

Weekly One Liners 30th May to 05th June 2022

Cannes Film Festival 2022

The **75th edition** of the **Cannes Film Festival** came to a glittering close with the nine-member jury giving out the big awards at the prestigious festival. The awards were selected by a nine-member jury headed by French actor **Vincent Lindon** and presented in a closing ceremony inside Cannes' Grand Lumière Theater. The jury included an Indian face in actor **Deepika Padukone**. A separate section of two awards for documentary films was adjudged earlier on Saturday. Those awards were adjudged by a separate jury.

FULL LIST OF WINNERS AT 2022 CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

- **Palme d'Or:** Triangle of Sadness, directed by Ruben Östlund
- **Grand Prix:** Stars at Noon, directed by Claire Denis and Close directed by Lukas Dhont
- **Jury Prize:** Eo, directed by Jerzy Skolimowski and Le Otto Montagne, directed by Charlotte Vandermeersch and Felix van Groeningen
- **Best Director:** Park Chan-wook for Decision to Leave
- **Best Actor:** Song Kang-ho for Broker
- **Best Actress:** Zar Amir Ebrahimi for Holy Spider
- **Best Screenplay:** Tarik Saleh (Boy from Heaven)
- **Camera d'Or:** Gina Gammell and Riley Keough for War Pony
- **Jury Special Award:** Tori and Lokita
- **L'Oeil d'Or:** All That Breathes
- **Jury Special Award (documentary):** Mariupolis 2

Fortune 500 list: Elon Musk, world's richest man, was 2021's highest paid CEO

Elon Musk, the multi-billionaire **CEO of Tesla and SpaceX** highest-paid executive in the world. Musk has topped the Fortune's new list of the most highly compensated CEOs on the Fortune 500. In 2021, Musk "realized" compensation worth almost **USD 23.5 billion**, from exercising some Tesla stock options awarded in a 2018 multiyear "moonshot" grant. After Musk, the 10 most highly compensated Fortune 500 CEOs of 2021 are all tech and biotech CEOs, including the heads of Apple, Netflix, and Microsoft.

List of top 10 most highly compensated CEOs:

1. Elon Musk, Tesla: USD 23.5 Billion
2. Tim Cook, Apple: USD 770.5 Million
3. Jensen Huang, NVIDIA: USD 561 Million
4. Reed Hastings, Netflix: USD 453.5 Million
5. Leonard Schleifer, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals: USD 452.9 Million
6. Marc Benioff, Salesforce: USD 439.4 Million
7. Satya Nadella, Microsoft: USD 309.4 Million
8. Robert A. Kotick, Activision Blizzard: USD 296.7 Million
9. Hock E. Tan, Broadcom: USD 288 Million
10. Safra A. Catz, Oracle: USD 239.5 Million

IPL 2022 Final: Gujarat Titans won the title

The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 ended with **Gujarat Titans (GT)** lifting the trophy by defeating inaugural champions Rajasthan Royals (RR) at the **Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad on May 29**. The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022, was the 15th edition of the professional Twenty20 cricket league established by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Brief scores of Rajasthan Royals Vs Gujarat Titans Final Match:

- Rajasthan Royals: 130/9 in 20 overs (Jos Buttler 39; Rashid Khan 1/18, Hardik Pandya 3/17).
- Gujarat Titans: 133/3 in 18.1 overs (Hardik Pandya 34, Shubman Gill 45 not out).

Key points of IPL 2022 Final:

- IPL 2022 Closing Ceremony: It was a full house at the Narendra Modi Stadium as the attendance marked 1,04,859.
- BCCI president **Sourav Ganguly** and General Secretary **Jay Shah** then receive a certificate as IPL created a **Guinness world record for the world's largest cricket jersey**.
- **AR Rahman**, the Academy Award winner, was the star of the show at the IPL 2022 Closing Ceremony.
- **Ranveer Singh's** dance performance, which included the 'Vaathi Coming' from Master and 'Naatu Naatu' from RRR, was the perfect start of the electric evening of the IPL 2022 Closing Ceremony.

IPL 2022 Final: List Of All Prize Winners

- Aramco Purple Cap Winner Of The Season: **Yuzvendra Chahal (27 Wickets)**
- Aramco Orange Cap Winner Of The Season: **Jos Buttler (863 Runs)**
- Player Of The Match (Final): **Hardik Pandya**
- Upstox Most Valuable Player Of The Season: **Jos Buttler**
- Punch Super Striker Of The Match (Final): David Miller
- Dream11 Game Changer Of The Match (Final): Hardik Pandya
- Unacademy Let's Crack It Sixes Award (Final): Yashasvi Jaiswal
- CRED Powerplayer Of The Match (Final): Trent Boult
- Upstox Most Valuable Asset Of The Match (Final): Hardik Pandya
- SwiggyInstamart Fastest Delivery Of The Match (Final): Lockie Ferguson
- Rupay On The Go 4s Of The Match (Final): Jos Buttler
- IPL 2022 Emerging Player Of The Season: Umran Malik
- Unacademy Let's Crack It Sixes Award Of The Season: Jos Buttler
- Punch Super Striker Of The Season: Dinesh Karthik (SR - 183.33)
- Dream 11 Game Changer Of The Season: Jos Buttler
- PayTM Fairplay Award: Gujarat Titans & Rajasthan Royals
- CRED Powerplayer Of The Season: Jos Buttler
- SwiggyInstamart Fastest Delivery Of The Season: Lockie Ferguson (157.3 KMPH)
- Rupay On The Go 4s Of The Season: Jos Buttler
- Tata IPL Catch Of The Season: Evin Lewis

National Affairs

- The government intends to launch **Jan Samarth**, a unified platform for the delivery of multiple initiatives administered by several ministries and departments, in order to make life easier for the average man. The new portal will initially enrol 15 credit-linked government initiatives, as part of the **Narendra Modi** government's objective of minimum government maximal governance.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** announced that India has become one of the world's fastest growing economies. He was addressing at an occasion where he announced the **PM-CARES** for Children Scheme's benefits. In the midst of the pandemic's negative mood, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** stated that India relied on its strength.
- Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Lieutenant Governor, **Manoj Sinha** and Union minister **Jitendra Singh** inaugurated the **north India's first Industrial Biotech Park** constructed at **Ghatti near Kathua**. The Industrial Biotech Park at Kathua will transform the economy and enable scientists to tackle the challenges of climate change. The enabling infrastructure will fuel a new wave of innovation and impact various sectors, from health and agriculture to cosmetics and materials.
- **National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)** has launched an online portal to simplify the process of recognition of **teacher education programs** in **higher education institutions**. The portal launched to streamline the process seeks to help right from the time of inviting application for courses till the stage of issue of recognition orders including the inspection of institutions. The applications for the recently launched four-year integrated **teacher education programmes (ITEP)** applications will be processed on this portal.
- **'Yoga for Humanity'** has been chosen as **the theme of the eighth International Day of Yoga** to be organised in India and across the globe on **June 21**. The theme has been selected after much deliberation and consultation and it appropriately portrays how yoga served humanity in alleviating suffering during the peak of the pandemic. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** announced the theme in his "Maan Ki Baat" broadcast.

- **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, India's President, today inaugurated the 59th Maha Adhiveshan of the **Akhil Bhartiya Ayurved Mahasammelan** in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. Ayurveda means **Science of Life** in Sanskrit. The term 'pathy' is used to describe a variety of medical systems around the world. It refers to the method of treating an illness once it has manifested. However, in Ayurveda, disease prevention is prioritised alongside healing.
- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, **Anurag Thakur** has launched a nationwide '**Fit India Freedom Rider Cycle rally**' on World Bicycle Day. Thakur said that by riding a bicycle we can accomplish the goal of the Fit India Movement, the Khelo India movement, the Clean India movement & Healthy India movement. Fit India Movement, Khelo India movement, Clean India movement & Healthy India movement all can be accomplished by riding a bicycle. It'll also cut down the pollution level.

States in the News

- **Uttarakhand government** has announced the formation of a **5-member drafting committee** to implement the much-debated **Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state**. The retired Supreme Court judge **Ranjana Desai**, who currently heads the Delimitation Commission of India is the Head of the committee. Other members of the committee are: Delhi High Court judge **Pramod Kohli**, ex-state chief secretaries **Shatrughan Singh, Manu Gaud and Surekha Dangwal**.
- A survey by the **Geological Survey of India** has stated that a gold reserve of around **222.88 million tonnes** including 27.6 tonnes of mineral-rich ore are present in the **Jamui district of Bihar**. The **Nitish Kumar** government in Bihar has now decided to give permission for the exploration of what is being called as India's largest gold reserve.
- **Karnataka** Chief Minister **Basavaraj Bommai** has launched a new health and wellness app **AAYU** to address and help heal chronic diseases and lifestyle disorders through yoga. **Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (S-VYASA)** collaborated to develop the App with **RESET TECH**, an AI-driven integrated health-tech platform that aims to deal with chronic diseases and lifestyle conditions through yoga and meditation.
- **The World Health Organization (WHO)** has chosen Jharkhand for the **World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award-2022**, in recognition of the state's efforts to reduce tobacco usage. The award will be presented to the State Tobacco Control Cell of the Health Department in New Delhi in honour of World No Tobacco Day. The coveted award, which honoured the State Government's achievements in reducing tobacco usage, was given by the National Tobacco Control Program in Jharkhand.
- **Gujarat's Climate Change Department** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to join the worldwide 'Save Soil' initiative. **Sadhguru**, the Founder and Spiritual Leader of Isha Outreach, and **Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel** signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Ahmedabad.
- **Telangana, India's 28th state**, was founded on **2nd June 2014**. Telangana celebrates its Formation Day to mark the people's contribution to forming a separate state outside of Andhra Pradesh. Telangana's 30 districts honour this day by hoisting the national flag.
- **The Punjab government** has decided to abolish the **physical stamp papers** in an attempt to bring efficiency and check the pilferage of State revenue. Punjab Revenue Minister **Bram Shanker Jimpa** launched the '**e-stamp facility**' here. Following this, stamp paper of any denomination can now be obtained via '**e-stamp**', which includes computerised print-out from any stamp vendor or from banks authorised by the State government.
- **The Tamil Nadu government** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** for obtaining life certificate from pensioners through doorstep services of the Postal Department. IPPB would transfer it to the doorstep services at a cost of **Rs 70 per digital life certificate**. Almost most than **7.15 lakh** State government pensioners/ family pensioners submit their life certificate during July, August and September every year.
- **The Meghalaya government** key initiative of e-proposal system, part of **Meghalaya Enterprise Architect** has won a coveted **UN Award- World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS) prize** at Geneva in Switzerland. Secretary General of ITU, Houlin Zhao presented the winner award to Chief Minister **Conrad K Sangma** in the WSIS Forum Prizes 2022, held at Geneva, Switzerland. Post this there was voting to select the best 90 projects which were invited in Geneva, Switzerland for the final award.

- In **Rajasthan**, a Special Health Care Abhiyan '**Anchal**' has been launched in the **Karauli district for pregnant women**. More than 13 thousand women have benefited from this Abhiyan. During the campaign, 13,144 pregnant women were tested for their hemoglobin levels, out of which 11,202 were found to be anemic. These women were advised to take the right medicine and necessary nutritious diet. They were also advised to keep themselves stress-free.

International Affairs

- **Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** has unveiled new legislation that would implement "some of the harshest gun control measures" in decades, including a "**freeze**" on the country's handgun purchases and sales. Trudeau cited a succession of mass shootings in Canada over the years, as well as recent assaults in the **United States, as part of his government's motivation to propose Bill C-21 during a press conference in Ottawa.**
- The **COVAX** facility, which is a worldwide effort co-led by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the World Health Organization, with UNICEF as a key delivery partner, has received approximately 190 million doses of COVID 19 vaccines. **COVAX** is responsible for more than 62 percent of the doses delivered to **Bangladesh.**
- **Instagram** has launched an '**alert**' feature to help find missing children. The photo-sharing app has partnered with various organisations globally to set up the feature. The feature will display details about missing children on users' Instagram feed if they are in a specific area where an active search is taking place.
- **The United Nations** has changed the **Republic of Turkey's country** name at the organisation from "**Turkey**" to "**Türkiye**", following a request from Ankara for the change. UN spokesman **Stephane Dujarric** had been received from the Turkish foreign minister Mevlut Cavusoglu addressed to Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, requesting the use of "**Türkiye**" instead of "**Turkey**" for all affairs.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Israel** has inked its first free trade agreement with an Arab country, with the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. The agreement was signed in Dubai by Israel's Economy and Industry Minister **Orna Barbivay** and the UAE's Economy Minister **Abdalla Bin Touq Al Marri**. According to an official statement released by Israel's Ministry of Economy and Industry, the comprehensive, significant, and ground-breaking agreement is expected to increase bilateral trade in goods and services, increase Israeli exports to the **United Arab Emirates**, and provide customs exemption on 96% of trade between the countries: food, agriculture, cosmetics, medical equipment, medication, and more.
- State-owned and telecom infrastructure provider **RailTel Corporation of India Ltd** has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with geographic information system software and solutions provider **Esri India** to address the requirement of users in the government sector.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **HPCL and BOB co-branded contactless RuPay Credit Card** has been launched by BOB Financial and Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL) in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The card has a number of advantages, including incentives for utility, supermarket, and department shop purchases.

- **Public sector banks (PSBs)** more than quadrupled their net profit in the **fiscal year 2021-2022**. During the financial year 2021-22, the aggregate profit of 12 state-owned banks was **Rs 66,539 crore, up 110 percent from Rs 31,816 crore in the previous year**. For the first time in years, all 12 state-owned banks made a profit. This was also a significant improvement over FY18, when just two of the 21 PSBs declared a profit.
- NBFC giant, **HDFC** has announced the collaboration with **global information technology services and consulting firm, Accenture** to digitally transform its lending business. The tie-up will revamp HDFC's customer experience and business processes to provide greater operational agility and efficiency, and drive business growth.
- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has formed various committees through the **General Insurance Council (GIC)** to suggest reforms in several areas of general, reinsurance, and life insurance, including regulation, product, and distribution, among others, in order to overhaul the industry.
- **The United States** overtook **China** to become **India's top trading partner in 2021-22**, reflecting strong economic ties between the two countries. According to commerce ministry data, in 2021-22, bilateral trade between the US and India stood at **US\$ 119.42 billion** as against US\$ 80.51 billion in 2020-21. During 2021-22, India's two-way commerce with China aggregated at **\$115.42 billion** as compared to \$86.4 billion in 2020-21, the data showed.
- **GST revenue for May** stood at nearly **Rs 1.41 lakh crore**, a **44 per cent** increase over the same month last year, the Finance Ministry. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues came in lower than the record high collection in April at **Rs 1.68 lakh crore**. In March GST revenues were at **Rs 1.42 lakh crore**, while in February it was **Rs 1.33 lakh crore**.
- **India's economic growth** fell to 4.1 percent in January-March 2021-22, a four-quarter low, reflecting the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic's Omicron wave on the manufacturing sector and contact-intensive services. The **National Statistical Office** reduced its year-on-year **gross domestic product (GDP)** growth forecast for the full fiscal year 2021-22 to 8.7%, down from 8.9% anticipated in February. In the years 2020-21, the economy shrank by 6.6 percent.
- The **Central government** has handed Rs 86,912 crore to state governments, the **SGST (State Goods and Services Tax)**, fully compensating them for the **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**. Despite only having roughly Rs 25,000 crore in the **GST** compensation pool, the Centre made the whole amount. The remaining funds were paid from the Centre's own funds while the cess was being collected.
- The government has approved **8.1 per cent** rate of interest on **employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2021-22**, an over four-decade low for about five crore subscribers of retirement fund body Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO). Earlier in March this year, EPFO had decided to lower the interest on provident fund deposits for 2021-22 to **8.1 per cent from 8.5 per cent provided in 2020-21**.
- **The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**, India's largest insurer, has launched "**Bima Ratna**" – a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan. The new plan, which is aimed at the domestic market, provides both protection and savings.
- **Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited (TPEML)**, a subsidiary of Tata Motors Ltd, and **Ford India Private Limited (FIPL)** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the **Government of Gujarat (GoG)** for the potential acquisition of **FIPL's Sanand vehicle manufacturing facility**.
- **Tata Projects** will build the national capital region's **new airport at Jewar**, after outbidding the **Shapoorji Pallonji Group** and **Larsen & Toubro for the contract**. While the deal size has not been disclosed, sources pegged it at over **Rs 6,000 crore**. Tata Projects, the infrastructure and construction arm of the Tata group, will construct the terminal, runway, airside infrastructure, roads, utilities, landside facilities and other ancillary buildings at the Noida International Airport.

Appointments/Resignations

- President **Ram Nath Kovind** has given justice **Pradip Kumar Mohanty** the additional charge of **Lokpal chairperson** after justice **Pinaki Chandra Ghose** completed his term as the Lokpal chief.
- Leading UK-based academic, **Dr Swati Dhingra** has been named as the first Indian-origin woman to be appointed as an external member of the **Bank of England's** interest rate-setting committee. Dhingra will replace current external member, Michael Saunders, who has been on the **MPC since August 2016**.

- Former State Bank of India executive **Natarajan Sundar** joined **National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)** as **Managing Director and CEO** on May 30.
- Senior scientist **Rajesh Gera** has been appointed as the **Director-General, National Informatics Centre (NIC)**, a Personnel Ministry order issued. He is currently Deputy Director-General in the NIC.
- A 1988-batch Indian Police Service officer **S L Thaosen** has been appointed as the new **Director-General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)**.
- Senior IPS officer, **Zulfiqar Hasan** has been appointed as the new **Director-General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)**. The official order stated that Zulfiqar Hasan has been appointed “for a tenure up to his superannuation on **31.10.2024**”.
- **Punjab & Sind Bank Limited**, an Indian nationalised bank, announced that its **MD & CEO, S Krishnan** to retire from the role, with effect from May 31, 2022.
- **Ashwani Bhatia** has taken charge as a **whole-time member (WTM)** at the market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)**. Bhatia was previously the managing director of the state-owned **State Bank of India (SBI)**.
- **Javier Olivan**, the current chief growth officer at **Meta Platforms**, will take over as the company’s chief operating officer after Sheryl Sandberg stepped down from the post. Olivan has been with Meta, formerly known as Facebook, for several years, contributing to its explosive expansion. Olivan will be responsible for the advertising and business products while continuing to head infrastructure and corporate development.

Defence News

- **INS Gomati** was decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard under the command of **Captain Sudip Malik**. INS Gomati derives her name from the vibrant river Gomti and was commissioned on **16 April 1988** by then Defence Minister, KC Pant, at Mazgaon Dock Ltd, Bombay.
- **The Defence Ministry** has signed a contract with the defence public sector undertaking **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)** for the supply of the indigenously developed **Astra Mk-I Beyond Visual Range (BVR)** air to air missiles and associated equipment for the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and the Navy at a cost of **Rs 2,971 Crore**.
- A heritage centre to showcase the role of the **Indian Air Force** in various wars and its overall functioning will come up at **Chandigarh**. The **‘IAF Heritage Centre’** will be set up jointly by the force and the **Chandigarh administration**. An MoU between the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the IAF for setting up of the centre was inked. The ceremony was attended by **Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit and Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari**.

Awards and Recognitions

- Filmmaker **Shaunak Sen’s** documentary **All That Breathes**, India’s only entry at **Cannes Film Festival 2022**, has won the **2022 L’Oeil d’Or**, the festival’s top prize for documentaries. “L’Oeil d’Or goes to a film that, in a world of destruction, reminds us that every life matters, and every small action matters. The award includes a cash prize of **5,000 euros (₹4.16 lakh approximately)**.”
- **The 17th edition** of the **Mumbai International Film Festival of India (MIFF 2022)** confers **Dr V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award** on noted author and documentary filmmaker **Shri Sanjit Narwekar** to commemorate his exquisitely deep, remarkably diverse and inspiring body of work. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles Piyush Goyal presented the award to Sanjit Narwekar along with a cash prize of **Rs 10 lakhs (Rs 1 million)**, Golden Conch and a citation.
- Radio Jockey **Umar Nisar (RJ Umar)** from South Kashmir, has been awarded the **’01 Best Content Award’** and the Immunization Champion award by **United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF)** at the **annual Radio4Child 2022 Awards** in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The award was presented by multi-Grammy Award-winning music composer, environmentalist, and UNICEF celebrity supporter Ricky Kej, OIC UNICEF, UP Dr Zafrin Chowdhury, chief of communications and advocacy and partnerships, UNICEF India.

- Former West Indies captain, **Daren Sammy** has been conferred with the **Sitara-i-Pakistan Award for Services to Pakistan** during a ceremony. The 38-year-old all-rounder was being recognized for his role in helping bring **international cricket back to Pakistan**.
- Director of Ruchi Foodline, Eastern India's leading food brand and Odisha's No.1 spices company, **Rashmi Sahoo** has been presented the **Times Business Award 2022**. She was given the award by renowned Bollywood actor and social activist Sonu Sood. The award was given in the category of **Eastern India's Leading READY -TO-EAT brand**.

Summit and Conference

- **The Border Coordination Conference** between **India and Bangladesh** was opened at Sylhet by Inspector General BSF-Regional Commander BGB. According to a Border Guards Bangladesh official press release, the four-day seminar will end on June 2. (BGB). The Indian team arrived in Bangladesh via the **Integrated Check Post (ICP)** in Dawki, Meghalaya, where they were greeted by top **BGB** personnel.
- The **Permanent Indus Commission conference**, which is held yearly under the **Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) 1960**, began with **India and Pakistan**. The Indus discussions have survived the tie-freeze since both countries regard it as a requirement of the **IWT**. According to the ministry of external affairs, the two sides are expected to meet at least once a year, alternately in India and Pakistan, under the terms of the treaty.
- **Gujarat** will host the two-day **National Education Ministers' Conference**. The meeting will be attended by Union Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan**, as well as other union ministers and state and union territory education ministers. Deliberations on how to boost the country's education ecosystem are likely to take place during this conference. It will concentrate on the implementation of the **National Education Policy 2020**, school skilling, and digital projects such as the National Digital Education Architecture and the National Educational Technology Forum, among others.

Ranks and Reports

- **The Reserve Bank of India's Banknote Survey of Consumers'** findings revealed that, among banknotes, **Rs100** was the most preferred while **Rs 2,000** was the least preferred denomination. The survey, that was published in the Reserve Bank of India Annual Report this year said that Rs 100 notes were most preferred among Indians, while Rs 2000 notes were the least preferred. The RBI survey also found out that the total number of Rs 2000 notes comprised only 214 crores or 1.6 per cent of the total currency notes in circulation.

- **Forbes magazine** has released the **7th edition of the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia List 2022**, featuring 10 categories each honouring 30 individuals under the age of 30. The list was edited by **Rana Wehbe Watson**. The honourees on the list represent 22 countries and territories across the Asia-Pacific region. **India tops the list in terms of the number of entries with 61, followed by Singapore (34), Japan (33), Australia (32), Indonesia (30) and China (28)**.

Sports News

- **Supernovas** won the **Women's T20 Challenge 2022** with a four-run victory over **Velocity** in the title clash. West Indies T20 specialist **Deandra Dottin** shined with both bat and ball as she powered Supernovas to a record **third Women's T20 Challenge title triumph** with a four-run victory over Velocity. The Women's T20 Challenge is an Indian women's cricket 20-20 tournament organised by **BCCI**.
- In **Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan**, India earned its first ever medal at the IBSA Judo Grand Prix. The Indian Blind and Para Judo Association's **Judoka Kapil Parmar** deserves heartfelt praising for bringing medals to the country. It's worth noting that 18 of the 21 countries that competed won medals. Several countries, including Iraq, Switzerland, and India, earned their first medals in the IBSA Grand Prix as a result of these.
- The Red Bull racing driver **Sergio Pérez (Mexican)** has won the **Formula 1 (F1) Grand Prix (GP) De Monaco 2022** with 25 points, held at Circuit de Monaco, Monaco, Europe. The event took place between May 27 to May 29 2022. With this victory, Sergio Pérez becomes the first Mexican to win the Monaco Grand Prix, and the first North American to win it since Gilles Villeneuve in 1981.
- The government wants to have international level grounds and venues for all sports for the Olympics in Ahmedabad with the **Sardar Patel Sports Complex, Narendra Modi Stadium, Naranpura Sports Complex**, and three more sports complexes. **Amit Shah**, the Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation, laid the foundation stone for an Olympic-level sports complex in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on Sunday (29 May) at a cost of Rs 632 crore.
- **India** defeated **Japan 1-0** to win **bronze at the Men's Hockey Asia Cup 2022** in Jakarta, Indonesia. Japan had seven penalty corners while India had just two but India led the circle penetration stats 11-10. India were down to 10 men in the last minute of the match but they managed to hold on and win their second bronze medal at the Asia Cup.

Schemes and Committess News

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has formed various committees through the **General Insurance Council (GIC)** to suggest reforms in several areas of general, reinsurance, and life insurance, including regulation, product, and distribution, among others, in order to overhaul the industry.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will distribute the 11th instalment of cash benefits totaling Rs 21,000 crore to more than 10 million farmers in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kishan)** initiative. Modi will meet with beneficiaries of 16 schemes and programmes conducted by nine central ministries via video conferencing as part of a nationwide event called **Garib Kalyan Sammelan**, according to a statement from the agriculture ministry.
- The **Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)** has been extended for another five years, until FY26. According to a statement from the union ministry of micro, small and medium enterprises, the **PMEGP** has been authorised for continuance throughout the **15th Finance Commission Cycle** for five years, from 2021-22 to 2025-26, with an outlay of Rs 13,554.42 crore.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has released the benefits of the **PM CARES for Children scheme for children** who lost their parents due to the **Covid-19 pandemic**. PM Modi has promised Rs 4,000 a month for basic needs, financial support for schooling, scholarship for higher education, and free treatment up to **Rs 5 lakh**.
- **Jan Aushadhi** stores surpassed Rs 100 crore for the first time. More than 1,600 generic pharmaceuticals, 250 surgical equipment, nutraceuticals, Ayush products, and Savidha Sanitary pads are available in Jan Aushadhi locations. The **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)** is implemented by the **Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)**.

- In March 2019, **PM KUSUM Yojana** or **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Surakshaevam Utthaan Mahabhiyan Yojana** was launched by the **government of India**. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Surakshaevam Utthaan Mahabhiyan Yojana supports the farmers financially to install solar irrigation pumps for cultivation. Farmers will get a 60% subsidy to set up tubewells and pump sets individually. In this article, we will highlight the objectives, features, Eligibility, and benefits of the **PM KUSUM Yojana**.
- Union Minister of social Justice and empowerment **Dr. Virendra Kumar** has launched the Scheme "**SHRESHTA**"-Scheme for residential education for students in High school in Targeted Areas. The **Scheme for Residential Education for Students in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA)** has been formulated with the objective to provide quality education and opportunities for even the poorest. **Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA)** provides for high quality education for meritorious but poor SC students in CBSE-affiliated reputed residential schools across the country.

Science and Technology News

- Adani Green subsidiary **Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited** has commissioned a 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power facility in Jaisalmer, contributing significantly to India's green energy effort. The plant will be India's first hybrid **wind-solar power producing facility**. The hybrid power plant, which combines solar and wind generating, unlocks the full potential of renewable energy by eliminating generation intermittency and providing a more stable option to meet rising power demand.
- **Param Ananta**, is a state of the art supercomputer at **IIT Gandhinagar** dedicated to the nation under the **National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)**. It is a joint initiative of the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** and the Department of Science and Technology (DST), which was commissioned. This indigenous software stack is developed by C-DAC and is a Make in India initiative.
- According to the **59th edition of the Top500 list of the world's most powerful supercomputers** unveiled by Germany, ORNL's Supercomputer **Frontier from the US**, a supercomputer built using Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) architecture and equipped with Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) processors, outperformed Japan's Supercomputer Fugaku to become the world's fastest supercomputer.

- **Dr S Somanath**, the chairman of the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**, inaugurated ANANTH Technologies' spacecraft manufacturing unit at **Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) Aerospace Park**. The new state-of-the-art spacecraft manufacturing facility can conduct assembly integration and testing of four large spacecraft simultaneously.
- **The first liquid mirror telescope in the country** and the largest in Asia – was commissioned atop **Devasthal, a hill in Uttarakhand**. This will now keep a watch on the overhead sky to identify transient or variable objects such as supernovae, gravitational lenses, space debris, and asteroids.

Important Days

- **World No Tobacco Day** is observed on **31st May** globally. This yearly celebration aims to raise awareness amid the global citizens about not only the dangers of using tobacco but also the business practices of tobacco companies, what WHO is doing to fight the tobacco epidemic and what people around the world can do to claim their right to health and healthy living and to protect future generations.
- **World Vape Day** is observed on **30th May** across the globe to create awareness about the alternatives to harmful tobacco products and highlights the relative safety of **e-cigarettes and their potential as harm reduction and smoking cessation tools**. World Vape Day (May 30) is observed on the day before World No Tobacco Day (May 31), observed by the World Health Organisation (WHO). World Vape Day was initiated by the **World Vapers' Alliance (WVA)**.
- Every year **Global Day of Parents** is observed on the **1st of June** globally. The Global Day of Parents is an annual event that celebrates the importance of parents in children's lives. The theme for Global Parent Day 2022 is 'Family Awareness', awareness internationally. Being conscious of one's own and one's family's emotional and physical well-being might be critical.
- **The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations** adopted **June 1** as **World Milk Day**. The day is marked to recognise milk as global food and to celebrate the dairy industry. The day is intended to provide an opportunity to bring attention to activities that are connected with the dairy sector. The day has been observed on June 1 each year since **2001**.
- **World Bicycle Day** is marked on **3rd June** every year to recognise bicycling as a way to get a sustainable form of travelling that also ensures one's physical well being. The day celebrates the tradition of cycling and its significant role in keeping our health fit. Cycling is a multidimensional exercise with numerous health benefits.

- Every year on **June 4th**, the United Nations (UN) observes the **International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression** to raise awareness of the children who have been victims of physical, mental, and emotional abuse around the world. On this day, the United Nations reaffirms its commitment to preserve children's rights.

Obituaries

- 29-year old Punjabi singer, **Sidhu Moose Wala** was shot dead by unidentified assailants in Jawaharke village of Mansa district, Punjab. The incident happened a day after the Punjab Police ordered the withdrawal of security of his security along with more than **420 people**, including former MLAs, Jathedars of two Takhts, heads of Deras, and police officers.
- **Bujar Nishani**, a former **Albanian President** had died at 55 due to a health problem. President Bujar Nishani born on 29 September 1966 in Durrës, Albania, was well known for his centre-right political affiliation with the leftist coalition.
- Noted Bollywood singer **KK (Krishnakumar Kunnath)** who mesmerized music lovers for over three decades is no more. The 53-year-old singer died in Kolkata after a live performance. KK was regarded as one of the top singers of Bollywood. KK sang in **Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi and Assamese**.
- National Panthers Party Chief Professor, **Bhim Singh** passed away at his residence in Jammu after a prolonged illness. He was 80. Singh was the founder and Chief Patron of the **Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP)**, a political organisation which seeks "ultimate revolution", based in the Indian union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Santoor maestro and Padma Shri awardee, **Bhajan Sopori** has passed away at the age of 73. The santoor player was born in **Sopore in Kashmir Valley in 1948** and belonged to the **Sufiana Gharana of Indian classical music**. He was the great-grandson of Pandit Shankar Pandit, who had developed the style popularly known as the 'Sufi Baaj' (style), based on Sufiana Qalam and Hindustani Classical music.
- Freedom fighter **Anjalai Ponnusamy**, who fought for India's independence from colonial Britain, died, aged 102. At the age of 21, Anjalai joined the Rani of Jhansi Regiment – the women's regiment of the Indian National Army – in the hopes of discarding the yoke of British colonialism from the Indian people.

Miscellaneous News

- The **17th edition** of the **Mumbai International Film Festival** for Documentary, Short Fiction, and Animation films (MIFF-2022) began with a colourful opening ceremony at the **Nehru Centre, Worli in Mumbai, Maharashtra**. MIFF 2022 has got an overwhelming response from filmmakers across the world, receiving a whopping eight hundred 8 film entries from 30 countries.
- **Sachin Tendulkar** will continue as **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) 'Goodwill Ambassador'** for a record **20th year**, working for the welfare of underprivileged children. The iconic cricketer has been associated with UNICEF for a long for various causes. In his almost two-decade-long partnership with UNICEF, he has been vital in furthering the campaigns, especially the ones aimed at providing a better future for underprivileged children.
- **Harini Logan** was eliminated from the **Scripps National Spelling Bee once**, then reinstated. She missed four words in a gruelling standoff against **Vikram Raju**, including one that would have given her the title. In the first-ever lightning-round tiebreaker, Harini finally claimed the trophy.
- Following the Central government's guideline advising against the usage of the word 'Harijan', **the Delhi government** is set to replace the word 'Harijan' from names of colonies & streets and name them after **Babasaheb Ambedkar** instead. In this vein, Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam has tabled a proposal to rename all streets and colonies under Delhi Government titled as '**Harijan**' after **Dr Ambedkar**.

Static Takeaways

- National Council for Teacher Education Founded: 1995, India;
- National Council for Teacher Education Chairperson: Shri Santosh Sarangi, IAS;
- National Council for Teacher Education Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister: Pushkar Singh Dhami;
- Uttarakhand Capitals: Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer);
- Uttarakhand Governor: Lt Gen Gurmit Singh.
- Bihar Capital: Patna;
- Bihar Governor: Phagu Chauhan;
- Bihar Chief Minister: Nitish Kumar.
- Karnataka Governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot;
- Karnataka Chief Minister: Basavaraj Bommai;
- Karnataka Capital: Bengaluru.
- Gujarat Chief Minister: Bhupendra Bhai Patel

- Andhra Pradesh Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan;
- Andhra Pradesh Chief minister: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy.
- Punjab Governor: Banwarilal Purohit;
- Punjab Speaker: Kultar Singh Sandhwan;
- Punjab Chief Justice: Ravi Shankar Jha.
- India Post Payments Bank CEO: J. Venkatramu;
- India Post Payments Bank Headquarters location: New Delhi;
- India Post Payments Bank Founded: 1 September 2018.
- Meghalaya Chief minister: Conrad Sangma;
- Meghalaya Capital: Shillong;
- Meghalaya Governor: Satya Pal Malik.
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan: Ashok Gehlot; Governor: Kalraj Mishra.
- Canadian Prime Minister: Justin Trudeau
- Canada capital is Ottawa, while its largest city is Toronto.
- EPFO Founded: 4 March 1952, New Delhi;
- EPFO Headquarters: New Delhi.
- LIC Chairperson: M R Kumar;
- LIC Headquarters: Mumbai;
- LIC Founded: 1 September 1956.
- Tata Motors Ltd Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Tata Motors Ltd Founder: J. R. D. Tata;
- Tata Motors Ltd Founded: 1945, Mumbai.
- The Governor of the Bank of England: Andrew Bailey.
- National Informatics Centre (NIC) Headquarters: New Delhi;
- National Informatics Centre (NIC) Founded: 1976.
- Sashstra Seema Bal Founded: 1963;
- Sashstra Seema Bal Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Bureau of Civil Aviation Security Founded: January 1978.
- Punjab & Sind Bank Limited Headquarters: New Delhi;

- Punjab & Sind Bank Limited Founder: Vir Singh;
- Punjab & Sind Bank Limited Founded: 24 June 1908.
- SEBI Founded: 12 April 1992;
- SEBI Headquarters: Mumbai;
- SEBI Agency executive: Madhabi Puri Buch (Chairperson).
- Meta CEO: Mark Zuckerberg;
- Meta Founded: February 2004, Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States.
- Indian Airforce founded: 08th October 1932;
- Indian Airforce Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Indian Airforce Chief of Air Staff: Vivek Ram Chaudhari.
- Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Electronics and Information Technology: Dharmendra Pradhan
- Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Electronics and Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- Minister of State for Education: Dr. Subhash Sarkar
- Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation: Shri Amit Shah
- MD and CEO of AGEL: Vneet S Jaain
- ISRO Founded: 15 August 1969;
- ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru;
- ISRO Chairman: S Somanath.
- Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters: Rome, Lazio;

- Food and Agriculture Organization Director-General: Qu Dongyu;
- Food and Agriculture Organization Founded: 16 October 1945;
- The parent organization of FAO: United Nations Economic and Social Council.
- Albania Capital: Tirana;
- Albania Currency: Albanian lek;
- Albania President: Ilir Rexhep Meta;
- Albania Prime Minister: Edi Rama.
- UNICEF Headquarters: New York, New York, United States;
- UNICEF Head: Catherine M. Russell;
- UNICEF President: Tore Hattrem;
- UNICEF Founded: 11 December 1946.
- Delhi Chief Minister: Arvind Kejriwal;
- Delhi Governor: Vinai Kumar Saxena.

