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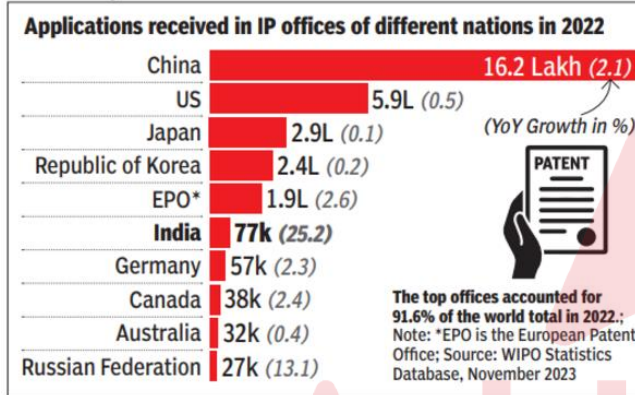
World Intellectual Property Indicators Report 2022: Global Patenting Activity Hits Record High

In 2022, the global landscape of intellectual property (IP) experienced significant changes and trends, as outlined in the **World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPI) report**. While trademark and design applications dropped, patent filings saw an unprecedented surge, driven primarily by innovators from **India and China**. This article will provide insights into the key findings and trends from the WIPI report.

Patent Filings Reach New Heights

In 2022, the world witnessed an impressive surge in patent applications, marking the third consecutive year of growth. Innovators worldwide submitted a staggering 3.46 million patent applications, demonstrating a remarkable global interest in protecting intellectual property.

Indian, Chinese Innovators Fuel Growth



Leading Countries in Patent Filings

The top countries contributing to this patenting boom included China, the United States, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Germany. **China maintained its dominant position**, accounting for nearly half of all global patent applications. However, the country's growth rate experienced a decline from 6.8% in 2021 to 3.1% in 2022. In contrast, **India stood out with an exceptional growth rate** of 31.6%, extending an impressive 11-year streak of growth, unparalleled among the top 10 filers.

Challenges Loom for the IP Ecosystem

Despite this remarkable growth in patent applications, the **WIPO Director General, Daren Tang**, expressed concerns about geopolitical instability and an uncertain economic outlook that could impact the global intellectual property ecosystem. These factors could potentially affect the future growth of IP filings.

Asia Dominates IP Filings

Continuing a long-term trend, the majority of IP filing activity occurred in Asia. In 2022, Asia accounted for 67.9% of global patent filings, 67.8% of trademark applications, and 70.3% of industrial design filings, reaffirming the region's central role in the global IP landscape.

Patent Filings by Residents of China and India

Chinese residents led the way with around 1.58 million patent applications in 2022, both domestically and internationally. Following China were the United States, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Germany. China, the Republic of Korea, and the United States saw increases in their patent applications, while Germany and Japan experienced declines. Notably, **India reported substantial growth in patent filings**, along with Switzerland, Austria, and the United Kingdom.

Trademark Applications Experience a Downturn

In contrast to patent filings, trademark applications faced a downturn in 2022, with a 14.5% decrease in application class counts. This drop followed the exceptional growth in 2020 and 2021, influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic, which accelerated changes in work and lifestyle, leading to the introduction of new goods and services.

Trademark Filings by Leading Countries

China led the way in trademark filings with a combined count of around 7.7 million classes, followed by the **United States, Türkiye, Germany, and India**. However, filings from 14 of the top 20 countries experienced a decrease in 2022, with China's filings declining by nearly 21%.

Trademark Growth in Some Countries

Despite the overall decrease, trademark filing grew in six of the top 20 countries, with some recording double-digit growth. Countries like the Russian Federation, Türkiye, and Indonesia experienced notable growth. This growth was driven by both domestic and international filing activities.

Industrial Design Applications Experience a Decline

In 2022, there was a 2.1% decrease in industrial design applications, with a total of 1.1 million applications containing approximately 1.5 million designs. China was the leading country in terms of design count, followed by Türkiye, Germany, the United States, and the Republic of Korea.

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Growth in Industrial Design in Select Countries

While most of the top 20 origins saw a decrease in design count, countries like **Türkiye, Brazil, India, Italy, and Switzerland experienced growth**. Additionally, several low- and middle-income economies beyond the top 20 origins, such as Bulgaria, Morocco, and Indonesia, reported high annual growth rates in 2022.

About WIPO

The **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)** is the global forum for intellectual property policy, services, information and cooperation. A specialized agency of the United Nations, WIPO assists its 193 member states in developing a balanced international IP legal framework to meet society’s evolving needs. It provides business services for obtaining IP rights in multiple countries and resolving disputes. It delivers capacity-building programs to help developing countries benefit from using IP. And it provides free access to unique knowledge banks of IP information.

FM Nirmala Sitharaman Launches 12 GST Seva Kendras In Vapi, Gujarat

On a festive occasion at Gyandham School in **Vapi, Gujarat**, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, **Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman**, inaugurated **12 Goods and Services Tax (GST) Seva Kendras**, showcasing the government’s commitment to enhancing the Ease of Doing Business in the country. Additionally, she **recognized and rewarded** the participants of the **“Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar” (MBMA)** scheme, which promotes the culture of generating bills during sales and purchase transactions.

GST Seva Kendras: A Step Towards Ease of Doing Business

- The newly launched GST Seva Kendras, **located in key cities** like Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, Godhra, Vapi, Mehsana, Palanpur, Gandhinagar, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Junagadh, and Gandhidham, mark a substantial advancement in facilitating GST-related services.
- These centers will **serve as dedicated service points for taxpayers**, aiming to provide assistance and support regarding Goods and Services Tax-related issues.
- By introducing these state-of-the-art centers, the government is taking concrete steps to **simplify and streamline GST-related processes**, thereby enhancing the ease of doing business in India.

List of 12 newly launched GST Seva Kendras

Sno.	Location
1	Ahmedabad
2	Vadodara
3	Surat
4	Godhra
5	Vapi
6	Mehsana
7	Palanpur
8	Gandhinagar
9	Rajkot
10	Bhavnagar
11	Junagadh
12	Gandhidham

Promoting Transparency with Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar Scheme

- The **“Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar” (MBMA)** scheme, launched by the **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** on **September 1, 2023**, has gained significant momentum in promoting transparency and accountability in business transactions.
- This initiative encourages citizens to **request a bill from traders or shopkeepers** when making a purchase. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman emphasized that it is not only the right of the consumer to receive a bill but also the duty of the trader or shopkeeper to issue one.

Rewarding Transparency: Cheque Awards for MBMA Participants

- A noteworthy highlight of the event was the presentation of **Rs 10 lakh cheque awards to six customers** who actively participated in the Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar scheme.
- These winners **uploaded their valid GST bills on the app after making a purchase**, demonstrating their commitment to promoting transparency and ensuring that their transactions are accurately documented.
- Such incentives aim to motivate more individuals to request bills and actively engage in the MBMA scheme, further strengthening the culture of generating invoices during transactions.

Gujarat Leading the Way

- During her address, Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman **applauded Gujarat for taking the lead in establishing these GST Seva Kendras**, which she believes will serve as a role model for other states to follow.
- She noted that the implementation of GST was met with initial concerns, but by prioritizing the interests of the people and through collaborative efforts with members of the GST Council in every state, the dream of **“One Nation, One Tax”** envisioned by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has become a reality.

QS Asia University Rankings 2024: IIT Bombay And IIT Delhi Within Top 50

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a global higher education think-tank renowned for compiling university rankings, revealed the **QS Asia University Rankings 2024** yesterday. This eagerly anticipated release sheds light on the academic prowess of institutions across the continent.

Indian Excellence in the Top 50

- Two prestigious Indian institutions, **IIT Bombay** and **IIT Delhi**, showcased their academic strength by securing positions within the top 50.
- **IIT Bombay**, maintaining its status as India's leading institution, secured an impressive **40th position** in the Asian rankings.

QS Asia University Rankings 2024: Top 10 Universities From India

Sno.	University	Rank
1	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	40
2	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	46
3	Indian Institute of Technology Madras	53
4	Indian Institute of Science	58
5	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur	59
6	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	63
7	University of Delhi	94
8	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati	111
9	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	116
10	Jawaharlal Nehru University	117

India Dominates QS Asia University Rankings

- India proudly boasts the **highest number of universities** featured in the QS Asia University Rankings 2024, with a total of **148**. This marks a substantial **increase of 37** from the previous year.

Top Eight Countries With the Highest Number of Featured Universities

Sno.	Country	Number of Universities
1	India	148
2	Mainland China	133
3	Japan	96
4	South Korea	87
5	Pakistan	63
6	Taiwan	46
7	Indonesia	42
8	Malaysia	41

Peking University Tops Asia Again: HKU and NUS Follow

- **Peking University of China** retained its **top rank** in Asia for the second consecutive year.
- The **University of Hong Kong (HKU)** and the **National University of Singapore (NUS)** claimed the **second** and **third** spots, respectively.

QS Asia University Rankings 2024: Top 10 Institutions

Sno.	Institute	Location
1	Peking University	China (Mainland)
2	University of Hong Kong (HKU)	Hong Kong SAR
3	National University of Singapore (NUS)	Singapore
4	Nanyang Technological University (NTU)	Singapore
5	Tsinghua University	China (Mainland)
6	Zhejiang University	China (Mainland)
7	Fudan University	China (Mainland)
8	Yonsei University	South Korea
9	Korea University	South Korea
10	The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)	Hong Kong SAR

A Showcase of Excellence

- The edition of the rankings is the **largest to date**, encompassing **856 institutions** from 25 countries and territories.

List Of 25 distinct countries and territories Featured

Sno.	Country/Territory
1	Bangladesh
2	Brunei
3	Cambodia
4	China (Mainland)
5	Hong Kong SAR
6	India
7	Indonesia
8	Iran
9	Japan
10	Kazakhstan
11	Kyrgyzstan
12	Macau SAR
13	Malaysia
14	Myanmar (Burma)
15	Nepal
16	Pakistan
17	Philippines
18	Singapore
19	South Korea
20	Sri Lanka
21	Taiwan
22	Tajikistan
23	Thailand
24	Uzbekistan
25	Vietnam

Key Indian Institutions Shine in Top 100 Rankings

- Notable Indian institutions featured prominently include IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, the Indian Institute of Science Bangalore, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Kanpur, IIT Madras, and the University of Delhi, all positioned **within the top 100**.

Individual Institution Performances

- **IIT Delhi** secured the **46th rank**, IIT Madras stood at 53rd, IISc claimed the 52nd position, IIT Kharagpur was positioned 61st, and Delhi University secured a spot in the rankings.
- **IIT Bombay** demonstrated outstanding performance with an overall score of **67.2** out of 100.

Outstanding Performance Indicators for IIT Bombay

- **IIT Bombay** excelled in academic reputation (83.5) and employer reputation (96) and also performed well in faculty-student ratio (14.8), staff with a PhD (100), and papers per faculty (95.7), among other indicators.
- Notably, IIT Bombay's staff with PhD credentials emerged as its strongest indicator. Moreover, IIT Bombay secured the **149th position** in the QS World Rankings 2024.

A Balanced Performance Trend

- An in-depth analysis of the rankings reveals a **balanced performance trend**, with more than half of the ranked universities either maintaining their position, improving, or declining in comparison to last year's rankings.

Methodology and Indicators

- The methodology used for these rankings is akin to that of the QS World University Rankings, with additional indicators and adapted weightings.
- There are **11 indicators** employed in compiling the QS Asia University Rankings.
- These encompass academic reputation, employer reputation, faculty-student ratio, international research network, citations per paper, papers per faculty, staff with a PhD, proportion of international faculty, proportion of international students, proportion of inbound exchange students, and proportion of outbound exchange students.

Kozhikode and Gwalior Join UNESCO Creative Cities Network

In a recent announcement, UNESCO welcomed 55 new cities into its **Creative Cities Network (UCCN)**, which focuses on promoting creativity as a strategic factor in urban development. Notably, two Indian cities, **Kozhikode and Gwalior**, made their mark by joining this esteemed network.

Kozhikode: The City of Literature

Historical Milestone:

Kozhikode, situated in Kerala, stands out as the first Indian city to be designated as the **'City of Literature'** by UNESCO, marking a historic achievement.

Cultural Hub for Literature:

The city has a longstanding tradition of hosting literary events, including the Kerala Literature Festival, one of the largest literary gatherings in Asia, which showcases Kozhikode as a vital center for intellectual exchange and literary discussions.

Library Abundance:

Kozhikode's literary commitment is evident through its 500-plus libraries, highlighting its dedication to knowledge dissemination and fostering a culture of reading.

Home to Literary Luminaries:

The city is also a nurturing ground for renowned writers like S. K. Pottekkatt, Thikkodiyan, and P. Valsala Sanjayan, along with a vibrant community of poets, scholars, and publishers contributing to the richness of Malayalam literature and culture.

Gwalior: The City of Music

Honoring Musical Heritage:

Gwalior, located in Madhya Pradesh, has earned the distinction of being designated as the **'City of Music'** by UNESCO, following in the footsteps of Varanasi, which received this recognition in 2015.

Birthplace of Tansen:

Gwalior is widely recognized as the birthplace of Tansen, one of India's greatest musicians and composers, who was among the **'Navratnas'** (nine jewels) in the court of Emperor Akbar, contributing significantly to Indian classical music.

Gwalior Gharana:

The city is the cradle of the Gwalior Gharana, the oldest and most influential school of Hindustani classical music, shaping the musical heritage of the region.

Celebrating Music:

Gwalior hosts the annual Tansen Sangeet Samaroh, one of India's largest music festivals, attracting music enthusiasts and artists from across the country and abroad, underscoring the city's deep-rooted musical traditions.

National Affairs

- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution, **Piyush Goyal**, has launched a significant initiative to provide affordable wheat flour to consumers under the '**Bharat**' brand. This initiative aims to offer a cost-effective alternative to the market prices, contribute to price moderation, and support the welfare of ordinary consumers. The launch of '**Bharat Atta**' is a significant step in the government's commitment to support farmers and ensure essential commodities remain affordable for consumers. This initiative reflects the government's dedication to stabilizing prices, enhancing supply, and benefiting both farmers and consumers. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, **Shri Parshottam Rupala**, inaugurated the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying's **pavilion** on the **World Food India event 2023**. The event was not only a celebration of India's rich food culture but also a testament to the nation's commitment to sustainable agriculture and livestock practices. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Recently, **Bharat Botanics** announced the opening of its cutting-edge wood-pressed **Cold Oil processing facility** in Gondal, Rajkot **Gujarat**. This 16,000 square feet automated facility is one of its kind, promoting **100% hygiene and transparency**, marking a significant step towards healthier living, sustainability, and providing healthy edible oils for every customer it serves. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Maharashtra Chief Minister **Eknath Shinde**, along with other dignitaries, inaugurated a statue of **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj** in the **Kupwara** district of **Jammu and Kashmir** on **November 7**. The statue, a symbol of cultural pride, was installed at the **41 National Rifle (Maratha LI) camp**, which is located in close proximity to the **Line of Control (LoC)** separating **India and Pakistan**. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- In line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's appeal for the promotion of locally-made products, the **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has taken a significant step towards fostering economic self-reliance for artisans in rural India. Under the leadership of Shri **Manoj Kumar**, Chairman of KVIC, the 'Diwali Utsav' Gramshilpa, Khadi Lounge was inaugurated in Connaught Place, New Delhi. This initiative aims to connect people with the spirit of 'Vocal for Local' during festive occasions. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The winter session of the Indian Parliament is set to convene from December 4 to December 22, as announced by **Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahlad Joshi** on November 9. This session will be marked by significant legislative discussions and other important topics. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

- In a recent clarification, the **Supreme Court of India** emphasized that its directive, issued in the 2021 order, **banning the use of barium** and other prohibited chemicals in firecrackers applies not only to the National Capital Region but to the entire country. This clarification arose during the hearing of an application seeking compliance from the Rajasthan government regarding the apex court's orders, underscoring that these directives are binding on every state in India. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- Chief Justice of India (CJI) **DY Chandrachud** inaugurated '**Mitti Cafe**', a unique establishment situated within the **Supreme Court premises**. This cafe stands out for being **entirely managed by individuals with disabilities**, encompassing those who are visually impaired, have cerebral palsy, and are paraplegic. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

States in the News

- The **Jaipur Literature Festival**, often referred to as the "**greatest literary show on Earth**," is an annual gathering of some of the most brilliant minds in the world. The **17th edition** of this iconic event is set to take place from **February 1 to February 5, 2024**, promising to be a magnificent congregation of intellectual exploration. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC REL)**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NTPC, has marked a significant milestone in its renewable energy journey by declaring the commercial operation of its first project. This project, a **50 MW wind farm located in Dayapar, Kutch, Gujarat** is a first-of-its-kind effort in India's renewable energy journey. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- On November 9, **Uttarakhand** observes its **23rd Foundation Day**, and President Draupadi Murmu will participate, marking the **first instance in 23 years** that a President has been part of Uttarakhand's Foundation Day program. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

International Affairs

- **Chile** has recently become the **95th member** of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**, a significant development in the global effort to promote solar energy. During a meeting in New Delhi, Ambassador Juan Angulo of Chile handed over the Instrument of ISA ratification to Abhishek Singh, Joint Secretary (Economic Diplomacy) in the Ministry of External Affairs, reinforcing the country's commitment to solar energy cooperation. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

- The **Group of Seven (G7)** foreign ministers' meetings held this week have taken center stage in addressing the **Israel-Hamas conflict** and the ensuing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken emphasized the importance of member countries speaking with "one clear voice" in response to these critical issues. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The highest active volcano in **Eurasia, Klyuchevskaya Sopka**, recently erupted on the **Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia**, spewing a significant amount of ash into the air. This eruption marked the third time it erupted in the year **2023**. While no injuries were reported, authorities took precautionary measures by closing schools in two nearby towns. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The conflict in the eastern province of North Kivu, DRC, between M23 rebels and government-backed militias has worsened since October. This conflict is causing massive displacement, and the UN's International Organization for Migration (IOM) is deeply concerned about the humanitarian situation. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **IIT Madras** has become the **first Indian Institute of Technology** to establish an **international campus** on the picturesque **Zanzibar Island in East Africa**. Inaugurated by the President of Zanzibar, Hussein Ali Mwinyi, this historic initiative signifies a brighter educational future, facilitated by a memorandum of understanding between India and Tanzania, ushering in a new era of global education and cooperation. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck** recently arrived in **India** on a highly anticipated trip, receiving a **red carpet welcome**. The visit holds significant importance as it coincides with renewed efforts by Bhutan and China to resolve their longstanding border dispute. New Delhi is closely monitoring these negotiations due to potential implications for India's security interests, particularly in the **Doklam tri-junction**. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **India and Bhutan** have recently announced several key initiatives to strengthen their bilateral relationship. During a meeting between Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Bhutan King **Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck**, both countries discussed trade, technology, and cross-border connectivity. This comes at a time when **China and Bhutan** are in negotiations to resolve their border dispute. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The United States International **Development Finance Corporation (DFC)** has revealed a substantial investment of \$553 million in Adani Ports' container terminal project located in the **Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka**. This significant financial commitment aims to boost private-sector investments that support economic development and strategic partnerships in the region. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **China**, the world's second-largest economy, encountered a setback as it slipped back into **deflation in October**, posing a challenge for officials working to stimulate demand. This development comes on the heels of optimistic figures earlier in the week, indicating a surge in imports that fueled hopes of a revival in consumer activity. The National Bureau of Statistics reported a **0.2 percent year-on-year decline** in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), marking a return to deflation. The CPI had shown marginal improvement in September and August following a **0.3 percent drop in July**. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- In a recent development, the United Kingdom has put forth plans to include India in an expanded **list of safe states**, which will have significant implications for individuals arriving in the UK illegally from these countries. This move, which aims to expedite the process of returning Indian nationals who have traveled illegally from India and simultaneously eliminate their chances of seeking asylum in Britain, has been met with both support and criticism. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **Russia** has formally withdrawn from the **Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE)**, citing **NATO's** expansion as a barrier to cooperation. The move follows Russia's recent revocation of the **Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)** and a test launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)**, under the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the renowned global retail giant, **Lulu Hypermarket LLC**. The MoU, which centers on **promoting Brand India** on a global scale, was officially signed at the **World India Food (WIF) 2023** event on November 3, 2023, in New Delhi. ([Click to read complete article](#))

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- **Sephora**, a well-known global beauty retailer, has teamed up with **Reliance Beauty & Personal Care Limited**, a subsidiary of **Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL)**, to grow and redefine the future of luxury beauty retail in India. This partnership grants RRVL exclusive rights to expand Sephora's presence across various channels in India. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **The cotton industry** in India faces challenges in the upcoming season due to factors like pink bollworm infestation and insufficient monsoon rains. The Committee on Cotton Production and Consumption recently estimated a **6% decrease** in cotton production for the **2023-2024** season compared to the previous year. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- Recently, **Axis Bank** and the **Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA)** entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish the **Axis Bank Chair for financial inclusion at IRMA**. This chair will play a pivotal role in **advancing financial inclusion and financial literacy in India**, aligning with the vision of equitable and sustainable transformation for the nation. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **Mudra Port**, the flagship of **Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ)**, continues to break records in India's maritime industry. With its strategic location, superior infrastructure and consistent growth, the port has achieved remarkable milestones, including **handling over 16.1 million metric tons (MMT) of Cargo in October 2023**. This article explores the significant achievements of Mudra Port, its historical timeline and its ambitious target of reaching **200 MMT in cargo volumes by FY25**. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The State-owned **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** has acquired **Mercator Petroleum Limited (MPL)** through an insolvency proceeding. The acquisition, valued at approximately **Rs 148 crore**, was approved by the **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** under the relevant provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. ([Click to read complete article](#))
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- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has taken strict measures against several financial institutions for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. **Monetary penalties** have been imposed on **four co-operative banks and a non-banking financial company (NBFC)** as a result of their failure to adhere to RBI's guidelines. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **IndiaFirst Life**, a Mumbai-based life insurance company, has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first life insurance company to secure registration within the **GIFT City International Financial Services Centre (IFSC)**. This registration, which was granted following approvals from the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) in August 2023** and subsequent registration from the **International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA) in September 2023**, positions **IndiaFirst Life** to expand its services beyond the borders of India. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- In a recent development, Fitch, the renowned rating agency, has upgraded **India's mid-term GDP growth forecast to 6.2%**. This favorable revision has implications for India's economic outlook, as well as the emerging markets globally. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **HSBC India**, in collaboration with the **National E-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL)**, has introduced electronic bank guarantee services, a groundbreaking initiative that aims to streamline trade finance processes. This digital solution is designed to replace the traditional and time-consuming paper-based bank guarantee system. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has unveiled a plan to gradually discontinue the **Incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (I-CRR)** in response to evolving liquidity conditions. This strategic move aims to ensure that the financial system remains stable and money markets operate smoothly. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- Foreign brokerage UBS recently revised its FY24 real GDP growth estimate for India, raising it to 6.3%. The brokerage's chief economist, Tanvee Gupta Jain, highlighted various factors contributing to this uptick despite challenges such as slower global growth and upcoming elections. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **PayGlocal**, a payment platform with a focus on cross-border transactions, has been granted in-principle approval by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a **Payment Aggregator (PA) license**. This license will allow PayGlocal to onboard merchants onto its platform for online payment processing. Founded in 2021, the company offers a technology platform that facilitates secure online payments through various instruments, including cards and global alternative payment methods. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **S&P Global Ratings**, a major credit rating agency, anticipates that the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** might reduce interest rates in the fiscal year 2024-25, contingent on the containment of food inflation and the performance of the monsoon. Despite the potential interest rate cut, S&P Global Ratings remains optimistic about India's economic growth, forecasting a 6% GDP growth in the current year and 6.9% over the next two years. This growth outpaces many of its BBB- to A-rated peers in the Asia-Pacific region. However, higher interest rates pose a fiscal challenge. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

- The **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (Meity) Secretary, Shri S Krishnan**, recently **launched the LEAP AHEAD initiative**, a collaborative effort between the **Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Delhi-NCR**. This initiative aims to support and accelerate the success of tech startups in India, particularly those in the scaling stage, growth stage, product diversification or planning expansion into new geographical locations. With funding support of up to Rs.1 Crore and a comprehensive three-month mentorship program, this initiative is set to be a game-changer for the Indian startup ecosystem. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **French** luxury group Kering's esteemed menswear brand, **Brioni**, has officially landed in India, with the help of **DS Luxury**, a distinguished entity under the umbrella of **Dharampal Satyapal Group Limited**. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **InterGlobe Enterprises**, a major shareholder in **IndiGo**, has announced a strategic partnership with **Archer Aviation Inc**, a US-based company specializing in electric vertical takeoff and landing (**eVTOL**) aircraft. The collaboration aims to introduce and operate an all-electric air taxi service in India. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has issued a notification, granting **Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)** unrestricted investment access to the Government's Sovereign Green Bonds for the **fiscal year 2023-24**. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has appointed **Manoranjan Mishra** as the new **Executive Director**, effective from November 1, 2023. With over three decades of experience in the RBI and a strong background in various aspects of banking and finance, Mishra's appointment brings a wealth of expertise to the central bank. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In an official announcement dated November 6, 2023, **Shri Heeralal Samariya** was appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. He formally assumed his new role on the same day. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The Public Enterprises Selection Panel (PESB) has recommended **Santosh Kumar Jha** as the next **Chairman & Managing Director of Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL)**, a significant PSU under the Ministry of Railways. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **Andhra Pradesh** cadre IAS officer **N. Srikant** has been appointed as the additional secretary of the Union Ministry of Power and New and Renewable Energy, as per an official release. This marks a new chapter in Mr. Srikant's illustrious career, adding to his already impressive list of accomplishments in the field. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- In a significant move to enhance awareness and security on digital payment platforms, the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has appointed **Bollywood actor Pankaj Tripathi** as the **"UPI Safety Ambassador."** This strategic partnership aims to address growing concerns about the safety of digital payment systems, particularly the **United Payments Interface (UPI)**. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- **India's National Coal Index (NCI)** witnessed a significant increase, rising **3.83 points to 143.91** in **September**. This boost was the first since **April 2023** and was driven by a temporary spike in global coal prices, according to the **Union Coal Ministry**. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana**, an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) official of the Tamil Nadu cadre, has been appointed as the Surveyor General of India. Prior to this appointment, he served as an Additional Secretary in the Union Home Ministry. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **Rohit Rishi** has assumed the position of **Executive Director** at the **Bank of Maharashtra**. The appointment is for a tenure of three years, starting from November 1, 2023 in place of **Shri A.B. Vijayakumar**. His extensive experience, academic qualifications, and professional acumen make him a valuable addition to the bank's leadership team. ([Click to read complete article](#))

Defence News

- On 6th November, Gujarat Chief Minister **Bhupendra Patel** unveiled the **crest** of the Indian Navy's latest warship '**Surat**.' This event took place in the very city that the warship is named after, a historic first for the Indian Navy. The ceremony was graced by the presence of the Chief of Naval Staff **Admiral R Hari Kumar**, Vice Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, and Rear Admiral Anil Jaggi, among other senior officers. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2023**, a two-day event hosted by the **Indian Army** in collaboration with the **Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS)**, took place on **November 3rd and 4th**, with a focus on addressing security challenges in **South Asia and the Indo-Pacific region**. The event featured six different sessions and aimed to foster collaborative security solutions. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

- India has recently granted approval for **Sweden's Saab** to establish a new manufacturing facility in the country, marking a significant milestone as the first foreign company to receive **100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** in India's defense projects. While India previously permitted up to 74% FDI in the defense sector under the automatic route, clearances beyond that threshold were subject to individual assessment. The government relaxed these regulations in 2015 to encourage foreign investments, yet until now, no foreign firm had received permission for 100% FDI in defense. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- An **Indian Air Force (IAF)** contingent has touched down at the **Al Maktoum International Airport** in **Dubai**, signalling their participation in the prestigious **Dubai Airshow**, a biennial event set to enthrall aviation enthusiasts from November 13 to 17, 2023. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The 4th edition of Bilateral Exercise between Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy, **BONGOSAGAR-23**, and the 5th edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) by the two navies was conducted in the Northern Bay of Bengal from 07 - 09 Nov 2023. Ships and aircraft from both navies undertook joint patrolling along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL), and subsequently conducted maritime exercises to enhance interoperability. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- The **19th edition** of the prestigious '**Kalakar Puraskar**,' organized by the **Carvalho Household of Kundapura** in association with **Mandd Sobhann, Mangaluru**, was awarded to **Apolinaris D'Souza**, a prominent Konkani singer, lyricist, and composer. The award ceremony took place on the 5th of November 2023, during a public event held at Kalaagann, Mangaluru. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- Recently, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** was honored with the '**Changemaker of the Year**' award. **Governor Shaktikanta Das** accepted it on behalf of the RBI. The recognition was part of the **Hindu Businessline Changemaker Awards 2023**, held at ITC Maurya in New Delhi on November 3. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Falguni Shah**, a Grammy Award-winning Indian vocalist and songwriter, has been nominated for the Best Global Music Performance category at the 2024 Grammy Awards for her song "**Abundance in Millets**", which features a speech written and delivered by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

Summits and Conferences News

- The **Union Ministry of Tourism**, in collaboration with various stakeholders, including travel operators and state tourism departments, is participating in the prestigious **World Travel Market (WTM) in London from 6 to 8, 2023**. This event serves as an excellent platform for India to showcase its diverse tourism offerings under the theme '**Incredible India! Visit India Year 2023**.' The inauguration of the Indian Pavilion marked the beginning of an exciting journey to promote India as a global tourist destination. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
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- The **AI Safety Summit 2023**, hosted at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire, on November 1 and 2, marked a significant global event driven by the vision of **British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak**. This summit sought to position the UK as a post-Brexit intermediary between economic blocs like the United States, China, and the EU.
- The central focus was to assess the risks associated with **cutting-edge AI models** and formulate strategies for policymakers and stakeholders to enhance AI safety for the public good. Importantly, this event is just the beginning, as two more summits are scheduled for the following year in South Korea and France. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))



Ranks and Reports

- A recent survey conducted by the **McKinsey Health Institute** sheds light on the well-being of employees across 30 countries, emphasizing factors such as physical, mental, social, and spiritual health. This survey highlights significant disparities in employee well-being, with Japan ranking at the bottom and India securing a notable position. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL)** has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the **largest renewable energy company in India**, reaching an installed capacity of 8.4 gigawatts (GW) last week. This remarkable achievement is attributed to the commissioning of a 0.15 GW solar power park in Rajasthan, further solidifying AGEL's position in the market. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** recently released the 2024 Asia-Pacific Human Development Report titled '**Making our Future: New Directions for Human Development in Asia and the Pacific**' which paints a mixed picture of India's development journey. The report acknowledges the substantial reduction in multidimensional poverty between 2015-16 and 2019-21 but highlights the urgent need for new directions to address growing human insecurity and disparities. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- A recent survey conducted by the **McKinsey Health Institute in 2023** shed light on the state of employees' well-being in workplaces, with India taking the lead in workplace burnout. According to the survey, a staggering **59%** of Indian respondents reported experiencing burnout symptoms. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The **World Health Organization's (WHO) 'Global TB Report 2023'** highlighted that India's commitment to combating tuberculosis (TB) has yielded impressive results. The Union Health Ministry, in a statement on Wednesday, emphasized the significant progress made by India in case detection and the overall impact on the TB program. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
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Sports News

- **Deepika Kumari**, the former world No. 1 archer, demonstrated her exceptional talent and determination at the National Games by clinching two gold medals and one silver. The Asian Championships gold medal-winning shooter, **Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar**, also secured the **top spot** in the 50m rifle 3-positions event. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

- **Indian chess players Vidit Gujrathi and R Vaishali** achieved remarkable victories at the **FIDE Grand Swiss Chess 2023 held on the Isle of Man**, earning them a coveted spot in the prestigious Candidates Tournament. The Candidates Tournament is a crucial spot in determining a challenger for the reigning world chess champion. Let's delve into the details of their outstanding performances. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The **Indian junior men's hockey team** added another feather to their cap by securing the **bronze medal in a heart-stopping match at the Sultan of Johor Cup 2023, in Johar, Malaysia**. In an electrifying 3rd/4th place contest, they faced arch-rivals Pakistan and emerged victorious in a dramatic penalty shootout. This victory marks a significant milestone for the young Indian hockey talents and it is an evident of their relentless hard work and determination. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The **Indian women's hockey team** has emerged victorious in the **Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023, securing the gold medal for the second time** in the competition's history. The team's remarkable journey to victory was celebrated and praised by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. The tournament's final match, which sealed India's triumphant moment, took place on **5th November 2023, at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Mundra Astro turf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi**. India displayed exceptional prowess by **defeating Japan 4-0 in the final match**. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
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- On November 5, India celebrated a historic moment as both **Vidit Gujrathi** and **R. Vaishali** emerged victorious at the **Grand Swiss tournament** held at the **Isle of Man**, securing coveted spots in the Candidates tournament, set to take place in Toronto early next year. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Australia women's national team captain Meg Lanning**, a stalwart of the cricketing world, has officially announced her retirement from international cricket, marking the end of a remarkable career that spanned **241 matches** and included **seven World Cup titles**. Lanning, at 31, leaves behind a legacy that will be remembered for her exceptional contributions both as a player and a captain. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

- The recently concluded **2023 National Games** showcased an extraordinary display of athleticism, determination, and sportsmanship, with nearly **11,000 athletes** from across India participating in **45** different sports. **Maharashtra** emerged as the undisputed champions, claiming the top spot in the **medal tally** and securing the prestigious **Raja Bhalindra Singh Rolling Trophy** for the overall championship. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- New Zealand's **Rachin Ravindra** has claimed his first **ICC Men's Player of the Month** award for his outstanding performances in the group stages of the **ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023** in India. West Indies' **Hayley Matthews** has been named the **ICC Women's Player of the Month for October** after her scintillating performances in the T20I series against Australia. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has taken a significant step by **suspending Sri Lanka Cricket's membership**, citing serious breaches of its autonomy and government interference. The move comes in the wake of the Sri Lankan government's decision to sack the cricket board due to the national team's disappointing performance in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

Schemes and Committees News

- The **Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Program (LLAP)** under the **DISHA** scheme, facilitated by the **Department of Justice**, extends its reach to over 600,000 individuals through the collaborative efforts of 14 implementing agencies. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** is launching the **Swachh Diwali Subh Diwali Campaign from November 6th to 12th 2023**, under the **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0** with an objective of celebrating Diwali in an environmentally responsible and sustainable way. It emphasizes the importance of local products, reducing single-use plastic and maintaining cleanliness during and after the festival. In this article, we will delve into the various aspects of this initiative. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- In a recent public meeting held in Durg, Chhattisgarh, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** made a significant announcement regarding the extension of the **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana**, a free ration scheme aimed at assisting 80 crore impoverished individuals. The scheme, which was initially introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, provides 5 kg of free food grains every month to those in need. Prime Minister Modi declared the extension of this vital initiative for another five years, emphasizing the importance of the people's support and blessings in making such decisions. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

- In a significant move towards reinforcing transparency and accountability, the **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)**, operating under the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy**, has recently unveiled a dedicated **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) portal**. This portal marks a crucial step in IREDA's commitment to social responsibility and sustainability, providing a platform to manage CSR initiatives with increased transparency and efficiency. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

Science and Technology News

- In a groundbreaking discovery that has astounded the scientific community, researchers have identified the **most ancient black hole** ever detected. This celestial behemoth came into existence a mere **470 million years** after the birth of the universe during the **Big Bang**. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The **Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK)** has established a Center of Excellence (CoE) named **ATMAN** (Advanced Technologies for Monitoring Air-quality iNdicators). The CoE is a significant step towards the Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative of the Government of India, focusing on building **indigenous low-cost sensor manufacturing** and Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML) capabilities to enhance air quality across urban and rural areas of India. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Wolbachia** is a type of intracellular bacteria that infects a wide range of arthropods, including insects and other invertebrates. It has garnered significant attention in recent years due to its intriguing biological properties and potential applications in various fields. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- ISRO's maiden solar mission, **Aditya L1**, has marked a significant achievement by capturing its **first high-energy X-ray glimpse of solar flares**. During its initial observation period starting from around October 29, the **High Energy L1 Orbiting X-ray Spectrometer (HEL1OS)** on board the Aditya-L1 spacecraft recorded the impulsive phase of solar flares, as announced by the space agency. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- Seven, a consumer electronic startup, has introduced the **7 Ring smart ring** in India. The new wearable comes with an interesting standout feature, which is the ability to make contactless payments with its help. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **IBM and Amazon Web Services (AWS)** have announced the launch of an **Innovation Lab** situated at the IBM Client Experience Center in **Bengaluru, India**. This marks a significant expansion of their collaborative services, with a focus on empowering mutual clients through the capabilities of generative artificial intelligence (AI). ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

- In a groundbreaking move, **Hanson Robotics and Dictador**, a Polish run company, have appointed the **world's first humanoid robot CEO named Mika**. This innovative project aims to blend advanced artificial intelligence and machine learning with the unique values of the company. While this development sparks excitement about the potential of AI in leadership roles, it also raises concerns among workers about job security. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **SpaceX's Cargo Dragon** embarked on its **29th mission** to the International Space Station (ISS), launching from the iconic Pad 39 at the Kennedy Space Center in **Florida** at 8:28 p.m. EDT (Eastern Daylight Time) on November 9th. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **Samsung** has taken a significant leap into the world of generative artificial intelligence (AI) with the public revelation of its groundbreaking model, Samsung Gauss. Named after the renowned mathematician Carl Friedrich Gauss, credited with establishing the normal distribution theory, Samsung Gauss marks the South Korean tech giant's ambitious stride toward utilizing AI to enhance the lives of consumers globally. The announcement was made at the Samsung AI Forum, an annual event that has been a focal point for experts and academics since 2017. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

Important Days News

- **World Radiography Day** is observed each year on **November 8** to commemorate the groundbreaking discovery of X-radiation by German physicist **Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen in 1895**. This day holds special significance in the field of radiography, recognizing the vital role of radiographers and highlighting the importance of medical imaging in modern healthcare. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The theme chosen for World Radiography Day 2023 is **"Celebrating Patient Safety."** This theme places a spotlight on the crucial role of healthcare professionals in upholding the efficiency of healthcare systems and safeguarding the health and safety of patients. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **November 7, 2023, marks the 135th birth anniversary** of the renowned Indian physicist, Sir Chandrasekhar Venkata Raman, who is celebrated for his groundbreaking **discovery of the Raman Effect**. This discovery revolutionized the field of physics and earned him the prestigious Nobel Prize. As we pay tribute to this great scientist on his birth anniversary. Let's delve into some interesting facts about his life and contributions that continue to inspire generations of scientists and researchers. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

- The **International Week of Science and Peace (IWOSP)**, celebrated annually from **November 9 to 15**, stands as a testament to the vital role that science plays in fostering global peace and development. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **World Science Day for Peace and Development**, celebrated annually on **November 10**, serves as a global platform to recognize the pivotal role of science in society. In 2023, the theme for World Science Day for Peace and Development is **"Building Trust in Science."** ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- **National Education Day** is celebrated every year on **November 11th** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, India's first Education Minister. Azad was a visionary leader who played a pivotal role in shaping the country's education system. He was a strong advocate for universal primary education, girls' education, and free compulsory education for all children under the age of 14. He also played a key role in establishing some of India's most prestigious educational institutions, including the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and the University Grants Commission (UGC). ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

Obituaries News

- The political landscape of India mourns the loss of veteran politician and former minister **D B Chandre Gowda**, who passed away at the age of 87. Mr. Gowda's illustrious political career was marked by his diverse roles, spanning multiple Houses of the legislature and a journey through various political parties. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))
- The world of arts and literature lost a significant figure with the passing of **Gieve Patel** at the Palliative Care and Training Centre in **Pune**. Gieve Patel, who had been battling cancer, was admitted to the Pune center a few weeks ago. He leaves behind a legacy of remarkable contributions as a playwright, poet, painter, and physician. ([Click to read complete article](#))



- **Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya**, a former governor of Nagaland and senior BJP leader, passed away in Mumbai on November 11, 2023, at the age of 92. Acharya was a respected figure in Indian politics and society, and his death is a significant loss. ([Click here to read the complete article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- At 76 years old, **Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina** has earned a prominent place in global politics. In a **Time cover story**, she was hailed as a political phenomenon who has played a pivotal role in guiding Bangladesh's growth from a rustic jute producer to the Asia-Pacific's fastest-expanding economy over the past decade. ([Click to read complete article](#))

Static Takeaways

- National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) Founded: 31 July 2008;
- National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) Headquarters: New Delhi;
- National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) CEO: Mr. Ved Mani Tiwari.
- International Dairy Federation Brussels, Belgium;
- International Dairy Federation President Piercristiano Brazzale;
- International Dairy Federation as we know it was founded 1903.
- HUDCO Founded: 25 April 1970;
- HUDCO Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Google Founders: Larry Page, Sergey Brin
- Google Parent organization: Alphabet Inc.
- Google Founded: 4 September 1998, Menlo Park, California, United States
- Google Headquarters: Mountain View, California, United States
- Google CEO: Sundar Pichai (2 Oct 2015–)
- Qualcomm Headquarters: San Diego, California, United States
- Qualcomm CEO: Cristiano Amon (30 Jun 2021–)
- Qualcomm President: Cristiano Amon
- Qualcomm Founded: July 1985, San Diego, California, United States
- Tamil Nadu Formation – 26 January 1950;
- Tamil Nadu Capital – Chennai;
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister – M K Stalin;
- Tamil Nadu Governor – R N Ravi.
- Hewlett-Packard (HP) Headquarters: Palo Alto, California, United States;

- Hewlett-Packard (HP) President: Enrique Lores.
- RBI Governor: Shaktikanta Das;
- RBI Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata;
- RBI Founder: British Raj;
- RBI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.
- ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru
- ISRO Founded: 15 August 1969
- ISRO Founder: Vikram Sarabhai
- ISRO Officeholder: S. Somanath (Chairperson)
- Universal Postal Union Headquarters: Bern, Switzerland;
- Universal Postal Union Founded: 9 October 1874;
- Universal Postal Union Founder: Heinrich von Stephan;
- Universal Postal Union Head: Director-General; Masahiko Metoki;
- Universal Postal Union Parent organization: United Nations Economic and Social Council.
- President of the World Federation for Mental Health: Dr. Nasser Loza;
- World Federation for Mental Health Founded: 1948.
- Bihar Capital: Patna
- Bihar Chief Minister: Nitish Kumar
- Bihar Governor: Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- IDFC FIRST Bank CEO: V. Vaidyanathan (19 Dec 2018–);
- IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd: Mumbai.
- CEO & Managing Director of The Tata Power Company Limited: Praveer Sinha
- MD of Bridgestone India: Stefano Sanchini
- International Olympic Committee President: Thomas Bach;
- International Olympic Committee Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;
- International Olympic Committee Founded: 23 June 1894, Paris, France;
- International Olympic Committee Director General: Christophe De Kepper;
- International Olympic Committee Founders: Pierre de Coubertin, D. Bikélas;
- International Olympic Committee Official language: French.
- Association of Mutual Funds in India Founded: 22 August 1995;
- Association of Mutual Funds in India Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.
- World Health Organization (WHO) Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- World Health Organization (WHO) Founded: 7 April 1948;
- World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus;
- International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness Founded: 1975;
- International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness Chief Executive: Peter Holland;

- International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness
Headquarters: London.
- Uttar Pradesh Capital: Lucknow (Executive Branch);
- Uttar Pradesh Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath;
- Uttar Pradesh Governor: Anandiben Patel;
- Uttar Pradesh Region: North India;
- Uttar Pradesh Land area: 243,286 km²;
- Uttar Pradesh Official sport: Field hockey.
- Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises: Sunil Bharti Mittal
- Jharkhand Capital: Ranchi;
- Jharkhand Chief minister: Hemant Soren;
- Jharkhand Governor: C.P. Radhakrishnan;
- Jharkhand Official flower: Sacred Tree;
- Jharkhand Districts: 24 (5 divisions);
- Jharkhand Region: East India;
- Jharkhand Bird: Koel.

