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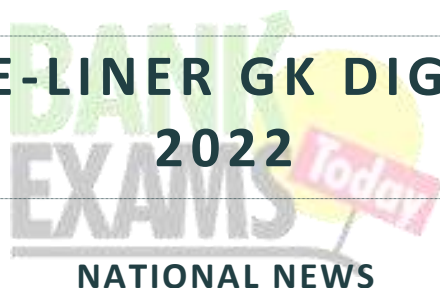


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NATIONAL NEWS

ITC Limited partnered with Invest India

- They have partnered to crowd source innovative ideas and solutions for the single-use plastic (SUP) substitution.
- Both entities aim to automate waste segregation through this partnership.

Jharkhand partnered with ISB

- The Government of Jharkhand has entered into a partnership with the Indian School of Business (ISB).
- Hence the MoU was signed among the Department of Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare, Department of Forests of Jharkhand, and Bharti Institute of Public Policy at Indian School of Business.

Major Dhyan Chand Sports University

- The university will help the region and country be self-reliant in sports equipment manufacturing.
- It will also help to fulfill the National Education Policy's objective to give importance to the sports in the country.

PM Modi inaugurated Developmental Projects in Manipur and Tripura

- At Manipur, he laid the foundation stone for **five National Highways which will be 110 km across** and will develop road connectivity.
- He also inaugurated a **steel bridge between Silchar and Imphal. It is built on the Barak river.**

UN's WFP partnered with TAPF

- They have partnered to **give enhancement support to school meals programs in India.**
- They will work to **enhance the effectiveness of the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) scheme** i.e. the Mid-day meal facility in Indian schools.

Bharti Airtel partnered with HCIPL

- They have partnered to **offer satellite broadband services in India.**
- Under this **joint venture, HCIPL will hold a 67% stake and Bharti Airtel will hold a 33% stake.**

Open Rock Museum inaugurated in Hyderabad

- He also addressed **scientists working in CSIR- National Geophysical Research Institute.**
- The Open Rock Museum will **educate and enlighten people about several lesser-known facts.**

Hero Future Energies partnered with Ohmium International

- They have partnered to **build 1,000 MW of green hydrogen production facilities.**
- These facilities will be **developed in India, the UK, and Europe.**

Assam partnered with NDDB

- The government of Assam has entered into a partnership with **National Dairy Development Board by signing an agreement.**
- Under this partnership, **they will be creating a Rs 2,000-crore joint venture to have holistic development** of the dairy sector in the state.

Kochi—India's 1st City to have Water Metro Project

- The city has launched the **first in a series of battery-powered electric boats.**
- This is the **new project undertaken by Kochi Metro Rail Ltd.**

India Skills 2021

- Odisha topped in the **'IndiaSkills 2021' contest by winning 51 medals.** The medal tally for Odisha includes 10 gold, 18 silver, 9 bronze, and 14 medallions.
- The second position was marked by **Maharashtra by winning 30 medals in total.**

MSME Technology Centre-- Puducherry

- PM Modi also inaugurated the **'Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Manimandapam'** in Puducherry. It is a modern auditorium having an open-air theatre.
- The **'Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Manimandapam'** is built at the cost of approx. **Rs 23.15 crore and will be used for educational purposes.**

AI Driven Startup for Water Purification was Launched

- The startup will also motivate other startups **to use AI technology for various other purposes, which will prove beneficial to the people.**
- Also, **MoU was signed between the Technology Development Board (TDB), which is a statutory body of the Department of Science & Technology of GoI, and Swajal Water Private Limited, which is a tech Start-Up company.**

India grants Financial Assistance Support to Sri Lanka

- India has come forward **to support Sri Lanka in building up its depleted foreign reserves and for food imports.**
- In this regard, India has **granted financial assistance of USD 900 million loans to Sri Lanka.**

POWERGRID signed Joint Development Agreement with Africa50

- The Africa50 is a **pan-African infrastructure investment platform.**
- They have partnered **to develop Africa's first Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode transmission project in Kenya.** The project is named as **'Kenya Transmission Project'.**

Indifi Technologies Partnered with Google Pay

- **Indifi Technologies has collaborated with Google Pay** to offer instant loans to small merchants.
- Through this partnership, **both entities aim to solve the problems related to the working capital management of MSMEs.**

Operation Mission Amanat

- **Passenger can easily track their lost luggage** through the mission.
- The mission is taken up by the **Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Western Railways.**

India will Introduce and Issue E-passports

- The e-passports will be based on **Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) and biometrics.**
- It will be as per the **standards of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).**

Odisha Partnered with WFP

- The support **to farmers will be given and they will be trained to tackle cyclones** and adapt to the impact of the climate crisis.

- The farmers will be trained to select the right agriculture method, the right crop which will yield good fruit to them.

Coal To Methanol (CTM) Pilot Plant

- The **Union Minister for Heavy Industries Mahendra Nath Pandey** dedicated India's first 'Coal To Methanol' (CTM) pilot plant to the country.
- It will produce methanol from high-ash Indian coal. **It will have a purity of 99%.**

Flipkart's New Start Up Programme

- The startups will be supported with **insights, mentorship and funding** so that they can innovate and use different technologies.
- Therefore, the **startups in India will get the opportunity to access Flipkart.**

India supported Sri Lanka to Purchase Petroleum Products

- In this regard, **India has offered a USD 500 million Line of Credit (LoC) to Sri Lanka.**
- Due to this, the island nation will be able to **purchase petroleum products as the nation is struggling** to avail fuel and facing an energy crisis.

PM Modi launched New Circuit House near Somnath Temple

- It is the **grand facility having a front façade resembling the architecture** of a medieval-era palace.
- It is a **four-story Circuit House and has two VVIP suite rooms, eight VVIP rooms, 24 deluxe rooms, kitchen, general and VIP dining areas.**

India's First AVGC CoE

- The Karnataka government launched **India's first AVGC Centre of Excellence (CoE).**
- It was particularly launched by **Dr. C N Ashwath Narayan, who is Higher Education and Electronics, IT, Biotechnology and Skill Development Minister.**

Fullerton India partnered with One97 Communications

- **Fullerton India which is the NBFC has partnered with One97 Communications** which is the parent company of Paytm.
- They will add instant **end-to-end digital originated loans to their valuable merchants and customers.**

Indipaisa partnered with Hitachi Payments Services

- **Indipaisa will offer a variety of payment solutions to the Indian MSMEs** in partnership with Hitachi Payment Services.
- This will help MSMEs **to enhance their businesses and fulfill government tax laws.**

India's 1st Innovation Centre for Graphene to be Setup in Kerala

- It will be developed by **Digital University Kerala (DUK)** in partnership with the **Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET)**.
- The funds of **Rs 86.41 crore** will be utilized for the same.

Google to Invest in Airtel

- The agreement also **includes an investment of USD 700 million** in order to acquire a **1.28% stake in Bharti Airtel by Google**.
- This agreement is the part of Google's fund for India called **'India Digitization Fund of USD 10 billion'**.

FAARMS partnered with RGICL

- The people living in **rural areas or the farmers** will be able to avail of various ranges of **health and cattle insurance** cover via the FAARMS app.
- The RGICL has specially **designed insurance covers** to serve farmers and rural people as per their requirements.

Infosys partnered with Safe Securities

- Therefore, **to get the predictions of cyber attacks and risks**, Safe Securities will offer its SaaS platform named 'Safe'.
- The 'Safe' tool will help **to anticipate the potential financial impact of each cyberattack** before it is about to occur.

Meta partnered with FICCI

- Meta (Facebook) has entered into a partnership with the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)**.
- They have partnered **to grant support to five lakh women-led small businesses** in India.

BANKING

LIC, GIC and New India Assurance Systematically Important Insurers

- The D-SIIs tag is given **to those insurers which are 'too big or too important to fail (TBTF)'**.
- The failure of these insurers will cause a **dislocation of the financial system and will affect majorly on the country's economy as well**.

'Digi Zone'—By LIC

- The 'Digi Zone' aims **to enhance the digital footprint of LIC**.
- Through the 'Digi Zone', people will also **be able to pay their policy premiums and get benefits from other services**.

Pre-qualified Program for Unsecured Loans

- The pre-qualified program is based on **deep technology and performs deep analytics in partnership with banks** and non-bank financiers.
- This will further allow **selected customers to view customized and pre-qualified lending offers** on the platform Paisabazaar.com.

Nippon India MF launched auto ETF

- The offer for the **new fund will be open from 5th Jan 2022 to 14th Jan 2022.**
- The **minimum amount of investment is Rs 1000** and investors can add Re 1 thereafter.

Fino Payment Bank Received Approval for Cross Border Remittances

- The funds remitted by **family members or friends from abroad will be directly withdrawn at the ATM or AEPS** which are managed by Fino Payment Banks.
- This will help to **enhance the robust distribution network of Fino Payment Bank as its customers will be able to receive funds from foreign countries.**

Interest Rates on the Small Savings Schemes Unchanged

- The **GOI's Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs** has retained the interest rate of small saving schemes unchanged for Q4 of FY22 in order to maintain the status quo.
- The reason behind this is the **rising cases of COVID-19 in the country.**

NBBL launched UPMS

- The NBBL is the **wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).**
- The UPMS aims to **boost, enrich and simplify bill payment procedures in India.**

SBI, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank retained as D-SIBs

- The **State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, and HDFC Bank were retained as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)** by the Reserve Bank of India.
- The D-SIBs are those banks which if fail will **impact negatively the economy of the country. Hence these banks are 'too big to fail'.**

RBI released the Framework for Small Value Offline Digital Payments

- Offline digital payments are **those payments that do not require internet or telecom connectivity.**
- The upper limit for **offline payment transactions was fixed at Rs 200** and the total limit on a payment instrument is at Rs 2000.

Airtel Payments Bank received Scheduled Bank Status

- The status is given in the second schedule of the **Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.**
- Now onwards, the **Airtel Payments Bank can pitch for the government.**

IRDAI Decided to Setup 2 Hubs

- The other hub will be dedicated to **property insurance which will be set up at National Insurance Academy (NIA)**.
- The objective of both the hubs is to **promote loss preventive measures in the industry of insurance**.

Airtel Payments Bank partnered with Park+

- They have partnered to **provide FASTag-based smart parking solutions to marquee commercial and residential properties in India**.
- The network and reach connectivity of **Airtel Payments Bank will benefit this partnership**.

India's Foreign Currency Reserves Declined-- RBI

- The gold reserves raised to **USD 39.405 billion from USD 14 million**.
- The decline in **foreign exchange reserves was due to the reduction** in foreign currency assets (FCA).

RBI released Norms for Entities that Harness Data from CICs

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released norms for entities that harness data from credit information companies (CICs) or credit bureaus**.
- As per the norms, a **company's net worth must be at least Rs 2 crore and it must be owned and controlled by an Indian resident**, then only he/she is applying to become a designated user with a credit bureau.

RBL Bank partnered with Google

- The RBL bank partnered with Google with an aim to **enhance customer experience by adopting various strategies**.
- The bank will be able to **implement improved data management and analytics features which will, in turn, offer effective cross-selling within the bank's customer base**.

Edelweiss Group partnered with Indian Bank

- They have partnered to **have a strategic co-lending agreement for priority sector lending**.
- They will be expanding their **portfolio of lending products to the target customers**.

Axis Bank partnered with MinkasuPay

- They have partnered to **grant biometric authentication solutions to perform net banking payments in merchant apps by using fingerprint or face IDs**.
- For this purpose, **there won't be any need for a username, password, or OPTs**.

RBI's separate Internal Department for Fintech

- The RBI's fintech department will be the **central point of contact for all fintech-related activities**.
- **Ajay Kumar Choudhary was appointed as head of the department**. He was recently promoted as Executive Director of RBI.

India's GDP to be at 8.3% for FY22- World Bank

- The World Bank has projected **India's GDP to be at 8.3% for FY22.**
- For FY23, the World Bank has projected **India's GDP to be at 8.7%, from 7.5% as estimated earlier** by mentioning improving growth prospects.

LazyPay partnered with SBM Bank India

- They have partnered to **launch LazyCard, which is a prepaid payment instrument.**
- The LazyCard will be supported with a **credit line and will work on the Visa payment network.**

NABARD signed agreement with Arthimply Digital Loans

- They will also offer other support **like skills, micro-financial services.**
- Under the agreement, **ARTH will offer credit support, payments, and insurance solutions** to the MSME enterprises.

UCO Bank RuPay Select Contactless Debit Card

- The card is linked with **various range of benefits and is designed to fulfill the needs and lifestyle of premium/HNI customers of the bank.**
- It allows the **ATM withdrawal limit of Rs 50,000 along with purchases of upto Rs 2 lakhs at PoS or e-commerce terminals.**

ICICI Prudential AMC partnered with First Trust Advisors

- The **ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company (AMC)** has entered into a partnership with First Trust Advisors, which is based in the US.
- Also, ICICI Prudential AMC will be the **first one to launch strategic metal & energy equity fund of funds.**

Canara Bank partnered with Lendingkart

- The **loans upto Rs 10 lakh will be granted** within the fast duration of time.
- The loans will be provided with a **fast turnaround time for approvals powered by the 'Lendingkart 2gthr' platform using 'zero touch' technology.**

ClickPay Services for Bill Payments

- They have partnered to **launch the 'ClickPay' service to pay the bill payments for its customers.**
- Due to this, the **customers of MobiKwik will be able to pay their recurring bills** via their mobile phones.

SIDBI sanctioned Financial Assistance to AU SFB and Jana SFB

- The funds will be utilized to **finance companies and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs).**
- Due to this, **various businesses will receive support to tackle the crisis raised due to pandemics in business activities.**

'Saa uthi' Mobile APP -- SEBI

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** launched a new mobile app named 'Saa uthi'.
- The app is based on **investor education**.

India's Real GDP for FY23 to be at 7.6% -- 'Ind-Ra'

- As per India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra), **India's real GDP is to be at 7.6% for FY23**.
- However, the size of the **Indian economy was expected to be 10.2% low than the FY23 GDP trend value**.

Kotak Mahindra Bank signed MoU with GIFT SEZ

- They have signed MoU to **boost financial services and enhance customers' overall financial service offerings**.
- They will work to **promote GIFT International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) jurisdiction** for Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) structures.

AIIB to Invest in Development of Data Centres Serving in Asia

- The **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** will be investing in the development of data centers which will be dedicated to serving in emerging Asia.
- The KDCF II is the **private equity vehicle managed by Alpha Investment Partners Limited (Alpha)**.

Platina Fixed Deposit—Ujjivan SFB

- It is the non-callable deposit, i.e. **in this partial or premature withdrawals cannot be performed**.
- The interest amount will be **received monthly or quarterly or at the end of the maturity period** will be received.

World Bank approved Loan to West Bengal

- The loan was approved to **support financially towards social protection service access to the poor and vulnerable section of society in the state**.
- The loan was sanctioned under the **'WB Building state capability for inclusive social protection' operation**.

CUB Easy Pay Debit Card in a Fitness Watch

- The CUB fitness watch **debit card is a wearable payment solution**.
- It is based on **advanced technology which allows users to perform digital transactions in a safe and secure manner**.

Pencilton Launched 'PencilCard'

- The Pencilton, which is the **teen-focused fintech startup has launched 'PencilCard'**.
- The 'PencilCard' is a **debit card with NCMC (National Common Mobility Card)** and it is launched for teens.

GoI Approved Merger of PMC Bank with Unity SFB

- The Unity SFB is promoted by **Centrum Financial Services Limited and Resilient Innovation Private Limited**.
- Therefore, **both the promoters of Unity SFB infused capital of Rs 1105.10 crore** in the bank.

Max Life partnered with Policybazaar

- They have partnered to offer **'Max Life Smart Secure Plus Plan'** to the customers dealing on the platform of Policybazaar.
- They aim to offer **independent insurance to the homemakers**.

IIFL Securities partnered with Alphaniti

- The customers of IIFL Securities will be able to **invest and trade in a wide range of products offered by Alphaniti**.
- Customers will be able to **avail Alphaniti's unique single stock recommendation engine 'alphagenie'**.

Paytm Money Launched an Intelligent Messenger

- The name of an **Intelligent Messenger is 'Pop'**, which is termed **India's first Intelligent Messenger**.
- The 'Pop' will generate instant updates to **track the investment made by the users in the stock market**.

Restrictions Imposed on Indian Mercantile Cooperative Bank Limited

- The restrictions imposed as per the **direction mentioned in subsection (1) of Section 35 A** read with Section 56 of Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- The withdrawal restriction of **Rs 1 lakh is applied to all saving and current accounts or any other account**.

INDEX AND RANKING

Henley Passport Index

- As per the report, **India's passport has visa-free access to 60 destinations across the world in Q1 2022**. It has free access to 58 destinations in Q4 of 2021.
- **Japan and Singapore have emerged as the world's most powerful passports in 2022**. Their passports holders are allowed to travel visa-free to 192 countries.

District Good Governance Index

- The **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)** in partnership with the Jammu & Kashmir Government has framed the index.
- The index is a **document that shows the performance of ten governance sectors on the basis of 58 indicators with 116 data points**.

Corruption Perceptions Index 2021

- The index ranking is based on **13 independent data sources and surveys on the execution process of businesses.**
- The 1st position is commonly shared by **Denmark, Finland, and New Zealand with a score of 88.**

APPOINTMENTS

Name of the Person	Designation
Baldev Prakash	Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Jammu & Kashmir Bank
Amir Subhani	Chief Secretary of Bihar
Vinay Kumar Tripathi	New Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Railway Board
Durga Shanker Mishra	Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh
VS Pathania	24th Director General (DG) of the Indian Coast Guard
S Sahoo	Panel head of the primary market advisory committee on data setup by SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India)
Tarun Kapoor	Energy Transition Advisory Committee (ETAC) set up by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
Vinod Kannan	CEO of Vistara Airlines
Alka Mittal	1st woman Chairman and MD (CMD) of ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation)
G Asok Kumar	New Director-General of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), Ministry of Jal Shakti
Atul Keshap	President of the U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC) by the US Chambers of Commerce
Deepak Kumar and Ajay Kumar Choudhary	New Executive Directors (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Shafali Verma	Brand Endorser by the Bank of Baroda (BoB)
Vijay Paul Sharma	Chairman of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)
Zhang Ming	New Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)
Jhulan Goswami	Ambassador to Legends League Cricket's (LLC)
Navrang Saini	Interim Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)
Sudhir Kumar Saxena	To head the three-member committee constituted to enquire into the serious lapses in the security arrangements during PM Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab
Urjit Patel	Vice President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

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Haitham Al Ghais	New Secretary-General of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
Alikhan Smailov	Prime Minister of Kazakhstan
Justice Indu Malhotra	To head the five-member committee constituted by Supreme Court of India to probe the security breach during the recent visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Punjab
Rajkummar Rao	Brand ambassador of RenewBuy
Dr. S Somanath	New Chairman and Space Secretary of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
Ittira Davis	MD and CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
Daniel Ortega	President of Nicaragua
Shersingh B Khyalia	CEO of Adani Power Limited
Amit Doshi	CEO of Britannia Industries Ltd
Raghuvendra Tanwar	Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)
Roberta Metsola	President of the European Union's parliament
Vikram Dev Dutt	CMD of Air India
Vijay Shekhar Sharma	UA Ambassador of Universal Acceptance Steering Group
Dileep Sanghani	17th Chairman of the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO)
Chanchal Kumar	MD of National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL)
Vinod Rai	Independent Chairman of Unity Small Finance Bank
Mia Amor Mottley	Prime Minister of Barbados
Neeraj Chopra	Brand Ambassador of GoodDot
Vinodanand Jha	Chairperson of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)
Pushp Kumar Joshi	New Chairman and MD of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL)
Justice Ayesha Malik	First female judge of the Pakistan Supreme Court
Arun Kumar Purwar	Chairman of IIFL Finance
Dr. V Anantha Nageswaran	New Chief Economic Adviser

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Awards	Awardee
World CEO Winner of the Year 2021 award	Kishore Kumar Yedam
Bihar Vibhuti Samman at the Bihar Entrepreneurship Conclave	Rohit Kumar (Founder of Media Trendz)
Ramnath Goenka Award in the Photo Journalism category for his photo essay work	Zishaan A Latif
UiPath Automation Excellence Awards 2021 for Best	South Indian Bank (SIB)

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Automation under 'Crisis for business continuity	
First-ever Guinness World Record in Numerology and the first world record of 2022	JC Chaudhry (numerologists)
KOCH Award in the Silver category for its contributonal work to combat Crime and Violence against Children	Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL)
International Craft Award 2021 by World Crafts Council International as the best craft village in the entire world (KAVC)	Kerala Arts and Crafts Village Organisation
ICMR's National Award	Dr. Satish Adiga
Knighthood by Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge at Windsor Castle	Clive Lloyd
World Bank Group and Consumer Technology Association's Global Women's Health Tech Awards	NIRAMAI Health Analytix Pvt Ltd, and InnAccel Technologies Pvt Ltd
IBS Intelligence Global FinTech Innovation Award for 2021 under the category of 'Best CRM System Implementation'	Axis Bank and CRMNEXT Solution
Gold medal at the International Folk Art Festival in Dubai	Sumit Bhale (Lavni artist from Maharashtra)
Prestigious Genesis Prize 2022	Albert Bourla (Pfizer Inc.'s Chairman and CEO)
International Association of Working Women Award at the Washington DC South Asian Film Festival (DCSAFF) 2021	Sushmita Sen
India's First-ever 'Youth Climate Champion' by UNDP	Prajakta Koli (Indian Youtuber and Actor)
Netaji Award 2022 by Netaji Research Bureau	Shinzo Abe (Former Japan Prime Minister)
Women's singles title at the Syed Modi International Tournament in Lucknow	PV Sindhu
Param Vishisht Seva Medal	Neeraj Chopra

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
1 st January 2022	64 th Foundation Day of DRDO	--
3 rd January 2022	Birth anniversary of Savitribai Phule	--
4 th January 2022	World Braille Day	--
6 th January 2022	World Day of War Orphans	--
9 th January 2022	Pravasi Bhartiya Divas or Non-Resident Indian Day	--
10 th January 2022	World Hindi Day	--
10 th January to 16 th January 2022	Startup India Innovation Week by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and the Ministry of Commerce and	--

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	Industry	
11 th January 2022	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day	--
12 th January 2022	National Youth Day	Theme: 'It's all in the mind.'
14 th January 2022	Armed Forces Veterans Day	--
15 th January 2022	Indian Army Day	--
16 th January 2022	National Startup Day	--
17 th January to 21 st January 2022	Open Data Week by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs	--
19 th January 2022	Raising Day of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)	--
19 th January 2022	Kokborok Day	--
23 rd January 2022	'Parakram Diwas'	--
24 th January 2022	International Day of Education	Theme: Changing Course, Transforming Education
24 th January 2022	National Girl Child Day	--
25 th January 2022	National Voters' Day	Theme: 'Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative'
25 th January 2022	National Tourism Day	--
26 th January 2022	73rd Republic Day of India	--
26 th January 2022	International Customs Day (ICD)	Theme: Scaling up Customs Digital Transformation by Embracing a Data Culture and Building a Data Ecosystem
27 th January 2022	International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust	Theme: Memory, Dignity, and Justice
30 th January 2022	74th Martyr's Day or Shaheed Diwas	--
30 th January 2022	World Leprosy Day	Theme: United for Dignity
30 th January 2022	World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day	Theme: Achieving health equity to end the neglect of poverty-related diseases

MOU SIGNED

TRIFED signed MoU with RMP-NFPRC

- The MoU was signed to have a partnered effort to leverage knowledge, expertise, and institutional strengths.
- Both the entities will undertake research projects to develop tribal communities.

MoU signed between Odisha Gov. and GAIL

- The MoU was signed to **develop cooperation in the production of eco-friendly fuels in the state.**
- The MoU agreement was signed by the **public sector unit and the Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha (Ipicol).**

India and Sri Lanka Signed Agreement

- This is the **bilateral economic and energy partnership between both the countries.**
- They will **redevelop the strategic Trincomalee Oil Tank Complex**, which is also known as Trinco Oil Tank Farm.

J&K gov. signed MoU with Century Financial

- The MoU was signed to **enhance current efforts to strengthen Hospitality & Tourism Industry in UT.**
- Century Financial is **UAE's pioneering financial services company.**

RIL signed MoU with Gujarat

- As per the MoU, **they have made a total investment of Rs 5.955 lakh crore as part of Investment Promotion Activity for Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2022.**
- This partnership will **generate 10 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities in the state.**

MSDE signed MoU with IGNOU

- The features of the MoU are in **line with Sustainable Development Goals 4.4e and National Education Policy 2020.**
- They will generate avenues for **work opportunities for youths of the country by training them with vocational and technical skillsets.**

India and Denmark collaborated for R&D in Green Fuels

- The joint committee meeting was held **for the same in which the dignitaries discussed priorities and development in the science and technology field**, in which they will innovate with a major focus on green solutions.
- They discussed **strategies, investment in green research.**

Amazon India signed MoU with NIF

- The NIFentreC is the **Technology Business Incubator managed by National Innovation Foundation (NIF)**, which comes under DST, Gol.
- They have signed MoU to **enhance grassroots innovation, develop the local economy and livelihood of people in rural India.**

IFSCA signed MoU with Insurance Institute of India

- The MoU was signed to **have capacity building for the experts and professionals in the insurance sector of IFSCs.**

- Therefore, the III is involved in **developing and updating the curriculum to build a dynamic insurance sector in India.**

Himachal Pradesh and Haryana signed MoU

- The MoU was signed **to construct the Adi Badri Dam on 77 acres of land in Himachal Pradesh.**
- It will be constructed near the **Adi Badri area of Yamunanagar, Haryana.**

Flipkart signed MoU with FITT

- The e-commerce giant Flipkart has signed MoU with **Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT).**
- The MoU is part of **Flipkart's ongoing Industry-academia collaboration program.**

CSIR signed MoU with Institut Pasteur

- They have signed MoU **to enhance the scope for cooperation in the health research sector of both countries.**
- Under the MoU, **they will perform joint research in the health sector.**

India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation signed MoU with Muthoot Homefin

- The **India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC)** signed MoU with **Muthoot Homefin (India) Limited (MHIL).**
- They signed MoU **to grant mortgage guarantee-backed home loan products to the customers of MHIL.**

Indian Naval Placement Agency signed MoU with IIFL Home Finance Ltd

- They have signed MoU **to explore the opportunities for the recruitment of Naval Veterans within IIFL HF.**
- NPA will identify a pool of **Ex-Servicemen or dependents candidates for relevant roles** as per standards of IIFL HFL.

Philippines signed Deal with BrahMoS Aerospace Private Limited

- The deal was signed **for the supply of shore-based anti-ship variants of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile.**
- The deal of **USD 374.96 million** was signed for the same.

DEFENCE

'Sea Dragon 2022'

- The countries like **India, Australia, Canada, the US, South Korea, and Japan** participate in Sea Dragon 22 exercise.
- This year it is held at **Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Basically, it is a US-led exercise.**

DRDO successfully Test Fired MPATGM

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has successfully test-fired Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM).
- The test validated the **minimum range successfully and the final impact event was captured on camera.**

PASSEX Exercise

- **Russian Navy's RFS Admiral Tributes, Russian Naval Missile Cruiser Varyag,** and Russian Tanker Boris Butoma took part in the exercise.
- The participants showcased interoperability between the **two navies and performed various operations like cross-deck helicopter operations and seamanship activities.**

Paschim Lehar (XPL-2022)

- The joint maritime exercise named **Paschim Lehar (XPL-2022)** was conducted by the **Western Naval Command of the Indian Navy.**
- It was held **to enhance Inter-Service synergy among the Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, Indian Army, and Coast Guard.**

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

India Semiconductor Mission

- This mission aims **to generate a large amount of investment to set up semiconductor wafer fabrication facilities in-country.**
- In this regard, the companies which are **interested are invited by the center to work on the development of semiconductors.**

'Padhe Bharat' Campaign

- It aims to **improve the learning levels and abilities of the students.**
- The campaign will **develop the creativity, critical thinking, vocabulary, writing skills** of the students.

NEAT 3.0

- The objective of NEAT 3.0 is **to offer ed-tech solutions and courses to the students from a single dedicated platform.**
- It will prove beneficial **to economically disadvantaged students.**

'#BahaneChhodoTaxBachao' Campaign

- Under the campaign, the insurance company **aims to create awareness among people about the need to buy health insurance to save tax.**
- The campaign will also **focus on various advantages of buying health insurance.**

Student Start-ups and Innovation Policy 2.0 (SSIP-2.0) -- Gujarat

- The CM of Gujarat, Bhupendra Patel launched '**Student Start-ups and Innovation Policy 2.0 (SSIP-2.0)**'.
- Under the policy, **provisions for the establishment of active innovation and incubation centers in all universities of the states will be developed.**

India's 1st Mobile Honey Processing Van

- The **Mobile Honey Processing Van has the ability to process up to 300 KG** of honey in a time duration of 8 hours.
- It is equipped with a **testing laboratory that will help to test the quality of honey produces.**

'Niramay' Project Launched in Assam

- The projects aim **to evaluate and demonstrate the inclusion of Digital Health Technology** in the state's health delivery sector.
- This will help **to give digital tech support to the healthcare system of the state.**

26th CISO Deep Dive Training Program

- The program aims **to strengthen the cyber security ecosystem in India.**
- Under the program, **various workshops will be held by the National e-Governance Division**, which comes under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Digital Government Mission

- The 'Digital Government Mission' aims **to boost the services delivery to the citizens using various advanced technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML).**
- The citizens will be able **to avail various government services without applying or waiting for a long time as the technologies will identify the eligible citizens itself.**

'Mobile Diagnostic Laboratory' (I-Lab)

- The Mobile Diagnostic Laboratory (I-LAB) is the **first of its kind COVID-19 testing facility.**
- It performs **RT-PCR test and Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) test** for the North-East part of India.

'Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ki Ore' Programme

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the '**Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ki Ore**' program via video conference.
- It aims **to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with the Brahma Kumaris.**

'Apna Kangra' App-- Himachal Pradesh

- The app was launched **to grant a hassle-free experience to the tourists and enhance the sale of local handicrafts.**

- Therefore, the **app will serve the tourist as well as serve as an e-marketing platform** for SHG products of the state.

'Grama One' Launched in Karnataka

- The 'Grama One' is the **technology-based service that will offer services framed by departments** like agriculture, women and child development, revenue, horticulture, etc.
- It aims **to remove the role of middlemen to offer the service to the rural people.**

'Digital Sansad App'

- The 'Digital Sansad App' is the **official mobile application of the Parliament.**
- It will allow Indians **to access live proceedings of the House, observe Union Budget 2022 in live mode.**

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Task Force to Explore Development in 6G Technology

- The **Ministry of Communication's Department of Telecommunication (DoT)** has framed a task force to explore development in 6G (6th Generation) Technology.
- The task force is **framed under the Technology Innovation Group (TIG).**

Kalpana Chawla Centre for Research in Space Science & Technology

- The **Kalpana Chawla Centre for Research in Space Science & Technology (KCCRSST)** was inaugurated by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- He also launched **Chandigarh University's Defence Scholarship Scheme.**

India Successfully Test Fired BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile

- It is part of the **BrahMos Aerospace, which is a joint venture of India and Russia.**
- Its range was **extended by DRDO from 298 km to around 450 km and it is thus termed as the world's fastest operational system** in its class.

CSIR-CDRI developed RT-PCR Diagnostic Kit named as 'Om'

- The **CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI)** developed an indigenous RT-PCR diagnostic kit, named 'Om'.
- It will generate the results in two hours. Thus, **it offers quick and cost-effective detection of omicron variants.**

Meta to Develop AI Supercomputer

- The Meta's CEO, Mark Zuckerberg announced that the **Meta is developing an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Supercomputer.**
- It is termed to be the **world's fastest supercomputer and is about to complete in 2022.**

SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

19th Meeting of NTCA

- The meeting observed the **discussions about the tiger which is considered to be an endangered species** and so various measures are to be adopted to protect and conserve these species.
- In order **to have effective management of the tiger population, it is vital to have a reliable estimate of tiger number** at Tiger Reserve & Landscape Level.

24th National Conference on e-Governance

- The 24th edition of the **National Conference on e-Governance was inaugurated by Union Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh.**
- It was organized by the **Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) and the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology.** It was held in association with the government of Telangana.

16th India Digital Summit 2022

- The 16th India Digital Summit (IDS) 2022 was held via video conference which was addressed by **Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal in a virtual manner.**
- It was organized by the **Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).**

WEF Davos Agenda Summit 2022

- The participants express their vision for 2022 and **share their expert solutions to tackle the challenges.**
- While addressing, **PM Modi highlighted the third wave of pandemic COVID-19 and mentioned that India is prepared to fight with it.** He mentioned the vaccination count in India.

27th National Annual Conference of Sahodaya School Complexes

- The conference observed the chief guest as **Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan.**
- While addressing the conference, the **Chief Minister highlighted the contribution of the education sector to the state's welfare.**

Madhavbaug's (Vaidya Sane Ayurved Labs Ltd), Power MAP

- The Power MAP is a **medical analytics application, which is developed by Madhavbaug.**
- The Power MAP will **help the doctors with the necessary medical intelligence information about their patient's health parameters** so that they can treat them effectively.

PM Modi Hosted 1st India-Central Asia Summit 2022

- The summit observed the participation of **Presidents of 5 Central Asia nations namely Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan.**
- It was held **to enhance the cooperation between India and Central Asia.**