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Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day 2022

National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2022:

The **National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas** is celebrated every year on **October 31st** to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's first Home Minister, **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**. This year will mark the **147th** birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who is also known as the Iron Man of India.

National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2022: Significance

The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas provides an opportunity to reaffirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation towards upholding the unity, integrity, and security of our country. In honour of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the government of India constructed the world's tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel near the Narmada River in Gujarat which symbolizes the strength of unity in India. The main objective of the celebration is to uplift the nation's unity and spread awareness about Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's contribution to Indian history.

National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2022: History

The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day was introduced by the Indian government in 2014 to pay tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary for his extraordinary work in keeping India united. The first Rashtriya Ekta Diwas event was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi who flagged off a program, 'Run for Unity' in New Delhi in 2014.

About Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel:

- He was born on **31st October 1875 in Nadiad, Gujarat**.
- He was the **first Home Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of independent India**.
- He played an important role in the integration of many Indian princely states to make an Indian federation.
- At the time of independence, he played a key role in convincing several princely states to align with the Indian Union. He also worked hard as a social leader for the independence of India.
- After the signing of the Gandhi-Irwin Pact, Patel was elected **president of Congress** for its 1931 session (Karachi).
- **Women of Bardoli** bestowed the title '**Sardar**' on Vallabhbhai Patel, which means 'a Chief or a Leader'.
- He is recognized as the real unifier of India for his colossal contribution to integrating and making India a united (Ek Bharat) and an independent nation.
- He requested the people of India to live together by uniting in order to create Shreshth Bharat (Foremost India).
- He is also remembered as the '**Patron saint of India's civil servants**' as he established the modern all-India services system.
- The **Statue of Unity at Kevadiya in the Narmada district of Gujarat (2018)** was built in his honour.

K Sivan, among 67 to receive Rajyotsava awards by Karnataka awards

Former ISRO Chairman **K Sivan**, actors **Dattanna, Avinash and Sihi Kahi Chandru** are among 67 personalities who will be awarded **Rajyotsava Award this year**, by the Karnataka government. The award, carrying a cash prize of **Rs 1 lakh, a gold medal and a citation**, will be distributed on November 1, the state formation day.

This is the first time that the Karnataka government formed an expert committee to identify achievers from various fields for the awards given on November 1. Previously, the selection was made from a list of applicants. There has been criticism from some sections that awards are given to those with affiliations to the BJP and right-wing groups.

Rajyotsava awards: The full list of awardees

Overall

- Subbarama Sheety
- Vidwan Gopal Krishna Sharma
- Soligara Madamma

Armed services

- Subedar BK Kumaraswamy

Journalism

- HR Srisha
- GM Shirahatti

Science and Technology

- K Sivan
- Dr DR Baloorigi

Agriculture

- Ganesh Thimmaiah
- Chandrashekar Narayanapura

Environment

- Salumarada Ninganna
- Pourakarmika
- Mallamma Hoovinahadagali

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- Arvind Patil
- Krishnamurthy Manja
- Rajukumar

Medicine

- Dr HS Mohan
- Dr Basavanthappa

Social service

- Dr Ravi Shetty
- C Kariyappa
- MS Kori Shettar
- D Madegowda
- Balbir Singh

Commerce

- BV Naidu
- Jayaram Banan
- J Srinivas

Theatre

- Thippanna Helavar
- Lalithabai Chennadasar
- Gurunath Hugar
- Prabhakar Joshi
- Srisaila Huddar

Music

- Narayana M
- Ananathacharya Balacharya
- Anjinappa Satpaadi
- Anantha Kulkarni

Folk art

- Sahademappa Eerappa Nadiger
- Gudda Panara
- Kamalamma Soolagitthi
- Savithri Pujar
- Rachaiah Salimath
- Maheshwaragowda Lingadahalli

Sculpture

- Parashuram Pawar
- Hanumanthappa Balappa Hukkeri

Painting

- Sannarangappa Chitrakaar

Films

- Dattanna
- Avinash

TV

- Sihi Kahi Chandru
- Yakshagana
- MA Nayak
- Subramanya Dhareshwar
- Sarapadi Ashok Shetty
- Bayalata
- Adavayya Hiremath
- Shankarappa Mallappa Horapete
- H Pandurangappa

Literature

- Shankar Chachadi
- Krishnegowda
- Ashokbabu Neelagar
- Aa Ra Mitra
- Ramakrishna Marathe

Education

- Koti Rangappa
- MG Nagaraj

Sports

- Dattatreya Govind Kulkarni
- Raghavendra Anvekar

Judiciary

- Venkatachalapathy
- Nanjundareddy

About the Rajyotsava Prashasti or Rajyotsava Awards:

The Rajyotsava Prashasti or Rajyotsava Awards, the second highest civilian honor of the Karnataka state of India are conferred annually by the Karnataka Government on the occasion of the establishment of the state on 1 November celebrated as the Kannada Rajyotsava.

National Affairs

- **India is going to contribute half a million dollars to the United Nations' efforts to counter global terrorism** at a time when **new and emerging technologies used by terror groups** are posing fresh threats to governments around the world, the foreign minister said. The announcement was made during the plenary session of the **UN Security Council special meeting of the Counter Terrorism Committee (CTC)** in New Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan** inaugurated India's second **Rashtriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya (RAVV)** in Puri. The Rashtriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya has been launched to spread knowledge of the **Vedas** among people. **Rastriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya** which is also called the National Model Vedic School. **Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratisthan** is the first such school in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The Supreme Court on 31 October, reiterated the ban on the “two-finger test” in rape cases, warning that persons using such tests will be deemed guilty of misconduct. Observing that the test was based on a patriarchal mindset that assumed that sexually active women could not be raped, the bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Hima Kohli regretted that such a method of examination was being used even today. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- India presented the second tranche of aid of USD 2.5 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for the financial year 2022-2023. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for the naming of the new Greenfield Airport at Hollongi, Itanagar, the State Capital of Arunachal Pradesh as “Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar”. In January 2019, the Government of India had given its “in-principle” approval for the construction of the Hollongi Greenfield Airport. The airport is being developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) with assistance from the Central Government and the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the biggest-ever coal mine auction of 141 mines that are expected to benefit twelve states directly. During the launch, the finance minister said that a fast-growing economy like India needs greater investment in coal production and gasification projects. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared Mangarh Dham a National Monument in the Banswara District, Rajasthan. PM Modi mentioned that India’s past, present, and future are not complete without the tribal community. Mangarh Dham is a symbol of tenacity and sacrifices of tribals and added that this is the common heritage of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

- Ministry of Jal Shakti is organizing Ganga Utsav- The River Festivals 2022 on 4th November 2022 at the Major Dhyana Chand Stadium in New Delhi in two separate sessions. The Ganga Utsav- The River Festivals 2022 is being organized by the collaboration of The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, and the Ministry of Jal Shakti. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

States in the News

- Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Devendra Fadnis informed that a dedicated cyber intelligence unit will be set up in Maharashtra to curb cyber and financial crimes. The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. It was a two-day contemplation camp of Home Ministers and Director Generals of Police of various states across the country organized at Surajkund in Haryana. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Uttar Pradesh is set to have its fourth Tiger Reserve and 53rd tiger reserve in India. The tiger reserve is spread across over 529.36 sq km out of which the core area is 230.32 sq km and the buffer area is 299.05 sq km. Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate change Bhupendra Yadav confirmed the development. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated North India’s first hyper-scale data centre Yotta Yotta D1 built at the cost of Rs 5,000 crore and spread over an area of 3,00,000 square feet at the upcoming Data Centre Park in Greater Noida. Memorandums of Understanding worth Rs 39,000 crore were also signed between the Yogi Government and Hiranandani Group to be spent on projects in the next five years on the occasion. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- With Gujarat headed to Assembly elections and awaiting the release of the poll schedule, state Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi announced that the cabinet had decided to form a committee for the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- A fish museum, the first of its kind in the Northeast, would soon be built in Arunachal Pradesh, Fisheries Minister Tage Taki. The museum in the NorthEast region (NER), with all fish species across the district from Tawang to Longding, to attract tourists, fish lovers and the museum will also serve as a training centre for fish farmers. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Chhattisgarh celebrates its 23rd State Foundation Day on 1st November 2022 and as a part of the celebrations, Raipur will host the 3rd National Tribal Dance Festival. The National Tribal Dance Festival will be celebrated from 1st November 2022 to 3rd November 2022. On behalf of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, other state representatives have invited the Chief Minister, and officials to be present in the National Tribal Dance Festival. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

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- Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** announced that an **Electronics Manufacturing Cluster** is to be developed in the **Ranjangaon area of Maharashtra**. The Electronics Manufacturing Clusters will be developed for **₹500 crores**. Electronics Manufacturing Clusters are expected to generate thousands of jobs in the coming years and will attract an investment of over ₹2,000 crores. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Goa** to host three days **Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO)** Conference from 1st to 3rd November 2022. In these three days, delegates and exhibitors from the **Asia Pacific region** and beyond will discuss and collaborate on the key issues that will help shape the future of Asia's aviation industry. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **"Citizen Engagement and Communication Programme"** was launched by **Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma** at Tura, West Garo Hills district, in Meghalaya. The **Meghalaya Government** has initiated various welfare programs and the information should be disseminated for the larger benefit of the public. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- 106-year-old **Shyam Saran Negi**, the first voter of Independent India, exercised his right to franchise for the **34th time for the Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections** through a postal ballot at his residence in Kinnaur district. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar** launched the **'CM Dashboard'** portal that will have real-time data of all departments and decisions taken on major schemes. The **'CM Dashboard'** portal will provide live monitoring of every department at the **block, district, and panchayat levels**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama** inaugurated the **'Lakhpati Didi'** fair at the survey of India Maidan, Hathbarkala in Dehradun. The fair is part of an initiative undertaken by the **BJP government** to empower women in the state. The Rural Development department of the **Uttarakhand government** has made preparations to make 1.25 lakh women from self-help groups 'Lakhpati' by 2025. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- West African country, **Ghana** assumes the rotating monthly **Presidency of the United Nations Security Council**. During the month of November 2022, Ghana shall preside over the meetings of the Council (adoptions, debates and consultations) and, under its authority, shall represent the Security Council in its capacity as an organ of the United Nations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Zojila Day** was commemorated on 1st November, at **Zojila War Memorial** near Drass. Zojila Day is observed to celebrate the gallant action by Indian troops in **'Operation Bison' in 1948** which was launched on the icy heights of Zojila pass, the gateway to **Ladakh**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, **Dr Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi** has opened, the **41st edition of the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF)**, which is taking place from **November 2 to 13** at the Expo Centre Sharjah, according to the Emirates News Agency (WAM). Sheikh Sultan bin Ahmed bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Deputy Ruler of Sharjah, was also present at the inauguration of the event, which is organized by the Sharjah Book Authority, under the theme **'Spread the Word.'** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu** sealed his return to power, as the final vote count from elections this week gave him and his **far-right allies** a clear majority in parliament. Results released by the electoral commission said that with 99 per cent of votes counted, **Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party** had earned 32 seats in Israel's 120-seat parliament, the **Knesset**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Switzerland** is now home to the world's longest passenger train. The train has **100 coaches, measures 1910 metres and consists of 4,550 seats**. The train was seen passing through the mountainous landscape in the **Swiss Alps**. Celebrating the 175th anniversary of Switzerland's first railway, the country's railway operators came together to create the new Guinness World Record-holding train which tows **100 carriages, weighs 2,990 tons, and measures 1.91 km (1.19 miles) long**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **United States has launched its much anticipated National Security Strategy (NSS)**. All U.S. Presidents are mandated by the **Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act** of 1986 to bring out their NSS, to communicate the executive's vision of national security to the legislative. **As a comprehensive document, the NSS reflects certainty about how the government of the day views the national security agenda**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Brazil's electoral authority** said that **Luiz Incio Lula da Silva** of the leftist Worker's Party defeated incumbent **Jair Bolsonaro** to become the country's next president. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Retail jewellery major **Malabar Gold and Diamonds** has become the first jeweller in India to import 25 kg gold under the **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)** between India and the UAE. The gold has been imported through ICICI Bank with one per cent duty rebate under the agreement. The group has effectively utilised the duty benefits of the agreement both in import and export for the first time in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurial Minister **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** signed an MoU with FIFA and the **All India Football Federation** for the 'Football4Schools' initiative in India. **FIFA President, Mr. Gianni Infantino**, and President, of All India Football Federation, **Shri Kalyan Chaubey** signed MoU on behalf of the respective organizations. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited** has announced a partnership with **IDFC First Bank** to provide health-insurance solutions to the customers of the bank. The advanced digital capability of the bank combined with Niva Bupa's best-in-class **health insurance solutions** will provide the best services for the customers. The **partnership** will empower the two institutions to serve customers better and help them lead healthier lives. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Chqbook and NSDL Payments Bank collaborate:** The neobank for small business owners **Chqbook** has introduced the first digital current account of its sort in collaboration with **NSDL**. Small business owners, including kiranas and pharmacists, can easily open a current account on the **Chqbook** App from their smartphone in a language of their choice. The current account is more easily accessible and understandable because it is provided in eight different languages. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **TATA Power and the Indian Army collaborate:** The Indian Army collaborated with **Tata Powers** to install 16 EV charging stations, in accordance with its "Go Green Initiative." In several areas of Delhi Cantonment, charging stations have been installed. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** clinched the **French Open Super 2022 badminton tournament men's doubles title** after defeating Chinese Taipei's Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han in straight games 21-13, 21-19 in the final, in Paris. With this, Satwik and Chirag's also won their first-ever super 750 and second BWF World Tour title this year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) using Unified Payments Interface** BHIM-UPI recorded a new high, **transactions rose by 7.7 per cent in October to 730 crore(7.3 Billion)**. The total value for the month stood at **more than ₹12.11 lakh crore**. In September, UPI transactions stood at 678 crore with a total value of ₹11.16 lakh crore. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Elon Musk** announced that the **Twitter Blue Tick service** will come with a monthly cost of **USD 8** which is about Rs 660. Twitter Blue Tick service includes the coveted verified badge. This is a result to **boost subscriptions** and make social media networks less dependent on ads. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- To insulate farmers from the **sharp increases in the prices, the Centre announced a doubling of fertiliser subsidy** to Rs 2.15 trillion from the budgeted level for FY23. The move was necessitated by a sharp spike in global prices of urea, DAP and MoP in the last one year. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Books and Authors

- French Author **Rene Naba** has authored a new bilingual book in both French and English titled "**De la Nucléarisation de l'Asie**"(**Nuclearization of Asia**). The book discusses the nuclear emergency and threat posed by the nexus of Pakistan and China. The book published by Golias was released at the Geneva Press Club which was attended by the inperson participation of 35 people and 23 of them participated in virtual mode. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The gross **GST revenue** collected in the month of **October 2022 was at Rs 1,51,718 crore**, the second-highest monthly collection ever, the ministry of finance. The revenue for October 2022 is second highest monthly collection, next only to the collection in April 2022 and it is for the second time the gross GST collection has crossed **Rs. 1.50 lakh crore mark**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** posted the proceedings of its Q2 FY 2022-23 **earnings call on the metaverse**. This is the **first time in the history of corporate India** that a company has used metaverse to engage with its stakeholders. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank has revoked certificate of authorisation of Chennai-based GI Technology Private Limited over governance concerns in the company**. The company is in business of issuance and operation of prepaid payment instruments. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will commence **pilot launches of the digital rupee** from November 1. It has identified **nine banks for participation in the pilot launch**. They are the **State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank, IDFC First Bank, and HSBC**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank)** has concluded a Master Risk Participation Agreement for supporting trade transactions with **FirstRand Bank (FRB) Limited**. The agreement was signed in **Johannesburg** on the sidelines of the **India - Southern Africa Regional Conclave**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Bank of Baroda and Visa** has announced the launch of **two new premium debit cards** for Bank of Baroda customers - **bob World Opulence** - a super-premium Visa Infinite Debit Card (Metal Edition) and **bob World Sapphire** - a **Visa Signature Debit Card**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's unemployment rate rose in October** due to a sharp increase in the **rural joblessness rate after the kharif harvest season**, according to the **Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)**. Unemployment rate in surged last month on the back of **significant increase in rural unemployment rate**, reversing the decline registered in September. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Adani New Industries Ltd.** has constructed a wind turbine in **Mundra in Gujarat** as part of its growth plans for renewable energy that is taller than the **Statue of Unity** and has blades that are broader than the wingspan of a jumbo jet. **Adani New Industries Limited (ANIL)** has announced the installation of the largest wind turbine generator (WTG) in the nation in Mundra, Gujarat. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's foreign exchange reserves** logged their biggest weekly jump since September 2021 and also rose for the first time in three weeks for the week ended October 28, helped by gains in both foreign currency assets and gold reserves. The foreign exchange reserves of **Asia's third largest economy** rose by \$6.56 billion to \$531.08 billion for the week ending Oct 28, according to data released by the **Reserve Bank of India**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tesla Inc.'s former India policy chief** is joining homegrown electric scooter startup **Ather Energy Pvt**, one of the best-funded fledgling firms in a sector attracting record investment. **Manuj Khurana** who quit his post as Tesla's local head of policy and business development in June, will start next week at the firm based in the **southern technology hub of Bangalore**. **Khurana will join as a vice president**, though his specific role there is unclear. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited (MEIL)** has taken up a project to build **Mongolia's first Greenfield oil refinery** on the outskirts of the capital city, Ulaanbaatar. The project is aimed at reducing the East Asian country's dependency on Russian oil imports. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **"Niveshak Didi" programme launched:** Niveshak Didi, in order to promote financial literacy "By the women, for the women," India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) organised India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp in Srinagar, J&K. The **Niveshak Didi Initiative** is founded on the principle of "women for women," as rural women are better at ease discussing their concerns with another woman. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's largest wind turbine by Adani:** Adani New Industries Ltd. has constructed a wind turbine in Mundra in Gujarat as part of its growth plans for renewable energy that is taller than the Statue of Unity and has blades that are broader than the wingspan of a jumbo jet. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- **Samsung Electronics Co.** officially appointed **Lee Jae-yong** as its executive **chairman**, formalizing the all-encompassing leadership role he has long played at South Korea's largest business. The 54-year-old, Lee has been vice chairman of Samsung Electronics, the crown jewel of South Korea's biggest business conglomerate, since 2012. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian Foreign Service officer, **Dr Rajesh Ranjan** has been appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to the West African nation of **Cote d'Ivoire or Ivory Coast**. Dr Rajesh Ranjan is currently posted as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Botswana. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute (ICAR-SBI)** got its first-ever woman director in over a century of the Institution's existence. **Dr. G Hemaprabha** was appointed as the Director of the **ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute** up to 2024 on the recommendation of the **Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board**, New Delhi under the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Vetsa Rama Krishna Gupta** has taken over the additional charge of **Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)**, post-superannuation of Arun Kumar Singh. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)** has announced the appointment of **Vishal Kapoor** as its **chief executive officer (CEO)**. He takes charge after completing his tenure as the joint secretary at the Ministry of Power. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)** has announced Mr **Subhrakant Panda** as its President-Elect. Mr Panda is currently the Senior Vice President of FICCI. He shall succeed Mr **Sanjiv Mehta** as President of the apex chamber at the conclusion of the 95th Annual General Meeting to be held on December 16th-17th, 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Defence News

- The Defence Ministry has informed that the first edition of the **India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise** commenced at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania on 27th October 2022. The **Indian Navy** has participated in the **Maiden Trilateral Exercise with Mozambique and Tanzania**. Indian Navy is represented by the guided missile frigate, **INS Tarkash**, a **Chetak Helicopter**, and **MARCOS**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** launched 75 new projects including the **virtual launch of two helipads**, one in Hanle and one in Thakung in Eastern Ladakh. These **helipads** are aimed to enhance the operational capabilities of the **Indian Air Force** in the region. Several other key infra projects were also unveiled which include bridges, roads, and helipads projects in **Jammu and Kashmir** border areas. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **India's Ministry of Defence is the world's biggest employer with 2.92 million people**, which includes combined active service personnel, reservists and civilian staff, **according to a report in 'Statista'**. A touch ahead of the United States equivalent, the Department of Defense. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Operation Vigilant Storm**: The U.S. Air Force and several of its allies in the Asia-Pacific area will improve combat readiness and interoperability through Operation Vigilant Storm, a four-day training exercise involving hundreds of aircraft. The **Operation Vigilant Storm** exercise, which is scheduled to take place between October 31 and November 4, has already drawn criticism from North Korea's Foreign Ministry. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- The West Bengal government's **Lakshmir Bhandar scheme** has bagged the **SKOCH award** in the women and child development category. The award is a recognition for the government as well as the nearly two crore women of the state who have been empowered by the scheme. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Bangladesh Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** conferred the prestigious '**Friends of Liberation War**' honour on former US Senator **Edward M Kennedy** posthumously in Dhaka for his contribution to the liberation of Bangladesh. The honour was handed over to his son Edward M Ted Kennedy Junior. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **63 police officers** from **Maharashtra, Delhi, Punjab, Telangana, and Jammu & Kashmir** have been awarded the '**Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal**' for the year 2022. The award was given by the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** for four special operations conducted by them in areas of terrorism, border actions, arms control, prevention of narcotics smuggling, and rescue operations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Karnataka government** honored the late actor with the **Karnataka Ratna award** on 1st November 2022. The late Kannada Power Star **Puneeth Rajkumar's** last film, Gandhada Gudi, was released on 28th October 2022. **Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar**, Puneeth Rajkumar's wife, received the state's highest civilian award on her husband's behalf. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Carnatic vocalist, composer, collaborator, humanitarian and speaker, **Aruna Sairam** has been honoured with the French government's highest honour, **Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des award**. Aruna Sairam has been selected for this award not just for her singing prowess, but also for her contribution towards the development of the Indo-France relationship. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Noted Malayalam fiction writer, **Sethu (A. Sethumadhavan)** has been selected for the Kerala government's prestigious '**Ezhuthachan Puraskaram**' this year in recognition of his overall contribution to the **Malayalam language and literature**. He focussed on modernising the literature by standing beyond the definitions of movements and trends. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **M T Vasudevan Nair awarded**: M T Vasudevan Nair, a renowned Malayalam author and Jnanpith laureate, has been chosen to receive the inaugural **Kerala Jyothi award**, which was established by the state government in the spirit of the Padma awards to recognise people who have made priceless contributions to society. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Amit Dasgupta** was appointed as an Honorary Member in the **General Division of the Order of Australia (AM)** for his service to the Australia-India bilateral relationship. Dasgupta is a tireless promoter of Australia-India relations, challenging the nations' governments and people to realise the underlying potential of a stronger bilateral relationship. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Summit and Conference

- The **1st ASEAN-India Start-up Festival (AISF)** was inaugurated by **Dr. Srivari Chandrashekhhar**, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology on 27th October 2022 in Bogor, **Indonesia**. The inaugural event was felicitated by **Mr. Satvinder Singh**, Deputy Secretary General for ASEAN Economic Community, and Ambassador, **Mr. Jayant Khobragde**, Indian Mission to ASEAN (IMA). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has addressed the inaugural function of **Invest Karnataka**, the **Global Investors Meet via video conferencing**. The meet is aimed at attracting prospective investors and setting up development agenda for the next decade. The three-day programme, being held from 2 to 4 November in Bengaluru, would witness more than 80 speaker sessions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar** chaired the first **National Natural Farming Mission** committee meeting at **Krishi Bhawan**. Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launched the NMNF portal. Natural farming in India would be taken forward with the cooperation of everyone. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)**, 'Maharatna' and a Fortune Global 500 Company has once again achieved the **No.1 rank** in the Indian oil and gas sector for its sustainability performance in the **2022 edition of the S&P Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) rankings.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The number of people forcibly displaced** from their homes due to persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations and events seriously disturbing public order globally surged to **103 million in the first half of 2022, meaning that one in 77 people on Earth is forcibly displaced**, the UNHCR said in Geneva. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The WHO released the Global TB Report 2022 on October 27, 2022. The Report notes the **impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the diagnosis, treatment and burden of disease for TB** all over the world. The **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** has taken note of the WHO Global TB Report 2022, and clarified that **India has performed far better on major metrics as compared to other countries over time.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Ministry of Education released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) for 2020-21, an evidence-based comprehensive analysis of school education system across states and Union Territories. The prime objective of PGI is to promote **evidence-based policymaking and highlight course correction** to ensure quality education for all, the Ministry of Education said. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A new study revealed that **India has the widest gender wealth gap (64%)** as compared to other APAC countries. This is largely **due to the higher burden of caregiving responsibilities.** The 2022 **WTW Global Gender Wealth Equity report** found that opportunities for women in leadership positions are also limited, **with only 3% of women in the workforce occupying senior positions in India.** ([Click here to read the article](#))



- India has been ranked as the **nation with the cheapest manufacturing cost** ahead of China and Vietnam, according to a report. According to the **US News and World Report**, out of 85 nations, **India has bagged the 31st position** in the overall Best Countries ranking. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Sports News

- **Akanksha Vyavahare**, who is a **Maharashtra-based weightlifter** has created three new national records in the **40kg weight category** at the **Khelo India National Ranking Women's Weightlifting Tournament.** Akanksha Vyavahare was also a part of the **Target Olympics Podium Scheme** and created records in snatch, clean and jerk, and total. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian junior men's hockey team defeated Australia** to win the **Sultan of Johor Cup 2022** in a shootout 5-4 after a 1-1 draw at the **Taman Daya Hockey Stadium in Johor Bahru, Malaysia.** This is the **third time** India has won the Sultan of Johor Cup. India scored the first goal with Sudeep Chirmako's field goal in the 14th minute. However, Australia came back in the second quarter as Jack Holland equalised with India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Spain**, defending champions won the **FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup** against the first-time finalists **Colombia.** Spain won the match after an own goal in the 82nd minute of the finals by Colombian defender **Ana María Guzmán Zapata.** The final match of the **FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup** was played between Spain and Colombia in the Patil Sports Stadium. Spain won by **1-0** in the finals of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup against Colombia. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Red Bull driver **Max Verstappen** finished in first place at the **Mexican Grand Prix 2022** to claim his record-setting 14th win of the season. Mercedes' **Lewis Hamilton** and Red Bull's **Sergio Perez** finished second and third respectively. **Verstappen** 14th victory of the season sees him pass **Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel** for the most race wins in a single season in Formula One history. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Virat Kohli** has hit the form and is scoring fifties in the ongoing **ICC T20 World Cup.** After playing a match-winning knock of 82 not out against Pakistan, he amassed an unbeaten 62 against the Netherlands. After failing in a game with South Africa in Perth, the 33-year-old came back to his back and registered a crucial fifty against Bangladesh at the Adelaide Oval. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Kerala** is set to host the **Track Asia Cup 2022 Cycling Tournament.** Track Asia Cup is one of the biggest cycling events and will be held at **LNCE Outdoor Velodrome** from 25th November 2022 to 28th November 2022. In the **Track Asia Cup 2022**, around 200 cyclists will participate from over 25 countries in Asia. The event is being conducted outside Delhi for the first time. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Top-seeded Indian Grandmaster, **R Praggnanandhaa** and compatriot **P V Nandhidhaa** won the titles in the Open and women's sections respectively in the **Asian Continental Chess championship**, in New Delhi. Praggnanandhaa drew with compatriot B Adhiban in a 63-move game in the ninth and final round to emerge clear winner with seven points. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan** inaugurated the '**Baji Rout National Football Tournament**' in Dhenkanal in **Odisha**. The government under the leadership of **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has been promoting sports and games in the country through initiatives like khelo India and Fit India. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Schemes and Committess News

- The **Ministry of Education** has set up a **high-level panel** to strengthen the assessment and accreditation of higher educational institutions, on November 4, 2022. **The panel will be headed by Dr K Radhakrishnan**, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur. **He is also the chairperson of the Standing Committee of IIT Council.** ([Click here to read the article](#))

Science and Technology News

- **Tech giant Google has acquired Alter, an artificial intelligence (AI) avatar startup** that was working on using AI to generate avatars for social media users and brands to express their virtual identity. According to TechCrunch, **Google buys the startup for about \$100 million** in an effort to improve its content game and compete with TikTok. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **SpaceX's Falcon Heavy, the world's most-powerful active rocket, lifted off for the first time in more than three years**, from Florida's Cape Canaveral, with Elon Musk's company sending a group of satellites into orbit for the U.S. Space Force. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **BSE Technologies** announced the launch of the **KYC Registration Agency KRA**, which maintains KYC records of investors in an electronic form. BSE Technologies is a subsidiary of BSE. KRA is a Sebi-regulated intermediary that grants the marker participants **authorization** for investors' **Know Your Client**. KYC is Mando for investment in the securities market. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **2022 AP7**: A group of scientists has found three enormous near-Earth asteroids that were concealing from the Sun's light. One of them, 2022 AP7, is "possibly harmful" to Earth and is thought to be the greatest planet-killer-sized asteroid to have been discovered in a decade. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Important Days News

- **113th** Birth anniversary of Indian nuclear physicist **Homi Jehangir Bhabha** who is also known as the father of the Indian nuclear program. He was born on 30 October 1909 in Bombay, Bombay Presidency, British India (now Mumbai, Maharashtra, India). His invaluable contributions to the field of science continue to inspire generations of young minds in the country. Homi J Bhabha was born into a prominent wealthy Parsi family. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Thrift Day** is celebrated every year on **October 31**, across the world. World Thrift Day, also often called World Savings Day. However, India does this a day earlier, marking it on **October 30** every year. This year, the theme of World Thrift Day is "**Saving prepares you for the future**", closely linked with last year's theme that focused on the importance of savings. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Cities Day brings Urban October** to an end on **31st October** each year and was first celebrated in 2014. As with World Habitat Day, a global observance is held in a different city each year and the day focuses on a specific theme. A different city hosts the event each year. This year's global observance is planned in **Shanghai, China** under the theme "**Act Local to Go Global.**" ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Vegan Day** is celebrated every year on **November 1** to encourage people to follow the vegan lifestyle and spread awareness about veganism. The day is dedicated to the practice of abstaining from use of animal products and exploitation of animals. According to World Vegan Day, this year's theme will be based on the animal rights-focused campaign '**Future Normal.**' ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **November 2nd** has been observed as the **International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (IDEI)** since 2013. The day came into existence when the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** passed a resolution in December 2013. The main event to celebrate the 2022 International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists is a High-Level Multi-Stakeholder Conference on the Safety of Journalists with the theme "**Protecting Media to Protect Democracy**" in Vienna, Austria. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Central Vigilance Commission** observes **Vigilance Awareness Week** during the week in which **31st of October**, the birthday of the late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel falls. This year, Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed from **31st October to 6th November 2022** with the following theme: "**Corruption-free India for a developed Nation.**" ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Open Access Week** is celebrated worldwide to create awareness about open-access scholarly publishing among researchers and publishers by CSIR-NIScPR. It is celebrated globally during the **last full week of October.** ([Click here to read the article](#))

- In December 2015, the UN General Assembly designated **November 5** as **World Tsunami Awareness Day**, calling on countries, international bodies and civil society to raise tsunami awareness and share innovative approaches to risk reduction. The theme of World Tsunami Awareness Day 2022 in Asia-Pacific: **Early Warning and Early Action Before Every Tsunami**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Obituaries

- Assam's eminent artist, **Neel Pawan Baruah** has passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 84. Baruah was born in Jorhat to Assam's eminent poet Binanda Chandra Baruah, popularly called 'Dhwani Kobi', and Labanya Prava Baruah. An alumnus of **Santiniketan's Kala Bhawan**, Baruah was a versatile artist with his oeuvre ranging from painting, pottery, mask-making and writing poetry. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Jamshed J Irani**, also known as the **"Steel Man of India"**, passed away aged 86 at Tata Main Hospital in Jamshedpur. He was born on June 2, 1936, in Nagpur to Jiji Irani and Khorshed Irani, Irani completed his BSc from Science College, Nagpur in 1956 and M.Sc in Geology from Nagpur University in 1958. Irani retired from the Board of Directors at Tata Steel in June 2011. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Jambey Tashi**, MLA from Lumla assembly seat in **Arunachal Pradesh**, passed away due to following illness. He was 48. Tashi was the sitting MLA from the Lumla Assembly constituency of Tawang district. He was holding the post of Advisor to the Planning and Investment Minister of the state. He died in a hospital in Guwahati. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- The **International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS)**, one of the largest scientific organisations of UNESCO, has recognised the **Mawmluh Cave**, located in the **East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya**, as one of the first 100 IUGS geological heritage sites. The full list will be presented at the IUGS's 60th-anniversary event, which will take place in Zumaia, Spain. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Chenab White Water Rafting Festival** was inaugurated by **Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan** and SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom at the Shibnote area of Prem Nagar. The **Chenab White Water Rafting Festival** aims to **promote adventure tourism** around the year in the Doda district. The district administration started Chenab White Water Rafting Festival under **'Back to Village Phase-4'**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tata Steel** has received **ResponsibleSteel certification** for three of its production facilities in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. The steel works, tubes division and cold rolling mill (Bara) have joined the group of other steel-producing sites around the world with the certification. This is a historic moment for Tata Steel and an important step in our sustainability journey. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **University Grants Commission** has written to vice-chancellors and principals of all universities and colleges in this regard following recommendations of a committee constituted last year by the education ministry to promote Indian languages. All higher education institutions in India must observe a **'Bharatiya Bhasha Divas' on December 11 every year** to create "language harmony" and develop a conducive environment for learning Indian languages. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Permacrisis** has been chosen as the **Collins Dictionary's word of the year**. The word means an extended period of instability and insecurity. "Permacrisis sums up just how truly awful 2022 has been for so many people," Alex Beecroft, head of Collins Learning told AFP. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Static Takeaways

- Samsung Founded: 13 January 1969;
- Samsung Founder: Lee Byung-chul;
- Samsung Headquarters: Suwon-si, South Korea.
- International Union of Geological Sciences Founded: 1961;
- International Union of Geological Sciences Motto: Earth Science for the Global Community;
- International Union of Geological Sciences Parent organization: International Science Council (ISC);
- International Union of Geological Sciences Headquarters: Founded in Paris, France, secretariat in Beijing, China;
- International Science Council Headquarters: Paris, France;
- International Science Council Founded: 4 July 2018;
- International Science Council President: Peter Gluckman.
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited Chairman: Arun Kumar Singh;
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited Founded: 1952.
- Vegan Society Founded: November 1944;
- Vegan Society Founders: Donald Watson, Elsie Shrigley.
- Capital: Brasilia;
- Currency: Brazilian real.
- West Bengal Governor: La. Ganesan;
- Chief Minister of West Bengal: Mamata Banerjee.
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- Ivory Coast Capital: Yamoussoukro;
- Prime Minister of Ivory Coast: Patrick Achi;
- Ivory Coast Currency: West African CFA franc;
- Ivory Coast President: Alassane Ouattara.
- Uttar Pradesh Governor: Anandiben Patel;
- Uttar Pradesh Capital: Lucknow (Executive Branch);
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister: Yogi Adityanath.
- Arunachal Pradesh Governor: Dr B. D. Mishra;

- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM): Pema Khandu;
- Arunachal Pradesh National Parks: Mouling National park, Namdapha National Park;
- Arunachal Pradesh Wildlife Sanctuaries: Talle Wildlife Sanctuary, Eagle Nest Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Tata Steel CEO: T. V. Narendran;
- Tata Steel Founded: 25 August 1907, Jamshedpur.
- University Grants Commission Headquarters: New Delhi;
- University Grants Commission Chairperson: D. P. Singh ;
- University Grants Commission Founded: 1956.
- Airports Authority of India Founded: 1 April 1995;
- Airports Authority of India Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Airports Authority of India Chairman: Sanjeev Kumar.
- FICCI Founded: 1927;
- FICCI Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Switzerland Currency: Swiss franc;
- Switzerland Capital: Bern.
- Australia Capital: Canberra;
- Australia Currency: Australian dollar;
- Australia Prime minister: Anthony Albanese.

