

# Weekly One Liners 13th to 19th of June 2022

## Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022

The prestigious ceremony of **Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022** was held on February 20. The event was held in **Mumbai** and the best performances from last year were honoured in the event this time. This year Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022 celebrated the opulence of Indian Cinema and also commemorated the **75 years of Independence or Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**.

Best Film, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Supporting Role, and Best Negative Role, were among the other titles that were given to the personalities of the Indian film fraternity.

**Here is a complete list of winners of Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022:**

- Film of the Year Award: **Pushpa: The Rise**
- Best Film Award: **Shershaah**
- Best Actor Award: **Ranveer Singh for film 83**
- Best Actress Award: **Kriti Sanon for film Mimi**
- Outstanding Contribution to Films: Asha Parekh
- Critics Best Actor Award: Sidharth Malhotra
- Critics Best Actress Award: Kiara Advani
- Best Actor in Supporting Role Award: Satish Kaushik for film Kaagaz
- Best Actress in Supporting Role Award: Lara Dutta for film Bell-Bottom
- Best Actor in Negative Role Award: Aayush Sharma for film Antim: The Final Truth
- People's Choice Best Actor Award: Abhimanyu Dasani
- People's Choice Best Actress Award: Radhika Madan
- Best Debut Award: Ahan Shetty for film Tadap
- Best Playback Singer Male Award: Vishal Mishra
- Best Playback Singer Female Award: Kanika Kapoor
- Critics Best Film Award: Sardar Udham Singh
- Best Director Award: Ken Ghosh for film State of Siege: Temple Attack
- Best Cinematographer Award: Jayakrishna Gummadi for film Haseena Dilruba
- Best International Feature Film Award: Another Round
- Best Short Film Award: Pauli
- Best Actor in Web Series Award: Manoj Bajpayee for The Family Man 2
- Best Actress in Web Series Award: Raveena Tandon for Aranyak
- Best Web Series Award: Candy
- Best Actor in Television Series Award: Shaheer Sheikh for Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise Bhi

- Best Actress in Television Series Award: Shraddha Arya for Kundali Bhagya
- Television Series of the Year Award: Anupama
- Most Promising Actor in Television Series Award: Dheeraj Dhoopar for Kundali Bhagya
- Most Promising Actress in Television Series Award: Rupali Ganguly for Anupama

## IMD's World Competitiveness Index 2022: India ranked 37th

**India** has seen the sharpest growth among the Asian economies, with a six-position jump from **43rd to 37th rank** on the annual World Competitiveness Index 2022. The Index has been compiled by the **Institute for Management Development (IMD)**. Meanwhile, the top-performing Asian economies are **Singapore (3rd), Hong Kong (5th), Taiwan (7th), China (17th) and Australia (19th)**.

India is also a driving force in the global movement to fight climate change and Mr. Modi's pledge of net-zero by 2070 at the COP26 summit in November 2021, sits in harmony with its strength in environment-related technologies in the ranking. The top five attractive factors of India's economy for business are – a skilled workforce, cost competitiveness, dynamism of the economy, high educational level and open and positive attitudes.

### World Competitiveness Index 2022: Globally

- **Denmark** has moved to the top of the 63-nation list from the third position last year, while **Switzerland** slipped from the top ranking to the second position and **Singapore** regained the third spot from fifth, a global study showed.
- Others in the top 10 include Sweden at the fourth position, followed by **Hong Kong SAR (5th), the Netherlands (6th), Taiwan (7th), Finland (8th), Norway (9th) and the USA (10th)**.

### About the World Competitiveness Index 2022:

IMD business school in Switzerland and Singapore released the 2022 World Competitiveness Ranking. Its think-tank, IMD World Competitiveness Center, ranks 63 economies and assesses the extent to which a country promotes the prosperity of its people by measuring economic well-being via hard data and survey responses from executives.

### Angelo Mathews and Tuba Hassan crowned ICC Players of the Month for May

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that Sri Lanka's batting star **Angelo Mathews** and Pakistan's debutante spin sensation **Tuba Hassan** have been voted the **ICC Men's and Women's Players of the Month for May 2022**. Fans can continue to vote every month for their favourite male and female cricketers across all formats of international cricket as part of the ICC Player of the Month initiative by registering at [www.icc-cricket.com/awards](http://www.icc-cricket.com/awards).

#### Why this award is given to Angelo Mathews?

Mathews was selected the stand-out male player after piling on runs over the course of his side's impressive ICC World Test Championship series victory against Bangladesh. Mathews becomes the first Sri Lankan player to be named the Player of the Month since its inception in January 2021, scooping the award ahead of fellow nominees Asitha Fernando (Sri Lanka), and Mushfiqur Rahim (Bangladesh).

#### Why this award is given to Tuba Hassan?

On the other hand, Hassan was awarded the to honour after enjoying significant success with the ball during her debut international series. The 21-year-old leg spinner was instrumental in restricting scores set by opponents Sri Lanka in the three-game T20I series in Pakistan, where she captured the Player of the Series award, taking five wickets at an average of 8.8 and an economy rate of 3.66. In securing this month's award, Hassan overcomes fellow nominees in compatriot Bismah Maroof, and Jersey's Trinity Smith. Tuba is the first female player from Pakistan to win in the award.

### National Affairs

- Union Finance Minister, **Nirmala Sitharaman** has inaugurated the National Museum of Customs and GST "**Dharohar**" in **Goa** as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic week of the Ministry of Finance, being celebrated from **June 6 to 12**. The two-storey 'Blue building', which was earlier known as **Alfandega**, during the period of Portuguese rule in Goa, has been standing on the banks of the **Mandovi River in Panaji** for more than 400 years.

- To encourage openness and public partnership, the Union Government has developed the **Rashtriya Puruskar Portal**, which invites nominations for numerous awards given by various Ministries, Departments, and Agencies. The Portal intends to make it easier for public to propose people and organisations for various prizes given out by the Indian government.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **Jagatguru Sreesant Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir at Dehu Village near Pune**, dedicated to the 17th-century seer. Sant Tukaram was a Warkari saint and poet, famously known for Abhanga devotional poetry and community-oriented worship through spiritual songs known as Kirtans. He lived in Dehu.
- **Rajesh Exports**, a gold retailer based in **Bangalore**, has announced plans to invest \$3 billion to build India's first display manufacturing plant. This is a major revolutionary investment as **Display manufacturing Industry** has traditionally been absent from India's diverse electronics manufacturing industry. As the world steadily recovers from the chip shortage, countries all around the world are enacting measures to stimulate domestic semiconductor manufacturing investment.
- The first train to be operated between **Coimbatore and Shirdi** by a private operator, under the '**Bharat Gaurav**' scheme of the **Indian Railways**, was flagged off. Ministry of Tourism has informed that the first ever Bharat Gaurav Train has been flagged off on Coimbatore north to Sainagar Shirdi route. The train will cover several historical destinations on the route while giving the passengers an insight into the cultural heritage of the country.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **Jal Bhushan Building at Raj Bhawan** in Mumbai. Maharashtra Chief Minister Udhav Thackeray, Dy CM Ajit Pawar, Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray and the State Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari were also present on the occasion. The PM also inaugurated an underground '**Gallery of Revolutionaries**' museum dedicated to the luminaries of the freedom struggle, at the Raj Bhavan.

### States in the News

- **Kerala** Chief Minister, **Pinarayi Vijayan** has inaugurated a cancer diagnostics and research centre here, which is slated to be the country's first oncology laboratory for comprehensive cancer diagnostic services. **Karkinos Healthcare's advanced centre** for cancer diagnostics and research will serve as a central lab for analysing specimens at molecular and genomic levels to aid in personalised targeted therapy, predicting possible response to treatment and evaluate response by liquid biopsy.

- **The Karnataka government** has launched 'The **Farmer Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System**' or **FRUITS** software for Aadhar-based, single-window registration for the schemes. FRUITS software will facilitate single registration using an Aadhar card and Karnataka's Bhoomi digitized land record system for authenticating ownership.
- **Agniveers** personnel recruited on short-term contracts in the Army, Navy, and Air Force under the unique **Agnipath** system would have preference in recruitment to the state's police and associated services, according to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath**.
- **Tamil Nadu** Chief Minister, **MK Stalin** launched the **Ennum Ezhuthum scheme** to bridge the learning gap that was caused due to the **COVID pandemic among students aged below eight**. The scheme aims to ensure foundational literacy and numeracy by 2025. It was launched at an event in **Azhinjivakkam panchayat union middle school, Tiruvallur**.
- **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), Mumbai** has become India's 1st airport to launch a one-of-its-kind **Vertical Axis Wind Turbine & Solar PV hybrid (Solar Mill)** to explore the possibility of utilization of wind energy at the airport. With this, Mumbai will become the first city in India to establish a one-of-its-kind hybrid power project at its airport.
- **Unmesh**, a three-day international literary festival, opened at Gaiety Theater in **Dublin**. The event will bring together approximately 425 writers, poets, translators, critics, and notable figures from 15 nations, representing over 60 languages. Union Minister of State for Culture **Arjun Ram Meghwal** gave the festival its official start.
- **Russia** has overtaken **Saudi Arabia** to become India's second-biggest supplier of oil behind **Iraq** as refiners snap up **Russian crude available** at a deep discount following the war in Ukraine.
- US president **Joe Biden** is expected to name **Arati Prabhakar** as the head of the White House **Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)**. She will succeed **Eric Lander** who left the role nine months after his appointment after he admitted to bullying his staff and creating a hostile work environment during his tenure.
- **The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** has organized an eight-day long **mango festival in Bahrain** to boost the export of Mangoes. 34 varieties of mangoes from eastern states of **West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha**, are being displayed at eight different locations of **Bahrain's Al Jazira** group supermarket.
- **Radha Iyengar Plumb**, an Indian-American, is currently the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. **US President Joe Biden** has nominated Radha Iyengar Plumb to a top Pentagon position.
- Japanese Prime Minister, **Fumio Kishida** will attend this month's **NATO summit in Madrid**, becoming the country's first leader to join a top meeting of the transatlantic alliance. The June 28-30 gathering is seen as a crunch moment for the 30 North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, four months into Russia's war in Ukraine.
- Somalia's President **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud** has appointed a former chairman of the Jubaland state election commission, **Hamza Abdi Barre** as the **Prime Minister**. The 48-year-old Hamza Abdi Barre from the semi-autonomous state of Jubaland replaced **Mohamed Hussein Roble**.

## International Affairs

- Britain's Queen **Elizabeth II** overtook Thailand's King to become the world's second-longest reigning monarch in history, after **France's Louis XIV**. Crowned in 1953, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest-serving British monarch in September 2015, surpassing her great-great grandmother **Queen Victoria**. Now she has overtaken **Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej**, who reigned for 70 years and 126 days between 1927 and 2016, to set another record.
- **The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** has adopted an India-sponsored resolution on multilingualism that mentions the **Hindi language for the first time**. The resolution passed encourages the UN to continue disseminating important communications and messages in official as well as in non-official languages, including in Hindi language. The resolution also mentions **Bangla and Urdu** for the first time.

## Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA)** has inked MoUs with the State Bank of India (**SBI**), Bank of Baroda (**BOB**), Punjab National Bank (**PNB**), and Small Industries Development Bank of India (**SIDBI**).
- The **BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR)** Innovation Center and the **BRICS New Growth Bank (NDB)** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to enhance bilateral cooperation and boost BRICS countries' common development. The name BRICS stands for **Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa**, a group of emerging markets. It is home to more than 40% of the worldwide population and a quarter of the global economy.

- **HDFC Bank**, a private sector bank, has inked an agreement with **100X.VC**, a premier early-stage venture capital firm, to support start-ups. The bank will extend its full array of specialised services and facilities targeted for start-ups, known as Smart-Up, to all enterprises linked with **100X.VC** under the terms of the deal. In addition, the bank will issue further credit lines and assess investment potential in these businesses.
- **LinkedIn**, the world's largest professional network, will invest **USD 5,00,000 (Rs 3.88 crore)** in partnership with **United Nation's Women** to advance women's economic empowerment. The project will launch a pilot in **Maharashtra** to cultivate the digital, soft and employability skills of 2,000 women and present them with a range of career-building opportunities through job fairs, mentoring sessions and peer-to-peer networks.
- Union Communication Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** said that UPI and **Rupay card** services will be available in France soon, giving a huge boost to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Rupay cards. The overseas branch of India's National Payments Corporation (NPCI) has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with France's Lyra Network for the acceptance of UPI and Rupay in the country.
- **Zomato and Jio-bp** have entered into an agreement to support Zomato's commitment towards "**The Climate Group's EV100 initiative of 100 per cent EV fleet by 2030.**" The collaboration is poised to accelerate EV adoption in the rapidly growing Indian delivery and transportation segment.
- **Indian Bank** launched its **KCC Digital Renewal scheme**, enabling eligible customers to renew their Kisan Credit Card accounts via digital modes. The initiative is part of the bank's digital transformation under project '**WAVE**' – **World of Advanced Virtual Experience**.
- Private sector lender, **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank** has received capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI)** to launch and raise funds through an **initial public offering (IPO)**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** relaxed the limitations placed on **Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd** on onboarding new domestic clients. For non-compliance with **RBI** standards for data storage in India, **Mastercard** has been barred from onboarding new domestic users (debit, credit, or prepaid) onto its card network as of July 22, 2021.
- **Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, India (HSBC India)** has announced **USD 250 million** in lending support for high-growth, technology-led start-ups in India, which has the world's third-largest start-up ecosystem. HSBC will administer the lending via its commercial banking division. It has also not mentioned any specific timeframe for disbursement of the amount.
- According to data released by the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**, India's headline **retail inflation** rate eased to **7.04 percent in May** from April's near-eight-year high of 7.79 percent thanks to a favourable base effect. The fall in inflation in May is unlikely to do much to slow down the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) rate hike cycle. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** based inflation was **7.79 per cent in April**. In May 2021, the retail inflation stood at **6.3 per cent**.
- **Wholesale price inflation** spiked to **15.88% in May**, the highest since September 1991 as a surge in price pressure in food and fuel overwhelmed a moderation in the dominant manufactured product segment. In April, the WPI inflation was recorded at **15.08%**.

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Fino Payments Bank Limited** has partnered with **Go Digit General Insurance Limited**, one of India's fastest growing general insurers, to provide small and medium business owners with shop insurance coverage. Fino Payments Bank serves as a corporate representative for Go Digit.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has decided to increase the existing limits on individual housing loans provided by **cooperative banks**, taking into account the rise in housing prices since the limits were last revised and considering customers' needs for larger loans. (Click Here)
- Payment solution provider, **OmniCard** has announced that it became the **1st RBI licensed PPI (prepaid payment instrument)** to launch cash withdrawal using a RuPay-powered card from any ATMs across the country. The move came in after RBI permitted the non-bank licensed entities to enable cash withdrawals from the digital wallets.

- Trade data released by the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** showed that India's May trade deficit widened to **\$24.29 billion** from \$6.53 billion a year ago.
- The **US Federal Reserve** increased its main interest rate by three-quarters of a percent, the largest increase in almost three decades, and signalled that more large rate increases are on the way, boosting the likelihood of another **recession**. The Fed's decision, announced following its most recent policy meeting, would boost its benchmark short-term rate to a range of 1.5 percent to 1.75 percent, affecting many consumer and **commercial loans**. (Click Here)
- Electric two-wheeler manufacturer **Ather Energy** has partnered **State Bank of India** to provide customers with vehicle financing. As part of the association Ather Energy customers will get instant loans at interest rates as low as **9.55 percent per annum**.
- Chinese technology conglomerate **Tencent** has bought stake worth **USD 264 million (about Rs 2,060 crore) in Flipkart** from its co-founder **Binny Bansal** through its European subsidiary, according to official documents. Singapore-headquartered e-commerce firm Flipkart has operations in India only. Bansal holds around 1.84 per cent stake in Flipkart after selling part of his stake to **Tencent Cloud Europe BV**.
- As it approaches three years of operation, **XPay.Life**, which claims to be India's first blockchain-enabled transaction framework, has launched its **UPI** services aimed at rural India. **XPay.Life** claimed it is collaborating closely with regional rural banks and district co-operative banks to assist them bank more efficiently and provide full financial inclusion for the rural population with minimal disturbance. **XPay.Life** is a fintech startup.
- Financial wellness platform, **CASHe** has launched an industry-first credit line service using its AI-powered chat capability on **WhatsApp** to provide customers with a fast, seamless and convenient way to access instant credit line by merely typing their name. The firm offers an instant credit limit without the need for any documents, app downloads or filling up tedious application forms.
- **Adani Transmission Limited's, \$700 million** revolving facility has been tagged as a '**green loan**' by **Sustainalytics**. This assures the green loan framework for the revolving facility. Sustainalytics had issued the independent SPO on the alignment of the reviewed framework with the current market standards and the extent to which the eligible project categories are credible and impactful.
- The **47th meeting of the GST Council** will be held on **June 28 and 29, 2022 in Srinagar**. The GST Council is chaired by Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**. This is the second time that the GST Council meeting is being held in Srinagar. Before the launch of the **Goods and Services Tax (GST) on July 1, 2017**, the 14th meeting of the Council was held on May 18 and 19 in the city.
- **Canara HSBC OBC Life** has renamed itself as **Canara HSBC Life** following its third partner **Punjab National Bank's (PNB's)** decision to exit. PNB had acquired a stake in the company following the amalgamation of Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC). Currently, **Canara Bank holds 51% in the insurance arm, HSBC holds 26% and PNB 23%**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has raised the **Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA)** limit from **Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000** per transaction for e-mandates on cards, **Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs)** and **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** for recurring transactions. It implies, additional authentication will not be need for payment of Rs 15,000 per transaction.

## Appointments/Resignations

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has appointed **R Subramaniakumar** as the **MD & CEO of RBL Bank**. He has been appointed at RBL for three years from the date of taking charge. He is a former managing director and chief executive director of state-run Indian Overseas Bank. He was appointed the administrator of **Dewan Housing Finance Co Ltd** after the mortgage financier's board was superseded.
- Ambassador **Rabab Fatima**, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations has been appointed as the **Under Secretary General of the United Nations**. Secretary General **Antonio Guterres** has announced the appointment of Ambassador Fatima. She succeeds **Courtenay Rattray** of Jamaica who was appointed as the Chef de Cabinet.
- The government has appointed industrialists **Anand Mahindra, Pankaj R Patel and Venu Srinivasan**, and former IIM (Ahmedabad) professor **Ravindra H Dholakia** as non-official directors on the central board of the Reserve Bank. The nominations have been made for four years by the **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)**.
- Former Supreme Court judge **Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai** is believed to have been chosen as the next head of the **Press Council of India (PCI)**. **Justice Desai** recently served as the chairman of the Delimitation Commission on **Jammu and Kashmir**, which was established to redesign the Union Territory's assembly constituencies.

- Former Karnataka High Court judge, **Bhimanagouda Sanganagouda Patil** was sworn in as the **Lokayukta of Karnataka**. Governor **Thaawarchand Gehlot** administered the oath of office to Justice Patil. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah, ministers in the State Government and legislators attended the programme, and greeted Justice Patil.
- Industry body **Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI)** named **Pramod K Mittal**, President of Reliance Jio Infocomm, as the **new Chairperson of the association for 2022-23**. Mittal was previously the Vice-Chairperson of the COAI, whose members include Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea (VIL).
- According to a **Verizon news** release, **Sowmyanarayan Sampath**, an Indian American, will be the new CEO of **Verizon Business**. **Sampath** joined Verizon in 2014 and will continue in his present role as Chief Revenue Officer for Verizon Business until June 30.

### Defence News

- **The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT)** between the **Indian Navy Units of Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC) and Indonesian Navy** is being conducted from June 13 to 24 2022 in the Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca. The 38th CORPAT is the first post pandemic Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) between the two countries.
- **The Indian government** has introduced the **Agnipath Military recruitment scheme**, a 4-year tenure scheme for the defense troops. The scheme will facilitate the induction of more troops for shorter-term tenures. The scheme has been planned and is being implemented by the Department of Military Affairs.

- **India** has test-launched Short-Range Ballistic Missile, **Prithvi-II** from an integrated test range in Chandipur, Odisha. This missile system is capable of striking targets with a very high degree of precision. It is an indigenously developed, surface-to-surface missile. It is powered by liquid propulsion twin engines. Its range is **350 km** and can carry one-ton payload.

### Awards and Recognitions

- Industrialist and philanthropist, **Ratan Tata** was presented with **Honorary Doctor of Literature** by Maharashtra Governor **Bhagat Singh Koshyari** at Raj Bhavan Mumbai. The Honorary doctorate was presented to Mr. Ratan at the First Special Convocation of the HSNC University. The Governor said the honour for Ratan Tata is in effect the honour of the entire Tata family and Tata Group.

### Summit and Conference

- **The 12th World Trade Organization's (WTO) Ministerial Conference (MC12)** opened at WTO headquarters in **Geneva, Switzerland**. During the four-day meeting, members of the trade organization will hold discussions on such issues as TRIPS (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) waiver for COVID-19 vaccines, pandemic response, fishery subsidies, agriculture, food security, as well as the WTO's reform and its future work priorities.
- First-ever **India-European Union (EU) Security and Defence Consultations** held in **Brussels, Belgium**. The consultations were held in accordance with the decision taken at India-EU Summit in July 2020. Consultations were co-chaired by Joint secretary of Ministry of Defence **Somnath Ghosh** and Joint Secretary (Europe West) of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) **Sandeep Chakravorty** from India and Director Security and Defence Policy, from European Union.
- **The Eighth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians** has been started in **Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt** to address climate change. The two-day conference is being jointly organized by the **House of Representatives and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)**.
- In **New Delhi**, Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari** kicks off the Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022. Inaugurating the **Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022 (IDS-2022) – Road Map for Carbon Neutrality by 2070**, he stated that developing alternative fuels is critical to overcoming electricity shortages. He believes that taking a one-sided, idiosyncratic attitude to these issues is harmful to the country.

## Ranks and Reports

- **The National e-governance service delivery assessment (NeSDA) report 2021** was published recently. The report was released on June 13, 2022. NeSDA helps the respective governments improve their delivery of citizen centric services and shares best practices across the country for all States, UTs and Central Ministries to emulate. DARPG embarked on the second edition of NeSDA study in January 2021. (Click Here).
- Providing a boost for **Kerala's start-up ecosystem**, the State has been ranked first in Asia in Affordable Talent in **Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER)**. The State has also been ranked **fourth** in global ranking in the GSER, drawn up jointly by policy advisory and research organisation Startup Genome and Global Entrepreneurship Network. In the first GSER published in 2020, Kerala was ranked 5th in Asia and 20th in the world. (Click Here)
- According to the **Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)** annual report for July 2020-June 2021, the all-India female **labour force participation rate (LFPR)** in ordinary status grew 2.3 percent to 25.1 percent in 2021, up from 22.8 percent the previous year. (Click Here)

## Sports News

- Young Indian Grandmaster, **R. Praggnanandhaa** emerged winner in the **Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament** here with 7.5 points from nine rounds.
- **Rahul Srivatshav P** of Telangana has become **India's 74th Grandmaster**, achieving the title after breaking the 2500 (Elo points) barrier in live FIDE ratings during the 9th Cattolica Chess Festival 2022 in Italy.
- Hosts **Haryana** won the **Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2021** title with **52 gold medals** on the final day. Haryana also won 39 silver and 46 bronze medals, taking their overall medal tally to 137 medals – the highest cumulative haul by any state. The late surge helped Haryana leapfrog the 2020 champions **Maharashtra** on the KIYG medals table.
- Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** won the **Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix 2022** (his fifth victory of the season). In the process, Verstappen became the most successful driver in the Red Bull of all time. Red Bull's **Sergio Perez** came second and Mercedes' **George Russell** came at the third spot.
- **The 2022 Indonesia Masters badminton tournament** (officially known as the Daihatsu Indonesia Masters) took place at the Istora Gelora Bung Karno, Jakarta, Indonesia. Olympic champions **Viktor Axelsen** and **Chen Yufei** clinched the respective men's and women's singles titles at the BWF Indonesia Masters 2022.

- At the IWF Youth World Championships in Leon, Mexico, Indian weightlifter **Saanapathi Gurunaidu** won gold in the men's 55 kilogramme category event. On the first day of the IWF competition, two other additional Indian weightlifters, **Vijay Prajapati** and **Akansha Kishor Vyavhare** also won medals, they won the silver medals.
- India's ace javelin thrower **Neeraj Chopra** set a new national record as he threw **89.30 metres at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland**. Chopra's earlier national record was **88.07m** which he had set in Patiala in March last year. He had won the Tokyo Olympics gold with a throw of 87.58m on August 7, 2021. Neeraj Chopra is India's first ever Olympic gold medallist in athletics and only the second individual gold medallist at Olympics. Chopra's 89.30m effort will take him to fifth spot in the world season leaders' list.
- India's **Nitin Menon** has retained his place in the **ICC Elite Panel** and is set to make his maiden appearance as a neutral umpire in Sri Lanka later this month. A BCCI official told PTI that Menon has got a one-year extension from the International Cricket Council. The 38-year-old from Indore remains the only **Indian in the 11-member Elite Panel of Umpires**.

## Schemes and Committess News

- This year, 2022 marks the fifth anniversary of the Central Government's dream initiative, **Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN)**. The effort began slowly but grew in popularity as newer airlines, such as Star Air, began to explore this vast untapped market. According to analysts, **UDAN** is a gamechanger in the aviation business since it allows the average person to commute between smaller cities in minutes rather than hours and at a reasonable cost. Over 415 **UDAN** routes connect 66 underserved/unserved airports, including heliports and water aerodromes, benefiting over 92 lakh people.
- Union Railway Minister, **Ashwini Vaishnaw** has launched "**StartUps for Railways**", an important initiative in the field of innovation. Aiming at bringing about innovative solutions to problems like rail fracture, reduction of time between two trains and other passenger related issues. The innovation policy is expected to bring about scale and efficiency in the field of operation, maintenance and infrastructure creation through participation of very large and untapped startup ecosystem.

## Science and Technology News

- **Microsoft** has announced the retirement of **27-year-old Internet Explorer (IE)** as the firm's oldest browser will be completely phased out from **June 15**. Microsoft released the first version of Internet Explorer in **1995** as an add-on package for **Windows 95**, the antediluvian era of web surfing dominated by the first widely popular browser, Netscape Navigator.
- **Google** announced a startup accelerator program for women founders. The program will help them address challenges such as fundraising and hiring. **Google for Startups Accelerator India - Women Founders** will run from **Jul-2022 to Sep-2022**. The program is part of a larger effort by Google towards improving the representation of women across different sections of India's digitally-trained workforce — be it entrepreneurship, professionals looking to upskill or young graduates seeking a headstart on their career.
- Union Communications Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** announced at the Viva Technology 2022 event that India will have full-fledged 5G services by March 2023. **Vaishnaw** told that the 5G spectrum auction will be concluded by the end of July, adding that Telecom is the key source of digital consumption, and it is very vital to introduce trusted solutions in telecom.
- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** has developed a robot that can clean septic tanks without the need for humans. Ten units are expected to be distributed across **Tamil Nadu** under the name "**HomoSEP**," and researchers are in contact with sanitation workers to determine where they will be placed.

## Important Days

- **International Albinism Awareness Day** is observed by the United Nations on **June 13** every year. The day represents the importance and celebration of human rights of people with albinism. The theme for International Albinism Awareness Day 2022 is "**United in making our voice heard**".
- **World Blood Donor Day** is observed globally on **14 June** every year. The day is celebrated to promote awareness about the need for blood donation and thank voluntary, unpaid blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood. The Theme for World Blood Donor Day 2022 is "**Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives**".
- **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)** is celebrating **Elimination of Child Labour Week** in the honour of **World Day Against Child Labour**. It is being celebrated in 75 places as part of the "75th anniversary celebrations of India's independence - "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" in different districts starting from **12th June to 20th June, 2022** as a significance to pay attention to the problem of child labour and to find ways to eradicate it.
- **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)** is annually observed on **15 June**. The day aims to draw attention to the impact of elder abuse. It also highlights how the abuse is perpetuated and what can be done to combat it. This year theme of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2022 "**Combatting Elder Abuse**".
- On **15th June, Global Wind Day** is celebrated across the world, annually and it is marked as a day of discovering the possibilities of wind power. Global Wind Day 2022 is based on the theme is **celebrate to enjoy the benefits of Wind energy and providing education to the individuals about the power and potential of wind energy to change the world**.
- **The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR)** was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and is observed on **16 June**. This year, the United Nations is continuing last year's theme for International Day of Family Remittances: **recovery and resilience through digital and financial inclusion**.
- The **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought** is observed on **17 June** each year to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification. The theme of 2022 Desertification and Drought Day "**Rising up from drought together**". The global observance of the event will take place in Madrid, Spain, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) has announced.



- **International Day for Countering Hate Speech** falls on **June 18**. According to the UN, hate speech is any kind of speech or writing that attacks or discriminates against a person or a group based on religion, ethnicity, nationality, race, color, descent, gender, or any other identity factor.
- Every year, the world observes **Sustainable Gastronomy Day on 18 June**. The objective of this day is to recognise the practices associated with sustainable food consumption, especially with the art of collecting and preparing the food we eat. To make this day a memorable one, the organisations work in collaboration with global and regional bodies to observe the day.
- **International Picnic Day** is celebrated annually on **18 June**. On this day, people spend time with their loved ones and go for picnics to get a break from their monotonous everyday routine. A picnic is a very good way to not only spend some quality time but also explore new feast spots.

## Obituaries

- Long distance great **Hari Chand**, a two-time Olympian and a **double Asian Games gold medallist**, passed away in Jalandhar. He was 69. Chand won the 5000 and 10,000m gold at the 1978 Bangkok Asian and also the 10,000m title at the 1975 Asian Championships in Seoul.
- Renowned Urdu scholar, linguist, theorist, literary critic, and former Chairperson of Sahitya Akademi Professor, **Gopi Chand Narang** has passed away at 91. He was a Professor Emeritus at the **University of Delhi and Jamia Millia Islamia**. He has been honoured with the **Padma Bhushan (2004) and Sahitya Akademi Awards (1995)**. He incorporated a range of modern theoretical frameworks, including stylistics, structuralism, post-structuralism, and Sanskrit poetics.

## Miscellaneous News

- **The Indian government** has finalized deals with **South Africa and Namibia** to get the planet's fastest animals, cheetahs that became extinct in India and will be released into the wild at **Kuno Palpur, Madhya Pradesh, by the end of 2022**. Initially, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed for 10 years, which can be extended for another five years. There will be **12 cheetahs from South Africa and 8 from Namibia** and more will be followed in subsequent years.
- **Bhogeshwara**, reportedly the elephant with the **longest tusks in Asia**, died of natural causes at the **age of 60**. The wild elephant, also known as **Mr Kabini**, was found dead in the Gundre range of **Karnataka's Bandipur Tiger Reserve**. According to forest department officials, Bhogeshwar's tusks were **2.54 meters and 2.34 meters long**. Known for its gentle temperament, the elephant frequented the Kabini backwaters for the last three decades.
- The ultra luxury **Sir M Visvesvaraya Railway Terminal** in Karnataka's capital city **Bengaluru** was made operational. The Ernakulam Tri-Weekly Express chugged through the station to mark this special occasion. According to the railway officials, the air-conditioned SMV Railway Terminal is a **Rs 314 crore project**. It has solar rooftop panels and rainwater harvesting mechanism.
- To supplement oxygen supply capacities, the Delhi Government, in collaboration with the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India**, has built an oxygen producing facility at **G. B. Pant Hospital** in New Delhi.
- In Leh, Ladakh, **Amara Raja Power Systems** will build the country's first green hydrogen fueling station for the **National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)**. According to the **Amara Raja** company, the pilot project would create a minimum of 80 kg of 99.97 percent pure hydrogen each day, which will be compressed, stored, and delivered. The contract has been awarded to **NTPC**, which expects to operate five hydrogen fuel cell buses in the region.
- Singer **Justin Bieber** has revealed he is suffering from a health condition called **Ramsay Hunt Syndrome**, which has caused full facial paralysis on one side of his face. A viral infection, Ramsay Hunt Syndrome is caused by varicella-zoster virus and affects facial nerve near the ear. Three different neurological syndromes carry the name of Ramsay Hunt syndrome.
- **The world's largest living plant** has been identified in the shallow waters off the coast of **Western Australia**. The sprawling seagrass, a marine flowering plant known as **Posidonia australis**, stretches for more than 112 miles (180 kilometers) in Shark Bay, a wilderness area protected as a World Heritage site.

## Static Takeaways

- Goa Capital: Panaji;
- Goa CM: Pramod Sawant;
- Goa Governor: S. Sreedharan Pillai.
- Kerala Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan;
- Kerala Capital: Thiruvananthapuram;
- Kerala Chief minister: Pinarayi Vijayan.
- Karnataka Governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot;
- Karnataka Chief Minister: Basavaraj Bommai;
- Karnataka Capital: Bengaluru.
- Defence Minister of India: Shri Rajnath Singh
- Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh: Yogi Adityanath
- Tamil Nadu Capital: Chennai;
- Tamil Nadu Chief minister: K. Stalin;
- Tamil Nadu Governor: N. Ravi.
- United Kingdom Capital: London
- United Kingdom Prime minister: Boris Johnson
- United Kingdom Currency: Pound sterling
- The United Nations General Assembly President: Abdulla Shahid;
- The United Nations General Assembly Headquarters: New York, United States.
- APEDA Formation: 1986;
- APEDA Headquarters: New Delhi;
- APEDA Chairman: M. Angamuthu.
- State Bank of India (SBI) chairman: Dinesh Kumar Khara
- Bank of Baroda (BOB) Chairman: Hasmukh Adhia
- Punjab National bank (PNB) Chairman: Atul Kumar Goel
- LinkedIn Corporation Founded: 5th May 2003;
- LinkedIn Corporation Headquarters: California, United States (US);
- LinkedIn Corporation CEO: Ryan Roslansky.
- Fino Payments Bank Founded: 4 April 2017;
- Fino Payments Bank Headquarters: Juinagar, Navi Mumbai;
- Fino Payments Bank MD & CEO: Rishi Gupta.
- Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of OmniCard: Sanjeev Pandey.
- Indian Bank Founded: 15 August 1907;
- Indian Bank Headquarters: Chennai;
- Indian Bank CEO: Shri Shanti Lal Jain;
- Indian Bank Tagline: Taking Banking Technology To The Common Man.
- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Headquarters: Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, India;
- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank CEO: K V Rama Moorthy (Sept 2017-);
- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Founded: 11 May 1921.
- HSBC India Founded: 1853;
- HSBC India Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- HSBC India CEO: Hitendra Dave.
- Ather Energy Owner: Hero MotoCorp;
- Ather Energy Headquarters location: Bengaluru;
- Ather Energy Founders: Tarun Mehta, Swapnil Jain.
- Tencent Founded: 11 November 1998;
- Tencent Headquarters: Shenzhen, Guangdong, China;
- Tencent Chairman, CEO: Pony Ma;
- Tencent President: Martin Lau.
- WhatsApp Founded: 2009;
- WhatsApp CEO: Will Cathcart;
- WhatsApp Headquarters: Menlo Park, California, United States;
- WhatsApp Acquisition date: 19 February 2014;
- WhatsApp Founders: Jan Koum, Brian Acton;
- WhatsApp Parent organization: Facebook.
- Adani Transmission Limited CEO: Anil Kumar Sardana;
- Adani Transmission Limited Founder: Gautam Adani;
- Adani Transmission Limited Founded: 9 December 2013;
- Adani Transmission Limited Headquarters: Ahmedabad.
- RBL Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
- RBL Bank Founded: August 1943.
- Karnataka Capital: Bengaluru;
- Karnataka Chief Minister: Basavaraj S Bommai;
- Karnataka Governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot.
- Cellular Operators' Association of India Founded: 1995;
- Cellular Operators' Association of India Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Cellular Operators' Association of India Director-General: Dr. S.P. Kochhar.
- Maharashtra Capital: Mumbai;
- Maharashtra Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari;
- Maharashtra Chief minister: Uddhav Thackeray.
- European Union Founded: 1 November 1993, Maastricht, Netherlands;
- European Union Headquarters: Brussels;
- President of the European Union Commission: Ursula von der Leyen;
- President of the European Union Parliament: Roberta Metsola;
- President of the European Council: Charles Michel.
- Egypt Capital: Cairo;
- Egypt Currency: Egyptian pound;
- Egypt President: Abdel Fattah el-Sisi;
- Egypt Prime Minister: Moustafa Madbouly.
- ICC Founded: 15 June 1909;
- ICC Chairman: Greg Barclay;

- ICC CEO: Geoff Allardice;
- ICC Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Google CEO: Sundar Pichai;
- Google Founded: 4 September 1998;
- Google Headquarters: Mountain View, California, United States.
- National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) Founded: March 2007;
- National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) Chairman: Priyank Kanoongo;
- National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- NATO Formation: 4 April 1949;
- NATO Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium;
- NATO Secretary General: Jens Stoltenberg;
- NATO Total Member: 30;
- NATO Last member of NATO: North Macedonia.
- Somalia Capital: Mogadishu;
- Somalia Currency: Somali Shilling;

- Somalia President: Hassan Sheikh Mohamud.
- Headquarters of Zomato: Gurugram, Haryana.
- CEO of Zomato: Deepinder Goyal.
- Australia Prime minister: Anthony Albanese;
- Australia Capital: Canberra;
- Australia Currency: Australian dollar.



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