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TAMIL NADU

➤ **Chennai's Second Greenfield Airport**

- ✓ Chennai's second Greenfield airport - will come up in Parandur of Kancheepuram district near Sriperumbudur at an estimated expense of Rs 20,000 crore.
- ✓ The plan is to build an airport that will have two parallel runways and terminals to handle around 20 million passengers a year.
- ✓ The site is to be developed as a huge aero city with facilities for maintenance and repairs, aviation ancillary units, and commercial establishments.

➤ **T.N. to host Indian History Congress Session**

- ✓ After a gap of 25 years, an educational institution in Tamil Nadu is set to host the annual session of the Indian History Congress (IHC).
- ✓ The 81st session of the IHC would be hosted by Madras Christian College (MCC) in Chennai in December.

➤ **Queen's Commonwealth Canopy (QCC)**

The 'Longwood Shola' forest in Kotagiri in the Nilgiris - has been awarded the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy (QCC) accreditation

- ✓ This is a first of its kind honour for Tamil Nadu and second in the entire country. Tillari Conservation Reserve (TCR) in Maharashtra was the first in the country to get this accreditation in March 2021.

➤ **Thandora**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu government - has banned the age-old practice of traditional 'thandora' to communicate information by the district administrators.
- ✓ The revenue authorities engage staff to beat the drum-like instrument to evacuate people immediately ahead of natural disasters and other purposes.
- ✓ In a letter to district collectors, chief secretary V Irai Anbu said that with the advent of science and technology, there is no necessity for a 'thandora' to be used.

➤ **Ramsar Recognition**

- ✓ Six More Wetlands in T.N. get Ramsar Recognition.
Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Wednesday announced that six more wetlands in the State have become Ramsar sites.
 1. Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary.
 2. Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve.
 3. Vembannur Wetland Complex.
 4. Vellode Bird Sanctuary.

5. Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary.
6. Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary, got the Ramsar site recognition.

➤ **Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project (TNRSP)**

- ✓ Chennai-based Indian Road Survey & Management – to use Australian data-collection vehicles to survey city roads and highway stretches constructed and maintained by Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project (TNRSP).
TNRSP, an entity under the state highways department, selected IRSM through a tender process two years ago to assess roads covering 40,000 km.

➤ **Konthagai Excavation Site**

- ✓ Carnelian beads unearthed in Konthagai excavation site.
- ✓ A cluster of 74 carnelian beads was unearthed on Monday at Konthagai in Sivaganga district, which is part of the Keeladi cluster.
This is the first time that carnelian beads have been found at this burial site. The beads were found inside an urn.

➤ **Enforcement Bureau - Crime Investigation Department**

- ✓ On August 11, Chief minister M K Stalin - announced creation of a new wing of Police 'Enforcement Bureau - Crime Investigation Department' to strengthen the fight against drugs.
- ✓ The new department is formed after merging the prohibition enforcement wing and the narcotics intelligence bureau CID to attain the target of "Drug Free Tamil Nadu".

➤ **Folk Art, Music and Theatre - T.N. Govt. Schools**

- ✓ Following an announcement made earlier this year on a focussed effort to introduce extra-curricular and co-curricular activities in government schools, the Tamil Nadu School Education Department is working on rolling out initiatives including folk art, music, and theatre in the coming months.
- ✓ The Education Department had said that two periods a week would be allotted for students of Classes VI to IX for extra and co-curricular activities.
Whatever they are good at – be it painting, performing arts, folk arts or theatre, they will be encouraged to learn and perform," said R. Sudhan, State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha.

➤ **Elephant Reserve at Agasthiyamalai**

- ✓ On August 12, the Centre - has announced the establishment of another elephant reserve at Agasthiyamalai in Tirunelveli District, on the occasion of World Elephant Day.

- ✓ It will be the 32nd elephant reserve in the country and the fifth in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ This takes the number of elephant reserves in the country to 32 including at Nilgiris, Nilambur, Srivilliputhur and Anamalai in Tamil Nadu.

- **Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)**
- ✓ The Union government - has allotted Rs.5,990 crore as Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) for Tamil Nadu for reducing post-harvest losses.
- ✓ The AIF is a medium-to long-term debt financing facility for investment in post-harvest management infrastructure and projects for community agricultural assets.

- **Ramsar Site**
- ✓ On August 13, Tamil Nadu - got the prestigious Ramsar site tag for four more wetlands.
- ✓ This takes the number of wetlands in the state with the tag of international importance under the Ramsar Convention to 14.
- ✓ This is the highest in the country followed by Uttar Pradesh with 10. Vadavoor bird sanctuary in Tiruvarur district, Kanjirankulam and Chitragudi bird sanctuaries in Ramanathapuram district and Suchindram Theroor in Kanniyakumari district are the latest additions from the state to the prestigious list.

- **Neidhal Salt**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister launched 'Neidhal' salt.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu produces about 8% (24 lakh MT) of the 300 lakh MT of salt produced in the country.
- ✓ This state is the second-largest salt-producer in the country after Gujarat.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation was established in 1974. It is the only State government-owned establishment that manufactures salt and salt-based products in the country.

NATIONAL

➤ **Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)**

- ✓ On August 3, the Union Cabinet - approved the country's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement.
- ✓ The NDC refers to voluntary climate action targets that aim to achieve long-term goal of reaching 'net zero' emission by 2070.
- ✓ According to the updated NDC, India now stands committed to reducing emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030 from 2005 level, and achieving about 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030.

➤ **World's Largest Floating Solar Power**

- ✓ World's largest floating solar power plant to be built in MP.
- ✓ A floating solar power plant is going to be built in Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa, said to be the world's largest floating solar plant, it will generate 600 Megawatt power by 2022-23.
- ✓ The project is estimated to be worth over 3000 crores. Recently, India's largest floating solar power project had become operational in Telangana.

➤ **The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022**

- ✓ The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022 - has come into effect from August 4, replacing the Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920. The new act authorises taking measurements of convicts and other persons for the purposes of identification and investigation in criminal matters and to preserve records.

➤ **Jagdeep Dhankhar**

- ✓ National Democratic Alliance candidate and former West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar will be the 14th Vice-President of the country.
- ✓ He secured 528 votes out of the 710 valid votes in the 16th Vice-Presidential election held in Parliament on Saturday.

➤ **Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0**

- ✓ The scheme has been approved by the government for implementation during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- ✓ Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 is an Integrated Nutrition Support Programme.

- ✓ It seeks to address the challenges of malnutrition in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- **Kala-azar**
 - ✓ India has set the target to eliminate Kala-azar from country by 2023.
 - ✓ India's target is way ahead than WHO's target of eliminating the disease by 2030.
 - ✓ Kala Azar is also called as Leishmaniasis. The disease is caused due to parasite called Leishmania.
 - ✓ This parasite is transmitted via bite of sand flies.
- **India ki Udaan**
 - ✓ Tech giant, Google - has launched a new project 'India ki Udaan' to capture important milestones achieved by India in its journey of 75 years since Independence.
 - ✓ The project executed by Google Arts & Culture is themed on the unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years.
 - ✓ The vibrant online project 'India ki Udaan' showcases the contributions of Indians and the evolution of India since 1947 through its rich archives featuring artistic illustrations.
- **Badhe Chalo**
 - ✓ The Ministry of Culture - has launched the 'Badhe Chalo' Campaign to instil a deeper sense of patriotism and to connect the youth of India.
 - ✓ It has been launched to celebrate 75 years of India's independence with youthful fervor under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' initiative.
 - ✓ Badhe Chalo will connect the youth and people together from across the country on one platform.
- **India House at Paris Olympics 2024**
 - ✓ Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) - have announced a long-term partnership, which includes setting up the first-ever India House at Paris Olympics 2024.
 - ✓ The tie-up will help elevate the performances of Indian athletes, support the national sports federations and build the credentials of India as a global sporting nation.
- **Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2022**
 - ✓ The Government of India tabled the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2022 during the ongoing Monsoon Session of the Parliament.

- ✓ After its introduction, the Bill was referred to the parliamentary standing committee on energy for wider consultation with stakeholders.
The latest bill proposes multiple amendments to the Electricity Act 2003 and also lays the groundwork for the privatization of electricity.

➤ **2G Ethanol Plant**

- ✓ On August 10, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - inaugurated a Rs.900 crore plant in Haryana for producing ethanol from farm waste using indigenously developed 2G (second generation) technology.
- ✓ According to the PM who addressed the gathering through video-conferencing, this technology would help Delhi and its neighbourhood to reduce air pollution due to burning of farm stubble.
- ✓ The plant, first of its kind in the country, was built by state-run Indian Oil Corporation Limited at its Panipat refinery complex.

➤ **Transgender Pilots**

- ✓ Aviation safety regulator opens door for transgender pilots.
- ✓ In a big win for aspiring pilot Adam Harry and the entire transgender community, the aviation safety regulator has for the first time framed new medical guidelines that allow transgender persons who have completed gender transition therapy or surgery to be declared fit to fly.

➤ **Govt. Extends PMAY-Urban Scheme**

- ✓ The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved an extension to the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban up to December 31, 2024 so that the houses sanctioned under the scheme can be completed, officials said.
- ✓ It was launched in 2015 with the aim of constructing over 112 crore homes by August 15, 2022. The Cabinet approved an extension till December 31, 2024, so that the houses already sanctioned are completed, a statement said.

➤ **SMILE-75**

- ✓ On August 12, the Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry - launched the 'SMILE-75' initiative for comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in begging in 75 identified municipalities.
- ✓ This initiative has been launched as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, celebrating 75 years of Independence.
The initiative is part of the Ministry's ongoing SMILE project (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) for which Rs.100 crore has been allocated till 2025-2026.

- **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**
- ✓ Tech giant, Microsoft - has partnered with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), and Capacity Building Commission (CBC) to impart future-ready skills to the country's civil servants.
- ✓ The partnership aims to enhance the functional computer literacy of nearly 2.5 million civil servants of Government of India.
- ✓ The association was launched under the project 'Capacity Building by MSDE in Microsoft Digital Productivity Skills'.

- **Niraksharta Se Azadi Abhiyaan**
- ✓ Mandla district in Madhya Pradesh - has become the first tribal district in India to achieve 100% literacy.
- ✓ The surveys conducted in 2011 stated that the literacy rate of Mandla district was 68%.
- ✓ The literacy rate achievement was an example of great teamwork through a campaign, 'Niraksharta Se Azadi Abhiyaan', launched from Independence Day in 2020.

- **State University Research Excellence (SERB-SURE)**
- ✓ The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) - has launched a new scheme titled "State University Research Excellence (SERB-SURE)" recently.
The scheme provides research support to active researchers in frontier areas of science, engineering, and quantitative social science, belonging to state and private universities and colleges.

INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

- **4th India-Bangladesh Annual Defence Dialogue (ADD)**
- ✓ On August 11, India and Bangladesh - agreed to further step up their bilateral defence ties, with greater military-to-military engagements, capacity-building and defence-industrial cooperation.
- ✓ This was decided during the 4th India-Bangladesh annual defence dialogue (ADD) held in New Delhi.

- **Japan- IMD Partnership on Climate Change**
- ✓ The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has partnered with Government of Japan, and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Climate Change. They have launched an initiative to hasten climate action across 10 states and Union Territories in India.
This initiative will extend support to Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs), in a bid to achieve net-zero emissions. It will also ensure climate-resilient development.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Asian Regional Forum Meeting**
- ✓ Election Commission will host a virtual Asian Regional Forum meeting on 11 August. This Regional Forum meeting will be held on the theme of 'Making our Elections Inclusive, Accessible, and Participative'.
The Global Summit and Regional Forum meetings encourage intellectual and institutional mobilisation to strengthen global electoral democracy.

DEFENCE

➤ **Ex VINBAX 2022**

- ✓ The 3rd edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise “Ex VINBAX 2022” is conducted at Chandimandir, Haryana from August 1 to 20, 2022.
- ✓ The theme of Ex VINBAX 2022 is the “Employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations”. The exercise will further strengthen the bilateral relations between India and Vietnam.

➤ **AL NAJAH-IV**

- ✓ The 4th Edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise ‘AL NAJAH-IV’ begins in Rajasthan at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges.
- ✓ The exercise takes place between contingents of the Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman from August 01 to 13, 2022. The 3rd edition of Ex AL NAJAH IV was held at Muscat from 12 to 25 March 2019.

➤ **Pitch Black**

- ✓ India - will dispatch four Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jets, a C-17 Globemaster-III strategic airlifter and an IL-78mid-air refuelling aircraft for the major ‘Pitch Black’ air combat exercise.
- ✓ The exercise to be hosted by Australia this month will feature around 100 aircraft and 2,500 military personnel from 17 nations.
Apart from Australia and India, this year’s Pitch Black exercise will see the US, UK, Canada, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and the UAE.

➤ **Navy’s Women Pilots Chart a New Course**

- ✓ This first-of-its-kind independent maritime mission showcased Nari Shakti.
- ✓ Five officers of the Indian Navy created history by completing the first all-woman independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission in the Arabian Sea, onboard a Dornier-228 aircraft.
- ✓ “The women officers received months of ground training and comprehensive mission briefings in the run-up to this historic sortie,” the Navy said. The aircraft was captained by the Mission Commander, Lt. Cdr. Aanchal Sharma, with pilots Lt. Shivangi and Lt. Apurva Gite, and Tactical and Sensor Officers Lt. Pooja Panda and Sub Lt. Pooja Shekhawat.

➤ **Skylight**

- ✓ The Army - has conducted a major pan-India exercise codenamed 'Skylight' recently.
- ✓ The exercise was launched to test the operational readiness and robustness of its hi-tech satellite communication systems in the event of an attack by an adversary. The Army activated all its satellite communication assets from Ladakh to Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the Skylight exercise from July 25 to 29.

- **Vajra Prahar**
- ✓ On August 8, India and the US - kicked off the 'Vajra Prahar' combat exercise between their elite Special Forces in Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The exercise is being held at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh from August 8 to 28
This is the 13th edition of the Vajra Prahar exercise.

- **'Him Drone-a-thon' Programme**
- ✓ The Indian Army has launched the Him Drone-a-thon programme in collaboration with the Drone Federation of India. The initiative is in line with self-reliance in defence manufacturing.
- ✓ It is aimed at providing opportunities to the Indian drone ecosystem to develop path-breaking drone capabilities for meeting the requirements of frontline troops.

- **First Repair of a US Navy Ship**
- ✓ US Navy Ship arrived to Katupalli Shipyard of L&T at Ennore, Chennai to undertake repairs and maintenance.
- ✓ This adds a new strategic dimension to India-US military partnership.
- ✓ A US Navy Ship is being repaired for the first time in an Indian shipyard. India had proposed during India-US 2+2 dialogue in April 2022 for US Navy to avail services and expertise of Indian Shipyards.

- **Udarashakti**
- On August 12, Indian Air Force - left for Malaysia to participate in a bilateral air combat exercise named 'Udarashakti' to be held at Kuantan airbase.
- ✓ This is the first bilateral exercise being conducted between Indian Air Force and Royal Malaysian Air Force RMAF.
- ✓ Indian Air Force is participating in the air exercise with four Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jets, a C-17 Globemaster-III strategic-lift aircraft and an IL-78 mid-air refueller while the RMAF will be flying Russian-origin Sukhoi-30MKM aircraft.

ECONOMY

➤ **GST Collections - July**

- ✓ The GST collections for the month of July - stood at Rs.1.48 lakh crore, making it the second highest monthly collection since the introduction of new tax regime.
- ✓ The collection for July is 28% higher than the GST revenues recorded in the same month last year of Rs 1,16,393 crore.
Prior to this, GST collections had recorded the highest-ever level of Rs 1.68 lakh crore in April 2022 for year-end sales in March.

➤ **Monetary Policy Committee**

- ✓ On August 5, the Reserve Bank of India Monetary Policy Committee - increased the repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) from 4.9% to 5.4%, the highest since 2019.
- ✓ With this increase, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das has rolled back all the rate cuts announced during the pandemic and crossing the pre-pandemic level of 5.15%
This is the third straight hike in the repo rate in the current fiscal.

➤ **TIN 2.0 Platform**

- Kerala-based Federal Bank - has become India's first bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the income tax department's TIN 2.0 platform
- ✓ The TIN 2.0 platform went live on July 1 this year and the "Payment Gateway" has been enabled for transactions.
The payment gateway provides one more payment option to taxpayers, who can now make their payments with ease, using modes such as credit/ debit card, UPI, NEFT/RTGS and internet banking.

APPOINTMENT

➤ **Sanjay Arora**

On July 31, the Union home ministry - appointed 1988-batch Tamil Nadu cadre IPS officer Sanjay Arora as the new police commissioner of Delhi.

- ✓ Arora, who is currently serving as the chief of India Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), will take charge on August 1.

Considered an upright officer with impeccable integrity, Arora had received the CM's Gallantry Medal for Bravery and Heroic Action for his crackdown on forest bandit Veerappan's syndicate.

➤ **Viswanathan Anand**

- ✓ Viswanathan Anand, the legendary Indian chess player and five-time world champion - has been elected as the deputy president of International Chess Federation (FIDE).
- ✓ The elections to the world chess body, FIDE were held during the FIDE Congress, which is being conducted in Chennai alongside the 44th Chess Olympiad.

➤ **N. Kalaiselvi**

- ✓ The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has, for the first time in its 80-year history, appointed a woman Director-General.
- ✓ N. Kalaiselvi, currently Director of the CSIR-Central Electro Chemical Research Institute (CSIR-CECRI), Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu, will now lead the network of 38 laboratories and nearly 4,500 scientists, and has been appointed for two years, said a note from the Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet.

➤ **Nitish Kumar**

- ✓ Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Bihar for the 8th time on August 10, 2022, at the Rajendra Mandapam inside Raj Bhavan.

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav also took an oath as the Deputy Chief Minister of the state.

➤ **Justice Lalit Appointed 49th CJI**

- ✓ Justice Uday Umesh Lalit was appointed the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI) on Wednesday after President Droupadi Murmu signed his warrant of appointment. Justice Lalit will assume charge on August 27, a day after Justice N.V. Ramana demits office as the CJI. Justice Lalit will have a brief tenure of less than three months as he will demit office on November 8.

AWARDS

➤ **Thagaisal Thamizhar**

- ✓ The state government - has announced its annual 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' award to the veteran Communist leader and freedom fighter R Nallakannu.
- ✓ The award is presented to distinguished people, who contributed significantly for the welfare of the state of Tamil Nadu and Tamils.
- ✓ The award carries a cash prize of Rs.10 lakh and a citation explaining the awardee's role in the freedom struggle.

➤ **dPal rNgam Duston**

- ✓ Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama has been honoured with the 'dPal rNgam Duston' award - the highest civilian honour of Ladakh. He has been honoured for his immense contribution to humanity.

➤ **US Heritage Wall of Fame**

- ✓ Ramadhar Singh: 1st Indian psychologist on US Heritage Wall of Fame.
- ✓ Ahmedabad University professor Ramadhar Singh has been marked on the 'Heritage Wall of Fame' of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in the US. With this, he has become the only social psychologist from India to receive this honour. He has been honoured by the SPSP for his extraordinary contributions to social psychology and management.

➤ **Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur**

The Government of France has decided to bestow the highest French civilian honor - Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur to Senior Congress leader and Thiruvananthapuram **MP Shashi Tharoor**.

As per media reports, the French Government has decided to award Congress leaders for his writings and speeches.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **AzaadiSAT**

- ✓ ISRO to launch a satellite built by 750 school girls on 7th August.
- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), with India's Independence Day approaching, will be launching a unique Satellite called AzaadiSAT on 7th August 2022.

The launch of AzaadiSAT has come at a time as part of the ongoing Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, which also mark the 75th anniversary of Independence.

➤ **Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE)**

- ✓ Aurangabad in Maharashtra - has become the first city in the country to witness the official release of the Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE) data from Google.
- ✓ The EIE dashboard for Aurangabad was launched by Google in New Delhi recently.
- ✓ Google has developed a feature called EIE, which helps cities measure the carbon emission sources, conduct analysis and identify strategies to reduce emissions that help counter air pollution.

➤ **Russia Launches Iranian Satellite**

- ✓ A Russian rocket on Tuesday successfully launched an Iranian satellite into orbit. The Soyuz rocket lifted off as scheduled at 8.52 a.m. Moscow time (0552 GMT) on Tuesday from the Russia-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan. About nine minutes after the launch, it placed the Iranian satellite called Khayyam into orbit. It's named after Omar Khayyam, a Persian scientist.

➤ **Low Altitude Escape Motor (LEM)**

- ✓ On August 10, the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) - said it had successfully test-fired the Low Altitude Escape Motor (LEM) of the crew escape system, from Sriharikota.
- ✓ The Crew Escape System (CES) takes away the Crew module of Gaganyaan mission in case of any eventuality and rescues the astronauts. In case of mission-abort during the initial phase of flight, LEM provides required thrust to CES, to take away Crew Module from the launch vehicle.

SPORTS

➤ **Jeremy Lalrinnunga**

- ✓ On July 31, Jeremy Lalrinnunga - clinched the second gold medal for India at National Exhibition Center in the Commonwealth Games 2022, Birmingham.
- ✓ Jeremy lifted a total of 300 kg, with 140 kg in snatch, and 160 kg in clean and jerk round.
- ✓ By winning the gold, Jeremy Lalrinnunga smashed two Games records.
- ✓ The 19-year-old from Aizawl bettered the Games snatch (140kg) and overall lift (300kg) record.

➤ **Achinta Sheuli**

- ✓ India's weightlifter, Achinta Sheuli (73 Kg representative) bagged the gold medal in The Commonwealth Games 2022. The 20-year-old claimed the yellow metal with a combined effort of 313 Kilograms (143kg in snatch and 170kg in clean & jerk).
- ✓ India has been performing exceptionally well in weightlifting as the contingent has already bagged 6 medals in this edition.

➤ **Women's Euro 2022**

- ✓ The European Championship final saw England defeat Germany 2-1 to claim its first significant women's soccer championship.
- ✓ After Germany failed to successfully clear a corner, Chloe Kelly scored the game-winning goal on a rebound in the second period of extra time.

➤ **Anahat Singh**

- ✓ India's youngest athlete at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ 14 years old Squash player Anahat Singh is India's youngest athlete to participate in the ongoing 2022 Commonwealth Games (CWG) in Birmingham. She hails from Delhi & is currently studying in Class 9.

➤ **Women's Lawn Bowl Event - CWG 2022**

- ✓ India clinch Historic Gold in Women's Lawn Bowl event at CWG 2022.
- ✓ The Indian Lawn Bowls team has created history by defeating South Africa by 17-10 in the women's fours final.

The Indian lawn bowls team that included Lovely Choubey, Pinki Chaudhary, Nayanmoni Saikia and Rupa Rani Tirkey won India's first-ever gold medal in the event.

➤ **Indian Women Lawn Bowls Team**

- ✓ The Indian women Lawn Bowls team - has won a historic gold medal at the ongoing Commonwealth Games in Birmingham on August 2, 2022.
- ✓ Nayanmoni Saikia, Pinki, Lovely Choubey and Rupa Rani Tirkey created history after defeating 2018 silver medalists South Africa in the women's four lawn bowls final to win the gold medal.

➤ **Table Tennis**

- ✓ Defending champions in Table Tennis - Team India - won the Gold after defeating Singapore in the men's team event finals on August 2, at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

The Indian men's team consisting of Sharath Kamal, G. Sathiyam and Harmeet Desai had entered into the final after remaining unbeaten through the tournament.

Commonwealth Games 2022

➤ **Sudhir**

- ✓ Sudhir claimed the gold medal in the men's heavyweight para powerlifting event at the Commonwealth Games 2022.
- ✓ Sudhir, an Asian Para Games bronze medallist, lifted 208kg in his first attempt before increasing it to 212kg in his second effort to gather 134.5 points and break the Games record.

➤ **Tejaswin Shankar**

- ✓ India's Tejaswin Shankar - won the bronze medal in the men's high jump final at the Commonwealth Games 2022 on August 3.
- ✓ The 23-year-old won the country's first athletics medal in the men's high jump event with the mark of 2.22m.

➤ **Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Deepak Punia**

- ✓ Three Indian wrestlers won gold medals on the opening day of the wrestling events at the Commonwealth Games 2022 on August 5.
- ✓ Olympic medalists Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik along with Deepak Punia won Gold medals during the day.

➤ **Rupal Chaudhary**

- ✓ Rupal Chaudhary - became the first Indian athlete to win two medals in a single edition of the World U-20 Athletics Championships.
- ✓ On August 4, the 19-year-old Rupal won bronze in the 400m race and silver in 4X400m relay at the World U-20 Athletics Championships in Columbia, USA.

- **Vinesh Phogat, Ravi Dahiya and Naveen Kumar**
- Vinesh Phogat, Ravi Dahiya and Naveen Kumar - won gold medals in wrestling at the Commonwealth Games 2022 on August 6, 2022
- ✓ Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian female wrestler to win a hat-trick of golds at the Commonwealth Games



- **Bhavina Hasmukhbhai Patel**
- ✓ Bhavina Hasmukhbhai Patel won gold women's singles classes 3-5 in the para table tennis event after defeating Nigeria's Christiana Ikpeoyi.

- **Commonwealth Games 2022 - 5 Gold, on the Penultimate Day**
- ✓ India achieved a historic one-two in the men's triple jump with Eldhose Paul and Abdulla Aboobacker winning the gold and silver medals with a jump of 17.03 meters and 17.02 metres respectively.
- ✓ Three boxers - Nikhat Zareen (women's light flyweight), Amit Panghal (men's flyweight) and Nitu Ganghas (women's minimumweight) - won their respective finals to bag the gold medals.
Achanta Sharath Kamal and Sreeja Akula won the gold medal in the table tennis mixed doubles category.

COMMON WEALTH GAMES 2022 -REPORT

FINAL TOP-10 MEDALS TALLY AT THE CWG 2022

The Commonwealth Games 2022 were held from July 28 to August 8, 2022, Birmingham, England in which India has been ranked at the 4th place. In terms of medals, India bagged a total of 61 medals, comprising of 22 Gold, 16 Silver, and 23 Bronze.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2022 MEDAL TALLY					mid-day.com
S.NO	COUNTRY				TOTAL
1	AUSTRALIA	67	57	54	178
2	ENGLAND	57	66	53	176
3	CANADA	26	32	34	92
4	INDIA	22	16	23	61
5	NEW ZEALAND	20	12	17	49
6	SCOTLAND	13	11	27	51
7	NIGERIA	12	9	14	35
8	WALES	8	6	14	28
9	SOUTH AFRICA	7	9	11	27
10	MALAYSIA	7	8	8	23

SPORT-WISE SPLIT OF INDIA'S CWG 22 MEDALS

SPORT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
WRESTLING	6	1	5	12
TABLE TENNIS	4	1	2	7
WEIGHTLIFTING	3	3	4	10
BOXING	3	1	3	7
BADMINTON	3	1	2	6
ATHLETICS	1	4	3	8
LAWN BOWLS	1	1	0	2
PARA POWERLIFTING	1	0	0	1
JUDO	0	2	1	3

HOCKEY	0	1	1	2
CRICKET	0	1	0	1
SQUASH	0	0	2	2
	22	16	23	61

CWG 2022: List of Medal winners for India

Gold medal winners for India in Commonwealth Games 2022

1. Gold - PV Sindhu - Badminton Women's Singles
2. Gold - Lakshya Sen - Badminton Men's Singles
3. Gold - Nikhat Zareen - Boxing Women's Light Flyweight
4. Gold - Vinesh Phogat - Wrestling Women's Freestyle 53kg
5. Gold - Ravi Kumar Dahiya - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 57kg
6. Gold - Naveen - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 74kg
7. Gold - Sharath Kamal - Table Tennis men's singles
8. Gold - Nitu Ghanghas - Boxing Minimumweight
9. Gold - Amit Panghal - Boxing Flyweight
10. Gold - Bajrang Punia - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 65kg
11. Gold - Sakshi Malik - Wrestling Women's Freestyle 62kg
12. Gold - Deepak Punia - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 86kg
13. Gold - Mirabai Chanu - Weightlifting Women's 49kg
14. Gold - Jeremy Lalrinnunga - Weightlifting Men's 67kg
15. Gold - Achinta Sheuli - Weightlifting Men's 73kg
16. Gold - Lovely Choubey, Pinki, Nayanmoni Saikia, Rupa Rani Tirkey - Lawn Bowls Women's Fours
17. Gold - Sharath Kamal, Sathiyar Gnanasekaran, Harmeet Desai, Sanil Shetty - Table Tennis Men's Team
18. Gold - Sudhir - Para Powerlifting Men's Heavyweight
19. Gold - Bhavina Patel - Table Tennis Women's Singles Classes 3-5
20. Gold - Eldhose Paul - Men's Triple Jump
21. Gold - Sharath Kamal, Sreeja Akula - Table Tennis Mixed Team
22. Gold - Satwik Sairaj Rankireddi and Chirag Shetty - Badminton men's doubles

Silver medal winners for India in Commonwealth Games 2022

1. Silver - Indian Women's Cricket Team
2. Silver - Anshu Malik - Wrestling Women's Freestyle 57kg
3. Silver - Murali Sreeshankar - Men's Long Jump

4. Silver - Kidambi Srikanth, Satwik Sairaj, Sumeeth Reddy, Lakshya Sen, Chirag Shetty, Treasa Jolly, Aakarshi Kashyap, Ashwini Ponappa, Gayatri Gopichand, PV Sindhu - Mixed Group - Badminton
5. Silver - Sharath Kamal, G Sathiyan - Table Tennis Men's Doubles
6. Silver - Vikas Thakur - Weightlifting Men's 96kg
7. Silver - Shushila Devi Likmabam - Judo Women's 48kg
8. Silver - Bindyarani Devi - Weightlifting Women's 55kg
9. Silver - Tulika Maan - Judo Women's +78kg
10. Silver - Sanket Sargar - Weightlifting Men's 55kg
11. Silver - Avinash Sable - Men's 3000m Steeplechase
12. Silver - Priyanka Goswami - Women's 10km Race Walk
13. Silver - Dinesh Kumar, Chandan Kumar Singh, Sunil Bahadur, Navaneeth Singh - Lawn Bowls Men's Fours
14. Silver - Abdullah Aboobacker - Men's Triple Jump
15. Silver - Sagar Ahlawat - Boxing Men's Super Heavyweight
16. Silver - Indian men's hockey team

Bronze medal winners for India in Commonwealth Games 2022

1. Bronze - Gururaja Poojary - Weightlifting Men's 61kg'
2. Bronze - Vijay Kumar Yadav - Judo Men's 60kg
3. Bronze - Harjinder Kaur - Weightlifting Women's 71kg
4. Bronze - Lovepreet Singh - Weightlifting Men's 109kg
5. Bronze - Saurav Ghosal - Squash Men's Singles
6. Bronze - Gurdeep Singh - Weightlifting Men's 109kg+
7. Bronze - Tejaswin Shankar - Men's High Jump
8. Bronze - Divya Kakran - Wrestling Women's 68kg
9. Bronze - Mohit Grewal - Wrestling Men's 125kg
10. Bronze - Jaismine - Boxing Women's Lightweight 60kg
11. Bronze - Pooja Gehlot - Wrestling Freestyle Women's 57=0kg
12. Bronze - Pooja Sihag - Wrestling Freestyle Women's 76kg
13. Bronze - Hussamuddin - Men's Boxing Featherweight
14. Bronze - Deepak Nehra - Wrestling Freestyle Men's 97kg
15. Bronze - Sonalben Patel - Para Table Tennis Women's Singles Classes 3-5
16. Bronze - Rohit Tokas - Boxing Men's Welterweight 67kg
17. Bronze - Indian Women's Hockey Team
18. Bronze - Sandeep Kumar - Men's 10,000m Race Walk
19. Bronze - Annu Rani - Women's Javelin Throw
20. Bronze - Saurav Ghosal and Dipika Palikkal - Squash Mixed Doubles
21. Bronze - Kidambi Srikanth - Badminton Men's Singles

22. Bronze - Gayathri Gopichand, Treesa Jolly - Badminton Women's Doubles

23. Bronze - G. Sathiyan - Table Tennis Men's Singles

➤ **75th Grandmaster of India**

- ✓ V Pranav became India's 75th Grandmaster by winning a tournament in Romania.
- ✓ The 15-year-old had obtained his maiden GM norm at the Serbia Open in 2021. Pranav is the 27th Grandmaster from Tamil Nadu.

➤ **The 44th Chess Olympiad**

- ✓ India's men & women team win bronze medal.
- ✓ The 44th Chess Olympiad, which was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in Chennai on 28 July concluded on 9 August 2022.
- ✓ India 'B' team settled for a bronze medal in the Open section while India 'A' women's team finished third.
- ✓ The next edition of the Chess Olympiad will be held in Budapest in Hungary in 2024.

➤ **Bhavani Devi**

- ✓ Bhavani Devi bags gold at Commonwealth Fencing Championship.
- ✓ India's Bhavani Devi on 10 August 2022 won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2022 in the Senior Women's Sabre Individual category. She defeated Veronika Vasileva of Australia 15-10 to win the title in London.

➤ **Avinash's Sable**

Avinash's Sable silver show in the 3,000m steeplechase was perhaps the most precious, one worth its weight in gold as he shocked two-time World champion and 2016 Rio Olympic gold medallist Conseslus Kipruto.

OBITUARY

➤ Fidel Valdez Ramos

- ✓ Former Philippine President Fidel Valdez Ramos, has passed away due to the complications of COVID-19. He was 94.
- ✓ Ramos served as the 12th president of the Philippines from 1992 to 1998. He was a military officer by profession.

➤ Rakesh Jhunjhunwala

- ✓ Ace stock market investor and philanthropist, Rakesh Jhunjhunwala - passed away at age 62 on August 14 in Mumbai due to cardiac arrest after fighting several health-related issues for the last few years.
- ✓ He was also the co-founder of Akasa Air, India's newest airline which began commercial operations from Mumbai to Ahmedabad on August 7
- He was the 36th richest billionaire in India, according to Forbes' 2021 listing.

REPORT

➤ World's Indigenous Peoples

- ✓ On this International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, few people are aware that nearly 11 crore tribal people (enumerated as Scheduled Tribes (ST) in the Census of India (2011) live in India.
- ✓ They constitute 8.6% of India's population, the second largest number of tribal people in any country in the world.

RANKING

➤ 2022 Fortune Global 500

- ✓ Nine Indian public and private companies - five of them state-owned, and four from the private sector - have made it to the prestigious 2022 Fortune Global 500 list released recently.
- ✓ State-owned insurance major, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India ranked 98th on the list with revenue worth \$97.2 billion, up 2.6% YoY, in 2021-22
- ✓ This is the highest spot for an Indian firm on the global index.
- ✓ India's largest private business conglomerate Reliance Industries Ltd. has been ranked 104th, with \$93,982 million (\$93.9 billion) in revenue in 2021-22, up 49.4% from the year 2020-21.
- ✓ RIL's rank in Fortune's Global 500 jumped 51 spots in one year.
- ✓ Government-owned oil and gas explorer Indian Oil Corporation rose 28 places to 142nd rank on the list, while the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation climbed 16 places and secured 190th rank.
- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) climbed 17 places to rank 236th and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd rose 19 places to 295.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Lung Cancer Day - August 1**

- ✓ Every year, World Lung Cancer Day is observed on 01st August to raise awareness about the causes and treatment of lung cancer and highlight the issues of lack of sufficient research funding for the ailment.
- ✓ Lung cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer deaths among men and women.

➤ **Muslim Women's Rights Day - August 1**

- ✓ Muslim Women's Rights Day is observed every year on the 01st of August to celebrate the enforcement of the law against the 'Triple Talaq' rule among Muslims.

➤ **World Breastfeeding Week - 1st to 7th August Every Year**

- ✓ World Breastfeeding Week is observed from 1st to 7th of August every year.
- ✓ World Breastfeeding Week was first started in 1992. It is celebrated to promote the benefits of breastfeeding for both mother and the baby.
- ✓ The theme for World Breastfeeding Week 2022 is 'Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support'.

➤ **Hiroshima Day - August 6**

- ✓ Hiroshima Day is observed on August 6 to commemorate the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945, at the end of World War II.
- ✓ The horrific incident took place on August 6, 1945, when the United States dropped an atomic bomb named "Little Boy", on the town of Hiroshima in Japan.
- ✓ 2022 marks the 77th anniversary of the world's first atomic bombing.

➤ **National Handloom Day - August 7**

- ✓ The National Handloom Day is observed annually to honour the handloom-weaving community and to recognise the contribution of the handloom sector to the socio-economic development of the country.
- ✓ In 2015, the first National Handloom Day was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

➤ **Friendship Day - August 7**

- ✓ Friendship Day is celebrated every year as a special one dedicated to the friends in our life and how they form one of the most important parts of our existence.

- ✓ While July 30 is designated as International Friendship Day, in India it is celebrated on the first Sunday of August.
- **Javelin Throw Day - August 7**
 - ✓ The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) is celebrating the second 'Javelin Throw Day' on August 7, 2022.
 - ✓ The day was first observed in 2021 in honour of Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who won India's first Olympic gold medal in athletics at Tokyo.
- **Quit India Movement Day: August 8**
 - ✓ The Quit India movement was started on August 8, 1942.
 - ✓ The All India Congress Committee under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi decided to launch this movement at the Bombay session.
 - ✓ It was during this time that the famous slogan 'Do or die' was given by MK Gandhi.
- **International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples - August 9**
 - ✓ The day is observed every year to spread awareness about the indigenous communities of the world, recognise their contributions and achievements along with the need to preserve them
 - ✓ Theme 2022 - 'The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge.'
- **Nagasaki Day - August 9**
 - ✓ The Nagasaki Day is observed every year to commemorate the day when the US military dropped an atomic bomb named 'Fat Man' from US B-29 bomber on the city of Nagasaki
 - ✓ Hiroshima was bombed on August 6, followed by the bombing in Nagasaki on August 9
The bombing which took place led to the surrender of Japan during World War II on August 15 1945.
- **World Biofuel Day - August 10**
 - ✓ World Biofuel Day is commemorated on 10 August every year to raise awareness about the use of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels.
 - ✓ August 10 was chosen as World Biofuel Day since it was on this date in 1893 that German inventor Sir Rudolf Diesel successfully ran his diesel engine on peanut oil.

➤ **World Lion Day - August 10**

- ✓ World Lion Day is observed globally on 10th August. The day aims to spread awareness of lions and the urgent need to strive toward their conservation. Lions are silently in danger of going extinct worldwide. Lions supposedly wandered amiably through Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East some three million years ago.

➤ **World Elephant Day - August 12**

- ✓ World Elephant Day is celebrated on 12 August every year to raise awareness about the plight of elephants all over the world.
- ✓ The main objective of World Elephant Day is to create awareness on elephant conservation and to share knowledge and positive solutions for the better protection and management of wild and captive elephants.

➤ **International Youth Day - August 12**

- ✓ International Youth Day is celebrated on 12 August every year. This day is celebrated to raise awareness regarding issues that are faced by the world's youth.
- ✓ The theme for 2022's edition of International Youth Day is "Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages."

➤ **World Organ Donation Day - August 13**

- ✓ The Day is observed annually to spread awareness about the importance of organ donation and encourage people to adopt the practice of organ donation.
- ✓ This year's theme for World Organ Donation Day 2022 is "let's pledge to donate organs and save lives".
- ✓ India celebrates the National Organ Donation Day on November 27.

➤ **International Lefthanders Day - August 13**

- ✓ International Lefthanders Day is observed on August 13 across the world. The day is observed to raise awareness about the lefty people's experience with living in a right-hand dominant world.

➤ **Independence Day of India: August 15**

- ✓ Every year 15th of August is observed as the Independence Day of India.
- ✓ The Independence Day of 2022 is special as India will complete its 75 years of Independence.
- ✓ To celebrate the 75 years of Independence the Government of India has started an initiative called "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav".
- ✓ On 15 August 1947, India gained its independence from British Rule and became a free and democratic nation.