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- **India-Nepal joint Training Exercise Surya Kiran XVI begins at Saljhandi, Nepal**
- **Urgent Action Needed in South Asia to Curb Deadly Air Pollution: World Bank report**
The World Bank (WB) has released its report titled 'Striving for Clean Air: Air Pollution and Public Health in South Asia' stating that South Asia is home to 9 of the world's 10 cities with the worst air pollution, and there is a requirement of urgent action to curb it.
- **The International Energy Agency (IEA) in its annual report titled 'Coal 2022: Analysis and Forecast to 2025', claimed that China and India, the world's two largest coal consumers, are also the world's largest producers and top two coal importers.**
- **SEBI issues Performance Benchmarking Guidelines for PMS industry; Issues Guidelines for Winding Down of CCs**
Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced performance benchmarking and categorization for the Portfolio Management Services (PMS) industry w.e.f. April 1, 2023.
About Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):
Chairperson- Madhabi Puri Buch
Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra
Establishment- 1992
- **RBI imposes curbs on RazorPay, Cashfree Payments for on-boarding New Merchants**
- **Equitas Small Finance Bank (Equitas SFB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Ministry of Defense (MOD), Government of India (GoI).**
With this, Equitas will be able to act as a SPARSH (System for Pension Administration (Raksha) service centre and provide data verification for pensioners.
About Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd:
MD & CEO - Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan
Established - 2016
Headquarters - Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **AU Small Finance Bank Enters into Bancassurance Partnership with HDFC Life**
About AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB):
Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Sanjay Agarwal
Establishment - 2017
Headquarters - Jaipur, Rajasthan

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- **HDFC Securities Limited**, a stock brokerage firm, has launched “Roots”, a dedicated search-driven Education platform that provides comprehensive investor education and market analysis.
About HDFC Securities Limited:
Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Dhiraj Relli
Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra
Parent Organisation- HDFC Bank Limited
- **India and Moscow** Signed a Memorandum to Enable Russian Companies to Enters Indian E-trade Platforms.
- **ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India & NSDC** signs MoU for digital Skill Training of Youth
Chief Executive Officer (CEO) & Managing Director (MD)- Ved Mani Tiwari
Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi
Establishment- 2008
- **National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL)**, a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRT&H), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **National Institute of Technology (NIT) Manipur** through a video conference.
About National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL):
Managing Director (MD) - Chanchal Kuma
Establishment - 2014
Headquarters - New Delhi, delhi
- **Tata Motors subsidiary, TML** signs deal with **BMTC** to supply **921 Electric Buses**
- **ReNew** signs pact with **Microsoft India** to supply **150 MW Green Energy**
- **Carlos Alcaraz, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray** are featured among the winners of the **Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Awards 2022**.
About the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP):
Chairman- Andrea Gaudenzi
Headquarters- London, United Kingdom (UK)
Establishment- 1972
- **Actress Sonakshi Sinha** has been awarded **PETA (People for Ethical Treatment of Animals) India's 2022** Person of the Year title for advocating Animal Adoption & Vegan Fashion.
- **The United States (US)-France** satellite 'SWOT aka Surface Water and Ocean Topography ' was launched aboard a **SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket** from Vandenberg

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Space Force Base in California, US. It will map all of the world's oceans, lakes and rivers.

- The United States (US) Air Force successfully tested AGM-183A Air-launched Rapid Response Weapon (ARRW or Arrow), a hypersonic missile which represents a cutting edge, strategic weapons system developed by Russia and China.
- NASA's Hubble & Spitzer Space Telescopes Discover Two Exoplanets 218 Light Years Away
- International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers 2022 – December 17
About NSWP - Global Network of Sex Work Projects:
President- Phelister Abdalla
Global Secretariat- Edinburgh, Scotland, the United Kingdom
- Tamil Nadu Introduces "Friends of Library" Scheme to Promote Reading.
- TN CM Stalin Launches Scheme to Protect Welfare of Sanitation Workers.
About Tamil Nadu (TN):
Chief Minister – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin
Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi (R.N. Ravi)
National Parks – Guindy National Park; Gulf of Mannar Marine Park
Wildlife Sanctuaries (WLS) – Mudumalai WLS; Mundanthurai WLS.
- Meghalaya CM Conrad K Sangma inaugurates Football stadium at PA Sangma Sports Complex, Tura
- Mangaluru International Airport (MIA) has received the certificate of accreditation from the Airports Council International (ACI) for level 2 of the airport customer experience accreditation programme.

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- **India Launches 'Group of Friends' to Promote Accountability for Crimes against Peacekeepers**
India, the President of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), has launched a 'Group of Friends' to promote accountability for crimes against peacekeepers.
- **PM lays foundation stone, inaugurates and dedicates to the nation multiple projects worth over Rs. 2450 crores in Shillong, Meghalaya.**
PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for several significant initiatives totaling more than Rs. 4350 crores and formally launched them in Agartala, Tripura.
Launch of the "Grih Pravesh" programme for beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) (Urban) and PMAY -Rural.
- **Quadrilateral Agreement Inked on Black Sea Submarine Electric Cable**
Romania, Hungary, Azerbaijan and Georgia signed a quadrilateral intergovernmental agreement on the Black Sea submarine cable for the transport of electricity from the Caspian area to Romania.
- **IDFC First Bank Introduces Zero-fee Banking on savings accounts**
About IDFC FIRST Bank:
MD & CEO – V. Vaidyanathan
Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- **DBS Bank India Limited (DBIL) partnered with Gofrugal Technologies Pvt. Ltd., a seller-centric platform offering Omnichannel ERP solutions to empower enterprise customers, including micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) and retail merchants, to adopt Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) and also enables them to expand their digital commerce footprint.**
Trucknetic, India's version of Uber for trucks, has collaborated with DBS Bank India Limited (DBIL) as a logistics partner on its Business Class platform to offer complete digital banking, logistics, value-added services, and discounts to SMEs throughout India.
About DBS Bank India Limited (DBIL):
Managing Director & CEO - Surojit Shome
Establishment – 1994
Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Indian Bank, a public sector lender, has announced a new Special Retail Term Deposit Product, "IND SHAKTI 555 DAYS,"**
The minimum amount for the "IND SHAKTI 555 DAYS" product is Rs. 5000, and it has a 555-day term with an interest rate of 7.00% for the general public and 7.15% for senior citizens.
About Indian Bank:
MD & CEO – Shanti Lal Jain

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Establishment – 1907

Headquarters – Chennai, Tamil Nadu

- **Google partners DigiLocker to bring** On-Device Storing of Government IDs
About Google:
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Sundar Pichai
Headquarters- California, United States (US)
Establishment- 1998
- Wipro & Finastra partners **to target digital transformation business with corporate banks in the Middle East.**
- **India's Sargam Koushal crowned as** Mrs World 2022
- **NMDC Limited (formerly known as National Mineral Development Corporation), under the Ministry of Steel, won the coveted Institution of Engineers, India (IEI) Industry Excellence Award 2022 at the 37th Indian Engineering Congress for its outstanding performance and high level of business excellence in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.**
- **Indian-Origin Leo Varadkar Elected as Ireland's Prime Minister for 2nd time**
About Ireland:
President - Michael Daniel Higgins
Capital - Dublin
Currency - Euro
- **Manoj Govil, a 1991 batch IAS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre and Secretary of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), has been nominated to the Board of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).**
- **LIC Raises Stake in IRCTC to Over 7%, Buys 1.81 Crore Shares**
- **INS Mormugao': Stealth Guided Missile Destroyer Commissioned into Indian Navy**
Indian Naval Ship (INS) Mormugao (D67), the second of four "Visakhapatnam"-class destroyers, also known as the "Project 15B" class of stealth guided-missile destroyers, was commissioned at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- **INS Mormugao: India's Significant Progress in Warship Building Capabilities**
About Goa:
Chief Minister (CM) – Dr Pramod Sawant
Governor – PS Sreedharan Pillai
Zoological Park – Bondla Zoological Park
Airport – Goa International Airport; Mormagao Port

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- The Indian women's hockey team won the inaugural Fédération Internationale de Hockey (FIH) Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2022 by defeating Spain in the final (1-0) held in Valencia, Spain.
About Fédération Internationale de Hockey (FIH):
President - Mohammad Tayyab Ikram
Headquarters - Lausanne, Switzerland
- International Migrants Day 2022 -December 18
About International Organization for Migration (IOM):
Director General- António Vitorino
Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland
- United Nations (UN)'s Arabic Language Day also known as World Arabic Language Day (WALD) is annually observed across the globe on December 18 to honour the language and the cultural diversity of the Middle Eastern region.
The theme of Arabic Language Day 2022 is "The Contribution of the Arabic Language to Human Civilization and Culture".
- Minority Rights Day, also known as Minorities Day, is annually observed across India on 18th December to create awareness about the Constitutionally-assured rights of religious minorities.
About National Commission for Minorities (NCM):
Chairperson- Iqbal Singh Lalpura
Vice-Chairperson- Kersi Kaikhushroo Deboo
Members: Syed Shahezadi; Ms Rinchen Lhamo; Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde.

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- **MP gets India's 1st & World's 2nd Infantry Museum** at Mhow Cantonment, Indore
- **Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** Chairs 48th Meeting of The GST Council
The council has clarified the applicability of a 22 % cess on Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) provided four requirements are fulfilled.
The GST on pulse husks has been decreased from 5% to NIL.
- **Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh** releases the Annual Report of CPGRAMS for the year 2022.
CPGRAMS (Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System)
- **Meghalaya Tops States** in Average Monthly Income per Agricultural Household
According to the 77th round of the Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households in the rural areas of India, Meghalaya tops the list of Average monthly income per agricultural household.
- **Highlights of 2022 UN Biodiversity Conference** held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada
United Nations (UN) Biodiversity Conference was held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada to acknowledge new set of goals to guide global action through 2030 in order to prevent nature loss.
15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD),
- **Science & Engineering Indicators 2022: India Jumped from 7th To 3rd Global Ranking in Scientific Publications**
India has improved its position in the global ranking of scientific publications from 7th in 2010 to 3rd in 2020, according to the "Science & Engineering Indicators 2022" report by the National Science Foundation (NSF) of the United States (US).
About the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO):
Director General – Daren Tang
Establishment – 1967
Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
- **Nigeria & Rwanda Become 1st African Nations to Sign** Artemis Accords: US-Africa Leaders Summit.

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- **Nitin Gadkari Launches First-ever 'Surety Bond Insurance' for Infrastructure Projects.**
Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari launched India's first-ever 'Surety Bond Insurance' product from Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company to reduce the dependence of infrastructure developers on bank guarantees.
About Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited:
Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Tapan Singhel
Headquarters - Pune, Maharashtra
Establishment - 2001
- **Data by 1Lattice:** SBI Continues to Lead in Debit Cards, While HDFC Bank Leads in Credit Cards
- **One97 Communications Limited (OCL), that owns the brand Paytm, in association with HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited launched 'Paytm Payment Protect', a group insurance plan, to insure transactions made through Unified Payment Interface (UPI) across all apps and wallets.**
About HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited:
Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Ritesh Kumar
Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Bandhan Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Ministry of Defence (MoD) to be a part of the Central Government's Outreach Programme for Defence Pensioners on System for Pension Administration Raksha (SPARSH) by providing a one-stop solution to all pension related activities of defence pensioners.**
About Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA):
Additional Charge of CGDA- Rasika Chaube
Headquarters- Delhi Cantt, Delhi
- **PTC India Signs Pact with Bhutan's Druk Green Power Corporation to Export 600 MW Power.**
PTC India Limited (PTC) entered into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Druk Green Power Corporation Limited, an electricity utility firm in Bhutan for the purchase of power from the Indian power market in order to meet its power requirement during the winter season.
- **Nuclear Scientist Dinesh Kumar Shukla appointed as Chairperson of AERB**

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The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Senior Nuclear Scientist Dinesh Kumar Shukla to the post of Chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).

About the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB):

Chairman- Dinesh Kumar Shukla

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment- 15th November 1983

- North Korea Launches Test Satellite for Development of its 1st Spy Satellite.
- 3rd T20 World Cup for the blind 2022: India won the title for 3rd Consecutive time held at M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru.
- International Human Solidarity Day 2022 - December 20
- 2nd Good Governance Week - 19th to 25th December 2022
The theme of Good Governance Week 2021 was “Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur”.
About Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions:
Union Minister- Narendra Modi (Constituency- Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh)
Minister of State- Dr Jitendra Singh (Constituency- Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir)
- UP Govt & Austin University Signs MoU to Build Austin Smart City of Knowledge Project in UP at a cost of USD 42 billion.
About Uttar Pradesh (UP):
Governor - Anandiben Mafatbhai Patel
Chief Minister (CM) - Yogi Adityanath
Wildlife sanctuary - Chandraprabha WL Sanctuary, Kaimoor Wildlife Sanctuary
Zoological Park - Nawab Wajid Ali Shah

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- **2022 Social Progress Index: Norway** Tops Globally, India Ranks 110th;
Puducherry tops in India
About Norway:
Capital- Oslo
Currency- Norwegian Krone
- **Tentative List of UNESCO World Heritage Sites** Now Includes Vadnagar Town, Modhera Sun Temple & Unakoti Sculptures
About the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):
Director-General – Audrey Azoulay
Established – 1945 (came into force in 1946)
Headquarters – Paris, France
- Ministry of Ayush: **The Status of Centres of Excellence Scheme 'AYURSWASTHYA Yojana'**
Ministry of Ayush (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) issued a notification regarding the status of the centres of excellence scheme 'AYURSWASTHYA Yojana'
- **Jyotiraditya Scindia Launches India's First Green Steel Brand - "KALYANI FeRRESTA"**
This was manufactured by a Saarloha Advanced Materials (Saarloha) Pune-based Kalyani group company, by using renewable energy resources, leaving zero carbon footprints in the environment.
- **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), an autonomous institution under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Government of India (GoI) has launched a programme to create 'Impact Leaders' in the areas of Environmental-Social-Governance (ESG).**
- **UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2022: MAHE ranks No 1 in India & 121st Worldwide**
According to the UI Green Metric World University Rankings 2022 released by The Universitas Indonesia (UI) on 12th December 2022, the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal (town within Udupi), Karnataka is ranked No. 1 in India and 121st worldwide for being the most sustainable university.
About Manipal Academy of Higher Education:
President and Chancellor- Dr Ramdas M. Pai
Started operation in 1953
Location- Manipal, Karnataka

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- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** approved amendments to the existing buyback regulations. It phases out shares buyback by companies through the open market route/stock exchanges in a gradual manner.
- **TransUnion CIBIL Limited** in collaboration with **Online PSB Loans Limited (OPL)**, under the mentorship of the **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** launched **FIT Rank** – a comprehensive ranking model for **Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**.
About **TransUnion CIBIL Limited**:
Managing Director (MD) & chief executive Officer (CEO) - **Rajesh Kumar**
Headquarters - **Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- **RBL Bank & BUSINESSNEXT** wins **IBSi Global FinTech Innovation Award 2022**
- **Switzerland-based E2S Power**, a leading developer of thermal energy storage solutions, and **India Power Corporation Limited (IPCL)**, one of the leading power utilities in India, have signed an agreement for a **250 kilowatt-hour (kWh) pilot thermal energy storage unit** to be operated in India.
About the **India Power Corporation Limited (IPCL)**:
President- **Sanjeev Sinha**
Managing Director- **Raghav Raj Kanoria**
Headquarters- **Kolkata, West Bengal**
Establishment- **1919**
- **Urban Company** signed an agreement with the **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** to provide training and digital certification to thousands of new employees.
- The **Smart Cities Mission** of the **Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** has won the **Platinum icon award** in the **Digital India Awards (DIA) 2022** under the **Data Sharing and Use for Socio Economic Development** category for their initiative “**DataSmart Cities: Empowering Cities through Data**”.
About **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**:
Union Minister- **Ashwini Vaishnaw (Rajya Sabha- Odisha)**
Minister of State- **Rajeev Chandrasekhar (Rajya Sabha- Karnataka)**
- **Shah Rukh Khan** only Indian to feature on British magazine's list of **50 greatest Actors**
- **Puma India** ropes in **Anushka Sharma** as **Brand Ambassador**
- **Pepsico's Aquafina** brand named **Katrina Kaif** as its **Brand Ambassador**

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- Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved Woodhall Holdings (DIFC) Limited (WHL), acquisition of a minority stake in UPL Sustainable Agri Solutions Limited (UPL SAS).
- Indian Navy Gets 5th Scorpene Class Submarine 'Vagir'
Fifth Scorpene-class conventional submarine, "Vagir"(S25), of "Project 75", Kalvari Class submarines, Yard 11879, was delivered to the Indian Navy by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, Maharashtra.
About the Indian Navy:
Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) – Admiral Radhakrishnan Hari Kumar
Founded – January 26, 1950
Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi
- IN-SPACe Signs MoU with QNu Labs to Develop Satellite QKD Products
Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bengaluru-based deep tech startup QNu Labs to develop indigenous Satellite Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) products.
- Indian Navy launches its first anti-submarine warfare ship "INS Arnala"
The Indian Navy launched the Indian Naval Ship (INS) "Arnala," the first of eight indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) [Yard 3029], at shipbuilding facility of Larsen & Toubro (L&T) in Kattupalli, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Europe's Vega C rocket Fails After its Launch and Lost in Space
- J&K Bank Signs MoU with Ladakh Administration; J&K Approves Rehabilitation Policy for CiSS

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- **iDEX signs its 150th Innovation Contract with** Altair Infrasec Pvt Ltd.
Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX), an initiative of Department of Defence Production (DDP), **signed an** innovation contract with Altair Infrasec Pvt Ltd, Pune (Maharashtra). **This was the 150th contract of iDEX.**
- **GIXI: IGX launches India's First Gas Price Index**
Indian Gas Exchange (IGX) launched GIXI, the first ever, nationwide price index to reflect benchmark natural gas prices for India.
About Indian Gas Exchange (IGX):
Managing Director & CEO- Rajesh Kumar Mediratta
Headquarters- Noida, Uttar Pradesh
Establishment- 2020
- **India's First SCO-IBC Meeting Held with** Focus On Climate Finance, SDGs, Creation of Data Bank.
The 19th meeting **of the Experts and Coordinators of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Interbank Consortium (SCO-IBC)**, the first to be held under India's presidency, came **to an end in New Delhi, Delhi.**
Shanghai Cooperation Organization Interbank Consortium (SCO IBC).
- **IFSCA introduced framework to Boost Distribution of Capital Market Products from Gift City**
The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) introduced a regulatory framework for Distribution of Capital Market Products and Services under IFSCA (Capital Market Intermediaries) Regulations, 2021 from international financial services centres (IFSCs).
About International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA):
Chairperson- Injeti Srinivas
Headquarters- Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- **IRDAI to Introduce 'Bima Vahaks' to Expand Insurance Force**
The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) will soon introduce "Bima Vahaks" in each Gram Panchayat in order to strengthen the insurance force in India.
About the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI):
Chairperson - Debasish Panda
Headquarters – Hyderabad, Telangana
Established – 2000
- **HDFC signs MoU with** Kerala Startup Mission to provide **Financial Services to Startups.**

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Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with HDFC Bank Limited to facilitate an array of banking services to startups in the state through KSUM's smart solution SmartUp.
About HDFC Bank Limited:

MD & CEO- Sashidhar Jagdishan

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline- We Understand Your World

- Karnataka Bank goes live on ICEGATE.
Karnataka Bank has enabled its clients to pay customs duty online by going live on the Indian Customs Electronic Gateway (ICEGATE), the national gateway of Indian Customs of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs.
- Worldline e-Payments India gets RBI's In-Principle nod to act as Payment Aggregator.
- Tata Projects Signs MoU with CSIR-IIP for Clean Energy Solutions.
Tata Projects Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP), Dehradun, Uttarakhand, to jointly work towards clean energy solutions.
About Tata Projects Limited:
Managing Director (MD) - Vinayak Pai
Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Cognizant signs MoU with Garuda Aerospace for Advanced Digital Tools
- GAIL Signs Charter with Japan's Mitsui OSK for LNG Carrier
- Former Supreme Court Judge Hemant Gupta Appointed as Chief of NDIAC
The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Justice Hemant Gupta, retired Supreme Court Judge, as the Chairperson of the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC)
About New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC):
Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi
Establishment - 1961
- Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL), a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), signed definitive agreements to acquire a 100% equity stake in Metro Cash and Carry India Pvt Ltd (Metro India), the Indian arm of the German Retailer Metro AG, for a cash consideration of Rs 2,850 crore.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of the United States (US) has granted Elon Musk's Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX) of Hawthorne, California, US, a contract for launch services for the 'Sentinel-6B mission' worth approximately USD 94 million.

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About the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA):

Administrator – Bill Nelson

Headquarters – Washington D.C, United States

- NASA retires Mars InSight Lander After 4 year Mission
- Padma Shri Awardee & Gamaka Exponent H R Keshavamurthy Passes Away
- National Mathematics Day 2022 - December 22
135th birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launches 'Drink from Tap' facility in 19 Cities & Towns
About Odisha:
Chief Minister- Naveen Patnaik
Governor- Ganeshi Lal
Wildlife Sanctuary- Bhitarkanika sanctuary
Airports- Rourkela Airport; Gopalpur port
- ADNOC Logistics & Services (ADNOC L&S), the maritime logistics arm of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), and Atlantic Gulf & Pacific International Holdings (AG&P), Singapore-based downstream Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) platform and infrastructure development company, have signed the long-term charter agreement to utilise Ghasha, an ADNOC L&S liquefied natural gas (LNG) carrier, as a Floating Storage Unit (FSU) in India.
- Chief Minister (CM) of Assam Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the partial commissioning of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)-Assisted Guwahati Water Supply Project at an event held on the premises of its water treatment plant at Kharghuli, Guwahati, Assam.
About Assam:
Chief Minister- Himanta Biswa Sarma
Governor- Jagdish Mukhi
Wildlife Sanctuary- Nambor - Doigrung Wildlife Sanctuary; Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary
Airports- Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport; Dibrugarh Airport
- Kerala's 1st Smart Mobile Composting Unit Inaugurated.

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- Defence ministry approves 24 Capital Procurement Proposals worth Rs 84,328 cr Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for 24 Capital Acquisition Proposals worth Rs 84,328 crores during the DAC meeting chaired by Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence.
- UP's Sania Mirza is about to become India's 1st Muslim Woman Fighter Pilot
- The Central Ayurvedic Research Institute (CARI), New Delhi in Delhi, and the CARI, Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh, two of the leading institutions under the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) of the Ministry of Ayush, have received National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) and National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accreditations, respectively.
- Bharti Airtel, Apollo Hospitals conduct India's first 5G-driven colonoscopy
- WRI & GEF to form Secretariat for preservation of 30% land, ocean by 2030 The High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People has announced the establishment of a new permanent secretariat, which will be co-hosted by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF).
- NSE receives SEBI's in-principle approval to set up Social Stock Exchange as a Separate Segment
Mumbai (Maharashtra) based National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has received in-principle approval from the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to set up Social Stock Exchange (SSE) as a separate segment of the NSE.
- Tata Power Receives Rs. 450 Crore Credit Facility from Japan's MUFG Bank
Tata Power Company Limited (Tata Power) has acquired a Rs. 450 crore "sustainable trade finance facility" from MUFG (Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group) Bank of Japan to fund two solar projects under TP Kirnali Limited (TPKL).
About the Tata Power Company Limited (Tata Power):
CEO & Managing Director (MD) – Dr. Praveer Sinha
Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- NTPC Ltd. (formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited), India's largest power generating utility, and GE Power India Limited (GE Power), a listed entity of GE Steam Power in India, inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore the feasibility of reducing the carbon footprint of NTPC's existing coal-fired power plants.
About the NTPC Ltd. (formerly National Thermal Power Corporation Limited):
Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) – Gurdeep Singh
Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi
Establishment – 1975
- IOCL selects Reliance Jio to manage Network Services for its Retail Outlets

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Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd, JioBusiness, has won the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) order for providing an SD-WAN (Software Defined Wide Area Network) solution that will power IOCL's retail automation and critical business processes.

- **Winners of Sahitya Akademi Awards 2022;** Anuradha Roy; M. Rajendran; Badri Narayan among winners
- **UIDAI HQ Building wins top Green Building Award** Declared winner of the GRIHA Exemplary Performance Award 2022
The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) Headquarter in New Delhi (Delhi) has won the prestigious GRIHA Exemplary Performance Award 2022, a top national level Green Building Award.
- **SBI Funds Management Limited (SBIFML),** a joint venture between State Bank of India (SBI) and Amundi, Europe's largest asset manager, appointed Shamsheer Singh as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- **Reliance Jio Acquires 100 % Stake in** Reliance Infratel for Rs 3,725 crore.
- **Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Limited (RSBVL),** a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), acquired a 23.3 percent stake in Exyn Technologies Inc (Exyn) for a total consideration of USD 25 million.
- **PhonePe Completes** Separation from Walmart Owned, Flipkart
About PhonePe Private Limited, India:
Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Sameer Nigam
Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Weightlifting: India's Saikhom Mirabai Chanu wins** Silver at 2022 IWF World Championships
Indian weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu won the Silver medal, under 49 kg Women category, at the 2022 IWF World Championships held in Bogota, Colombia from 5th to 16th December 2022.
- **Philippines' Hidilyn Diaz dominates** Weightlifting World Championships with 3 golds:
- **FIFA Ranking: Brazil ranked No.1 despite Argentina's** World Cup win in Qatar 2022
- **Veteran Telugu Actor** Kaikala Satyanarayana Passes Away
- **Kisan Diwas or National Farmers Day 2022 - December 23.**

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