

## **Weekly Current Affairs PDF APRIL 03 to APRIL 09, 2022**

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#### **INTERNATIONAL**

##### **China launches new satellite for Earth observation**

- China successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite Gaofen-3 03 on April 07, 2022, from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre on board a Long March-4C rocket. The new satellite will become part of its land-sea radar satellite constellation by forming a network with the orbiting Gaofen-3 and Gaofen-3 02 satellites.
- They will then capture reliable, stable synthetic aperture radar (SAR) images, to help Beijing safeguard its maritime rights and interests.
- The Earth Observation (EO) satellites produce a large number of SAR images every day, which are characterised by all-weather operation, high spatial resolution, among other things.

#### **NATIONAL**

##### **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports releases contribution of USD 72,124 to UNESCO Fund for Elimination of Doping in Sport**

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, has contributed an amount of USD 72,124 towards the UNESCO Fund for Elimination of Doping in Sport 2022. This is double the amount of the minimum agreed value. As per the resolution of 7COP held at Paris between 29-31 September 2019, the State Parties had agreed for contributing 1% of the regular budget of their respective nations to UNESCO towards the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport.
- In 2021, India contributed USD 28172 towards the UNESCO Fund. The contributed fund will be used to support the implementation of the Fund's Operational Strategy 2020-2025.

##### **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting constitutes AVGC promotion task force**

- An animation, visual effects, gaming, and comics (AVGC) promotion task group has been established by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The task force, which will be led by the I&B Secretary, will produce its first action plan within 90 days. Industry, academics, and state governments are all represented.
- In her Budget speech, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the formation of an AVGC promotion task team.
- The organisation will develop a national AVGC policy, recommend a national curriculum framework for graduation, post-graduate, and PhD courses in AVGC-related fields, and collaborate with academic institutions, vocational training centres, and industry to assist skilling programmes.
- It will increase job possibilities, assist in promotion and market development operations to expand Indian industry's worldwide reach, increase exports, and recommend incentives to attract foreign direct investment in the sector.
- According to the I&B Ministry, the country's AVGC industry has the potential to be the torchbearer of Create in India and Brand India.

### The 9th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Khanjar 2022 Exercise

- The 9th Edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise was held in March-April, 2022 at Special Forces Training School, Bakloh (HP). Special Forces contingents from India and Kyrgyzstan have shared their experience and best practices in terms of tactics, techniques, and procedures for countering present and emerging threats throughout the conflict spectrum. During the Exercise, combat shooting, sniping, mountain survival, hostage rescue drills, and unarmed warfare were all extensively performed.
- The collaborative training reinforced the existing link between India and Kyrgyzstan, which has grown over years of mutual respect for strategic autonomy, democratic ideals, and zero tolerance for terrorism.

### AAI launches 'AVSAR' Scheme to provide platform to SHGs for promotion of local artisans and products

- The Airport Authority of India (AAI) has launched an initiative "AVSAR" to encourage the talent of women, artisans and craftsmen and provide them with the right opportunities. AVSAR stands for 'Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans Of The Region'. Under "AVSAR" (Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans Of The Region), which is an initiative of AAI, an opportunity to help the indigent to mobilize their households into functionally effective self-earned groups for self-reliance and self-dependence, has been provided.
- An area of 100-200 square feet has been earmarked at each AAI operated airport. The space is being allotted to the self-help groups, turn on a turn basis, for a duration of 15 days.
- Few outlets have already been commissioned at Chennai, Agartala, Dehradun, Kushinagar, Udaipur & Amritsar Airport wherein SHGs operated by local women, are showcasing and marketing their homemade local products like Puffed Rice, Packaged Papad, Pickles, Bamboo based Ladies Bag/Bottle/Lamp Sets, local artefacts, traditional craft, natural dyes, embroidery and indigenous weaves with contemporary design to the air travellers.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### DRDO successfully flight-tests Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested "Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet" (SFDR) booster on April 08, 2022, at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. The test met all the mission objectives. The SFDR-based propulsion enables the missile to intercept aerial threats at very long range at supersonic speeds. It has an extremely high projected range of 350 km.
- The SFDR-based propulsion enables the missile to intercept aerial threats at very long range at supersonic speeds. The performance of the system has been confirmed from the data captured by a number of range instruments like Telemetry, Radar and Electro-Optical Tracking Systems deployed by ITR.
- The SFDR has been developed by Defence Research and Development Laboratory, Hyderabad in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories such as Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory, Pune.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### 57th CRPF Shaurya Diwas 2022 celebrated on 9th April

- The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas) is observed on 9 April every year, as a tribute to the brave men of the Force. The year 2022 marks the 57th CRPF Valour Day. It was on this day in 1965, a small contingent of CRPF created history by defeating an invading Pakistani army, several times larger, at the Sardar Post located in the Rann of Kutch, Gujarat. The CRPF men eliminated 34 Pakistani soldiers and captured four alive. In the conflict, CRPF lost six personnel who had attained martyrdom.
- The Central Reserve Police Force is India's largest Central Armed Police Force. It functions under the authority of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government of India. The CRPF's primary role lies in assisting the State/Union Territories in police operations to maintain law and order and counter-insurgency.

### SUMMIT'S & MOU's

#### Arya.ag joins UN Global Compact programme

- Arya.ag, an integrated grain commerce platform, has joined the United Nations Global Compact India, voluntarily adhering to universal sustainability principles and taking actions to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- The United Nations Global Compact is a developed framework of Corporate Governance-driven sustainability that compels members to conduct business in accordance with ten principles that include human rights, labour, the environment, and anti-corruption.
- In addition, members must take steps to attain the SDGs by 2030.
- There are currently over 550 organisations that are members of the India Network, UN GCNI.

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

#### Amber Bracken wins 2022 World Press Photo of the Year award for Kamloops Residential School image

- A photograph by Canadian photographer Amber Bracken titled "Kamloops Residential School" has won the 2022 World Press Photo of the Year award. The photo shows children's clothing hung on crosses commemorating the more than two hundred children who died of maltreatment, neglect and disease at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia. Ms Bracken's photo also won the Singles award in the regional North and Central America category.
- Australian photographer Matthew Abbott won the Photo Story of the Year prize for a series of images for National Geographic/Panos Pictures that document how the Nwarddeken people of West Arnhem Land in northern Australia fight fire with fire by deliberately burning off undergrowth to remove fuel that could spark far larger wildfires.
- The Long-Term Project award went to Lalo de Almeida of Brazil for a series of photos for Folha de São Paulo/Panos Pictures called "Amazonian Dystopia" that charts the effects of the exploitation of the Amazon region, particularly on Indigenous communities forced to deal with environmental degradation.

### BOOKS & AUTHOR

#### 'Tomb of Sand' by Geetanjali Shree is FIRST Hindi fiction to be shortlisted for International Bookers Prize

- In the history of the International Booker Prize, the novel 'Tomb of Sand', authored by Geetanjali Shree, has become the first Hindi language work of fiction to be shortlisted for the prestigious literary prize. The novel has been translated into English by Daisy Rockwell. The book Tomb of Sand will compete with five other novels from around the world. The literary prize comes with a cash award of 50,000 pounds, which is split equally between the author and translator.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Serbian president Aleksandar Vučić wins new term by landslide

- Aleksandar Vučić has been re-elected as the President of Serbia. The pollster organizations CeSID and Ipsos had predicted victory for Vucic. The pro-European and centrist Alliance for Victory coalition was represented by Zdravko Ponos, a retired army general. The pollsters had predicted that Vucic's Serbian Progressive Party (SNS) would win most of the votes with 43 per cent and they would be followed by the United for Victory of Serbia opposition.
- Aleksandar Vučić is serving as Serbia's president since 2017, and since 2012 he has been serving as the president of the Serbian Progressive Party (SNS). He has served as the President for two terms, from 2014 to 2016 and from 2016 to 2017. In 2017, he was first elected as the country's President and succeeded Tomislav Nikolić. Vučić's rule has been described by observers as an autocratic, authoritarian, illiberal democratic regime, and he curtailed the freedom of the press.

### NATIONAL

#### Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying launches 'One Health' pilot project in Uttarakhand

- The Government of India's Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) has launched a pilot project in Uttarakhand to implement the One Health Framework through the One Health Support Unit.
- The Unit's main goal is to create a national One Health roadmap based on the lessons learned during the pilot project's deployment.
- The implementation of the One Health Support Unit would be led by an inter-ministerial One Health committee chaired by the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India.

#### Sarhul celebrated with traditional fervor across Jharkhand

- Sarhul is the festival of the New Year celebrated in the state of Jharkhand by the tribal communities as part of the local Sarna religion. It is celebrated in the Hindu month of Chaitra, three days after the appearance of the new moon. It is also a celebration of the beginning of spring. The word "Sarhul" is connected with tree worship. It is a festival where nature is venerated. In the year 2022, it falls on 04 April, Monday.
- Sarhul is celebrated by many tribes in Jharkhand, but most notably the Munda, Ho, and Oraon tribes. While nature veneration is an important aspect of the festival, there are also many cultural programmes that are enjoyed along with it.

- Among these many cultural events is “Baa Porob”, the festival of flowers and the worship of the Sal Tree as well as a special Sarhul dance.
- The festivities around Sarhul are made even more special with the many festive delicacies that are cooked and enjoyed, such as the rice dish called “handia”, a baked or dried fish dish called “fish sukha”.

### TN CM launches 'Kaaval Uthavi' app for public during emergency

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, M K Stalin has launched the ‘Kaaval Uthavi’ app which helps citizens to seek police assistance during any emergency. The app is containing sixty features that are used to send an emergency alert to the police control room. By pressing the emergency red button, the user’s live location will be shared with the control room. The user can also identify the nearest police station/patrol vehicle.
- The app comprises an emergency help and a dial facility (Dial-112/100/101). The Dial 100 facility has been integrated with the app. It also has a facility for mobile-based complaints and a location sharing facility.
- Other features include Police Station Locator, Control Room Directory, Cyber Financial Related Complaint, Other Emergency Helplines, Alert / Notification messages, Vehicle Verification, e-payment of fines for traffic violations, Police Verification Services), Lost Document Report, TN Police Citizen App, 112-India App among others.

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

#### Indian-American singer Falguni Shah wins Best Children's Music Album at Grammys 2022

- Indian-American singer Falguni Shah won a Grammy Award for A Colorful World in the Best Children’s Album category. Falguni Shah has even performed and collaborated with music maestro AR Rahman and she is the only Indian-origin woman to be nominated in the Best Children’s Music Album category at the Grammys twice. Falguni Shah was earlier nominated for a Grammy in the same category for her 2018 album Falu’s Bazaar.
- The other nominees in the category were ‘Activate’ by 123 Andrés, ‘All One Tribe’ by 1 Tribe Collective, ‘Black To The Future’ by Pierce Freelon, and ‘Crayon Kids’ by Lucky Diaz And The Family Jam Band. Born in Mumbai and now based out of New York, Falu was even nominated in the same category in 2019 for her previous album called ‘Falu’s Bazaar’.

### RANKING

#### QS World University Rankings 2022 Out

- QS Quacquarelli Symonds released the 12th edition of the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022, the subject-wise rankings of institutes across the world are compilations of multiple lists. The QS World University Rankings by Subject are compiled annually to help prospective students identify the leading universities in a particular subject.

**The QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022 cover a total of 51 disciplines, grouped into five broad subject areas.**

1. Arts & Humanities
2. Engineering and Technology
3. Life Sciences & Medicine
4. Natural Sciences

5. Social Sciences & Management

**Top Five institutes under each category:**

Category	Top Institute(Rank 1)
Arts and Humanities	University of Oxford(UK)
Engineering and Technology	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA)
Life Sciences & Medicine	Harvard University (USA)
Natural Sciences	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)(USA)
Social Sciences & Management	Harvard University(USA)

**BOOKS & AUTHOR**

**Book ‘The Maverick Effect’ authored by Harish Mehta**

- “The Maverick Effect”, tells the untold story of how in the 1970s and 80s a ‘band of dreamers’ joined hands to create NASSCOM and pave the way for the IT revolution in India. The book, touted to be an authoritative biography of the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM), the apex body of software and IT service companies, is written by Harish Mehta.
- “The Maverick Effect is a definitive and authoritative biography of NASSCOM as recounted by one who led the creation of NASSCOM in 1988 and has been nurturing it like his precious child even after 33 years to the day. The Maverick Effect is the extraordinary story of this band of dreamers who joined hands to transform a nation while also changing the lens through which the world looked at India.

**“Tiger of Drass: Capt. Anuj Nayyar, 23, Kargil Hero” authored by Meena Nayyar & Himmat Singh Shekhawat**

- Meena Nayyar, Mother of Captain Anuj Nayyar and Himmat Singh Shekhawat, a part of Rashtriya Riders, a biking group that pays homage to martyrs and their families has authored a new book titled “Tiger of Drass: Capt. Anuj Nayyar, 23, Kargil Hero”, published by HarperCollins Publishers India.
- The book features the story of Capt. Anuj Nayyar (23 years old), who martyred during the 1999 Kargil War while fighting to secure the Drass sector which was critical to the success of Operation Vijay and India’s victory in Kargil. Captain Anuj Nayyar was honoured with the Maha Vir Chakra (posthumously), the second-highest gallantry award in 2000.

**BANKING AND ECONOMY**

**PNB makes verification of high-value cheques mandatory to check fraud**

- Punjab National Bank has implemented the Positive Pay System (PPS) being compulsory for cheque payments worth Rs 10 lakh and above. This is being done as a move to protect its over 180 million customers from any security threats. The bank had announced to make the Positive Pay System mandatory last month, and the same has been implemented today. Under the new

system, high-value cheques worth Rs 10 lakh and above will be cleared using the PPS, after reconfirmation with the issuer of the cheque.

- As per the Positive Pay System (PPS) developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), a customer issuing a high-value cheque has to reconfirm some essential details. The details are then cross-checked while presenting the cheque in clearing before payment.
- Positive Pay System will be available for all account holders issuing cheques for amounts of Rs 50000 and above. Availing of this facility will be at the discretion of the account holder.

#### India's trade deficit rises 88% in FY22: Govt data

- According to government data released, India's trade imbalance increased by 87.5 percent to \$192.41 billion in 2021-22, up from \$102.63 billion the previous year. While total exports hit a new high of \$417.81 billion last fiscal year, imports also hit a new high of \$610.22 billion, resulting in a \$192.41 billion trade deficit.
- As per the ministry of commerce and industry, "India's merchandise imports in April 2021-March 2022 totaled \$610.22 billion, up 71 percent from \$394.44 billion in April 2020-March 2021 and 28.55 percent higher than \$474.71 billion in April 2019-March 2020."
- In March 2022, the trade deficit was \$18.69 billion, compared to \$192.41 billion for the entire fiscal year 2021-22.
- India's monthly merchandise exports surpassed \$40 billion for the first time in March 2022, reaching \$40.38 billion, up 14.53 percent from \$35.26 billion the previous month.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Hurun Richest Self-Made Women in the World 2022

- According to the list of Hurun Richest Self-Made Women In The World 2022 released by the Hurun Research Institute. According to the list, there are 124 Self-Made Women Billionaires in World and China contributes to two-thirds of the world's self-made women billionaires with 78 followed by the United States with 25 and the United Kingdom with 5.

#### Top Three:-

- Wu Yajun co-founder of Longfor (China has topped the list).
- Fan Hongwei, Chairman/President, Hengli Petrochemical Co Ltd (China).
- Wang Laichun of Luxshare Precision Industry (China).

### NATIONAL

#### Ayush Ministry to celebrate Yoga Mahotsav at Red Fort on World Health Day

- On World Health Day and the 75th day of the countdown to International Day of Yoga, the Ministry of Ayush is hosting a magnificent programme for the presentation of the Common Yoga Protocol in the backdrop of 15th August Park, Lal Quila, (Red Fort) Delhi. The program's Chief Guest is slated to be Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla. Several Union Ministers, Members of Parliament, Ambassadors of several nations stationed in Delhi, famous Sports Celebrities, and Yoga Gurus are expected to attend the event.

- The Ministry, in collaboration with its numerous stakeholders, has devised a 100-day countdown programme for the 8th International Day of Yoga, in which 100 organisations promote yoga in 100 different locations/cities.
- The Ministry of Ayush is the nodal ministry for the International Day of Yoga's commemoration. The primary event of IDY is a Mass Yoga Demonstration, which is led by Prime Minister Modi every year. The IDY-2022 preparations are well underway.

#### **Stand up India scheme completes 6 years, benefits over 1.33 lakh new entrepreneurs**

- Stand-Up India scheme has completed its six years on 5th April 2022. Under the Stand-Up India Scheme, over 30,160 crore rupees have been sanctioned to more than 1 lakh 33 thousand 995 accounts since the launch of the Scheme. The scheme was launched by PM Modi on 5th April 2016. Stand Up India scheme was extended till 2025.
- Out of the total sanctioned accounts, 6,435 accounts belonged to ST borrowers with Rs 1373.71 crore sanctioned and 19,310 accounts belonged to SC borrowers with Rs 3976.84 crore sanctioned. To 1,08,250 women entrepreneurs who held accounts, Rs. 24809.89 crore has been sanctioned. Loan facility between 10 lakh and one crore rupees to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and women.

#### **UP CM launches 'School Chalo Abhiyan'**

- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath begins the 'School Chalo Abhiyan' in order to secure 100 per cent enrollment in elementary and upper primary schools in Uttar Pradesh. Citing an official announcement, the state government will make an effort to shape the future of primary education and the holistic development of elementary schools.
- The 'School Chalo Abhiyan' is being implemented in Shravasti, which has the lowest literacy rate in the state.
- Bahraich, Balrampur, Badaun, and Rampur are the other districts in Uttar Pradesh with the lowest literacy rate.
- Under the initiative, students will receive uniforms, shoes, and socks.

### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### **World Health Day 2022 : 7th April**

- World Health Day is a global health awareness day celebrated on the 7th April every year. Every year, World Health Day focuses on contemporary health issues that require immediate attention, with varied themes. On World Health Day 2022, World Health Organisation will focus global attention on urgent actions needed to keep humans and the planet healthy and foster a movement to create societies focused on well-being. The World Health Organization has done its part to raise awareness about health and health-related concerns, as well as how to address them.
- The theme for World Health Day 2022 is 'Our Planet, Our Health'. This year's theme aims to direct global attention toward the well-being of our planet and the humans living in it.

#### **International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda 2022 : 7th April**

- International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda is commemorated by UNESCO on April 07, every year. 2022 marks the 28th anniversary of the

genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, one of the darkest chapters in human history. On April 7th, the date where the genocide against members of the Tutsi began.

- The day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2003. The day commemorates the beginning of the genocide perpetrated against members of the Tutsi minority by the Hutu extremist-led government. Within just over 100 days, more than 1 million Tutsi were systematically murdered. Moderate Hutu and others who opposed the massacres were also killed during this period.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### Journalist Aarefa Johari Wins Chameli Devi Jain Award

- A journalist from Mumbai, Aarefa Johari was awarded the Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Media person 2021. It was announced by the Media Foundation. Aarefa Johari works for 'Scroll. in' in Mumbai, Maharashtra. In 2020, Neetu Singh got this award. She is associated with 'Goan Connection' media house. Jury: Nirupama Subramania, Githa Hariharan and Ashutosh.
- Chameli Devi Jain Award is the annual prestigious recognition in the field of Journalism for women media persons journalist in India who have reported on themes such as social development, politics, equity, gender justice, health, war and conflict, and consumer values. The award was instituted in 1980 by Verghese and the family of Chameli Devi.

### Ramdarash Mishra selected for Saraswati Samman 2021

- Noted poet and litterateur Prof Ramdarash Mishra will be awarded the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2021, for his collection of poems 'Mein to Yahan Hun', the KK Birla Foundation announced. The recipient is chosen by a selection committee, whose current head is Dr Subhash C Kashyap.
- Prof Ramdarash Mishra was born in Dumri village in Uttar Pradesh's Gorakhpur district on August 15, 1924, Mishra has excelled in different branches of Hindi literature. In a career spanning decades, the 98-year-old has to his credit 32 collections of poems, 15 novels, 30 short-story collections, 15 books of literary criticism, four collections of essays, travelogues, and several memoirs. He has also served as an important member of different Hindi consultative committees in various ministries and retired as a professor from the Hindi department of the University of Delhi.

## RANKING

### Forbes Billionaires 2022 list: The Richest People In The World

- The Forbes billionaires 2022 list is out, which compiles the list of the world's richest, who this time was hit by the impact of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, coronavirus pandemic and sluggish markets. Elon Musk, the Tesla and SpaceX founder topped Forbes' list for the first time ever with a net worth of \$219 billion. Elon Musk is leading the Forbes billionaires list with a net worth of \$219 billion, followed by Amazon chief Jeff Bezos at \$171 billion.
- America has most number of billionaires at 735 worth a collective net worth of \$4.7 trillion, including Elon Musk, who tops the World's Billionaires list for the first time. China (including Macau and Hong Kong) remains number two, with 607 billionaires worth a collective \$2.3 trillion. Forbes uses stock prices and exchange rates from March 11, 2022, to calculate net worths.

**List of the top 10 billionaires:-**

Rank	Name	Net Worth	Country
1	Elon Musk	\$219 B	Tesla, United States
2	Jeff Bezos	\$171 B	Amazon, United States
3	Bernard Arnault & family	\$158 B	LVMH, France
4	Bill Gates	\$129 B	Microsoft, United States
5	Warren Buffett	\$118 B	Berkshire Hathaway, US
6	Larry Page	\$111 B	Google, United States
7	Sergey Brin	\$107 B	Google, United States
8	Larry Ellison	\$106 B	Oracle, United States
9	Steve Ballmer	\$91.4 B	Microsoft, United States
10	Mukesh Ambani	\$90.7 B	Reliance Ind Ltd, India

**BOOKS & AUTHOR**

**Book “Decoding Indian Babudom” authored by Ashwini Shrivastava**

- A new book titled “Decoding Indian Babudom” authored by Ashwini Shrivastava and published by Vitasta Publishing Private Limited launched. This is a first-of-its-kind book by a journalist covering the bureaucratic system of India. It highlights India’s administrative system and functioning of governance from a common man’s point of view. The author recommended “15 Sutras” to achieve good and effective governance that can bring in investment by boosting businessmen’s confidence in the administration.

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### NATIONAL

#### New scheme to set up 'Hobby Hubs' in Delhi government schools in works

- The Delhi government has set up Hobby Hubs for government schools in Delhi after school hours to promote extra-curricular activities. This project will implement in the single shift government school. A project to set up 'Hobby Hubs' in government schools in Delhi with after-school dance, music, arts and crafts activities during this new academic session is in the works.
- For the 2022-2023 academic session, this project will only be implemented in single shift government schools. The idea is to make optimum use of school infrastructure and to use it after school hours to promote these extra-curricular activities.
- Private academies, individuals and NGOs will be roped in to provide free training in fields selected by the schools. They will also be allowed to train private students during these sessions and charge them, but government school students will have to make up 50 per cent of the total students enrolled and no student of the concerned school will be denied admission into hobby classes being conducted in their own school.

#### 13 new districts inaugurated in Andhra Pradesh

- YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, inaugurated 13 new districts in the state via video conference on Monday, April 4 in Tadepalli, Guntur district. As a result, there will be a total of 26 districts in the state.
- The new districts were created using Parliamentary constituencies as a guide. With the addition of 13 new districts, Andhra Pradesh now has a total of 26 districts.
- As part of the 26 districts of Andhra Pradesh, there will now be 23 revenue divisions. The CM added that people have accepted and liked the decentralised system of government because the initiatives are given straight to their doorstep, and that the same is now being extended to the districts.
- The CM further mentioned that previously, one district served 38 lakh 15 thousand people, but today, with the establishment of 26 districts, each district will serve 19 lakh 7 thousand people.

### APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

#### Vice Chief Lt Gen Manoj Pande All Set To Become Army Chief, Naravane Likely To Be Next CDS

- Vice Chief Lieutenant General, Manoj Pande is all set to become Chief of the Army Staff as the incumbent Army Chief General M.M. Naravane, who is being seen as the frontrunner for the Chief of Defence Staff's post, is due to retire by the end of this month. Being senior-most in the office after General Naravane, Lt Gen Pande will take over the reign.
- Lt Gen Pande became the senior-most after a few top officers retired in the last three months. The incumbent Lt Gen Raj Shukla who was commanding Army's training command (ARTRAC) retired on March 31.
- Meanwhile, present Army Chief, Gen MM Naravane is ahead in the race for the post of Chief of Defence Staff after the post fell vacant in December last year as the then Chief of Defence Staff, General Bipin Rawat passed away in a helicopter crash near Coimbatore.

### India's ambassador to Nepal Vinay Mohan Kwatra appointed new foreign secretary

- The Government of India has appointed IFS Vinay Mohan Kwatra as the new Foreign Secretary of India. He is currently serving as India's envoy to Nepal, from March 2020. He will replace the current foreign secretary, Harsh Vardhan Shringla, who will superannuate on April 30, 2022.
- Kwatra is a 1988-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, having more than 32 years of experience in foreign service. He has also worked in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's office (PMO) from 2015 to 2017, as well as India's ambassador to France from August 2017 to February 2020.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### United Nations International Day of Conscience 2022 : 5th April

- The United Nations General Assembly has designated 5 April to be observed as an International Day of Conscience every year. The resolution was adopted on 31 July 2019 by the UN General Assembly. The year 2022 marks the third edition of the celebrations. This day serves to remind people to self-reflect, follow their conscience, and do the right things. This Day is observed every year on the 5th of April and the first International Conscience Day was observed in 2020.
- Conscience refers to a person's inner self that is abstract a virtual entity, but it plays an important role in the actions of a person. A human being cannot ignore the mystic side of his personality that usually becomes the chief motivator behind every action a person performs. Psychologists also confess that human beings are highly influenced by thoughts and feelings. These thoughts are governed by conscience and history proves that the nations who regarded conscience were just and those who did not regard it became cruel. Morality, ethics, and virtue are guided by conscience and conscience stops people and nations from exploiting others. When conscience becomes inactive, people become materialistic, cruel, senseless, and scoundrels. Eventually, jungle law starts prevailing in the society which leads to the absolute damnation of society.

#### International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2022 : 5th April

- The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) is observed globally on April 6. To raise awareness of this potential, 6 April was declared as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) by the UN General Assembly. The adoption of this Day signifies the increasing recognition by the UN of the positive influence that sport can have on the advancement of human rights, and social and economic development.
- Sport has the power to change the world; it is a fundamental right and a powerful tool to strengthen social ties and promote sustainable development and peace, as well as solidarity and respect for all.

### BOOKS & AUTHOR

#### Book titled "Birsa Munda – Janjatiya Nayak" released by Dharmendra Pradhan

- Union Minister of Education and Skill Development, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan released a book titled "Birsa Munda – Janjatiya Nayak". The book has been written by Prof. Alok Chakrawal, Vice-Chancellor, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh. This book is a comprehensive attempt to bring to the fore the struggle of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and the contribution of forest dwellers in the freedom movement.

## BANKING AND ECONOMY

### GST collections hit all-time high of Rs 1.42 lakh crore

- The greatest ever GST was collected in March, which is a very good for the economy. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection totaled Rs 1,42,095 crore, breaking the previous high of Rs 1,40,986 crore set in January 2022.
- The March 2022 revenues are 15% greater than the same month last year and 46% higher than the March 2020 revenues.
- Revenues from imports of products were 25% higher during the month, while revenues from domestic transactions (including imports of services) were 11% higher than in the same month last year.
- In the month of March 2022, the gross GST revenue collected was Rs 1,42,095 crore, with Central GST at Rs 25,830 crore, state GST at Rs 32,378 crore, integrated GST at Rs 74,470 crore, including Rs 39,131 crore collected on imports of goods, and cess at Rs 9,417 crore, including Rs 981 crore collected on imports of goods.

### HDFC Bank adjudged best performing bank in SHG

- HDFC Bank Limited has been adjudged Best Performing Bank in Self Help Group (SHG) Linkage by Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM). Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India at the event organised at the Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. HDFC Bank is the only private bank to be honoured with the award for their contribution in SHGs by NRLM.
- Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of Rural Development presented the award to K Venkatesh, Head of Sustainable Livelihood Initiative of HDFC Bank. National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) in June 2011 is a poverty alleviation project. This rural income generation scheme is also known as Aajeevika Mission.

### RBI fixes WMA limit for states at Rs 47010 cr

- The Reserve Bank reduced the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for states and union territories to Rs 47,010 crore from Rs 51,560 crore on Friday, citing an improvement in the economic scenario. WMAs are short-term loans provided by the RBI to the government to help it deal with any discrepancies between receipts and payments.
- Due to the uncertainty surrounding C-19, the RBI increased the WMA limit for all states to Rs 51,560 crore. The new WMA was in effect until March 31, 2022.
- RBI stated it has decided to revert to the WMA limitations and deadlines for Over Draft (OD) for state governments / UTs, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Ways and Means Advances to State Governments, following a review of the limits and in light of the gradual easing of C-19 restrictions.
- The Special Drawing Facility (SDF) used by state governments and UTs would continue to be linked to the amount of marketable securities issued by the government of India, such as Auction Treasury Bills, according to the RBI (ATBs).

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Hungary PM Viktor Orbán Wins Fourth Term With Comfortable Victory

- Hungarian Prime Minister, Viktor Orbán won a fourth successive term in office by a landslide victory in the country's general elections for 2022. His right-wing Fidesz party secured 53.1% of the total 98% of the count complete. The 58-year-old is already the longest-serving head of government in the EU, since assuming the role of Prime Minister in May 2010.
- The 58-year-old, already the longest-serving head of government in the EU, was challenged by six united opposition parties seeking to roll back the "illiberal" revolution Orbán's Fidesz party has pursued during 12 consecutive years in office.

#### UN rights body appoints Australian national Ian Fry to key new role

- The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) has appointed Dr Ian Fry as the world's first independent expert for human rights and climate change. Dr Fry has been appointed for a period of three years. He holds dual citizenship of Tuvalu and Australia. The first to hold the post will be Ian Fry, who holds both Australian and Tuvaluan nationality.
- He has negotiated on behalf of least developed countries including at the 2015 Paris climate conference where he helped ensure that human rights were part of the final package.
- The position of Special Rapporteur for human rights and climate change was created by UNHRC in October 2021. The new independent expert will have the mandate to "study and identify how the adverse effects of climate change, including sudden and slow-onset disasters, affect the full and effective enjoyment of human rights and make recommendations on how to address and prevent these adverse effects".

### NATIONAL

#### Andhra Pradesh sets up its first 'She Auto' stands to provide safe transport to women

- In a move to provide safe transport to women and girl students, the police in Andhra Pradesh's Chittoor have set up three 'She Auto' stands, the first of its kind in the state. The three 'She Auto' stands have been set up in RTC Bus Stand, Mahila University, and Ruia Hospital in Tirupati.
- Bhumana Karunakar Reddy, MLA, along with city Mayor Dr R Sireesha and Urban Superintendent of Police Venkata Appala Naidu inaugurated the dedicated auto stands at the RTC Bus Stand, Mahila University and Ruia Hospital. Tirupati is the first city in the state to set up special auto stands for women like this. Proved that women have a special place in society by setting up auto stand in RTC bus stand in Tirupati, Women's University and Rua Hospital. Earlier, women, auto drivers used to keep their vehicles with men at other auto stands.

#### Haryana govt launched a portal of 'Mukhya Mantri Bagwani Bima Yojana'

- The Haryana Agriculture Minister J P Dalal launched the portal of Mukhya Mantri Bagwani Bima Yojana' with an initial corpus of Rs 10 crore for the scheme. Under this the farmers will be compensated for the damage caused to their crops due to adverse weather and natural calamities.

- The scheme compensates a sum of Rs 30,000 per acre for vegetables and Spices and Rs 40,000 per acre for fruits, which will be compensated to the farmers upon claim via four categories such as 25 per cent, 50 per cent, 75 per cent and 100 per cent based on the survey.
- The farmer's contribution will be only 5 per cent of the insured amount i.e., Rs 750 per acre for vegetables and Spices and Rs 1000 per acre for fruits.
- The Scheme covers 21 crops – 14 vegetables, 2 spices, and 5 fruits. The scheme will be optional for all those farmers who will get registered under 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' (a web portal through which the problems of the farmers of the state will be resolved).

## SPORTS

### 2022 Miami Open Tennis Tournament Overview

- The 2022 Miami Open tennis tournament was the 37th edition of the men's and women's event, held from March 22 to April 3, 2022, in Miami Gardens, Florida. Miami Open is classified as an ATP Masters 1000 event on the 2022 ATP Tour and a WTA 1000 event on the 2022 WTA Tour.
- The Miami Open (also known as the Miami Masters, and currently branded as the Miami Open presented by Itaú for sponsorship reasons) is a tennis tournament held at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida. It is part of the men's ATP Tour Masters 1000 circuit, and part of the women's WTA 1000 circuit. The Miami Open is usually held between March and April.

#### List of winners:

Award	Winner	Runner-Up
Men's Single	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Casper Ruud (Norway)
Women's Single	Iga Świątek (Poland)	Naomi Osaka (Japan)
Men's Double	Hubert Hurkacz / John Isner	Wesley Koolhof / Neal Skupski
Women's Double	Laura Siegemund / Vera Zvonareva	Veronika Kudermetova / Elise Mertens

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Dr Arunabha Ghosh Appointed to the UN High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities

- United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres appointed Arunabha Ghosh (India) to a High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities. Arunabha Ghosh is the CEO of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), a climate and energy think tank. He has been appointed to the Government of India's G20 Finance Track Advisory Group for India's G20 Presidency in 2023. In 2021, he was appointed as Co-Chair of the T20 Task Force on climate and energy for Indonesia's G20 2022.
- The group was launched by Antonio Guterres on 31 March 2022. Dr Ghosh will be among three Asians (and the only South Asian) serving on the expert group. It will be chaired by former Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna. The 16-member expert group comprises independent experts, drawn from different countries.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### National Maritime Day 2022 : 5th April

- National Maritime Day in India is observed on 5 April every year. This year is the 59th edition of the National Maritime Day. The National Maritime Day is celebrated every year day to illustrate the awareness in supporting intercontinental commerce and the global economy as the most well-organized, safe and sound, environmentally responsive approach of transporting goods from one corner to another corner of the world.
- On this day 'NMD Award of Excellence' is usually given during the celebrations and there is a trophy and citation, given to recognize and honour individuals for their lifetime distinguished and exceptional achievements and performances in the Indian Maritime sector at a senior level.
- The theme of the National Maritime Day is "Sustainable Shipping beyond Covid-19".

### SUMMIT'S & MOU's

#### India-Nepal launch multiple projects, sign four agreements during Modi-Deuba meeting

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese colleague Sher Bahadur Deuba met in New Delhi, initiating a number of projects and signing four important agreements across a variety of fields. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) and Nepal Oil Corporation Ltd. signed agreements on Nepal becoming the 105th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), technical cooperation in railways, petroleum product delivery, and technical experience sharing in the petroleum sector.
- The two Prime Ministers also observed the first passenger train service between India's Jayanagar and Nepal's Kurtha, the handover of India's Solu corridor transmission project to Nepal, and the progress of 132 health facilities being built across 10 districts in Nepal under a GoI grant.
- The two countries announced the debut of the Indian RuPay card in Nepal, with the domestic variation of the RuPay card (about 83 percent of all RuPay cards issued) being compatible with approximately 1400 POS machines in Nepal.
- After Bhutan, Singapore, and the United Arab Emirates, Nepal is now the fourth country outside of India to accept RuPay.

#### India, Australia sign accord to double trade in 5 years

- India and Australia signed an Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IndAus ECTA), hailing it as a watershed moment and one of the biggest economic doors there is to open in the world. It will provide zero-duty access to 96 per cent of India's exports to Australia, including shipments from key sectors like engineering goods, gems and jewellery, textiles, apparel, and leather.
- According to a government estimate, the agreement will increase bilateral trade in products and services to \$45-50 billion over the next five years, up from roughly \$27 billion, and create over one million employees in India.
- Around 85% of Australia's exports, including coal, sheep meat, and wool, will have zero duty access to the Indian market, while Australian wines, almonds, lentils, and select fruits would have lower duty access.
- Under the deal, zero-duty access for Indian goods will be expanded to 100% over the next five years.

### BANKING AND ECONOMY

#### Flipkart launches rural area- and women-focused Flipkart Foundation

- Homegrown e-commerce giant, The Flipkart Group has constituted and launched the Flipkart Foundation, a new platform with a focus on development in rural areas and providing equitable access to growth opportunities for women and other disadvantaged communities. The Flipkart Foundation aims to positively influence 20 million lives directly and indirectly in the coming decade across a wide array of areas by utilising Flipkart's learnings over the years.
- The operations of the Flipkart Foundation will be grant-based. The contributions will come from the Flipkart Group and through the 'Charity Checkout' feature available on Flipkart platforms.
- The Flipkart Foundation will engage with diverse stakeholders to enable transformational development work for society and the economy, by offering support to underprivileged sections of society and making them a part of the country's growth story.

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### NATIONAL

#### IAF to celebrate 60 yrs of Chetak helicopter

- The Indian Air Force organised a conclave at Air Force Station, Hakimpet on 02 April 2022, to commemorate 60 years of glorious service by Chetak Helicopter in IAF. The conclave was inaugurated by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh. Raksha Mantri released a Special Cover, a Coffee Table Book and a Commemorative Movie on Chetak Helicopters during the conclave.
- The Chetak helicopter is the oldest operational flying machine with the Indian Air Force. It has been made by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) under the licence agreement. The Chetak Helicopter was inducted into the Indian Air force in 1962.

#### Minister of State, Culture & External Affairs, Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi inaugurates 'Temple 360' website

- The Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs, Meenakshi Lekhi has launched a website 'Temple 360'. During an event organized by the Ministry of Culture at IGNCA Amphitheatre, Indira Gandhi National Centre of Arts, New Delhi under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- Temple 360 is a digital platform where anyone can visit or do darshan of 12 Jyotirlinga and Char Dham from any location, making everyone's life convenient while also keeping people connected.
- The website also allows a devotee to perform e-Darshan, e-Prashad, e-Aarti and several other services. Temple 360 is a website where one can visit a temple of their choice, anytime and from anywhere from India.

### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

#### Spacetech startup Pixxel launches India's first private commercial imaging satellite with SpaceX

- Pixxel, a space data startup, launched its first fully operational satellite, TD-2, on SpaceX's Transporter-4 mission. TD-2 is Pixxel's first full-fledged satellite, carrying one of the highest-resolution hyperspectral commercial cameras ever flown, taking the company one step closer to developing a global health monitoring system that operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- The launch, according to the business, brings it closer to completing its aim of assembling one of the world's most advanced constellations of low-earth-orbit imaging satellites and bringing the benefits of space to Earth. " Life has certainly come full circle for us, from being one of the few finalists in the SpaceX Hyperloop Pod Competition in 2017 to now launching our own satellites as part of SpaceX's fourth dedicated rideshare mission.

### APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

#### PharmEasy appointed Amir Khan as its brand ambassador

- PharmEasy, a consumer healthcare "super app," has unveiled its new campaign, which introduces Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan as its brand ambassador. API Holdings Limited is in charge of the PharmEasy brand. This partnership will aid in the development of the brand and raising consumer awareness of healthcare in India.
- PharmEasy is dedicated to offering a hassle-free healthcare experience.
- Aamir will promote the PharmEasy brand in a variety of ways.
- The IPL campaign in 2022 will also include TV commercials starring Aamir Khan.
- Amir Khan will also emphasise how medicines, diagnostic tests, and healthcare goods are easily accessible to clients as the brand's face.

#### Vikas Kumar appointed new MD of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation

- Vikas Kumar has been appointed as the new Managing Director of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). He succeeds Mangu Singh, whose tenure ended on March 31, 2022. Singh was the managing director of DMRC since January 1, 2012, and his famed tenure ended. Kumar is the third managing director of the DMRC after E Sreedharan and Mangu Singh. He will hold the post for a term of five years.
- Kumar, who was holding the position of the Director (Operations) in the DMRC, has over three decades of experience in rail based urban transportation projects. He has worked with the Indian Railways in various capacities before joining the DMRC in September 2004. He has been associated with the urban transporter for more than 17 years in key management positions. In the DMRC, Kumar has headed the operations wing of the organisation since 2007 in various leadership capacities, such as general manager (operations), executive director (operations) and director (operations). He has played a key role in ensuring the smooth commencement of metro services in Delhi-NCR.

### SUMMIT'S & MOU's

#### 4th edition of India Boats & Marine Show In Kochi

- The 4th edition of the India Boat & Marine Show (IBMS) was held at Bolgatty Palace in Kochi in Kerala. IBMS is India's only and most influential Boat and Marine industry related exhibition. The event is organised by Kochi-based Cruz Expo. The IBMS 2022 showcased leading international brands as well as indigenous boat manufacturers from across the country. Around 45 exhibitors from all over India and two international exhibitors participated in the expo.
- Several PSUs and agencies like Cochin Port Trust, Indian Cost Guard, Indian Navy and Cochin Shipyard took part in the expo. The focus of the IBMS expo 2022 was the requirements for MSME in the marine and boating sector.
- The event showcase leading international brands as well as indigenous boat manufacturers from across the country. In addition to marinas, engines, navigational and other systems and

equipment, mainstream craft such as motorboats, speed boats, jet skies, kayaks, water scooters, scuba diving and fishing boats & trawlers and other marine equipment will be on display.

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

#### 64th Grammy Awards 2022

- The 64th annual Grammy Awards are being held for the first time at the MGM Grand Garden Arena with Trevor Noah as host. The 64th GRAMMY Awards recognizes recordings (including musical artists, compositions and albums) released between September 01, 2020, to September 30, 2021. Jon Batiste received the most nominations with eleven and Batiste also received the most awards with five.

#### List of winners of the 64th annual Grammy Awards 2022 :-

S.No	Category	Winners
1.	Album Of The Year	'We Are' by Jon Batiste
2.	Record Of The Year	'Leave the door open' by Bruno Mars and Anderson Paak
3.	Best New Artist	Olivia Rodrigo
4.	Best Rap Album	"Call Me If You Get Lost," Tyler, the Creator
5.	Best R&B Album Winner	"Heaux Tales," Jazmine Sullivan.
6.	Best Rap Song	"Jail," Kanye West featuring Jay-Z
7.	Best Country Album	"Starting Over," Chris Stapleton
8.	Song Of The Year	"Leave the Door Open," Silk Sonic (Brandon Anderson, Christopher Brody Brown, Dernst Emile II and Bruno Mars)
9.	Best Rock Album	"Medicine at Midnight," Foo Fighters
10.	Best Rock Song	"Waiting On a War," Foo Fighters
11.	Best Dance/Electronic Album	"Subconsciously," Black Coffee
12.	Producer of the Year, non-classical:	Jack Antonoff
13.	Best Music Video	"Freedom," Jon Batiste
14.	Best Country Song	"Cold," Chris Stapleton
15.	Best Folk Album	"They're Calling Me Home," Rhiannon Giddens with Francesco Turrisi
16.	Best Comedy Album	"Sincerely Louis CK," Louis C.K.

17. Best rap performance: "Family Ties," Baby Keem featuring Kendrick Lamar
18. Best rock performance: "Making a Fire," Foo Fighters
19. Best music film: "Summer of Soul"
20. Best musical theater album: "The Unofficial Bridgerton Musical"
21. Best global music: "Mohabbat," Arooj Aftab
22. Best global music album: "Mother Nature," Angélique Kidjo
23. Best historical album: "Joni Mitchell Archives, Vol. 1: The Early Years (1963-1967)"
24. Best Pop Duo / Group Performance: Doja Cat and SZA for "Kiss Me More"
25. Best American roots performance: "Cry," Jon Batiste

## BOOKS & AUTHOR

### Book "Crunch Time: Narendra Modi's National Security Crises" authored by Sreeram Chaulia

- Dr Sreeram Chaulia has authored a new book titled "Crunch Time: Narendra Modi's National Security Crises". The book was released by Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State for External Affairs at the India International Centre in New Delhi, Delhi. The book highlights the much needed public faith in the state to protect the country from security threats posed by India's external adversaries. The book analyses PM Modi's series of decision-making moves during the crises with China and Pakistan.

## BANKING AND ECONOMY

### Indias jobless rate falls to 7.6% in March from 8.1% a month earlier: CMIE

- As per the data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the overall unemployment rate in India fell to 7.6 per cent in March 2022. This rate was 8.10 per cent in February 2022. The report also stated that though the overall unemployment rate in the country is falling, it is still high for a "poor" country like India. The decrease in the ratio shows that the economy is getting back on track after being hit by COVID-19 for two years.
- Haryana recorded the highest unemployment rate in March 2022, at 26.7 per cent. It was followed by Rajasthan (25%) and Jammu and Kashmir (25%), Bihar (14.4%), Tripura (14.1%) and West Bengal (5.6%). Karnataka and Gujarat registered the least unemployment rate at 1.8.percent each in March 2022. CMIE is a Mumbai-based independent non-government entity that serves both as an economic think-tank as well as a business information company.

### Indias FY23 GDP growth estimated at 7.4%, RBI rate hike by year end: Ficci

- The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) has estimated India's GDP to grow at 7.4 per cent in the financial year 2022-23 (FY23). The Ficci's Economic Outlook Survey

was released on April 03, 2022. The report has stated that rising prices due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict is the biggest challenge to the global economic recovery.

- According to the survey, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is likely to start a rate hike cycle in the second half of 2022, while a repo rate hike of 50-75 bps is expected by the end of the current fiscal. The RBI is expected to continue supporting the ongoing economic recovery by keeping the repo rate unchanged in its April policy review.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### World's largest electric cruise ship makes its debut on the Yangtze River

- The largest electric cruise ship in the world has returned back to port in Yichang in central Hubei province, China after travelling up and down the Yangtze River for its maiden voyage. This cruise ship has been powered by a 7,500-kilowatt-hour massive-sized marine battery. This battery has been provided by Contemporary Amperex Technology, the No. 1 battery manufacturer for electric cars in the world.
- The developer of this ship, China Yangtze Power has plans to use this electric ship as the starting point for expanding the marine electric vehicle market in China. The name of the ship is Yangtze River Three Gorges 1 and it is a 100 per cent electric cruise ship that has been developed and built in China. This ship is 16 meters wide and 100 meters long and has the capacity to carry around 1,300 passengers.

### NATIONAL

#### Maharashtra: Chandrapur records third hottest place in the world

- According to the El Dorado weather website, Chandrapur was the third hottest city in the world, with a maximum temperature of 43.2 degrees Celsius. According to the Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Nagpur was also the hottest city in Vidarbha, with a maximum temperature of 41.6 degrees Celsius, followed by Akola.
- As per the El Dorado Weather, Kayes city of Mali is the hottest place on earth with 44.4 degrees Celsius on Tuesday, Segou of Mali is second in the list with 43.8 degrees Celsius whereas Chandrapur is third in the list.

### SPORTS

#### In a first, Meghalaya to host national table tennis championship

- Meghalaya is geared up to host the 83rd National Table Tennis Championship 2022, which will take place at the SAI Indoor Training Centre, NEHU in Shillong from April 18 to 25. This is the second time the Northeast has hosted the world's largest table tennis tournament.
- During a press conference, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma stated that the tournament is one of the largest sports events that the state has hosted to date, among others.
- The State is expecting around 650 people to attend, with 450 of them being players and the rest being coaches and support personnel. He went on to say that the state is expecting a variety of officers from several states, including Haryana's Deputy Chief Minister.

### APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

#### India secures leadership position in ITU's Council Standing Committee on Administration and Management

- An Indian official has been selected as vice-chairperson of the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) Council Standing Committee on Administration and Management, giving India a leadership position. Ms Aprajita Sharma, an IP&TAF Service officer, has been appointed vice-chair of the Standing Committee on Administration and Management at the International Telecommunication Union's Council sessions in Geneva from March 21 to March 31, 2022.
- Aprajita will continue to serve as vice-chairperson of the Council Standing Committee in 2023 and 2024, and as chairman in 2025 and 2026.
- The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations' information and communication specialised organisation. The Plenipotentiary Conference and the Administrative Council manage the ITU.

#### Mahesh Verma appointed as the chairman of NABH

- Vice-Chancellor of Indraprastha University, Mahesh Verma has been appointed as the new chairperson of the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH). NABH is a constituent board of the Quality Council of India (QCI). This is responsible for setting benchmarks for quality and certifying hospitals and other health facilities. NABH is also a member of the board of the Asian Society for Quality in Healthcare (ASQua).
- Dr Verma is a recipient of Padma Shri as well as Dr. B. C. Roy award. He has also received the National Science and Technology award. He is currently the vice-chancellor of Delhi's Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, and Professor Emeritus at Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences. He is the president of the India chapter of the International Association for Disability and Oral Health and the Indian Academy of Restorative Dentistry. He is also the president-elect of the International Association of Dental Research, India Division, and the Indian Society of Dental Research.

### RANKING

#### Uttar Pradesh become top producer of vegetables

- Uttar Pradesh has become the top producer of vegetables, getting back its first position by demoting West Bengal to the second position, with a difference of a million tonnes in production in 2021–22 Crop Year (CY) (July–June), after two years since 2020.
- Vegetable production in Uttar Pradesh is expected to be 29.58 million tonnes (mt) in the 2021–22 crop year (July–June), down from 29.16 mt in 2020–21, while West Bengal output is expected to dip to 28.23 mt in 2021–22 from 30.33 mt in 2020–21.
- Other top producers of vegetables as per the data in the current year 2021–22 include Madhya Pradesh at 20.59 mt, Bihar at 17.77 mt and Maharashtra at 16.78 mt.

### BANKING AND ECONOMY

#### Centre extends foreign trade policy by another six months till Sept 30

- The Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 has been extended by six months, until September 30, 2022. The present Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, which is effective through March 31, 2022, has been extended until September 30, 2022, according to a notification from the Directorate General of

Foreign Trade. Following the Covid-19 outbreak, the policy was first extended for a year, until the end of March 2020, and subsequently for another year, until September 30.

- The strategy lays out recommendations for boosting exports to boost economic growth and create jobs, as well as incentives under various programmes like Duty-Free Import Authorisation (DFIA) and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) (EPCG).
- Tea, steel, chemical, and pharmaceutical exporters to Russia are pleading with the government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to intervene, as millions of rupees are at stake.

#### **Axis Bank's \$1.6 Billion takeover of Citibank's India consumer business**

- Citigroup has announced that Axis Bank will be acquiring Citibank's India consumer business for an amount of USD 1.6 billion (Rs 12,325 crores) in an all-cash deal. This transaction will be including Citibank India's consumer banking businesses, which include retail banking, credit cards, consumer loans, and wealth management.
- This transaction will also be including the sale of Citibank's non-banking financial company consumer business, Citicorp Finance (India) Limited, which comprises a financing business that is asset-backed and also includes construction equipment and commercial vehicle loans, and a portfolio of personal loans.
- It is an exchange of assets or a single asset for cash and no other monetary means, such as exchange of stocks or financing are used. The most common way of settling all-cash deal are wire transfers or check and the physical form of cash is generally avoided.