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Telangana's Hyderabad honoured with AIPH 'World Green City award 2022'

The city of Hyderabad, Telangana, has been honoured as the Grand winner of the AIPH (International Association of Horticultural Producers) World Green City Awards 2022, the most prestigious award of the Inaugural AIPH World Green City awards (2022 edition), for its initiative titled "Green Garland to the State of Telangana". Hyderabad also won the award under the 'Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth' category.

Why the award was given to Hyderabad?

- Hyderabad has been awarded for its initiatives relying on greater use of plants and nature to create better city environments and helps fulfil local aspirations for improved economic, social and environmental resilience.
- The award acknowledged Telangana's programme of "Telangana Ku Haritha Haram's largescale treeplanting program taken up from 2015-2016.
- The program aims to increase the tree cover of the state from 24% to 33% of total area of the state.

About the AIPH World Green City awards 2022 :

AIPH World Green City awards (2022 edition) are the world's first Green City awards. AIPH announced the 6 Category Winners and the Grand Winner during the award ceremony that took place at the gala dinner at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Leaders Forum in Jeju Province of the Republic of Korea(South Korea) on 14th October 2022.

Other Awards: 6 Category-wise winners

Category	Winners
Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth	Green Garland to the State of Telangana, City of Hyderabad, India
Living Green for Biodiversity	Reverdecer Bogotá, Bogota D.C, Colombia
Living Green for Climate Change	Mexico City's Environmental and Climate Change Program, Mexico City, Mexico
Living Green for Health and Wellbeing	Transforming degraded land into Urban Micro Parks, City of Fortaleza, Brazil
Living Green for Water	The Phytotechnology Stations at the Montréal Botanical Garden / Space for Life, City of Montreal, Canada
Living Green for Social Cohesion	OASIS Schoolyard Project, City of Paris, France

Sri Lankan author Shehan Karunatilaka won Britain's Booker Prize 2022

Sri Lankan author, **Shehan Karunatilaka** has won **Britain's Booker Prize 2022 for fiction** for his work "**The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida**", about a journalist murdered amid the country's sectarian strife. The judges praised the "ambition of its scope, and the hilarious audacity of its narrative techniques". Karunatilaka's second novel, *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida* comes more than a decade after his debut, *Chinaman*, which was published in 2011.

Neil MacGregor, chair of the judges for this year's prize, said the novel was chosen because "it's a book that takes the reader on a rollercoaster journey through life and death right to what the author describes as the dark heart of the world".

Notably: Karunatilaka, 47, is the second Sri Lankan to win the award, following **Michael Ondaatje's** victory in 1992 for "The English Patient". Aside from the **£50,000 (\$56,000) prize**, winning the Booker can provide a career-changing boost in sales and public profile.

Shortlist of Booker Prize contenders:

This year's shortlist of Booker Prize contenders included British author Alan Garner's "Treacle Walker", Zimbabwean author NoViolet Bulawayo's "Glory", "Small Things Like These" by Irish writer Claire Keegan, U.S. author Percival Everett's "The Trees" and "Oh William!" by U.S. author Elizabeth Strout.

American historian Barbara Metcalf conferred Sir Syed Excellence Award for 2022

Noted American historian Prof. **Barbara Metcalf** was awarded the **Sir Syed Excellence Award 2022** by the **Aligarh Muslim University (AMU)** on the 205 th birth anniversary of its founder **Sir Syed Ahmad Khan**. Prof. Metcalf has written extensively on the history of the Muslim population of India and Pakistan. "Muslims constituted a full quarter of the population at the time of Independence and an important share of the Indian citizenry in the Republic of India thereafter. Yet their histories are understudied and are essential to telling India's history well.



About the Prof. Barbara Metcalf:

The Professor Emerita of History at the University of California, Davis, USA, remarked, "Sir Syed's modernist interventions preceded those of the Egypt-based modernists who too often are taken as founders of these trends of thought."

Prof. Metcalf, who has studied the role of ulama or Islamic scholars, underlined that Aligarh and Deoband schools had a great deal in common, something that is not appreciated. "My starting premise of when I worked on my dissertation 'A Study of the Founding and Early Years of the Madrasa at Deoband' was the fact that Aligarh and Deoband had a great deal in common - their leaders emerging from the same reformist intellectual milieu in Delhi, their sharing a concern for Muslim well-being, their embrace of institutional models for schooling taken from British patterns."

Who was Sir Syed Ahmad Khan?

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan (17 October 1817 - 27 March 1898; also Sayyid Ahmad Khan) was a South Asian Muslim reformer, philosopher, and educationist in nineteenth-century British India. Initially espousing Hindu-Muslim unity, he became the pioneer of Muslim nationalism in India. Born into a family with strong debts to the Mughal court, Ahmad studied the Quran and Sciences within the court. He was awarded an honorary LLD from the University of Edinburgh in 1889.

Alexia Putellas, Karim Benzema win 2022 Ballon d'Or awards

Real Madrid's **Karim Benzema**, a professional French footballer, has won the **Men's Ballon d'Or (Golden Ball Award) 2022** and becomes the 5th Frenchman to win the prize. Barcelona's **Alexia Putellas**, a Spanish professional footballer, has won the **Women's Ballon d'Or award or Ballon d'Or Féminin Award** for the 2nd time. The 66th edition of the Ballon d'Or Ceremony (2022) was held on 17th October 2022 at the Théâtre du Châtelet. Paris, France. Karim Benzema becomes only the 2nd player aside from Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo to win the award since 2008.

Notably: The most number of Ballon d'Or was received by Lionel Messi. He tops the list with 7 awards followed by Cristiano Ronaldo with 5 awards.

The Ballon d'Or: Awards and Winners:

Award	Winner
Ballon d'Or (Men)	Real Madrid's Karim Benzema
Ballon d'Or (Women)	Alexia Putellas(Barcelona)
Kopa Award	Gavi (Barcelona)
Gerd Muller Award	Robert Lewandowski (Barcelona)
Yashin Trophy	Thibaut Courtois (Real Madrid)
Club of the Year Award	Manchester City
Socrates Award	Sadio Mane (Liverpool)

About the Ballon d'Or:

The Ballon d'Or is annually presented by the French magazine 'France Football', since 1956. The inaugural Ballon d'Or was presented to Stanley Matthews of Blackpool in 1956. This is one of the oldest and most prestigious individual awards for a football play. The Women's Ballon d'Or was introduced in 2018.

HCL's Shiv Nadar named country's most generous philanthropist

HCL founder **Shiv Nadar** topped as the most generous person in the country with an annual donation of Rs 1,161 crore, the **EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022** revealed. Nadar, 77, has reclaimed the 'India's most generous' title with a donation of Rs 3 crore per day, according to the report.

Wipro's Azim Premji, 77, slipped to the second position with an annual donation of Rs 484 crore after ruling at the top position for the last two consecutive years, it said. India's richest man Gautam Adani, 60, ranked seventh in Edelgive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022, with a donation of Rs 190 crore.

Top 10 in the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022 is shown below:

Rank	Name	Donation (Rs cr)	Primary cause	Company
1(+1)	Shiv Nadar & family	1,161	Education	HCL Technologies
2(-1)	Azim Premji & family	484	Education	Wipro
3(-)	Mukesh Ambani & family	411	Education	Reliance Industries
4(-)	Kumar Mangalam Birla & family	242	Healthcare	Aditya Birla
5*	Susmita and Subroto Bagchi	213	Healthcare	Mindtree
5*	Radha and NS Parthasarathy	213	Healthcare	Mindtree
7(+1)	Gautam Adani & family	190	Disaster Relief	Adani
8(+1)	Anil Agarwal & family	165	Disaster Relief	Vedanta
9(-4)	Nandan Nilekani	159	Societal Thinking	Infosys
10(+1)	AM Naik	142	Healthcare	Larsen & Toubro

Top 10 New entrants in EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022:

Rank	Name	Donation (Rs cr)	Age	Primary Cause	Company
1	Susmita and Subroto Bagchi	213	65	Healthcare	Mindtree
1	Radha and NS Parthasarathy	213	61	Healthcare	Mindtree
3	Ajit Isaac	115	55	Healthcare	Qness Corp
4	Rakesh Gangwal	100	69	Education	InterGlobe Aviation
5	Girdhari Lal Bawri, Rajendra Agarwal and Banwari Lal Bawri	41	-	Education	Macleods Pharmaceuticals
6	Naveen Jindal & family	38	52	Education	Jindal Steel & Power
7	Ashok Soota	26	79	Disaster Relief	Happiest Minds Technologies
8	Govind Dholakia	15	75	Disaster Relief	Shree Ramkrishna Exports
9	Madhukar Parekh, Ajay Parekh & Kalpana Parekh	10	-	Disaster Relief	Pidilite Industries
10	Anil Rai Gupta & family	9	53	Disaster Relief	Havells India

Important points in the report

- The report further revealed that in India a total of 15 individuals made an annual donation of over Rs 100 crore, 20 donated over Rs 50 crore and 43 over Rs 20 crore.
- Based on the place of residence, Mumbai led with 33 per cent of the list of most generous people in the country, followed by New Delhi accounting for 16 per cent, and Bengaluru at 13 per cent.
- The pharmaceutical industry has the largest number of philanthropists in the list, accounting for 20 per cent, followed by chemicals and petrochemicals at 11 per cent.
- The average age of philanthropists on the list is 69 years, which is two years older than last year's.

About the Hurun Report:

The Hurun Report is based on a survey of India's most successful entrepreneurs, including those from the Hurun India Rich List 2022, meticulously cross-referencing the results with media reports and charitable foundations. In the course of the research, Hurun Report also attended non-profit-related seminars, as well as meeting with scholars, experts, philanthropists, and senior members of charitable foundations.

National Affairs

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** has inaugurated a gallery-cum-exhibition depicting the history of prominent Maratha commanders at the sprawling **Jai Vilas Mahal of Scindias**, the erstwhile rulers of Gwalior. Shah visited the museum in the palace and inaugurated the **'Gatha Swaraj ki-Maratha Gallery'** depicting the history of the main Maratha rulers including the Scindias, Gaikwads, Holkars, Nevalkars, Bhosales and the Pawar. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Dr. L Murugan** has recently said that India stands third in the world in terms of fish production. India is the **3rd largest fish producing** and **2nd largest aquaculture nation** in the world after China. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Union Cabinet approved an increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all Rabi Crops** for the Marketing Season 2023-24. The highest increase has been cleared for lentils with a hike of 500 rupees per quintal. The MSP on wheat has been hiked by 110 rupees and barley by 100 rupees. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres** arrived in Mumbai, India on October 19 on a three-day official visit. **This is his first visit to India, since he assumed his second term in office in January this year.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri** has inaugurated **Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant** in Lehragaga, in **Sangrur, Punjab**. The plant in Sangrur is just the beginning of India's master plan for a CBG-based rural economy and the government is taking all steps to promote the ecosystem around it. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **"Mission Schools of Excellence" unveiled by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi:** The 'Mission Schools of Excellence' is an ambitious project in Gandhinagar with the dual goals of reforming the curriculum in Gujarat's public schools and countering the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) criticisms of the State government for the low quality of education. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Mission LIFE movement** is launched by **PM Modi** in order to protect the environment. Prime Minister Narendra Modi issued a stern warning. After the global launch of Mission LiFE at the Statue of Unity in Gujarat in the presence of UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, the PM addressed the crowd and asserted that lifestyle changes can help to mitigate climate change. ([Click here to read the article](#))

States in the News

- **The central government** has approved the construction of an iconic cable stayed-cum-suspension bridge across the **Krishna river connecting Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and passing through the Nallamala forest range.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tamil Nadu** has emerged as the only state in India which has achieved the target for **2022 Q1 and Q2 for Jal Jeevan Mission**, with 69.57 lakh households provided with tap connections. **Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** visited Chennai and reviewed the progress of the work on the Jal Jeevan Mission for assured portable Tap water supply to every rural household by 2024. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The third **World Kuchipudi Natyotsavam** was organized for three days in Vijayawada. The World Kuchipudi Natyotsavam starts on **14th October 2022**. The Kuchipudi dance festival is being organized in commemoration of the **93rd birth anniversary of world-renowned Kuchipudi dance artist Vempati China Satyam.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Kati Bihu** is an auspicious festival of Assam which is a **harvest festival**. It is celebrated on 18th October 2022 and the day is marked on the first day of Kati month according to the **Assamese Calendar**. The Kati Bihu generally falls in **October** every day. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Durgavati Tiger Reserve** is a 2,339 square kilometers new tiger reserve that will spread across **Narsinghpur, Damoh, and Sagar districts. Madhya Pradesh Wildlife Board** has approved the making of a new tiger reserve of Panna Tiger Reserve (PTP), one-fourth of which will get submerged due to the Linkin of the **Ken-Betwa rivers.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Centre has appointed **Sanjay Malhotra**, a 1990 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Rajasthan cadre, as the **new revenue secretary**. He will replace **Tarun Bajaj** who will superannuate at the end of November. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Chief Minister of Tripura Dr. Manik Saha** along with **Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath** inaugurated the **first English medium general degree college of the state** in the city having **100 intake capacity**. The first five basic subjects of the arts stream include compulsory **Bengali and English.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Punjab Government** decided to restore the **old pension scheme** for its employees. **Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann** announced that the government has decided to implement the old pension scheme as a **Diwali gift** for its employees. The decision was taken as an in-principle decision to the effect of the **cabinet meeting.** ([Click here to read the article](#))

International Affairs

- **Two American congressmen have introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives** urging the Biden administration to recognise the **Pakistan Army's atrocities** against ethnic minorities during the **1971 Liberation War of Bangladesh.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Japanese cabinet ministers on Oct 14 approved the scrapping of a law** that stipulates women pregnant at the time of a divorce must wait 100 days before marrying again. **The law, in place for more than a century,** does not apply to men and was originally intended as a way to aid the identification of the father who is financially responsible for a newborn baby. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO),** also called the **North Atlantic Alliance** announced had started its annual nuclear exercise code-named **"Steadfast Noon"**. The week-long exercise is taking place over Southern Europe and involves aircraft and personnel from 14 NATO countries. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sweden's parliament elected Moderates leader Ulf Kristersson as the country's new prime minister.** A total of 176 members of the Riksdag voted in favor of Kristersson, while 173 members voted against him. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **8th edition of annual flagship cultural program of Embassy of India, Seoul 'SARANG- The Festival of India in Republic of Korea'** will be held from Sept. 30 through Oct. 14, 2022 in offline mode at various locations across the country after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19 pandemic. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Pakistan is likely to exit the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** after it was placed in the infamous category since 2018 for failing to check money laundering and terrorist financing, a media report said. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The World Bank has appointed a "neutral expert" and a chairman of the Court of Arbitration** regarding the Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric power plants, in view of disagreements and differences between **India and Pakistan over the 1960 Indus Water Treaty.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **One Health Joint Plan of Action:** The One Health Joint Plan of Action would develop a framework and integrate systems and capability to enable improved collaborative prevention, prediction, detection, and response to health hazards. This will support sustainable development while enhancing the health of people, animals, plants, and the environment. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **favourable trade balance that China has enjoyed with India**, since bilateral commerce began to boom in the early 2000s, has cumulatively exceeded \$1 trillion, according to estimates. **The trade gap has particularly widened in the past decade**. In 2021, **annual two-way trade crossed \$100 billion for the first time**, reaching \$125.6 billion, with India's imports accounting for \$97.5 billion, pegging the imbalance at close to \$70 billion. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Liz Truss**, the British prime minister will step down from her position after only six weeks in office due to an economic plan that angered many members of her own party and rattled financial markets. **Suella Braverman**, Indian origin British interior minister, also resigned making her the second senior cabinet official to do so in the past week after finance minister **Kwasi Kwarteng**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India and France** were re-elected as the **President and Co- President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)** for a term of **two years** at the virtual meeting of the Third Assembly held on 14 October. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Pakistan has been removed from the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, the Paris-based global watchdog on money laundering and terrorist financing. **Pakistan was placed in the grey list in 2018** for failing to keep a check on money laundering and terrorist financing. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **The International Cricket Council (ICC) and UNICEF** have launched a global partnership to empower women and girls and promote inclusion and gender equality through cricket. The initiatives to drive greater gender equity along with advocacy campaigns involving some of the world's best players will form the basis of the partnership, which aims to mobilise the **"power of cricket to driving positive social change"**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Arya.ag and FWWB India partner with UNDP**: Project Excel is being implemented in the Gujarati districts of Jamnagar and Dwaraka Devbhumi by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration with the integrated grain commerce platform **Arya.ag** and Friends of Women's World Banking India (FWWB India). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Google partners with Assam Government**: In order to help and expedite the Assam government's objective to foster digital growth and development in the State, Google inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). As part of this new initiative, Google will work with the **Assam Government's Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department (SEED)** to strengthen school digitization efforts with digital tools and solutions to support teaching and learning. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Mahindra and Mahindra Financial Services Ltd** announced a strategic partnership with India **Post Payments Bank** to enhance credit access to a larger customer base. India Post Payments Bank will provide lead referral services to **Mahindra Finance for Passenger vehicles, three-wheelers, tractors, and commercial vehicle loan** categories and provide cash EMI deposit facilities to existing Mahindra Finance Customers at the post office. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Books and Authors

- A new book titled **"The Philosophy of Modern Song"** authored by **Bob Dylan**, Nobel laureate and published by Simon & Schuster will be launched in November 2022. The Philosophy of Modern Song contains the artistic journey and achievements of Bob Dylan. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Odisha Chief Minister, **Naveen Patnaik** released the book titled **'Pandemic Disruptions and Odisha's Lessons in Governance'** by **Dr Amar Patnaik**, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha this evening at Naveen Niwas. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Home Minister Amit Shah** launched the **MBBS Course books** in Hindi version at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. It is the first ever Hindi version of the MBBS course books in India. The book launch event was felicitated by the **Bhopal state education minister Vishvas Kailash Sarang** and Bhopal CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian Revenue Service (IRS) Joint Commissioner GST, Custom & Narcotics and youth influencer, **Sahil Seth** launched his book titled **'A confused Mind story'**. The book was launched and the first look was Unveiled in the presence of Union Health Minister **Sh Mansukh L Mandaviya**. ([Click here to read the article](#))



Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Piyush Goyal**, the minister of commerce and industry, expressed confidence that the nation will reach its goal of **2 trillion USD** in products and services exported by **2030**. The Union Commerce and Industry minister was addressing at the Chennai-based Exporters Conclave. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **India's WPI inflation falls to 10.7% in Sep:** Inflation based on the Wholesale Price Index(WPI) decreased to 10.70% in September. According to official figures, the WPI-based inflation rate was 12.41% in August. **High-speed diesel** (HSD) saw the highest inflation rate at 65.96%. (YoY). It was followed by price increases of 44.72 percent for crude oil and natural gas and 49.79 percent for potatoes. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **India's Foreign Exchange Reserve Increases:** The Reserve Bank reported an increase in the value of gold assets caused India's foreign exchange reserves to climb by USD 204 million to USD 532.868 billion for the week ended October 7. The total reserves decreased by USD 4.854 billion to USD 532.664 billion during the previous reporting week. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **India may draw \$475 billion in FDI:** India has promising growth prospects for **foreign direct investment (FDI)** and has the potential to draw \$475 billion in FDI flows over the next five years, according to a CII-EY report. Despite the effects of the pandemic and geopolitical developments, foreign direct investment (FDI) in India has steadily increased over the past ten years, reaching \$84.8 billion in FY 2021-22. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **BookMyShow and RBL Bank collaborate:** The launch of a new credit card called "Play" by **RBL Bank** and BookMyShow will significantly increase the entertainment value for Indian consumers. RBL Bank and **BookMyShow** collaborated to offer the Fun Plus credit card earlier in 2016. Customers will be able to follow the full procedure on BookMyShow, a first for any entertainment platform in India, from application to delivery of the "Play" credit card. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **KBL Centenary Deposit Scheme launched:** Karnataka Bank has launched a term deposit scheme named the **KBL Centenary Deposit Scheme** with effect from October 17, 2022. In order to honour the amazing journey towards its Centenary and to thank its customers, the bank has created a special term deposit programme with a higher rate of interest. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **1st SemiconIndia Future Design roadshow launched:** Rajeev Chandrasekhar, state minister for electronics and IT for the Union, officially kicked off the first SemiconIndia FutureDesign roadshow in Gujarat. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Life Insurance Company (LIC)** has launched the '**LIC Dhan Varsha**' scheme. The 'LIC Dhan Varsha scheme is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan which offers a combination of protection and savings. The savings insurance plan provides **financial support** for the family in case of **unfortunate death** of the life assured during the policy terms. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- AI-driven financial wellness platform, **CASHe**, announced that it has partnered with the **Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)**, to provide a "**travel now pay later**" (**TNPL**) **payment option** on its travel app, **IRCTC Rail Connect**. This will enable travellers of Indian Railways to book their rail tickets instantly and pay for it later in pocket-friendly EMIs, ranging from three to six months. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **PhonePe**, a homegrown fintech platform, announced the launch of its first green data centre in India, leveraging technologies and solutions from **Dell Technologies and NTT**. The facility **opens up** new opportunities in data management for PhonePe, with efficient data security, power efficiency, ease of operations, and cloud solutions. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Leading stock brokerage firm, **HDFC Securities**, **announced the opening of the first-ever Women-Only Digital Centre (DC) in India**. This pioneering centre, staffed with a team of women, will serve both male and female investors. This closely follows **the company's announcement regarding the opening of multiple DCs across India** to ease access to services and promote digital adoption. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Make My Trip, Goibibo (MMT-Go), and OYO** were fined Rs 392 crore by the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. CCI fined these companies which were spelled out in a 131-page order which is for "unfair business practices". **Make My Trip** and **Goibibo** will pay a fine of Rs 223.48 crore while OYO will pay Rs 168.88 crore. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

Appointments/Resignations

- **Partha Satpathy** has been appointed as India's next ambassador to **Bosnia and Herzegovina**. He is currently the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Hungary. On 3rd November 2022, Parth Satpathy was appointed as the **Ambassador of India** to Hungary. He served as the Hungarian Ambassador for 11 months and then became the Ambassador of India to Bosnia and Herzegovina. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Bandhan Bank** has announced that it has roped in **Sourav Ganguly** as its Brand Ambassador. Sourav Ganguly will help amplify the brand message of the Bank and endorse the products and services of the Bank. The Indian Test specialist, Cheteshwar Pujara, has been roped in by the fantasy sports platform, Fantasy Dangal, as its brand ambassador. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian Foreign Service, **Apoorva Srivastava** has been appointed to serve as India's Ambassador to the **Slovak Republic**. An officer of the 2001 batch, she currently serves as Consul-General at the Consulate of India in Toronto. Prior to this, she served in various positions in the Ministry of External Affairs and has been posted in Kathmandu and Paris, among other locations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The government of India has appointed **Bharati Das**, an officer of the **Indian Civil Accounts Service** of the 1988 batch, as the **Controllor General of Accounts (CGA)**, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. She is the **27th** Controllor General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former Infosys president **Ravi Kumar S**, who resigned from the Bengaluru-based IT company last week, is joining as president of **Cognizant Americas**. Kumar will take on the position from January 16, 2023, and will be reporting directly to Brian Humphries, chief executive officer (CEO) of Cognizant. Kumar succeeds **Dharmendra Kumar Sinha** who retired from Cognizant last year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Dr Prashant Garg**, executive chair, L V Prasad Eye Institute, has been elected as a **'Member'** of the prestigious **Academia Ophthalmological Internationalis (AOI)**. Dr Garg becomes the fifth from India to ever receive this honour. His tenure as a Member of Academia Ophthalmological Internationalis will formally commence next year during AOI's next General Assembly meeting. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **JP Morgan** has announced the appointment of its new **Country Head of India, Kaustubh Kulkarni**. Madhav Kalyan the current country head of India will be serving in the **Asia Pacific Payments Division** from 1st November 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Atanu Chakraborty now the Chairman of Yubi:** Atanu Chakraborty has been appointed as the Independent Chairman of the **Yubi** board, as told by the company itself.. In addition, **Atanu Chakraborty** serves as HDFC Bank's board chairman at the moment. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Veteran Karnataka leader Mallikarjun Kharge defeated his rival Shashi Tharoor to become the first non-Gandhi Congress president in 24 years, and the first Scheduled Caste chief of the grand old organization in four decades.** Kharge polled 7897 of the 9385 votes cast while Tharoor garnered a meagre 1072. Sources said 416 votes were invalid. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Paytm Payments Bank** has appointed **Deependra Singh Rathore** as the interim **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**, in addition to his role as Chief Product & Technology Officer. CEO **Satish Gupta** is retiring this month. The bank will announce the new full-time CEO after receiving regulatory approvals. The bank has also appointed **Sunil Chander Sharma**, a former IRS officer as Chief Operating Officer (COO). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former Civil Aviation Secretary, **Pradeep Singh Kharola** was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of the **India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Indian Space Research Organisation** has designated **Dr. Sankarasubramanian K** as the Principal Scientist of the **Aditya-L1 mission**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Defence News

- **Indian Army** signed MoU with 11 banks for providing banking facilities to **Agniveers** on enrolment. The banks are **State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, IDBI Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Yes Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, IDFC First Bank, and Bandhan Bank**. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **India registered defence exports worth Rs 8,000 crore in six months of the current financial year and aims to achieve the annual export target of Rs 35,000 crore by 2025**, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said. He was speaking at the curtain raiser event of DefExpo, scheduled to be held from October 18 to 22, in Gandhinagar. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **PowerEx-2022**: 193 invited Power Sector Utilities to participate in the Cyber Security Exercise "PowerEX" that was successfully designed and carried out by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN) and Power-CSIRTs. On the exercise day, the CERT-IN team collaborated with the **Power-CSIRT** authorities' Exercise Planner Team as Exercise Coordinators. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Adani Airport Holdings** has again rejigged its top management, naming Ericsson veteran **Arun Bansal** its **chief executive officer**. Bansal, who spent 25 years at the Swedish telecom network company, was most recently its president for Europe and Latin America. The appointment will help strengthen digital transformation and the business growth agenda. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Naval Academy**, Ezhimala to conduct the **Indian Navy Sailing Championship 2022** at Marakkar Watermanship Training Centre in Kerala. The Indian Navy Sailing Championship 2022 is the largest intra-Navy sailing regatta in which nearly one hundred yatchpersons from all three **Indian Naval Commands** will participate. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for Indian Air Force (IAF)'s new airbase at Deesa in Banaskantha district of Gujarat** and described it as an effective center of India's security. He said the Deesa air base, mere **130 kilometers from the Indo-Pak border**, will be able to give a better response to any threat coming from the western side. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Mission DefSpace was inaugurated at **DefExpo2022** in Gandhinagar, Gujarat by the prime minister Narendra Modi (PM Modi). The project's goal is to create cutting-edge defence forces in the space industry. 75 space industry challenges have been highlighted for private companies to work on under Mission DefSpace. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Agni Prime missile successfully tested**: The **Agni Prime New Generation Ballistic Missile** was successfully tested by India on October 21 off the coast of **Odisha**. Around 9.45 this morning, a test launch of the ballistic missile took place. The missile successfully completed the test, covering its full range, and all of its test goals were achieved. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **Indian and US militaries** carried out a three-day joint humanitarian assistance exercise in **Vishakhapatnam** in line with the growing strategic cooperation between the two countries. The **Tiger Triumph exercise** was the second collaboration between the Indian and US Militaries to coordinate disaster relief in the region. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- **Prakash Padukone awarded with SJFI medal**: The Sports Journalists' Federation of India medal (SJFI medal) for 2019 was presented to badminton legendary star **Prakash Padukone** during a cordial ceremony at the Karnataka State Cricket Association. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **YSR lifetime achievement awards recipient**: The State Formation Day, November 1, will mark the presentation of the **YSR Lifetime Achievement** and YSR Achievement-2022 Awards, according to the State government. Reporters in Guntur were informed on Friday that the High Power Steering Committee's suggested awards had been authorised by the Chief Minister **Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In the PMAY-2021 awards, **Uttar Pradesh** bagged the first position followed by **Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu** at second and third place, respectively. **Madhya Pradesh** got three special category awards followed by **Jammu and Kashmir**, which was adjudged the 'Best Performing UT' alongside **Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Karnataka Bank** has bagged the **National Digital Transformation Awards**, "DX 2022 Awards" instituted by the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** for best practices in digital transformation under the BFSI segment. ([Click here to read the article](#))



Summit and Conference

- The **9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC)** and Arogya Expo, will be held in **Panaji, Goa** from 8th to 11th December 2022. The 9th World Ayurveda Congress aims to transformationally push Ayurveda to bring it into global focus. The 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) is going to be hosted in Goa and it aims to create an **accessible and affordable healthcare system** that is in harmony with modern medical practices. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India is set to host the **Shanghai Coordinators Organization** national coordinator meeting in Delhi. The SCO National Coordinators meeting will take place from the **17th to the 18th of October 2022**. New Delhi took over the presidency of the nine-member grouping earlier this year at the Samarkand SCO summit. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **90th General Assembly of Interpol** is going to be held in **New Delhi** from 18th October to 21st October 2022. The 90th General Assembly of Interpol will have the world's largest police body with 195 members. The **General Assembly** is the International policing organization's top governing body and meets once a year to take important decisions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Blockchain Summit in Dubai is taking place on Oct. 17 and 18, 2022 at Atlantis, The Palm**. It is one of the most elite gatherings of the global crypto and blockchain ecosystem. **The 22nd global edition of the World Blockchain Summit** will bring together some of the world's leading crypto influencers, policymakers, key government delegates, media, family offices, HNIs and other curated investors, among others, to foster the crypto and blockchain community across the globe. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Global Youth Leadership Center**, an international non-profit organisation, is all set to embark on its journey from **Bangladesh** on October 20 with the inauguration of its first programme — the Global Youth Climate Summit. The three-day summit will be held at Ava Center in Khulna, one of Bangladesh's most climate vulnerable regions, bringing together 650 youths from 70 countries to explore how today's youth can lead the fight against climate change. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Spice Congress 14th edition**: The 14th World Spice Congress will take place in the **CIDCO Exhibition and Convention Centre** in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, from February 16 to 18, 2023. **Spices Board India** in conjunction with a number of trade and export forums is hosting the World Spice Congress during India's G20 presidency. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **5th edition** of India's only comprehensive International Trade Fair and Conference, **Windyrgy India 2023** will be held from 4th October to 6th October 2023. The **Windyrgy India 2023** will be organized by the **Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA)** and **PDA Ventures Pvt Ltd**, the three-day trade fairs and conference will provide a vibrant platform to meet and interact with policymakers, regulatory authority, international and domestic technology, solution and services providers from the wind power industries. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- **Andhra Pradesh, Assam, and Gujarat** are three of the 15 States and UTs that are categorised as achievers in the logistics index chart for 2022, according to a study released by the commerce and industry ministry. The **logistics performance Index 2022** measures the effectiveness of the logistical services required to encourage exports and economic expansion. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Haryana** has bagged the top position in the category of **big states in the Public Affairs Index-2022**. In PAI-2022, **Sikkim** has retained its position as the best-governed small state in India. The index, prepared by a Bengaluru-based non-profit think tank **Public Affairs Centre (PAC)**, was released. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The number of people living below the poverty line in **India decreased by 415 million between 2005-06 and 2019-21**, according to a new Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) released jointly by the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) at the University of Oxford. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's internet freedom improves after 4 years**: Following initiatives to close the digital divide in the nation, India's internet freedom score increased by two points to 51 in the overall ranking, according to the US government-funded NGO **Freedom House**. Reduced frequency and intensity of nationwide internet outages also contributed to the score improvement. In terms of internet freedom, India scored 49 in 2021. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Jio** became the largest landline service provider in the country for the first time, in August. With **7.35 million landline connections** as on August 31, Reliance Jio beat state-owned telecom operator and hitherto market leader **BSNL's 7.13 million connections**, according to the latest data released by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai). Third-placed **MTNL provided 2.6 million connections**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **India** drops three spots in the **Global Ranking for median mobile speed**. It went from 115th to 118th in June from May. According to the **Ookla Speedtest Global Index report**, India's median mobile download speed has decreased from 14.28 Mbps in May to 14.00 Mbps in June. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)**, which oversees Aadhaar, has once again topped the September rankings report published by the **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)**, for resolving most public grievances among all government ministries and government departments. This is the second consecutive month UIDAI has topped the rankings. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- With levels of poverty, inflation and hunger notwithstanding, **India ranks third in the world's first-ever global study on the rise of centi-millionaires** — individuals with assets of more than Rs 830 crore (\$100 million), a new report has revealed. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- As compared to **40th out of 43 countries in 2021**, **India ranked 41 out of 44 countries** in the **Mercer CFS Global Pension Index**. The MCGPI is a comprehensive study of 44 global pension systems, accounting for 65 percent of the world's population. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Sports News

- **India** defeated Sri Lanka by 8 wickets in the finals of the **Women's Asia Cup 2022**. India has bagged the position for the 7th time. **Sri Lanka** won the toss and opted to bat first. Sri Lanka made **65 runs in 20 overs** losing 10 wickets. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil wins gold in World Championship**: Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil defeated **Danillo Sollazo** of Italy to win the gold medal match 17–13. Balasaheb Patil would have thought his Olympic goal was just a tiny bit closer when he glanced above one more at the Olympic city shooting range in Cairo. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- UAE's **Aayan Khan**, the **16-year-old all-rounder**, is the youngest player to feature in the **men's T20 World Cup**. He was picked in the UAE XI for the team's first match of the T20 World Cup against the Netherlands at the Simonds Stadium in Geelong. Aayan broke Pakistan pacer **Mohammad Amir's record**. The left-arm quick played his first T20 World Cup when he was 17 years and 55 days old. Netherlands' **Stephan Myburgh**, at 38 years and 230 days, is the oldest in the 2022 T20 World Cup. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Jyothi Yarraji**, an Indian Sprinter made history in the **women's 100m hurdles** as she became the **first Indian woman to run a sub-13s time** to win the gold medal at the Nation Games 2022. Jyothi Yarraji broke her national record representing **Andhra Pradesh** by running the final in 12.79s. Earlier, Jyothi Yarraji won the **women's 100m gold**, leaving behind Sprinters like **Dutee Chand and Hima Das**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India teenager **Donnarumma Gukesh** scripted history in the ongoing **Aimchess Rapid online tournament** as he defeated **Magnus Carlsen**, thereby becoming the youngest player ever to beat him as world champion. **Gukesh at 16 years 4 months 20 days** – also became the youngest Indian player to defeat Carlsen. **Praggnanandhaa was 16 years 6 months and 10 days** old when he defeated the world No.1. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Serbian scientists** have named a new species of **beetle** after the tennis player **Novak Djokovic**, a Serbian tennis player due to its speed, strength, flexibility, durability and ability to survive in a difficult environment. The new species of beetle belongs to the *Duvalius* genus that is present in Europe. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former Irish professional boxer **Bernard Dunne** has been named the **high-performance director (HPD) for Indian boxing**. Dunne, who had a five-year (2017-2022) stint with the Irish Athletic Boxing Association, replaces **Santiago Nieva**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Asian Football Confederation (AFC)** Executive Committee has confirmed the **Qatar Football Association (QFA)** as the host association for the AFC Asian Cup 2023. The 11th AFC Executive Committee meeting was chaired by **AFC President Shaikh Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tazuni**, a fun, football-loving penguin is unveiled as the **Official Mascot of the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Magnus Carlsen** claimed the **Meltwater Champions Chess Tour 2022** title with a tournament defeating **Arjun Erigaisi** in the quarter-finals of the 8th and penultimate event of the **Meltwater Champions Chess Tour**. ([Click here to read the article](#))



Schemes and Committess News

- **The total balance in the basic bank accounts under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has crossed the ₹1.75 lakh crore mark.** As per the latest Government data, **the total balance stood at ₹1,75,225 crore as on October 5, 2022**, as the total number of beneficiaries touched 47 crore. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022 Launched:** The **PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022** will be launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi. More than 13,500 farmers from all around the country and about 1,500 agri entrepreneurs are expected to attend the two-day event. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana-One Nation One Fertiliser.** Under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana, companies must market all subsidized fertilizers under a single brand, 'Bharat'. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **\$500 Million Accelerator Program to Strengthen Agri Startups:** Union Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** announced that the central government will launch a Rs 500 crore accelerator programme to support the productive ideas of agro businesses. On the second day of the PM Kisan Samman Sammelan, Tomar made numerous significant announcements regarding big policy efforts for agriculture entrepreneurs. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Science and Technology News

- **IInvenTiv, an all-IITs R&D showcase launched:** At the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT Delhi), IInvenTiv, the first-ever all-IIT R&D exhibition, was officially inaugurated by Union Minister for Education and Skill Development **Dharmendra Pradhan**. The Education minister claimed that IITs are now used as catalysts for change. They serve as both a bridge to the future and a storehouse of information. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- European telecom gear makers, **Nokia and Ericsson** have inked multi-year supply contracts with **Reliance Jio** for supplying **5G network equipment** to the country's largest carrier for deploying standalone or 5G SA. With the deals, both Nokia and Ericsson are supplying to India's three largest mobile operators including Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea. While Vodafone Idea is yet to announce its 5G strategy, both Airtel and Jio have said that they will provide pan-India **5G coverage by 2024**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **The heaviest rocket LVM3 of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will launch 36 satellites of British start-up OneWeb Broadband Communication Satellites** from the spaceport in Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota on October 23, 2022. It will mark the the launcher's **entry into the global commercial launch service market**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Chandrayaan-3 set for launch in August 2023:** The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** plans to launch its third lunar mission in the month of June 2023. The more capable lunar rover that will be carried by Chandrayaan-3, which is essential for future interplanetary explorations, according to **S. Somnath**, Chairman of the Indian Space Agency, ISRO. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Important Days News

- **World Food Day 2022:** Every year on October 16 in observance of the date the **Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)** of the United Nations was established in 1945, World Food Day is marked. The theme for World Food Day 2022 is **Leave NO ONE behind**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** is observed every year on **October 17** globally. It is a day to raise awareness about the global issue of poverty and how it is a violation of human rights and of human dignity. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year, **October 17** is celebrated as **World Trauma Day**. The day is observed with a view to prevent the increasing rate of accidents and injuries causing death and disability across the world. The day was created in **New Delhi, India, in 2011**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **October 15** is marked as **Global Handwashing Day**, with the aim of increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives. This year's theme, "**Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene**", calls on all of society to work together to scale up hand hygiene. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World osteoporosis day** is a global healthcare event observed every year on **20 October**. This year 2022, the World Osteoporosis Day theme is "**Step Up For Bone Health**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Statistics Day 2022** is celebrated annually on October 20th to recognize the importance of statistics in our daily lives. The theme of Statistics Day, 2022 is "**Data for Sustainable Development**". ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Every year on **October 20th, International Chefs Day** is observed to honour the culinary masters who have protected the value of food and are passing on the same message to future generations. The theme for this year is **"Growing A Healthy Future."** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** observes **National Solidarity Day on 20th October** every year. This day is observed to honour the **Armed Forces**. In the wake of the mortifying military thrashing because of China, India had started observing National Solidarity Day on October 20—the date on which China began the assaults in 1962. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Global Dignity Day** is observed every year on the **3rd Wednesday of October**. This year Global Dignity Day is observed on the **19th of October**. The day is an initiative to educate and inspire young people and help them to understand their self-worth and goals. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **October 21** commemorates the sacrifices of ten CRPF personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty. **On October 21, 1959**, ten Indian policemen were killed during an attack by Chinese troops in the Hot Springs region close to Ladakh after an argument between the troops. Since that day, 21 October has been observed as **National Police Commemoration Day** in honour of the martyrs. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Stuttering Awareness Day (ISAD)** or International Stammering Awareness Day is celebrated on **October 22**. The day creates awareness about the speech disorder known as stuttering or stammering. The theme for 2022's International Stuttering Awareness Day is **"Being seen, being heard: Representation and normalisation of stuttering in the mainstream,"**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India Gate**, the flagship brand of KRBL, has been recognized as the **world's No. 1 Basmati Rice Brand** in a market study conducted by a leading global research company. The quantitative study by **Mordor Intelligence** covers research of White and Brown Basmati Rice Category across continents like the **Americas, Europe, Asia-Pacific, and Middle East & Africa**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Ministry of Railways** announced the closure of the **Central Organisation for Modernization of Workshops (COFMOW)**, New Delhi. It will come in effect from 1st December 2022. **Railway Board** confirmed the winding up of the four-decade old organization that contributed significantly towards the modernization of the workshop across the railway networks, with the recommendations of the **Principal Economic Advisor**, and Ministry of Finance. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Guinness World Records** has officially declared **"Monday"** the worst day of the week. After Guinness World Records' move, all of that will no longer be smoothed over into a wishy-washy **'Monday blues' packet**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena** approved the setting up of four **Zila Sainik Boards (ZSBs)** which are responsible for policy formulation and implementation of resettlement and welfare schemes for **ex-servicemen (ESM)** and their widows. The four ZSBs are to cater to the South-west, East, Shahdara, North-west, Central, and **New Delhi** districts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Delhi government** has launched the **'Diye Jalao, Patake Nahin' (light up lamps, not firecrackers) campaign** at Central Park in New Delhi. The Delhi government on Friday lit 51,000 diyas at Central Park in Connaught Place here to mark the launch of its campaign for a pollution-free Diwali. The campaign aims at promoting a quieter and pollution-free Diwali. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- **Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated India's first aluminium freight rake** — 61 BOBRNALHSM1 — at Bhubaneswar Railway Station. The rake's destination is Bilaspur. As per reports, **the aluminium freight rake wields the capacity to carry 180-ton more goods as against the traditional rake**. Moreover, it is 180 tons lighter than the traditional steel rake. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- This is the first time a product from **Japan** has filed for a tag at the **Geographical Indication Registry in Chennai**. The Embassy of Japan, New Delhi, has filed an application seeking a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for **Nihonshu/Japanese sake, an alcoholic beverage**. It is learnt that this is the first time a product from Japan has filed for a tag at the Geographical Indication Registry here. ([Click here to read the article](#))



Static Takeaways

- International Association of Horticulture Producers (AIPH) Secretary General: Tim Briercliffe;
- International Association of Horticulture Producers (AIPH) Headquarters: Oxfordshire, United Kingdom (UK).
- Public Affairs Centre Headquarters location: Bengaluru, Karnataka;
- Public Affairs Centre Founded: 1994.
- ICC Founded: 15 June 1909;
- ICC Chairman: Greg Barclay;
- ICC CEO: Geoff Allardice;
- ICC Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates;
- UNICEF Founded: 1946;
- UNICEF Headquarters: New York City, USA;
- UNICEF Director General: Catherine M. Russell;
- UNICEF Membership: 192.
- Minister of Commerce and Industry of India: Shri Piyush Goyal
- Finance Minister of India: Nirmala Sitharaman
- Bandhan Bank Founded: 2001;
- Bandhan Bank CEO: Chandra Shekhar Ghosh;
- Bandhan Bank Headquarters: Kolkata.
- Slovak Republic (Slovakia) Capital: Bratislava;
- Slovak Republic (Slovakia) Currency: Euro;
- Slovak Republic (Slovakia) President: Zuzana Čaputová.
- CII, Director General: Chandrajit Banerjee
- Finance Minister of India: Nirmala Sitharaman
- Adani Airport Headquarters location: Ahmedabad;
- Adani Airport Founded: 2 August 2019;
- Adani Airport Parent organization: Adani Group.
- International Osteoporosis Foundation Headquarters location: Nyon, Switzerland;
- International Osteoporosis Foundation Founded: 1998;
- International Osteoporosis Foundation President: Prof. Cyrus Cooper.
- United Nations Statistical Commission Founded: 1947;
- United Nations Statistical Commission Parent organization: United Nations Economic and Social Council;
- United Nations Statistical Commission Chair: Shigeru Kawasaki (Japan).
- World Association of Cooks Societies Headquarters: Paris, France;
- World Association of Cooks Societies Founded: October 1928.
- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Founded: 20 February 1997;

- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Chairperson: Ram Sewak Sharma;
- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Secretary: Sunil K. Gupta.
- UIDAI CEO: Dr. Saurabh Garg;
- UIDAI Founded: 28 January 2009;
- UIDAI Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Union Agriculture Minister: Narendra Singh Tomar
- Central Reserve Police Force Headquarters: New Delhi
- Central Reserve Police Force Formed: 27 July 1939;
- Central Reserve Police Force Director General, CRPF: Dr Sujoy Lal Thaoson, IPS.
- India Trade Promotion Organization Headquarters: New Delhi;
- India Trade Promotion Organization Founded: 1 April 1977.
- CEO of Phonepe: Sameer Nigam
- Headquarters location of Phonepe: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ISRO Chairman: S. Somanath;
- ISRO's foundation Date: 15th August, 1969;
- ISRO's Founder: Dr. Vikram Sarabhai.
- Guinness World Records Publisher: Jim Pattison Group;
- Guinness World Records Editor: Craig Glenday.
- Karnataka Bank Headquarters: Mangaluru;
- Karnataka Bank CEO: Mahabaleshwara M. S;
- Karnataka Bank Founded: 18 February 1924.
- Defence Minister of India: Rajnath Singh
- ISRO chairman: S Somnath
- UN Secretary-General: Antonio Guterres
- Chief Minister of Gujarat: Bhupendra Bhai Patel

