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Smart Cities Awards 2022

The **Smart Cities India 2022 Awards** are a one-of-a-kind platform that **honours, recognises, and encourages individuals, policymakers, businesses, municipalities, government organisations, and associations for their efforts in both the urban and rural sectors.** The 3-day expo comes to a close with the Awards Ceremony.

Categories	Winners	Projects
Best Green Buildings Project	Faridabad Smart City Limited	ICCC Building
Best Healthcare Initiatives	Bhopal Smart City Development Corporation Limited	COVID Management through ICCC
Best Startup Initiatives	Bhopal Smart City Development Corporation Limited	B-Nest Foundation
Best Water Management	Solinas Integrity Private Limited	Pipeline Management Project for 24x7 Water Supply
City Innovation	Ujjain Smart City Limited	Digital Center
COVID 19-Recovery Innovation Award	Jabalpur Smart City Limited	Leveraging ICCC against COVID Pandemic
Digital City	New Town Kolkata Green Smart City Corporation	Digital Services in New Town Kolkata
Governance and Economy	Pimpri Chinchwad Smart City Limited	Smart Sarathi
Public Private Partnership Initiatives	Indore Smart City Development Limited	She Kunj

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Safe City	Dehradun Smart City Limited	DICCC
Smart Energy Project	Jabalpur Smart City Limited	Smart Light Project
Smart Parking Initiatives	Indore Smart City Development Limited	Two Wheeler Multi-Level Parking
Smart Urban Mobility	Silvassa Smart City Limited	E-Bus Project
Smart Waste Disposal and Clean City	New Town Kolkata Green Smart City Corporation	Integrated Solid Waste Management System in New Town Kolkata
Smart City of the Year	Ujjain Smart City Limited	MRIDA
Best City Leader of the Year	Athar Aamir Khan, IAS, CEO, Srinagar Smart City Limited	-

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy gets John F. Kennedy Award

The **John F. Kennedy Library Foundation**, for the first time ever, awarded the **John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award 2022** to five individuals. The award will be presented by Caroline Kennedy and her son, Jack Schlossberg on **May 22, 2022**, at the **John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, Boston, USA.**



These five individuals are:

- Ukrainian President: **Volodymyr Zelenskyy**
- United States (US) Representative: **Liz Cheney**
- Michigan Secretary of State: **Jocelyn Benson**
- Arizona Representative: **Russell “Rusty” Bowers**
- Fulton County, Georgia, elections worker: **Wandrea “Shaye” Moss**

Important point:

- **Volodymyr Zelenskyy**, Ukrainian President is named for his valour to protect the Ukrainian people during the Russia-Ukraine Conflict.

About the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award:

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award was created by the family of the late president **John Fitzgerald Kennedy** to honour public figures who risk their careers by embracing unpopular positions for the greater good, and is named after Kennedy’s 1957 Pulitzer Prize-winning book, “Profiles in Courage”.

Sir David Attenborough earns UN ‘Champion of the Earth Lifetime Achievement award’

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has named **Sir David Attenborough**, English natural history broadcaster and naturalist, as the recipient of the **Champions of the Earth Award 2021 under the Lifetime Achievement category**. This award is given to him for his dedication to research, documentation, and advocacy for the protection of nature and its restoration.

Sir David Attenborough is well known for his innovative educational television programs, especially the nine-part Life series forming the Life collection. His well-known documentaries include The Green Planet and A Plastic Ocean. He was knighted twice by Queen Elizabeth II in 1985 and again in 2020. He has won 3 Emmy Awards and 8 British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) awards.

Other Winners of 2021 Champions of the Earth Awards:

Category	Winners	Country
Policy Leadership	Mia Mottley (Prime Minister, Barbados)	Barbados
Inspiration And Action	Sea Women of Melanesia	Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands

Science And Innovation	Dr Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka Founder and CEO of Conservation Through Public Health (CTPH)	Uganda
Enterpreneurial Vision	Maria Kolesnikova	Kyrgyz Republic

India Pharma and India Medical Devices Awards 2022

The **India Pharma Awards 2022, and India Medical Device Awards 2022** were handed over by the Minister of State for the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers **Bhagwanth Khuba**. The awards were handed over during the seventh edition of India Pharma and Indian Medical Device 2022 which was organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the Department of Pharmaceuticals.

The awards were given to various industry players in the field of medical and pharmaceutical devices.

Category	Winners
Indian Pharma Leader of the Year	Cipla Ltd.
India Pharma Innovation of the Year	Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
Indian Pharma (Formulation)	Micro Labs Ltd.
Indian Pharma CSR of the year	Zydus Lifesciences Ltd
India Medical Device Leader of the Year	Poly Medicure Ltd.
India Medical Device Company of the Year	Trivitron Healthcare Pvt Ltd.
India Medical Device MSME of the Year	Nice Neotech Medical Systems Pvt Ltd.
Indian Medical Device Start-up of the Year	Vanguard Diagnostics Pvt Ltd.
Indian Medical Device Innovation of the Year	Meril Lifesciences Pvt Ltd.

Max Verstappen named Laureus Sportsman of the Year 2022

F1 champion **Max Verstappen** has been named the **2022 Laureus Sportsman of the Year** while Jamaican Olympic sprinter **Elaine Thompson-Herah** has been named **Sportswoman of the Year**. The awards recognise the greatest sporting achievements of 2021, one of the highlights of which was the European Championship victory by the **Italian Men's Football Team** who won their second **Laureus Team of the Year Award** as a result.

Other awardees:

Category	Winner
Breakthrough of the Year prize	Emma Raducanu
Laureus Sporting Icon Award	Valentino Rossi
Laureus Lifetime Achievement Award	Tom Brady
Exceptional Achievement Award	Robert Lewandowski
World Team of the Year Award	Italy Men's Football Team
World Comeback of the Year Award	Sky Brown (Skateboard)
Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability Award	Marcel Hug
Laureus Sport For Good Society Award	Real Madrid
Action Sportsperson of the Year	Bethany Shriever

National Affairs

- The government-run organisation, **Niti Aayog's Vice Chairperson, Rajiv Kumar** has resigned due to a **government order**. **Suman Bery, an economist**, will take over as the new head of the **planning agency**.
- NITI Aayog** has released a draft battery swapping policy, under which all metropolitan cities with a population above **40 lakh** will be prioritized for the development of a battery swapping network under the **first phase**. All major cities such as state capitals, UT headquarters, and cities with populations above **5 lakh** will be covered under the **second phase**.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi** dedicated a **500 KV solar plant** to the nation in the unassuming hamlet of **Palli in Jammu and Kashmir's border region of Samba** making it the country's **first 'carbon neutral panchayat'**.
- As announced in the **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi - President Emmanuel Macron Joint Statement** released in 2018 during the **French President's visit to New Delhi, India** has been designated as the **Guest of Honour Country at the Paris Book Festival 2022**, which will take place from **April 21 to April 24, 2022**.
- India's first '**Amrit Sarovar**' has been completed at **Rampur's Gram Panchayat Patwai**, thanks to the efforts of **Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's government in Uttar Pradesh**. As part of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**, 75 water bodies will be developed and regenerated as part of the **Amrit Sarovar initiative**.

States in the News

- Maharashtra State Environment Minister Aditya Thackeray** inaugurated the **tap-in tap-out** service on the **Gateway of India to Churchgate** route in an effort to make commuting across **Mumbai** easier. **Aditya Thackeray** stated during the event that **Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST)** is India's first fully **digital bus service**.
- Rich tributes were paid in **Manipur** to the **valiant sons** of the state who made tremendous **sacrifices** fighting against the **British** in the **battle of Khongjom during the 1891 Anglo-Manipuri War** to maintain **Manipur's independence**.
- Health and Medical Education Minister of Karnataka, **Keshava Reddy Sudhakar** has launched the '**Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully**' (**SAANS**) Campaign. SAANS is a campaign that has been launched to ensure early detection and greater awareness of pneumonia in children under the age of five. As per SRS 2018, Karnataka's under-five mortality is at **28 per 1000 live births**.
- Tamil Nadu government** has announced that **December 18**, every year will be observed as **Minorities Rights Day** at the state level. The state government promotes the upliftment and economic advancement of the minorities through effective implementation of schemes and welfare measures.

- **Jamtara in Jharkhand** has become the only district in the country where **all gram panchayats** have community libraries. This district with a population of about eight lakh has a total of **118-gram panchayats** under six blocks and each panchayat has a well-equipped library that is open for students from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
- **Agra, Uttar Pradesh** has become the first city in the country to have **vacuum-based sewer systems**. These vacuums would be used in public places. Agra Smart City officials told the media that the municipal corporation has linked **240 such houses near the Taj Mahal** with vacuum-based sewers, where conventional sewer systems could not be used.
- **Maharashtra** became the **first state in India** to develop a website-based **Migration Tracking System (MTS) application** to track the movement of migrant workers through individual unique identity numbers. The MTS project aims to ensure the continuity of **Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)** for migrant beneficiaries, such as children under the age of 18, lactating mothers, and pregnant women who are registered with Anganwadi centres.

International Affairs

- **Robert Golob** has defeated three-time prime minister **Janez Janša** in the **Slovenia Prime Minister election**. State election authorities have confirmed that the Freedom Movement won nearly 34% of the votes as compared to around 24% for the governing conservative Slovenian Democratic Party. The New Slovenia party with 7%, followed by the Social Democrats with more than 6%, and the Left party with just 4%.
- French President **Emmanuel Macron** was re-elected as he defeated his far-right rival **Marine Le Pen**. Macron, 44, has become the third French president who has managed to secure a second term. His margin of victory, however, was tighter than when he first beat Le Pen in 2017.
- The **USA** has put **India & 6 other countries including China & Russia** on its **annual 'Priority Watch List'** for intellectual property protection & enforcement. Other countries on the watch list include: Argentina, Chile, Indonesia, and Venezuela. These countries will be the subject of particularly intense bilateral engagement during the coming year said the Office USTR.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Power System Operation Corp. Ltd.'s (Posoco) Northern Regional Load Despatch Centre** signed a memorandum of understanding with **Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT Delhi)** to encourage research on issues relating to **India's power sector** and strengthen interaction between **academia** and **industry**.
- **Prasar Bharati** has signed an MoU with the **Public Broadcaster of Argentina Radio Television Argentina (RTA)** for collaboration in the field of broadcasting. The MoU encompasses a range of fronts in Media and Broadcasting that is set to exemplify the communication and transmission networking of both nations. India and Argentina share cordial relations and developmental partnerships in the areas of political, economic, scientific and technological cooperation.
- **Kerala** and the **Netherlands** have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** for the **'Cosmos Malabaricus'** project. This study will contribute to a better understanding of **Kerala's history in the 18th century**.
- **Netflix India**, in collaboration with the **Information & Broadcasting Ministry**, has released a series of short video series under an initiative called **'Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniya'**, highlighting the role of women achievers. As part of a broader partnership, the global OTT platform will also conduct workshops and masterclasses for the skill development of Indian filmmakers.
- **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** has signed an agreement with the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay** to jointly pursue research and development work in the Green Hydrogen value chain. Under the agreement, both the institutions would contribute to the development of the Green Hydrogen industry in India while developing technology in this field. Hydrogen when produced through the electrolysis process using renewable energy is known as Green Hydrogen which has no carbon footprint.
- **Google** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the **Telangana Government** to provide benefits of digital economy to the youth and women entrepreneurs.

Books and Authors

- Chief Minister of Odisha, **Naveen Patnaik** released 2 books, a coffee table book titled **“The Magic of Mangalajodi”** by **Avinash Khemka**; and a compilation of the Sikh history of eastern India titled **“My Research Works On Sikh History & Philosophy”**, authored by **Abinash Mahapatra**. The coffee table book “The Magic of Mangalajodi” provides a bird’s eye view of Mangalajodi in Chilika lake through various images and descriptions.
- HarperCollins India has published a new book titled **“Chinese Spies: From Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping”** authored by French journalist **Roger Faligot** and translated by writer, editor and translator, **Natasha Lehrer**.
- Padma Bhushan **Vinod Rai**, former(11th) Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) India, has authored a new book titled **“Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings in the BCCI”**. The book features his 33-month stint as the Chairman of the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- **Devendra Fadnavis**, former Chief Minister(CM) of Maharashtra, released a Marathi book on Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs, titled **“Amit Shah Ani Bhajapachi Vatchal”**, a Marathi version of the book **“Amit Shah and The March of BJP”**. The book is published by Bloomsbury India.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Suryoday Small Finance Bank** has partnered with New York, US-based **Kyndryl**, an IT infrastructure services provider for a period of 5 years. The bank will partner with Kyndryl to drive its technology transformation program, improve operational efficiency, and increase digital banking adoption among its customers as part of a five-year transformation deal.



- **Airtel Payments Bank** has partnered with **IndusInd Bank** to offer fixed deposit (FD) facilities to its customers. A customer can open **FD of Rs 500 up to Rs 190,000** on the Airtel Thanks app. With this partnership, customers of Airtel Payments Bank savings account will get an interest rate of up to 6.5 %p.a. and senior citizens will get an additional 0.5% on all fixed deposits.
- **Elon Musk**, the **world’s richest man**, agreed to acquire **Twitter for \$44 billion**, ending a drama that included **hostile takeover** threats before handing him personal control of one of the **world’s most powerful social media networks**.
- **NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL)**, the International arm of the **National Payment Corporation of India** has announced that **BHIM UPI** is now live at **NEOPAY terminals, across the UAE**. This initiative will empower millions of Indians who travel to the UAE, to safely and conveniently make payments using BHIM UPI. NIPL and NEOPAY, the payment subsidiary of Mashreq bank, partnered last year to create the acceptance infrastructure in the UAE.
- **Reliance Industries Limited** has become the first Indian company to hit the **Rs 19 lakh crore** market valuation mark in intra-day trade. The market heavyweight stock jumped 1.85 per cent to its record high of Rs 2,827.10 during the day on the BSE. It finally settled flat at Rs 2,777.90, up 0.08 per cent.
- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has expanded its strategic partnership with SBI Cards and Payments Services Ltd to power SBI Card’s digital transformation. TCS had helped the SBI cards to transform its core cards sourcing platform and digitized a significant portion of the process. TCS has been providing services to SBI Card for over a decade since **2008**, and the new deal represents an extension of that relationship.
- **Pencilton**, a teen-focused fintech startup, has launched PencilKey, a National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) compliant RuPay contactless keychain, in partnership with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Transcorp**. Users can activate and manage their PencilKey through the Pencilton app which is also used to load money, check spends, block/unblock the account, set limits, etc.
- **The World Bank** has approved a **USD 47 million projects** to support the Government of **India’s Mission Karmayogi**, a national program to build civil service capacity. There are nearly 18 million civil servants employed across India, with approximately two-thirds at the state government and local authority levels.

- **Bank of Baroda** has launched “**bob World Gold**”, a new feature on its bob World mobile banking platform for seniors and the elderly. It is a unique digital banking platform that has been designed to provide its senior customers with a simple, smooth and secure mobile banking experience. This platform has easy navigation, large fonts, sufficient spacing and clear menus.
- **RBI** imposes Rs 1.12 crore penalty on **Bank of Maharashtra**. This penalty has been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in **RBI** under the provisions of section 47 A (1) (c) read with sections 46 (4) (i) and 51 (1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (the Act), it added. RBI has also imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 25 lakh on Haryana State Co-operative Apex Bank Limited for non-compliance with its directions on Housing Finance.
- **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** in association with the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) is organizing Asia’s biggest international food and hospitality fair **AAHAR-2022** at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
- **Tata-owned Air India** has reached out to the anti-trust regulator **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** for the merger of its low-cost subsidiary **AirAsia India**. AirAsia India, a low-cost Indian carrier, is run by the Tata Group. Presently, Tata Sons holds 83.67 per cent of the company.
- **Tata Sons** executive chairman **N Chandrasekaran** has formally taken charge as **chairman of Tata Digital**. At present, Tata’s digital strategy is being spearheaded by its CEO Pratik Pal along with Mukesh Bansal, founder of Cultfit. Chandrasekaran’s formal appointment is of significance considering its future plans of raising funds from external investors.
- The **National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom)** announced that **Krishnan Ramanujam**, President, Enterprise Growth Group at Tata Consultancy Services, has been appointed as its Chairperson for 2022-23. Ramanujam succeeds **Rekha M. Menon**, Chairperson and Senior Managing Director of Accenture in India, in this role.
- Generali Asia has appointed **Bruce de Broize** as MD and CEO of **Future Generali India Life Insurance (FGILI)**. He takes over from **Miranjit Mukherjee** who served as interim CEO since September 2021. He was the Regional Head of Distribution for Generali Asia based in Hong Kong for over five years. In March, Generali has become the majority shareholder of the Indian life insurance joint venture after getting all regulatory approvals.
- BJP leader and former Union minister **Vijay Sampla** has been appointed as the chairperson of the **National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)** for a second time. Sampla had resigned as the NCSC chairman ahead of the Punjab elections and had contested the polls. The official order for his appointment was issued by **President Ram Nath Kovind**.
- Online lending platform, **Indifi Technologies** has appointed former chairman of SBI, **Rajnish Kumar** as an advisor. Presently, he sits on the boards of **HSBC Asia Pacific, L&T Infotech, Hero MotoCorp and BharatPe**.
- **Shivalik Small Finance Bank** has appointed **Anshul Swami** as the bank’s managing director and chief executive officer effective from April 26.

Appointments/Resignations

- **YuWaah** (Generation Unlimited India) in India announced today that **Ashwin Yardi**, CEO of **Capgemini** in India, has joined the organisation, starting immediately, alongside **Yasumasa Kimura**, UNICEF Representative, as being the co -chair of the organisation.
- **Vishakha Mulye** has been appointed as the next **Chief Executive Officer** of **Aditya Birla Capital**. The company said in its stock filing that the board of directors approved the appointment based on the recommendations of the Nomination, Remuneration and Compensation Committee. She replaces **Ajay Srinivasan**, who is taking up other responsibilities within the group, as per the exchange filing.
- **AP Abdullahkutty** has been elected as the **chairperson of the Haj Committee of India**, while for the first time, two women have been chosen as its vice-chairpersons– **Munnawari Begum and Mafuja Khatun**. Ministry of Minority Affairs is the nodal ministry to conduct the Haj pilgrimage in India. Haj pilgrimage for the Indian pilgrims is conducted either through **Haj Committee of India (HCoI)**, or the **Haj Group Organisers (HGOs)** approved by the Ministry.

Defence News

- A national seminar on Logistics Management ‘**LOGISEM VAYU - 2022**’ was held on 28 April 2022 at Air Force Auditorium, New Delhi. The Chief of the Air Staff **Vivek Ram Chaudhari** inaugurated the seminar and delivered the keynote address. He emphasized the need for exploiting advancements in digital technologies, which would aid in sustaining logistics stamina in support of operations. CAS also urged stakeholders in IAF to work towards achieving the broad aims of the National Logistics Policy (NLP) and Atmanirbharta goals of Govt of India.

Awards and Recognitions

- The **National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC)** swept the **Public Relations Society of India's (PRSI) Public Relations Awards 2022**, taking first place in four categories. **Shri V Srinivas Goud**, Telangana Minister of Prohibition and Excise, Sports and Youth Services, Tourism and Culture, gave the award to NMDC's **Shri Praveen Kumar**, ED (Personnel) and **Shri Ch. Srinivasa Rao**, DGM (Corporate Communications) on behalf of the Navratna PSU. On behalf of the **Navratna PSU, Shri Srinivasa Rao, DGM (Corporate Communications)**, accepted the honours.
- The important effort of Meghalaya's Planning Department, the e-Proposal System, which is part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture (MeghEA), has been awarded the prestigious UN Award - World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS) Prizes 2022.
- The founder of the educational charity 'Bidyando' Kishore Kumar Das from Bangladesh has been chosen for the United Kingdom's Commonwealth Points of Light Award for his exceptional work in improving access to education for children from marginalised backgrounds. UK's Commonwealth Point of Light Awards recognises outstanding individual volunteers who are making a change in their community.
- The former Honorary Consul of Peru in Mumbai, **Ardeshir B.K. Dubash** has received the Order of "Merit in the Diplomatic Service of Peru **Jose Gregorio Paz Soldan**" by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru.
- Noted snow leopard expert and wildlife conservationist **Charudutt Mishra** has won the prestigious **Whitley Gold Award** for his contribution to involving indigenous communities in the conservation and recovery of big cat species in Asia's high mountain ecosystems. Princess Anne presented the award to Mishra at London's Royal Geographic Society. This is his second **Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN) Award**. He got the first in 2005.
- The **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** engineering marvel, **Atal Tunnel**, built-in Rohtang in Himachal Pradesh, received the Indian Building Congress (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project' award in New Delhi. More than thirty state-of-the-art infrastructure projects were nominated for the award. The IBC jury selected the strategic tunnel as the 'Best Project for Excellence in Built Environment' in 2021.

Summit and Conference

- According to the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** president, **Debashis Mitra**, India is set to host the **21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA)**, the Kumbh of accountants, for the first time in 118 years of its existence. About 6000 top accountants from 130 countries will participate in the programme physically. The event will be held from November 18 to 21 after outbidding France. The event will be held at **Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai**. The theme for 2022 would be '**Building Trust Enabling Sustainability**'. The WCOA, a forum for thought leadership and global exchange of views, is held every four years since it started in 1904.
- The **Tallinn, Estonia NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence**, abbreviated as CCDCOE, is organising the **Locked Shields 2022**, the largest and most complex annual international live-fire cyber defence exercise in the world. This year's exercise has particular importance as it takes place amid the rising threat of cyber-attacks since the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- The first edition of the **Naval Commanders' Conference of 2022** is underway in **New Delhi**. The conference serves as a platform for naval commanders to discuss important maritime matters at the military-strategic level as well as interact with senior government functionaries through an institutionalised forum.

Ranks and Reports

- According to the Sweden-based think-tank **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)** report, titled "**Trends in World Military Expenditure Report 2021**", India's military expenditure is the third highest in the world behind the **US and China**. Military spending in India is amounting to \$76.6 billion in 2021 which grew by 0.9% from 2020. Russia has also increased its military expenditure for the third consecutive year. The five largest spenders in 2021 were the **US, China, India, the UK (United Kingdom) and Russia, together accounting for 62% of expenditure**.

Sports News

- Formula One champion **Max Verstappen (Red Bull-Netherlands)** won the **Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix** in **Italy**. It was Verstappen's second win this season after Saudi Arabia, which has also included two retirements, and the 22nd of his career. **Sergio Perez (Red Bull-Mexico)** finished second and **Lando Norris (McLaren-UK)** finished third.

- **Andrey Rublev (Russian)** has defeated world No. 1 **Novak Djokovic (Serbia)** to win his third title in the **Serbia Open**. Andrey Rublev has saved five set points in the second set to force a tie-break, but he was unable to prevent Djokovic from levelling the match. Rublev has now equalled **Rafael Nadal (Spain)** for the most tour-level titles in 2022 He also clinched crowns in Marseille and Dubai in February 2022.
- The 30-member Indian contingent participated at the **35th Edition of Asian Wrestling Championships 2022** held in **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**. Indian wrestlers secured a total of **17 medals, that includes (1-Gold, 5-Silver, and 11-Bronze medals)**. Gold Medalist: **Ravi Kumar Dahiya** is the only Gold medalist representing India, in the men's 57kg freestyle category, beating Kazakhstan's Rakhat Kalzhan on technical superiority.

Science and Technology News

- The launch of the **Digital India RISC-V (DIR-V) program** was announced on 27th April 2022 by the government of India with the aim of creating Microprocessors for the country's and the world's future and to achieve industry-grade commercial silicon and design for the next generation of microprocessors by the month of December 2023.

Important Days

- **National Panchayati Raj Day** is a national holiday in India that honours the **Panchayati Raj system**. Every year on **April 24th**, it is commemorated. The **73rd Constitutional Amendment Act**, which was passed in **1992**, is also commemorated on this day. **The Panchayati Raj system**, which is one of the country's oldest governing organisations, governs about **6 lakh communities in India**.
- Every year on **April 25th**, **World Malaria Day** is commemorated to raise awareness about this **life-threatening disease** that continues to be a **menace to humanity**. **Malaria** affects over **half of the world's population**, with the chances of people living in **poor nations** catching the disease being substantially higher. The theme for **World Malaria Day** this year is "**Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives**".
- On **December 12, 2018**, the **International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace** was established. To promote and maintain the **UN's three pillars of peace and security, development, and human rights**, it is critical to preserve the values of **multilateralism** and **international cooperation** that underpin the UN Charter and the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.

- Every year on **April 25th**, the world celebrates **International Delegates Day**. This day is commemorated to **increase awareness of the function of Member States'** representatives and **delegates at the United Nations**.
- **World Intellectual Property Day** is celebrated on the **26th of April** to learn about the role that intellectual property (IP) rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity. The day recognizes the huge potential of young people to find new and better solutions that support the transition to a sustainable future. This year, World Intellectual Property Day 2022's theme focuses on **IP and Youth innovating for a Better Future**.
- **International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day** is observed every year on **April 26** to raise awareness of the consequences of the 1986 Chernobyl disaster and the risks of nuclear energy in general. The day not only informs us about the man-made disaster but also educates human beings about the risks of nuclear energy in general.
- **World Immunization Week** is celebrated worldwide in the **last week of April**, to highlight the collective action required and to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all age groups against disease. This year, WHO is going to celebrate World Immunization Week from **April 24 to April 30**. To commemorate the day, WHO has decided the theme of this year's Immunization Week as "**Long Life for All**".
- **International Girls in ICT Day** is marked annually on the **fourth Thursday in April**. This year International Girls in ICT Day is observed on **28th April 2022**. This year's theme is **access and safety**.
- The annual **World Day for Safety and Health at Work** on **28 April** promotes the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally. The World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2022 focuses on enhancing social dialogue towards a culture of safety and health. This year's theme of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work is "**Participation And Social Dialogue In Creating A Positive Safety And Health Culture**".



- **World Stationery day** is celebrated every year on the **last Wednesday of April**. This year **World Stationery Day 2022** is observed on the **27th of April**. The day is celebrated to mark the importance of stationery and writing on paper than using computers. It is celebrated around the world by enthusiasts to protect and encourage the use of Stationery.
- The **International Dance Day** is observed globally on **29 April** every year. The day celebrates the value and importance of the dance and encourages participation and education in this art form through events and festivals. This day is also celebrated to promote the multiple benefits of dancing, to recognize dance as a stress reliever, expressing oneself, a way of celebrating happiness, and an activity that brings people together.
- **International Jazz Day** is celebrated every year around the world on **30 April**. This day is observed to promote Jazz and raise awareness about its significance. The theme for International Jazz Day 2022 is 'A Call for Global Peace and Unity'. It focuses on the importance of unity and peace through dialogue and diplomacy.
- **World Veterinary Day** is observed on the **last Saturday of April every year**. This year it falls on **30th April 2022**. The theme for World Veterinary Day 2022 is "**Strengthening Veterinary Resilience**". This essentially means providing veterinary doctors with all kinds of help, and resources they require in their journey.

Obituaries

- Eminent writer of Odisha and Padma Shri awardee (2020), **Binapani Mohanty** passed away at the age of 85. She was born in Berhampur and started her teaching career as a lecturer in Economy in 1960.
- Former president of Kenya, **Mwai Kibaki** passed away at the age of 90. He led the country from 2002 to 2013. During his rule, more than 1,100 people died in bloody ethnic battles after disputed 2007 polls, but to prevent such unrest he adopted a new constitution with reforms. His rule was ruined by uncontrolled corruption and lavish spending on flagship projects which increased the country's debt.
- Eminent structural biologist **M. Vijayan**, DAE Homi Bhabha Professor at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), passed away in Bengaluru. Vijayan, who was instrumental in the development of macromolecular crystallography in India, was 80.
- Former Indian women's hockey team captain, **Elvera Britto** has passed away at 81 due to old-age-related problems. He led Karnataka's domestic team to win seven national titles. She ruled the domestic circuit from **1960 to 1967**. She also represented India against Japan, Sri Lanka, and Australia. She is the second women hockey player to be conferred with the **Arjuna Award (1965) after Anne Lumsden**.

- The former Chief Minister of Meghalaya, **James Dringwell Rymbai**, died at the age of 88. He was born in Meghalaya on **October 26th, 1934**.
- Film and TV actor **Salim Ghose** passed away in Mumbai after suffering a cardiac arrest. He started his acting journey in 1978 with the movie Swarg Narak, following which he featured in films like **Chakra (1981), Saaransh (1984), Mohan Joshi Hazir Ho! (1984)**, and several others.

Miscellaneous News

- **Guadalajara, Mexico** was named **World Book Capital for the year 2022** by the Director-General of UNESCO, **Audrey Azoulay**, on the recommendation of the World Book Capital Advisory Committee. The city, already a UNESCO Creative City since 2017, was selected for its comprehensive plan for policies around the book to trigger social change, combat violence and build a culture of peace.
- **Mr. Ram Chandra Prasad Singh, Minister of Steel**, praised India's steel sector on its remarkable performance on a **global scale** and encouraged it to continue at this level in the year **2022**. This **production momentum** will help **India** to meet the predicted level of **500 million tonnes of production capacity** in the following **25 years**.
- According to the **Ministry of Culture, India** entered the **Guinness Book of World Records** by simultaneously **waving 78,220 flags** at the '**Veer Kunwar Singh Vijayotsav**' programme in **Bhojpur, Bihar**. India made history and entered the Guinness Book of World Records by simultaneously waving the largest number of national flags. **Amit Shah, the Union Home Minister**, was present at the historic event.
- **Deepika Padukone** will grace the **Cannes Film Festival** as a member of the jury, this year. The actress-producer has attended the prestigious film festival several times in the past, in the capacity of an ambassador of the beauty brand L'Oreal. The jury for the **75th edition** of the film festival is headed by French actor **Vincent Lindon**, who won Best Actor at Cannes in 2015.
- **IndiGo** becomes the first airline in Asia to land its aircraft using the indigenous navigation system **GAGAN**. This is a huge leap for Indian Civil Aviation and a firm step toward Aatmanirbhar Bharat, as India becomes the third country in the world to have its own SBAS system after the USA and Japan.
- In the Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir**, the **Samba district** of the Jammu division has become the first district in India to cover **100% of households** under the **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY)- SEHAT** scheme.

- The Ministry of Civil Aviation organized a mega event- **Yog Prabha at Safdarjung Airport in New Delhi**. The event was inaugurated by Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia and the Minister of State for Civil Aviation Dr. VK Singh. Over 900 officials participated in this mega event.

Static Takeaways

- NITI Aayog Formed: 1 January 2015;
- NITI Aayog Headquarters: New Delhi;
- NITI Aayog Chairperson: Narendra Modi;
- NITI Aayog Vice Chairperson: Suman Bery;
- NITI Aayog CEO: Amitabh Kant.
- Chief Minister of Manipur: Biren Singh
- Governor of Manipur: Ganeshan
- Karnataka Capital: Bengaluru;
- Karnataka Chief Minister: Basavaraj S Bommai;
- Karnataka Governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot.
- Tamil Nadu Capital: Chennai;
- Tamil Nadu Chief minister: K. Stalin;
- Tamil Nadu Governor: N. Ravi.
- Jharkhand Capital: Ranchi;
- Jharkhand Chief Minister: Hemant Soren;
- Jharkhand Governor: Ramesh Bais.
- Uttar Pradesh Capital: Lucknow;
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister: Yogi Adityanath;
- Uttar Pradesh Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Slovenia Capital: Ljubljana;
- Slovenia Currency: Euro;
- Slovenia President: Borut Pahor.
- Prasar Bharati CEO: Shashi Shekhar Vempati (2017-);
- Prasar Bharati Founded: 23 November 1997, New Delhi;
- Prasar Bharati Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Prasar Bharati Subsidiary: Doordarshan.
- Larsen & Toubro Limited Founded: 7 February 1938;
- Larsen & Toubro Limited Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- Larsen & Toubro Limited CEO & MD: S.N. Subrahmanyam.
- Suryoday Small Finance Bank Headquarters: Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- Suryoday Small Finance Bank MD & CEO: Baskar Babu Ramachandran;
- Suryoday Small Finance Bank Tagline: A Bank of Smiles.
- NPCI International Payments Ltd Establishment: 2020;
- NPCI International Payments Ltd Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- NPCI International Payments Ltd CEO: Ritesh Shukla.
- Twitter CEO: Parag Aggarwal;

- Twitter Founder: Jack Dorsey
- Reliance Industries Ltd CEO: Mukesh Ambani (31 Jul 2002-);
- Reliance Industries Ltd Founder: Dhirubhai Ambani;
- Reliance Industries Ltd Founded: 8 May 1973, Maharashtra;
- Reliance Industries Ltd Headquarters: Mumbai.
- SBI Card CEO: Rama Mohan Rao Amara (30 Jan 2021);
- SBI Card Headquarters: Gurugram;
- SBI Card Founded: October 1998.
- Nasscom President: Debjani Ghosh;
- Nasscom Headquarters location: New Delhi;
- Nasscom Founded: 1 March 1988.
- Future Generali India Life Insurance Founded: 2000;
- Future Generali India Life Insurance Headquarters: Mumbai.
- United Nations Environment Programme Founded: 1972;
- United Nations Environment Programme Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya;
- United Nations Environment Programme Executive Director: Inger Andersen (Denmark).
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Formation: 1 July 1949;
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Headquarters: New Delhi, India;
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India President: Debashis Mitra;
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Vice President: Aniket Sunil Talati;
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Secretary: Jai Kumar Batra.
- Estonia Capital: Tallinn; Currency: Euro.
- Director-General of UNESCO: Audrey Azoulay.
- UNESCO formation: 4 November 1946.
- UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France.
- World Intellectual Property Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- CEO of World Intellectual Property Organization: Daren Tang.
- World Intellectual Property Organization Founded: 14 July 1967
- World Health Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- World Health Organization Founded: 7 April 1948;
- World Health Organization Director-General: Tedros Adhanom.
- International Labour Organisation Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- International Labour Organisation Director-General; Guy Ryder;
- International Labour Organisation Founder: Paris Peace Conference;
- International Labour Organisation Founded: 1919.
- IndiGo CEO: Rono Dutta (24 Jan 2019-);

- IndiGo Founded: 2006;
- IndiGo Headquarters: Gurugram.
- Maharashtra Capital: Mumbai;
- Maharashtra Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari;
- Maharashtra Chief minister: Uddhav Thackeray.
- Bank of Baroda Founded: 20 July 1908;
- Bank of Baroda Headquarters: Vadodara, Gujarat;
- Bank of Baroda Managing Director & CEO: Sanjiv Chadha;
- Bank of Baroda Tagline: India's International Bank;
- Bank of Baroda Amalgamated Banks: Dena Bank & Vijaya Bank in 2019.

