioned 'Param Pravega'**

- The 'Param Pravega' supercomputer has a supercomputing **capacity of 3.3 petaflops.**
- It is a mix of heterogeneous nodes. It has an **Intel Xeon Cascade Lake processor for the CPU nodes.**

#### **India Signed Interim Agreement with SKAO**

- India has signed an interim agreement to offer a commitment to **work on the mega-science project called Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO).**
- The SKAO is the **world's largest radio telescope.**

#### **Statue of Equality**

- The 'Statue of Equality' was conceptualized by **Chinna Jeeyar Swami of Sri Ramanujacharya Ashram.**
- The inauguration was part of the **12-day Sri Ramanuja Sahasrabdi Samaroham, which was being held as the 1000th birth anniversary** celebration of the Bhakti saint.

#### **PM Modi Inaugurated the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of ICRISAT**

- The facilities are **Climate Change Research Facility on Plant Protection and Rapid Generation Advancement Facility.**
- Both the facilities are dedicated to **smallholder farmers of Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.**

#### **'Swarajability'**

- The 'Swarajability' is a **job portal specifically dedicated to helping people with disabilities look for job opportunities** as per their relevant skills.

- The portal is powered by **Artificial Intelligence technology**.

#### **'Innovations in Public Administration' Program of CBC**

- It will help to identify innovations that are successful in **public service pioneered by civil servants**.
- The **CBC Knowledge Repository will be framed** which will be accessed by all for successful innovations in India.

#### **Sonata Software partnered with Microsoft**

- The 'Microsoft Cloud for Retail' will **enhance the decades of partnership between both entities**.
- It will give **major focus on leveraging data, elevating the shopping experience, building real-time, sustainable supply chains, and empowering store associates**.

#### **AquaMAP Centre—IIT Madras**

- The 'AquaMAP Centre' is an **interdisciplinary water management and policy framing center**.
- It will **offer water security solutions** in India.

#### **AIM, NITI Aayog and USAID entered into Partnership**

- They have partnered under the **Sustainable Access to Markets and Resources for Innovative Delivery of Healthcare (SAMRIDH)** initiative.
- Under the partnership, **all the entities will offer improved affordable and quality healthcare facilities** to the vulnerable populations in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, rural and tribal areas.

#### **IIM-Sambalpur partnered with Flipkart**

- They have partnered **to provide market access facility to the weavers, artisans based in Odisha**.
- Hence, due to this collaboration, the **weavers and artisans will be able to sell and promote their products via the online platform of Flipkart**.

#### **India to Help Sri Lanka to launch its Aadhaar Card**

- India has assured **to grant assistance to Sri Lanka to implement a 'Unitary Digital Identity framework'**, which is apparently modelled on the Aadhaar card.
- In this regard, the **Rajapaksa government will work to implement the framework as a national-level program**.

#### **Ayana Renewable Power partnered with Greenko Group**

- The Ayana is owned by **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)**.
- They have partnered **to provide standalone storage capacity to develop firm and dispatchable renewable energy solutions**.

#### **Reliance Jio partnered with SES**

- Reliance Jio has announced its partnership with **Luxembourg-based firm SES**.

- Due to this partnership, **Jio will offer next-generation affordable and scalable broadband services in India.**

#### **Karur Vyasa Bank partnered with Unanu Technologies**

- They have partnered for **digital freight finance to fund transport contractors.**
- They will use **end-to-end logistics technology platform** for the purpose of partnership.

#### **Vedanta Partnered with Foxconn**

- The partnership will help to **fulfill the gap of global chip shortage and will help India in chip manufacturing.**
- The Vedanta will be the **majority shareholder in a new joint venture company** with Foxconn.

#### **Darkathon-2022**

- The winner with the **1st rank will be awarded the prize of Rs 2.50 lakh and the runner-up will be awarded Rs 2 lakh and the third winner with Rs 1.50 lakh.**
- The consolation prize for the **4th and 5th place is Rs 25,000 each.**

#### **NITI Aayog partnered with PhonePe**

- They have partnered to **launch the first-ever open-to-all hackathon event for finding creative solutions** for the FinTech sector.
- The hackathon will grant opportunities to **innovators, digital creators and developers to showcase their innovative ideas which will benefit the FinTech sector.**

#### **TransUnion Cibil partnered with FICCI**

- The program will help to **develop awareness about credit management, Cibil Rank, and commercial credit** information among small businesses.
- It will help to empower the **MSME sector about how to build a good credit history and Cibil Rank** so that they can opt for finances during their requirements.

#### **NHPC Renewable Energy Limited (NREL)**

- The NREL is set up to **work for the development of Renewable Energy, Small Hydro, and Green Hydrogen** areas related to NHPC Ltd.
- The NREL is incorporated with the **Registrar of Companies, NCT of Delhi & Haryana.**

#### **MoHUA has Approved Rs 235 crore to Andhra Pradesh**

- The funds are approved under the **'Garbage Free Cities' vision.**
- It is the **largest one-time approval of funds for legacy dumpsite restoration.**

#### **'Heal by India' Initiative**

- The initiative will help to **enhance educational institutions in the health sector.**
- It will **generate job opportunities in the health sector** at the international level as well.

### **PM Modi Inaugurated 550-tonne Capacity of Bio-CNG Plant in Indore**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a 550-tonne capacity of Gobar-Dhan (Bio-CNG) Plant in Indore, Madhya Pradesh via video.**
- **This plant is considered to be the biggest Bio-CNG plant in Asia.**

### **KSUM partnered with Google**

- **They have partnered to grant local startups connectivity to the global startup community.**
- **The wide network will allow the local startups to explore Google's program to boost their operations.**

### **India and France Committed to Adopting a Roadmap on the Blue Economy**

- **The discussion for the same was recently held between External affairs minister S Jaishankar and his French counterpart Jean-Yves Le Drian.**
- **Both the countries will make the blue economy a priority and the driver for their progress.**

### **JICA approves Rs 1,000-crore Project to Clean up Pune's Rivers**

- **The rivers namely Mula, Mutha, and Mula-Mutha (confluence of both rivers) will be cleaned under the project.**
- **It will thus improve the quality of water by augmenting sewage collection systems.**

### **IIL Foundation partnered with SVPDAT**

- **The MoU was signed for dissemination of the advanced Agri-extension activities and farmer awareness activities.**
- **The partnership will be executed for three years.**

### **Rural Connectivity GIS Data in Public Domain**

- **The data was collected and digitized by making use of the GIS platform, which is developed by PM-GSY (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana).**
- **The rural connectivity of the GIS Data was made available to the public.**

### **EaseMy Trip partnered with Toffee**

- **An online travel platform named EaseMyTrip has partnered with Toffee Insurance.**
- **They have partnered to grant travel insurance solutions to customers.**

### **India Nepal Joint Hydro Development Committee**

- **India and Nepal have agreed to form a joint task force to develop hydropower projects from investments made by both the countries.**
- **The hydro development committee will be having max 3 members.**

### **MSME Technology Centre to be Setup at Sindhudurg, Maharashtra**

- **It will be established with the allocation of funds of Rs 200 crore.**

- The announcement was made at **MSME Conclave 2022 held in Sindhudurg by the MSME Ministry.**

#### **India's First Smart Managed EV Charging Station**

- **India's first Smart Managed EV Charging Station was set up at Mayur Vihar in east Delhi.** It is located at BYPL's 11 kV sub-station building in Mayur Vihar Extension Phase-I.
- **Soon numbers of such EV Charging Station will be set up in south, west, east, and central Delhi.**

## **BANKING**

#### **Economic Survey 2021-22**

- As per the GoI, **India's economy is growing at 8-8.5% for FY23. For the current fiscal year i.e. FY22, the GDP growth rate is 9.2%.** The GDP growth rate contracted by 7.3% in 2020-21.
- **The Agriculture sector and its allied areas are expected to grow by 3.9% in 2021-22.** This sector observed growth of 3.6% in the previous year.

#### **Union Budget 2022**

- She highlighted that this Union Budget aims **to develop the foundation and give a blueprint of the economy over 'Amrit Kal' of next 25 years** i.e. from India at 75 to India at 100.
- There will be **PLI (Production Linked Incentive) schemes for 14 major sectors and it is expected to create 60 lakh new job opportunities** and additional new production of Rs 30 lakh crore.

#### **SBI partnered with Tata Power**

- The SBI has also **framed a dedicated centralized processing cell named as 'Surya Shakti Cell'.**
- The 'Surya Shakti Cell' aims **to strengthen solar power projects by making financing arrangements.**

#### **PNB and PAL launched Co-Branded Credit Cards**

- The **co-branded credit card is launched in partnership with NPCI** and is offered on NPCI's RuPay Platform.
- It is available in **two variants namely PNB RuPay Platinum and PNB RuPay Select.**

#### **India's GDP growth to be at 7.8% in FY23-- CRISIL**

- As per CRISIL, **India's real GDP growth to be at 7.8% in FY23.**
- The rating agency has that the **growth to be slow to 7.8% in FY23 from 9.2% in FY22.**

#### **National Land Monetisation Corporation (NLMC)**

- The NLMC performs the **monetization of the land and other non-core assets.**
- Its initial authorized **share capital will be Rs 5000 crores and subscribed share capital of Rs 150 crores.**

#### **EXIM Bank Extended LoC to Sri Lanka**

- The EXIM Bank on behalf of **GoI has extended \$500 million** to the island nation.



- The funds will be used to purchase petroleum products.

#### **RBI Cancelled the License of Independence Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

- The reason behind the cancellation of the license is that the bank was not having adequate capital and earning prospects.
- It was not abiding by the norms of Section 11(1) and Section 22 (3) (d) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

#### **Kotak General Insurance Partnered with CARS24**

- The CARS24 Financial Services is a subsidiary of CARS24 and Kotak Mahindra General Insurance is the subsidiary of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.
- Under the partnership, CARS24 will be the corporate agent of Kotak General Insurance.

#### **ICICI Lombard partnered with Airtel Payments Bank**

- The customers of Airtel Payments Bank can opt for the insurance policy from the Airtel Thanks app.
- The insurance has zero waiting period and allows insurance holders to make multiple claims multiple times.

#### **RBL Bank partnered with Creditas Solutions**

- The platform will be managed by Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning technology.
- It will be a 'do it yourself (DIY) type of debt management platform that will allow the customer to monitor, track, manage and pay their dues.

#### **DBS Bank India partnered with Stellapps Digital Network**

- The DBS Bank India will be the banking partner which will help to implement digitization in dairy industries across India.
- The partnership will help to improve productivity, improvement in the quality of milk, transparency in all operations, supply chain management, improvement in income, etc.

#### **SBI Partnered with NSE Academy**

- The courses will be launched through NSE Knowledge Hub Platform which is an online Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) platform.
- The courses will offer banking aspects lessons to the professionals and students.

#### **Paisabazaar.com partnered with RBL Bank**

- Paisabazaar.com has partnered with RBL Bank to launch a credit card.
- They have launched 'Paisa on Demand' (PoD), which is a credit card.

#### **'YES BANK Agri Infinity' Program**

- It is an annual startup enabler program that aims to co-develop digital financial solutions for the agriculture sector.



- It will grant mentorship to the entrepreneurial ventures associated with the food and agriculture sector.

#### **Kotak Fortune Maximiser Life Insurance Plan**

- The Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Co. Ltd. i.e. **Kotak Life** has launched 'Kotak Fortune Maximiser Life Insurance Plan'.
- The customer has the **freedom to select the premium amount and the term as well** i.e. from 6 to 15 years.

#### **DMI Finance partnered with Google Pay**

- The DMI Finance will distribute **Rs 1 lakh of loan** which will have a **repayment option of over 36 months**.
- The users who are eligible for loans are **pre-qualified using criteria defined by DMI Finance**.

#### **LKP Securities Ltd partnered with HDFC Bank Ltd**

- The account will enable the **swift transfer of the funds** between the account of the bank to the trading account.
- Therefore, the user will not have to **perform a lengthy authentication process**.

#### **Twitter partnered with Paytm**

- The Twitter users will be able to make use of **Paytm facilities** like **Paytm digital wallet, Paytm Postpaid, debit and credit cards, and net banking**.
- This is one of the company's many efforts to **introduce monetization on the platform**.

#### **'Flexi Edge' Insurance Plan**

- The 'Flexi Edge' insurance plan is a **non-linked participating individual savings** life insurance plan.
- The plan will help the **plan holders to prioritize their long-term savings**.

#### **SBI projected India's GDP to be 8.8% for FY22**

- As per the 'Ecowrap' report by the **State Bank of India (SBI)**, **India's GDP growth to be at 8.8% for FY22**.
- As per the current estimations, **real GDP will be around Rs 2.35 lakh crore** which is **1.6% more than the pre-pandemic FY20** real GDP of Rs 145.69 lakh crore.

#### **Govt signed agreement with World Bank for REWARD Project**

- In this regard, the **loan agreement of 115 million US dollars** was signed between them.
- The watershed management practices will **boost the livelihoods in rainfed areas**. It will develop a **resilient food system**.

### IRCTC BoB RuPay Card

- The **Bank of Baroda (BoB) Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL)** in partnership with **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC)** has launched 'IRCTC BoB RuPay Card'.
- It will offer a **1% transaction fee waiver to the customers on all train ticket bookings.**

### IIFL Home Finance Signed Loan Agreement with ADB

- The ADB will grant **USD 58 million direct loans and USD 10 million concessional loans** will be granted by Canadian Climate Fund for the Private Sector in Asia.
- **80% of the loan will be granted to women borrowers and the rest will be used to finance mortgages for green-certified loans for low-income houses.**

### Two New Services for the Customers were Launched by SIB

- The services were launched to enhance 'remittances to' and 'remittances from' abroad.
- The SIB has allowed **online outward remittances via Net Banking and inward remittances via NPCI's UPI mode.**

### Edelweiss General Insurance partnered with Ashv Finance

- The EGI will ensure the **proper flow of funds to the small businesses and MSMEs without any brakes to achieve their goals** by offering health insurance coverage to safeguard the financial interest.
- They will grant **security against the business loan which is taken by the borrower, in case of any unfortunate incident like an accident or critical illness.**

### India's GDP to be at 8.6% for FY22—'Ind-Ra'

- As per India Ratings (Ind-Ra), **India's GDP to be at 8.6% for 2021-22 (FY22).**
- As per the rating agency, **National Statistical Organisation (NSO) will estimate real gross domestic product growth at Rs 147.2 lakh crore for FY22.**

### India's GDP to be at 9.5% for FY22—Moody's

- As per Moody's Rating Agency, **India's GDP growth is estimated to be 9.5% for FY22.**
- Earlier it had estimated it to be **7% for the same.**

### Standard Chartered Bank partnered with IATA

- The IATA Pay will give simplicity to the transaction process by focusing on open banking and real-time payment solutions.
- It will also be made **available in European markets which will give promotion to the UPI.**

## INDEX AND RANKING

### 2022 Global Digital Skills Index

- The **index highlights the increasing global digital skills crisis** and the requirement to tackle them and take appropriate actions.
- Among the 19 countries, **India has the Index's highest digital readiness score. India has scored 63/100 on the index.**

#### TomTom Traffic Index Ranking 2021

- **Mumbai is ranked at 5th position in terms of the most congested cities in the world in 2021.** The congestion rate for Mumbai is 53%.
- **Istanbul, Turkey is ranked at 1st position as the most congested city in the world** with a congestion rate to be 62%.

#### EIU Democracy Index 2021

- The ranking list was topped by **Norway with the highest score of 9.75.**
- The 2nd and 3rd positions are marked by **New Zealand and Finland respectively.**

#### International Intellectual Property Index 2022

- The 1st position is marked by the **United States with a score of 95.48%.**
- The 2nd and 3rd ranks are marked by the **United Kingdom and Germany respectively.**



#### India Press Freedom Report 2021

- In **J&K journalists and media, houses were targeted at the most level in 2021.** The targeted count is 25.
- Then the further ranks are followed by **Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh respectively.**

#### 9th Annual Ranking Report of USGBC

- In the report, India is ranked at **3rd position having 146 LEED projects.**
- The ranking is topped by **China with 1077 LEED projects.**

#### GEM 2021/22 Global Report: Opportunity Amid Disruption

- The '**Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) 2021/22 Global Report: Opportunity Amid Disruption**' report was released at Dubai Expo.
- The data for the report was gathered by conducting a survey of at least 2000 respondents from **47 high, medium, and low economies.**

### APPOINTMENTS

Name of the Person	Designation
MR Kumar	Chairman of LIC

Sergio Matterella	President of Italy
Xiomara Castro	First Female President of the Honduras
Lieutenant General GAV Reddy	New head of the Defence Intelligence Agency
Hrithik Roshan	Brand Ambassador of RummyCircle by Games 24x7
Ravi Mittal	Chairman of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)
Dr. Madan Mohan Tripathi	Director-General of the National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT)
Sonali Singh	Additional Charge of the Controller General of Accounts (CGA)
M Jagadesh Kumar	Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC)
GA Srinivasa Murthy	Director of Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) of the DRDO
Rahul Bhatia	Managing Director of IndiGo
Jens Stoltenberg	Norway's Central Bank Governor
Captain Binesh Kumar Tyagi	Chairman and Managing Director at the state-run carrier Shipping Corporation of India Ltd (SCI)
Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit	Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)
Prof Dinesh Prasad Saklani	Director of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)
Disha Patani	Brand Ambassador of Bata India
Akshay Kumar	Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand
Amitabh Bachchan	Brand Ambassador of MediBuddy
Pradip Shah	Chairman of Pfizer India
Sanjay Malhotra	Secretary in the Department of Financial Services in the Ministry of Finance
S. R. Narasimhan	Additional Charge of CMD of Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO)
Dr. S Unnikrishnan Nair	Additional Charge of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)
S. Kishore	Chairman of the Staff Selection Commission (SSC)
Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari	Chief Justice of the Madras High Court
N Chandrasekaran	Executive Chairman of Tata Sons Pvt Ltd
Pankaj Tripathi	Brand Ambassador of Krishi Network
Lieutenant colonel Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba	Interim President of Burkina Faso
Debashis Mitra	President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
Aniket Sunil Talati	Vice President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
G Mahalingam	Chair the advisory committee set up by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Investor Protection and Education Fund (IPEF)
Ilker Ayci	CEO and MD of Air India
Manoj Tiwari	Brand Ambassador for Khadi
Frank-Walter Steinmeier	President of Germany

Vineet Joshi	Chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
Shah Rukh Khan	Brand Ambassador of A23
Gita Mittal	Chairperson of the Committee of Administrators which will run the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)
Takuya Tsumura	New President & CEO of Honda Cars India Ltd (HCIL) by Honda Motor Co. Ltd.
Manika Batra	Brand Ambassador of Adidas
NR Narayana Murthy	To chair the Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee (AIPAC) setup by SEBI
K.N. Raghavan	New Chairman of the International Rubber Study Group (IRSG)
Sanjay Malhotra	Director on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Shah Rukh Khan	Brand Ambassador for Thums Up
Nitin Paranjpe	Non-Executive Chairman of the Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL)
Rakesh Sharma	MD and CEO of IDBI Bank
Sanjeev Sanyal	Full-Time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)
K S Mani	Board of Directors of the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI)
Rishabh Pant	Brand Ambassador of Dish TV India
Abhishek Singh	New National e-Governance Division chief

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

Awards	Awardee
World Games Athlete of the Year award for 2021	PR Sreejesh (India's Hockey Player)
International Cricket Council (ICC) Spirit of Cricket Award 2021	Daryl Mitchell (Cricketer of New Zealand)
2022 Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year Award	Neeraj Chopra
18 <sup>th</sup> Late Madhavrao Limaye Award under the category of Karyakram Khaasdar (Efficient Parliament Member) for 2020-21	Nitin Gadkari
15 <sup>th</sup> ESPNcricinfo Awards	Rishabh Pant (won Test Batting Award), Kane Williamson (won Captain of the year award), Kyle Jamieson (won Test Bowling award)
ICAI Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the year 2020-21 in Public Sector Entities Category	RailTel Corporation of India
Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21	Sandeep Bakhshi (MD and CEO of ICICI)

### IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	46 <sup>th</sup> Raising Day of Indian Coast Guard	--
1 <sup>st</sup> February to 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	UPI Safety and Awareness Week by NPCI	--
1 <sup>st</sup> February to 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	World Interfaith Harmony Week	--
1 <sup>st</sup> February to 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	UN's World Interfaith Harmony Week	<b>Theme:</b> Faith and Spiritual Leadership to combat stigma and conflict during pandemic recovery
2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2022	World Wetlands Day	<b>Theme:</b> Wetlands Action for People and Nature
4 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	World Cancer Day	<b>Theme:</b> Close the Care Gap
4 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	International Day of Human Fraternity	--
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female	<b>Theme:</b> Accelerating Investment to End Female Genital Mutilation
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Safer Internet Day	<b>Theme:</b> Together for a better internet
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	World Pulses Day	<b>Theme:</b> Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable agri-food systems
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	National Deworming Day	--
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	<b>Theme:</b> Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Water Unites Us
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	World Unani Day	--
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	National Productivity Day	<b>Theme:</b> Trust in radio journalism: Produce independent and high-quality content
13 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	National Women's Day	<b>Theme:</b> Trust and accessibility: Take care of your audience
13 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	World Radio Day	<b>Theme:</b> Trust and viability of radio stations: Ensure competitiveness
14 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	International Epilepsy Day	--
14 <sup>th</sup> February to 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Financial Literacy week will be observed by RBI	<b>Theme:</b> Go Digital, Go Secure
15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD)	--
19 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	World Pangolin Day	--
19 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Soil Health Card Day	--
20 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	World Day of Social Justice	<b>Theme:</b> Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment
20 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Foundation Day of Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh	--

21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	International Mother Language Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities.'
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2022	World Thinking Day	<b>Theme:</b> Our World, Our Equal Future
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Central Excise Day of India	--
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Marathi Language Day	--
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	National Protein Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Food Futurism'
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	World NGO Day	--
28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	National Science Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future'
28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Rare Disease Day	<b>Theme:</b> 'Share Your Colors'

## MOUS SIGNED

### IREDA signed MoU with Goa Shipyard Ltd

- The MoU was signed to offer technical and financial expertise in developing rooftop solar power projects.
- The assistance will be provided by IREDA to GSL. It will provide techno-commercial expertise solutions.

### MoU Signed Among SBI, IGSCA and NCF

- The MoU was signed for the Development of Atmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design (ABCD) at L1 Barrack, Red Fort, in Delhi.
- The Project ABCD aims to promote and celebrate the products which have GI (Geographical Indication) signs.

### Karnataka signed MoU with Ather Energy

- The MoU was signed to develop 1000 charging stations for the charging of two-wheeled electric vehicles.
- All the government agencies will coordinate with ESCOMs and will share their expertise in setting up charging stations.

### SIDBI signed MoU with CDAC

- They signed MoU to work for innovation and make use of emerging technologies.
- They will work together in the areas of Cyber Security, AI/ML, blockchain, etc.

### Bangladesh Railway signed Agreement with HEIL

- The agreement was signed to procure 420 broad gauge wagons from India by Bangladesh.
- The agreement cost is Rs 200 crore approx.



### **Kerala signed MoU with Social Alpha's Energy Lab**

- The MoU agreement was signed through **Kerala Development & Innovation Strategy Council (KDISC) and Energy Management Centre (EMC)**.
- They will work **to set up a clean energy incubation center which will help in enhancing green energy development** and energy conservation activities in the state.

### **Amazon India signed MoU with Karnataka**

- Under the program, **the benefits of the 'Saheli' Programme will be extended to the women entrepreneurs**.
- Both the entities will **empower thousands of rural women entrepreneurs by giving them access** to a wider market to sell their products.

### **UNEP signed MoU with Maharashtra**

- The campaign aims **to offer sustainable use of energy and environmental development**.
- The **'Majhi Vasundhara' signifies 'My Earth'** and hence deals with the protection and development of environment.

### **L&T signed MoU with Microsoft India**

- They aim **to fulfill customers with the best cloud computing** and infrastructure services.
- They will work jointly **to develop architectures that will modernize their traditional data centers**.

### **J&K Signed MoU with New Zealand Government**

- The MoU will help **to enhance farmer's remuneration, implement technology, R&D** and add value to sheep products.
- The MoU will also **help enhance relations between India and New Zealand**.

### **India signed MoU with Australia**

- The **MoU will enhance tourism relations between both countries** and allow the exchange of information as well.
- There will also be **cooperation among stakeholders dealing in tourism and the allied sector**.

### **MoU signed between Saint Gobain and IIT Madras**

- **Saint Gobain will extend its expertise solutions to the IIT Madras Research Park**. It will offer funding support of Rs 1 crore for the next 3 years.
- Both the entities will **work to transform towards a low carbon future**.

### **NSDC signed MoU with CSC**

- The CSC will perform the **role of skill desk unit at village levels and it will generate awareness** about various skills and their development programs among the youths.
- The NSDC will identify the **skill seekers and will grant them opportunities to learn skills**.

### BoB signed MoU with Assam Rifles

- The package includes benefits like **Personal Accident Insurance and Co-Branded Credit Card**.
- The name of the package is '**Baroda Central Forces Salary Package (BCFSP)**'.

### Ministry of Tourism signed MoU with Alliance Air Aviation Limited

- The MoU was signed **to enhance the tourism sector in the country**.
- The ministry aims **to enhance the position of India in the tourism sector and wants India to be the preferred destination** for tourism and job opportunities in the same as well.

### Tata Power signed MoU with RWE Renewables

- The MoU is in the line with **India's objective to achieve 30 gigawatts of offshore wind installations by 2030**.
- It will establish a **competitive offshore wind market in India**.

### Jindal Stainless signed MoU with IIT Dhanbad

- They will collaborate **to perform research, develop new products, maintain environmental safety and expand skills**.
- They will **enhance industry expertise and the institute's technical capacity**.

### MoU signed between NIUA and WEF

- The program aims **to develop an environment for cities that will have decarbonization solutions across energy, transport**.
- The partnership and the program are in line with **PM's vision for India to turn net-zero by 2070 as a climate mitigation response at COP26**.

### NHPC signed pact with HDFC Bank

- They have signed the pact **to securitize return on equity (RoE) of its 540-MW Chamera-I Power Plant in Himachal Pradesh for 10 years**.
- The amount of **securitization facility is Rs 1,016.39 crore**. It is 5.24 p.c.p.a. by discounting rate linked with three-month T-bills.

## GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

### 'Paray Shikshalaya' Programme—West Bengal

- The students will also be encouraged **to participate in various extra-curricular activities**.
- The South **24 Parganas District's Information and Culture department is taking efforts** to fulfill the objectives of this program.

### 'SMILE' Scheme

- The SMILE signifies '**Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise**'.

- The scheme aims to offer welfare measures to the Transgender community and the people engaged in the act of begging.

#### **'Waste to Wealth Creation' programme**

- The SIDBI will support 50 women by generating revenues from alternate livelihoods.
- Then these 50 women will perform the role of trainer to train further participants of the program.

#### **Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED)**

- The scheme aims to look after the welfare of De-notified, Nomadic, and Semi Nomadic Communities i.e. DNT/NT/SNT.
- The DNT/NT/SNT is the most neglected, marginalized, and economically and socially deprived communities and so the scheme was launched to uplift the communities.

#### **'Kunsnyoms' Scheme**

- The scheme aims to have inclusive and accessible Ladakh.
- The Leh Hill council will offer assistive devices and technologies to the beneficiaries at the rate of a 90% subsidy.

#### **'Project Arohan'**

- 'Project Arohan' is a mentorship program that has a tenure of four years.
- The program grants guidance and inducts skills in students.

#### **'Pramarsh 2022'**

- It aims to grant knowledge and develop awareness about skills and career opportunities to the students.
- It was organized by The National Institute of Career Services (NICS), under the Ministry of Labour & Employment and Edumilestones (name of a startup based in Bengaluru).

#### **'Meri Policy Mere Hath'**

- The 'Meri Policy Mere Hath' is a doorstep distribution drive that will grant crop insurance to the farmers for the upcoming Kharif season.
- Financial support to the farmers suffering from crop loss or damage arising out of natural calamities will be given.

#### **'Bhasha Certificate Selfie' Campaign**

- The campaign was launched to motivate cultural diversity environment and promote multilingualism.
- It will help to maintain and foster the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

#### **'Operation Ganga'**

- It aims to evacuate Indian nationals from Ukraine because of rising Russia-Ukraine tension and conflicts.

- Because of the Ukraine and Russia war situations, Ukraine is declared a no-fly zone by the authorities in order to maintain the safety and security of the nations.

## DEFENCE

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### EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022

- They will conduct **joint military operations in Jungle and Semi-Urban or Urban terrains regions.**
- It will help to enhance **interoperability and mutual understanding between the two Armies.**

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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### ISRO launched EOS-04

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched an **Earth Observation Satellite, EOS-04, and two small satellites into the intended orbit.**
- They were launched from the **First Launch Pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.**

## SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

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### Fintech Open Summit

- It was inaugurated by **Union Minister for Railways, Communications, and Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw** in the presence of NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Dr. Rajiv Kumar.
- This is the first-of-its-kind initiative and **it will bring together regulators, fintech professionals, enthusiasts, industry leaders, and various startups to discuss and exchange views on various topics.**

### 'Reimagining Museums in India'

- The Global Summit on **'Reimagining Museums in India'** will be organized from 15th Feb to 16th Feb 2022 in an online manner.
- The inauguration will be made by **Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy.**

### ASEAN India High Level Conference on Renewable Energy

- The dignitaries discussed achievements in **ASEAN and India in the renewable energy (RE) sector and assured cooperation** in the field of RE to facilitate energy transitions in both regions.
- They also discussed the **development of the ASEAN Power Grid and opportunities that India can extend in the sector.**

### High-level Segment of the One Ocean Summit

- It was organized by **France in cooperation with the United Nations and the World Bank.**

- The moto behind the summit was **to mobilize the international community to take actions to preserve and support healthy and sustainable ocean ecosystems.**

### **3rd India- Maldives Defence Cooperation Dialogue 2022**

- They discussed capacity building to **tackle transnational crimes and boost the security of both regions.**
- During the visit, **Defence Secretary, Dr. Ajay Kumar handed over medical equipment to the Maldives National Defence Force's Military hospital.**

### **4th India-Australia Energy Dialogue**

- It was co-chaired by **Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, RK Singh.**
- The Australian delegation was led by **Energy and Emissions Reduction Minister Angus Taylor.**

### **21st TERI's World Sustainable Development Summit 2022**

- The dignitaries discussed **climate change, sustainable production, energy transitions, and resource security.**
- At the summit, Vedanta signed MoU with TERI **to promote sustainable use of resources for a resilient planet through transformative actions.**

### **'Devayatanam – An odyssey of Indian Temple Architecture**

- It was inaugurated by **Union Minister for Culture, Tourism, and DoNER, G Kishan Reddy.**
- The conference was held **to have discussions on philosophical, religious, social, economic, technical, scientific, art, and architectural aspects** of the temple.

### **28th DST-CII India Singapore Technology Summit 2022**

- **Singapore side was represented by Singaporean Minister for Transport and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations, S Iswaran.**
- At the meeting, **he mentioned that India is the major hub for foreign investments in the manufacturing sector.**