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Kargil Vijay Diwas 2022: All you need to know about India's victory over Pakistan

Kargil Vijay Diwas is the celebration of India's historic win over **Pakistan on July 26, 1999**. The Indian Army successfully removed Pakistani forces who were illegally occupying a hilltop at the Indian side of the **Line of Control (LoC) at Kargil, Ladakh**. To commemorate this victory and remember those who sacrificed their lives for this country, Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated annually in India on July 26.

How is Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrated?

Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated all across the country. The Prime Minister of India is known to pay tribute to the martyrs at **Amar Jawan Jyoti** at the India Gate every year. There is a Kargil War memorial as well in Dras on the **foothills of Tololing Hill**. It was built by the Indian Army and honours the soldiers who lost their lives during the war. Interestingly, the gateway of the memorial has a poem named '**Pushp Kii Abhilasha**' inscribed on it and the names of the martyrs are also inscribed on the Memorial Wall there.

History of Kargil War:

- As history has it, India was successful in evicting the Pakistani troops from its territory as the war ended on July 26. This momentous day came to be known as Kargil Vijay Diwas. It should be noted that **527 soldiers sacrificed** their lives for the country during the war.
- The Kargil War was fought between **May-July of 1999** in the Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir along the Line of Control (LoC) in which India got victory.
- The Kargil war was fought for more than 60 days and ended on 26 July.
- On this date in 1999 Pakistan army took advantage of the melting snow and betraying the bilateral understanding of both the nations (that the post would remain unattended during the winter season) took command of the high outposts of India.
- Pakistan army refused the claims that its soldiers were involved in the war and claimed that they were the rebels from Kashmir itself, but the ammunition, identity cards, rations stores and other evidence prove that the Pakistan army was behind this cowardly act.

Indian Army Operation Vijay:

- The operation was launched by the Indian Army twice in Indian history. The first Operation Vijay was launched in 1961 which led to the capture of **Goa, Anjediva islands and Daman and Diu**.
- The second operation was launched in 1999. Both the operations were of huge success. However, Kargil Vijay However, the Kargil Vijay Diwas is marked by the culmination of the Kargil war.
- July 26 is celebrated as "Kargil Vijay Diwas" every year to mark the successful completion of "Operation Vijay" that ended the 3-month war along the Line of Control. Nearly 490 Indian army officers, soldiers and jawans were martyrs during the course of the battle.

Indian Air Force Operation White Sea:

Operation White Sea was also launched during the Kargil war, in 1999. During the operation, the Indian Air Force jointly acted with the Indian Army to flush out regular and irregular troops of the Pakistani army.

Roshni Nadar retained as India's richest woman for 2nd year in a row

HCL Technologies' Chairperson, **Roshni Nadar Malhotra** has retained her position as the richest woman in India, for the second year in a row according to the third edition of '**Kotak Private Banking Hurun - Leading Wealthy Women List**'. The total net worth of Roshni Nadar stood at **Rs 84,330 crore**. Roshni Nadar was followed by Nykaa-owner **Falguni Nayar**, overtaking Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw of Biocon, with a total wealth of Rs 57,520 crore. Falguni Nayar is the world's tenth richest self-made woman.

The report highlighted that 25 new faces have made it to the list. The other key highlights of the report include that the average wealth of women in 2021 went up to Rs 4,170 crore as against Rs 2,725 crore in the last edition of the list.

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Here is the list of the top 10 richest women in India:

Rank	Name	Company	Wealth/Net worth (INR)
1	Roshni Nadar Malhotra	HCL	84,330 crore (wealth)
2	Falguni Nayar	Nykaa	57,520 crore (wealth)
3	Kiran Mazumdar Shaw	Biocon	29,030 crore (wealth)
4	Nilima Motaparti	Divi's Laboratories	28,180 crore (wealth)
5	Radha Vembu	Zoho	26,260 crore (wealth)
6	Leena Gandhi Tewari	USV	24,280 crore (wealth)
7	Anu Aga and Meher Pudumjee	Thermax	14,530 crore (wealth)
8	Neha Narkhede	Confluent	13,380 crore (wealth)
9	Vandana Lal	Dr Lal PathLabs	6,810 crore (wealth)
10	Renu Munjal	Hero FinCorp	6,620 crore (wealth)

National Affairs

- The **Flag Code of India 2002** was revised by the **Ministry of Home Affairs** to permit the flying of the national flag even at night as the federal government begins its **Har Ghar Tiranga** campaign. The flag could previously only be flown between sunrise and dusk. If the **national flag** is flown in the open and is raised by a member of the public, it may now fly through the night. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- In Bhopal, a large statue honouring Amar **Shaheed Chandrashekhar Azad** will be erected. The statue site will be created as a source of inspiration for young people, with soil from Azad's hometown of Bhabra being used at its base. On the 116th anniversary of Amar Shaheed **Chandrashekhar Azad's** birth, Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** spoke at the opening ceremony of the first state-level Youth Mahapanchayat, which was held in Bhopal. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Ladakh Festival Kargil 2022** was inaugurated in Ladakh by CEC LAHDC Kargil **Feroz Ahmad Khan** at Khree Sultan Chow Stadium in Bemathang Kargil. The Department of Tourism and Culture Kargil UT Ladakh was in charge of organising the festival. The Chief Guest, the Secretary of Tourism for UT **Ladakh**, and the Executive Councilor for Tourism for **LAHDC Kargil** visited and inspected the many stalls set up by volunteers, NGIs, and SHGs, among other groups, and they were pleased with the work. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

- The historic **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island** was transferred from the Andaman and Nicobar Command to the Andaman & Nicobar Administration for further development of the island's infrastructure and tourism. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Five new wetlands** of International importance have been designated in India. With this, the total number of Ramsar sites in the country have been increased from **49 to 54 Ramsar sites**. Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Bhupender Yadav** said, "Delighted to inform that 5 more Indian wetlands have got Ramsar recognition as wetlands of international importance." ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw**, the Union Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology, said that the Union Cabinet approved the Rs. 1.64 lakh crore revival package for **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)**. Package announced by the government in 2019 has contributed to stabilising BSNL's financial situation. The loss of clients has come to an end. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched the '**India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)**', at the **Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)** near **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. IIBX is India's first international bullion exchange. The exchange, which was announced in Budget 2020, will sell physical gold and silver. The exchange will be open for jewellers with a net worth of Rs 25 crore and above to participate. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

States in the News

- **Burhanpur district of Madhya Pradesh**, popularly known as the '**Darwaza of Dakhin**', became the first Certified '**Har Ghar Jal**' district in the Country. Only district in the country, people from each of 254 villages in Burhanpur have declared their villages as 'Har Ghar Jal' through a resolution passed by Gram Sabhas. Accordingly, it certifies that all people in the villages have access to safe drinking water through taps, ensuring that 'No One is Left Out'. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Gujarat's **IFSCA (International Financial Services Centres Authority)** Headquarters Building will officially break ground thanks to Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. **IFSCA** is the centralised regulatory body in India's international financial services centres for the creation and supervision of financial products, financial services, and financial institutions. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

- **Kerala** government has made the decision to start initiatives to promote full digital literacy in the State. Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** while addressing a school programme in **Thiruvananthapuram** explained that the campaign aims to educate people, particularly youngsters, about the dangers and traps online. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Haryana** Chief Minister, **Manohar Lal Khattar** has launched an app-based ‘**Smart E-Beat**’ system for police attendance and real-time monitoring of patrolling by personnel in **Gurugram**. CM **Khattar** launched the system at an event at the office of the Commissioner of Police and flagged off **119** motorcycle police riders connected with it. The app-based system has been introduced in Gurugram under the Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) and it will help these policemen to mark their attendance and in the monitoring of their rides. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The first all-women-run financial institution in the cooperative sector is coming soon in **Rajasthan** following a memorandum of understanding (MoU) has signed with the **Telangana government’s Stree Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation**. The new body will promote women’s empowerment by supporting their enterprises. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Kerala government** is all set to come up with an alternative to the popular corporate online cab service by launching its own e-taxi service next month, considered to be the first such initiative by any state government in the country. The service named ‘**Kerala Savari**’, the online taxi hiring service is being rolled out by the state. This is for the first time that a state government is launching an online taxi service in the country. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Tamil Nadu government** has issued an order to implement the first phase of the **Chief Minister’s Breakfast Scheme** at 1,545 government primary schools for the benefit of over 1.14 lakh children in **Classes I-V during 2022-23**. The cost would be Rs. 33.56 crores. Breakfast consisting of a meal with sambar and vegetables will be provided to children in all working schools. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Punjab Sports Department** will host the **Punjab Khed Mela**, which will feature 30 sporting activities in six age divisions for competitors between the ages of 14 and 60. The event’s goals are to find talent, create a welcoming **environment for sports**, and raise **public awareness of health**. There will be competitions in the age ranges of 25 to 40, 40 to 50, and 50 to 60 in addition to the previously conducted under-14, under-17, and 17 to 25 age groups. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Pranay Kumar Verma**, an experienced diplomat and IFS official from the 1994 batch, has been chosen to serve as India’s next High Commissioner to **Bangladesh**. He is currently the ambassador of India to **Vietnam**. The Delhi-based Ministry of External Affairs made this announcement. **Vikram Doraiswami**, the current High Commissioner of India to the UK, is rumoured to be taking over, thus he is expected to start the job soon in his stead. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- To educate the state’s women about their constitutional rights and laws, the **Chhattisgarh Women Commission** will host the **Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath Yatra**. On the occasion of the Hareli Tihaar festival, Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** will set off the “**Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath**”. Through short films, messages, and booklets, the chariots will visit all of the districts to educate people about the legal protections for women and their constitutional rights. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **The Gujarat government** has announced a dedicated ‘**Gujarat Semiconductor Policy 2022-27**’ with a view to generating at least 2,00,000 new employment opportunities during a period of five years. The Gujarat government has also decided to develop a “**semicon city**” which would be a part of the Dholera Special Investment Region. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
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International Affairs

- **China** launched the second of the three modules needed to complete its new space station. This was the most recent development in Beijing's ambitious space programme. A Long March **5B rocket** launched the unmanned spaceship with the call sign **Wentian** from the **Wenchang** launch facility on China's tropical island of Hainan. A representative from the **China Manned Space Agency (CMSA)** confirmed the launch's "success." ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Mountaineer **Wasifa Nazreen** became the first person from **Bangladesh** to ascend Pakistan's administered K2, the second-highest mountain peak. She scaled the **K2 mountain peak**, which is 8611 metres (28,251 ft) high, and then descended to the base camp. When a climber descends from the mountain and returns to base camp, the summit is said to have been reached. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- President **Vladimir Putin** was informed by the newly appointed head of Moscow's space agency that Russia has made the decision to leave the **International Space Station** after 2024. The declaration comes amid heightened hostilities between **Moscow** and the West over Moscow's military action in **Ukraine** and several rounds of previously unheard-of sanctions against Russia. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- In the presence of **Shri Narayan Rane**, Honorable Cabinet Minister, **Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma**, Honorable Minister of State, **Shri B. B. Swain**, Secretary MSME, **Shri P. Udayakumar**, CMD, NSIC, and **Shailesh Kumar Singh**, AS&DC, **National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)** signed an agreement with **LG Electronics India Pvt Ltd.** and the Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI). ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The acquisition of **Citibank, N.A.** and **Citicorp Finance (India) Limited's** consumer banking operations by Axis Bank has been approved, according to the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. The acquisition had been disclosed by the firms. According to **CCI**, the transaction entails the going-concern slump sale of **Citibank** and Citicorp's consumer banking operations to Axis. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- A joint venture to produce high-speed passenger trains has been established by **BF Infrastructure Ltd.**, a fully owned subsidiary of **Bharat Forge Ltd.**, and **Talgo India Pvt Ltd.**, a fully owned subsidiary of Spanish manufacturer **Patentes Talgo S.L.** The cooperation will take advantage of forthcoming local requirements in the field as well as new economic prospects in the railways sector. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

- The **Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC)** and the **Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (IVPA)** have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to expand their cooperation in promoting the usage of palm oil. The MoU is anticipated to increase collaboration in areas of shared interest and to advance the production and consumption of palm oil from **Malaysia** and palm oil with the **MSPO** certification. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Books and Authors

- A new book on the legendary actor of Indian cinema, **Yusuf Khan**, better known as **Dilip Kumar**, has been released by author **Faisal Farooqui**. The book is titled "**In the Shadow of a Legend: Dilip Kumar**". The book is a tribute to Dilip Kumar the man more than Dilip Kumar the actor. Farooqui is the founder and CEO of Mouthshut.com, one of India's leading review and rating platforms. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Union Information and Broadcasting Minister **Anurag Thakur** has released three books showcasing some of the rarest photographs of outgoing **President Ram Nath Kovind** and his predecessors. The books were released during a function at the Rashtrapati Bhavan and their first copies were presented to President **Ram Nath Kovind** in the presence of president-elect **Droupadi Murmu**, Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** and Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** most recent data shows that during the ending week of July 15, **India's foreign exchange** reserves decreased by \$7.5 billion to \$572.7 billion. The reserves have dropped to their lowest level in 20 months, or since November 6, 2020, when they were \$568 billion. The report showed that foreign currency assets, which decreased by \$6.5 billion over the week, were the main cause of the reduction in foreign exchange reserves. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Canara Bank** has launched "**Canara ai1**", its mobile banking app. The banking app would be a one-stop solution with more than **250 features** to cater to the banking needs of its customers. It is aimed to eliminate the need to have multiple mobile apps working in silos for availing of different specific services. The app is available in 11 languages to cater to multiple sections of society in their preferred language. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

- India gave the **United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees** in the Near East USD 2.5 million. In a signing ceremony at **UNRWA** headquarters in East Jerusalem, **Sunil Kumar**, director of the West Asia and North Africa Division of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, handed **Karim Amer**, director of partnerships for the Department of External Relations, a check for USD 2.5 million. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Wipro Ltd.**, a company with its headquarters in Bengaluru, announced the signing of a new, five-year contract for digital transformation with **Nokia** of Finland. The new contract expands on a connection that was first formed more than 20 years ago. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has given the organisation permission to begin conducting business as an NBFC to **Piramal Enterprises**. The licence is required to start an NBFC that does not accept public deposits. RBI has granted the company a certificate of registration allowing it to start operating as a non-banking financial institution without taking deposits from the general public. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Mastercard** is all set to replace **Paytm** as the title sponsor for all international and domestic cricket matches organised by the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)**. Paytm held the rights till the end of 2023. Paytm requested BCCI to assign its India Home Cricket title rights to credit card major Mastercard. Paytm had reportedly missed the July deadline to request a reassignment. However, BCCI has been willing to consider its delayed request due to their 'long standing' relationship. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- According to **Times of India** report, **HDFC Bank** will be among the **world's top 10 most valuable banks** after its merger with the parent, mortgage lender **Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC)**, at the current valuations and will also be the first Indian bank to make it to the Top 10 club. The combined market cap of **HDFC Bank and HDFC** would be around **USD 160 billion**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- In an effort to broaden its selection of **HDFC MF** index solutions, **HDFC Mutual Fund** has announced the introduction of **HDFC Nifty Next 50 ETF** and **HDFC NIFTY 100 ETF**. These funds provide exposure to the large-cap market in India. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, as perceived by the Union Government and **Life Insurance Companies (LIC)**, has reportedly accepted the center's request to permit non-financial institutions and unregulated entities to own more than 40 percent stake in **IDBI Bank** and to sell between 51 and 74 percent of the lender through a strategic divestment process. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **A. Manimekhalai**, MD & CEO of **Union Bank of India (UBI)**, wants Union Bank of India to surpass other Public Sector Banks and take the third-largest Public Sector Bank position in a time of few years. Union Bank of India may even take into consideration buying a bank along the route. **Manimekhalai**, who became UBI's first female leader on June 7th, emphasised that the bank has set "**RACE**" as its aim for the year. "**RACE**" — grow **RAM** (retail, agriculture and MSME) loans, improve Asset quality, increase **CASA** (current account, savings account deposits) and increase **Earnings** — as its goal for the year. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Bandhan Bank** opened its first currency chest in **Deedargunj, Patna**. As per the bank, this currency chest will assist individuals, **MSMEs**, and small business owners by supplying currency notes to bank branches and **ATMs** as needed. The currency chest would provide storage for the bank branches, which will also benefit from Patna's frequent cash transactions. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **India** received the highest annual **Foreign direct investment (FDI)** inflows of almost **\$85 billion in FY 21-22**. India is rapidly emerging as a preferred country for FDI in the manufacturing sector. FDI Equity inflow in Manufacturing Sectors have increased by 76% in FY 2021-22 (\$ 21.34 billion) compared to previous FY 2020-21. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- **Vodafone Idea**, a telecom Company, said that **Akshay Moondra**, who currently serves as chief financial officer, has been promoted to CEO with effect from August 19. According to the filing, **Ravinder Takkar**, the business's current managing director and chief executive officer, will remain on the board of the company when his tenure is up as a non-executive and non-independent director. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Paytm's parent One97 Communications has appointed **Nakul Jain** as the CEO of **Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL)**. Praveen Sharma, who is now serving as the acting CEO of PPSL, has been promoted to oversee the organisation's commerce vertical in addition to his other duties. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

- The international financial institution, **World Bank** has appointed **Indermit Gill**, as its chief economist and senior vice-president for development economics at the multilateral development bank. His appointment will be effective September 1, 2022. Gill will be only the second Indian to serve as chief economist at the World Bank. Kaushik Basu was the first, having served in the job from 2012-2016. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Coca-Cola** has signed Olympic gold medalist, **Neeraj Chopra** for **Limca Sportz promotion**. Recently, Neeraj Chopra has become the first-ever Indian to win a silver medal at World Athletics Championships with his best throw of **88.13 m**. Also, Neeraj Chopra has been ruled out of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 in England due to an injury he picked up at World Athletics Championships. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Defence News

- **Rajnath Singh**, Minister of defence, to improve coordination between the armed forces, announced the creation of unified theatre commands of three services. India is fast transitioning from being the world's top importer of defence equipment to an exporter. The defence minister was addressing at a ceremony held by the **Jammu & Kashmir People's Forum** in this city to honour the Indian Armed Forces martyrs. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- A **Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)** was conducted between **Japan Maritime Self Defense Force** and **Indian Navy** in the Andaman Sea. INS Sukanya, an offshore patrol vessel and JS Samidare, a Murasame class destroyer, undertook various exercises including seamanship activities, aircraft operations and tactical manoeuvres as part of the operational interaction. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Tata Advanced Systems** successfully delivered the locally developed **Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle** to the Indian Army. The contract to provide **QRFV-Med** vehicles to the Indian Army was successfully completed. These armoured vehicles will increase the nation's protector's ability to fight in all weather and terrain situations and will offer protection while moving. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**, observed its **84th** Raising Day on **27 July 2022**. The day celebrates the immense and unparalleled contribution of the force in upholding the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of the nation. CRPF is India's largest Central Armed Police Force, which operates under the authority of the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

- **iDEX** inked its 100th contract with **Pacify Medical Technologies Pvt Ltd** in New Delhi. The initiative **iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence)**, described as the **Ministry of Defence's (MoD)** centrepiece for technical innovation, was introduced by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** in April 2018. The purpose of **iDEX** was to support start-ups by giving them a venue for co-creation and co-development in the fields of defence and aerospace technologies. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The indigenous aircraft carrier **Vikrant**, which was created by the Navy's own **Directorate of Naval Design** and will likely be commissioned on Independence Day, was delivered to the Navy by the **Cochin Shipyard**. It bears the name of the **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant**, India's first aircraft carrier, which was an important participant in the war of 1971. The 262-meter-long carrier is significantly larger and more modern than her predecessor, with a full displacement of around 45,000 tonnes. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Egypt and an Indian company have signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** to construct a green hydrogen factory in the **Suez Canal Economic Zone**, according to a cabinet announcement. The MoU states that Indian **ReNew Power Private Limited (RENE.BO)** will invest \$8 billion to construct a facility that will create 20,000 tonnes of green hydrogen annually. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- British Prime Minister, **Boris Johnson** has presented Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelenskyy** with the **Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award**, drawing comparisons between the two leaders in times of crisis. **Zelenskyy** accepted the award by video link during a ceremony at Johnson's London office that was attended by members of the Churchill family, Ukrainian Ambassador **Vadym Prystaiko** and Ukrainians who have received training from British soldiers. ([Click Here to read the article](#))



- At Cochin International Airport, the American Navy delivered two **MH-60 R** multipurpose helicopters to the Indian Navy. All **24 MH 60R** helicopters will be delivered by the end of 2025, with the third helicopter due to arrive in August of this year. Under its **Foreign Military Sales (FMS)** programme, the US Department of State has authorised the sale of **24 MH-60R** multi-mission helicopters to India. The potential is about USD 2.6 billion. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- Kamal Haasan**, a prominent figure in the Tamil cinema industry, has been given the prestigious Golden Visa by the **United Arab Emirates**. The Golden Visa has been given to others besides actor **Kamal Hasan**. Actors **Nasser, Mammootty, Mohanlal, Tovino Thomas, Parthiepan, Amala Paul**, and **Shah Rukh Khan** all have received it before Kamal Hasan. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)** has recognised former Indian Army Chief **General Manoj Mukund Naravane** for his contribution to fostering ties between India and the US. The public service award has also been given to former US Defense Secretary **General Jim Mattis** in addition to **Naravane**. The USISPF gave prizes for public service and global leadership to those who had a significant impact on advancing connections between the US and India. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Indian-origin professor of engineering at the University of Houston, **Kaushik Rajashekara** has won the prestigious **Global Energy Prize**. Rajashekara was given the award in the New Ways of Energy Applications category for his contributions to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies while reducing power generation emissions. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Dinesh Shahra Foundation (DSF)** has taken a major stride in its efforts to promote soulful Indian music among the masses. The Foundation has instituted a first-of-its-kind '**Dinesh Shahra Lifetime Award**' for **Excellence in Music**. The initiative is supported by the Indian Arts & Cultural Society. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Summit and Conference

- The **CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (CSIR-NIIST)**, Thiruvananthapuram, will host an International Conference on Chemistry and Applications of Soft Materials (CASM 2022) as part of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** celebrations to mark 75th year of Independence. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The focal points for **India, France**, and the **United Arab Emirates** met in trilateral fashion. Maritime Security, Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief, Blue Economy, Regional Connectivity, Cooperation in Multilateral Fora, Energy and Food Security, Innovation and Startups, Supply Chain Resilience, and Cultural and People-to-People Cooperation were some of the potential areas of trilateral cooperation that the three sides discussed. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- The **Airports Council International (ACI) World** has released the annual **World Airport Traffic Dataset** to reveal the global air traffic rankings of the top 20 aviation industries for the full year 2021. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) has topped the 2021 Ranking with 7.6 crore passengers in terms of passenger footfall in the year 2021. From India, the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi has been ranked among the top 20, as the 13th busiest airport. IGI witnessed 3.7 crore passenger footfall in 2021, which is 30.3% more than 2.8 crore in 2020 when IGI was ranked 16th. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- According to a government report, 329 tigers in **India** perished in the past three years as a result of poaching, natural disasters, and other factors. The poaching, electrocution, poisoning, and train accidents contributed to the deaths of up to 307 elephants over this time. 96 tigers perished in 2019, 106 in 2020, and 127 in 2021, according to data presented by Union Minister of State for Environment **Ashwini Kumar Choubey**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- According to **Kantar India's annual Brand Footprint** study, locally produced biscuit brand Parle continued to be the most popular brand among fast-moving consumer goods in India in 2021, topping the rankings for the eleventh year in a row. Based on **Consumer Reach Points (CRPs)**, the report assessed the **FMCG** brands that consumers will choose in 2021. After Parle, the other top brands on the list are **Amul, Britannia, Clinic Plus**, and **Tata Consumer Products**. For a record-breaking tenth year in a row, Parle is in first place with a CRP score of 6531 (million). ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Sports News

- The first **Khelo India Fencing Women's League**, which will begin on 25 July, 2022, will be hosted by **Talkatora Indoor Stadium** in New Delhi. The first-of-its-kind national fencing competition for women will take place through the 29th of this month, according to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. It will take place in three stages. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Charles Leclerc of Ferrari crashed out of the race on lap 18 but was unharmed, and **Max Verstappen** of Red Bull took first place at Paul Ricard. **Lewis Hamilton** and **George Russell** of Mercedes finished third and fourth, respectively. At Le Castellet, where the track temperature was high, tyre management was essential. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Neeraj Chopra** makes history by winning silver in the **World Athletics Championships** for the first time ever. **Neeraj Chopra** grinned after his 88.13m throw in the fourth round. His greatest throw in the men's javelin throw final in Eugene, US, allowed him to move into the provisional podium spot in second place, which helped to lessen the tension. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has introduced a new **A+ category** for its umpires and **Nitin Menon**, along with ten other officials, have been grouped in the category. Umpires in A+ and A categories are paid **Rs 40,000 a day** for a first-class game while **Rs 30,000 a day** are paid in the B and C category. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Sports Authority of India (SAI)** has started a new initiative to cheer for **Team India**, under which SAI has launched the campaign "**Create for India**" to cheer Indian contingents participating in the **Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games**. A 215-member Indian athlete contingent is set to participate across 16 disciplines in this sports event, which is scheduled to take place from July 28, 2022, to August 08, 2022. The motto of the CWG 2022 is "Games for Everyone." ([Click Here to read the article](#))

- **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has confirmed that **India** will host the **ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025**. BCCI will leave no stone unturned to make it a memorable event for everyone concerned. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Grammy and Oscar-winning music composer, **AR Rahman** has come up with the '**Vanakkam Chennai**' (**Welcome Anthem**) for the upcoming International Chess Olympiad, 2022. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Norway's **Casper Ruud** has won the **Swiss Open Tennis Tournament 2022** held in **Gstaad, Switzerland**. He defeated Italy's **Matteo Berrettini** in the final by 4-6, 7-6(4), 6-2. It was Ruud's 9th Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) title. The Swiss Open is Ruud's 3rd title in 2022, the other two titles are Buenos Aires and Geneva Open. Ruud had also won the 2021 Swiss Open title. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **International Cricket Council** has awarded membership status to three countries during the ongoing **ICC Annual Conference** in Birmingham. **Cambodia and Uzbekistan** from Asia, and **Cote D'Ivoire** from Africa, were all awarded Associate membership status, taking ICC's total members to **108 countries**, including 96 Associates. The two Asian teams take the total count of Asian countries to 25 while Cote D'Ivoire is the 21st country from Africa. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The signing of the guarantees for hosting the **FIFA Under 17 Women's World Cup in India in 2022** has been accepted by the Union Cabinet, which is **presided over by Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. The FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 is slated to take place in India from October 11 to October 30. The seventh iteration of the biennial youth competition will mark India's first-ever hosting of a FIFA women's championship. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Ace India badminton player **P.V. Sindhu** has been chosen as the **flagbearer of the Indian contingent** for the opening ceremony of the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. The opening ceremony will be held on July 28, 2022, at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. She was the flag-bearer at the opening ceremony of the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, where she won silver in the women's singles event. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **22nd edition** of the **Commonwealth Games** kicked off with a glitzy opening ceremony at the **Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, United Kingdom**. The Prince of Wales, reading out from the Queen's letter, declares the Games open. A total of 72 teams took part in the parade into Birmingham's Alexander Stadium. **PV Sindhu and Manpreet Singh** were India's flag-bearers at the parade of the CWG opening ceremony. ([Click Here to read the article](#))



- As informed by the **Asian Cricket Council (ACC)**, the **Asia Cup 2022** will now be held in **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. Earlier this event was scheduled to take place in **Sri Lanka**. However, due to the economic crisis in the island nation, the tournament has been shifted to UAE. But the hosting rights of the game will still remain with Sri Lanka. The tournament will be held from **August 27 to September 11, 2022**, in the T20 format. This is the second consecutive time that the tournament will be played in the UAE. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Four-time Formula One champion, **Sebastian Vettel** who is currently a part of **Aston Martin** announced his retirement. The 35-year-old German driver declared that he will retire at the end of the season. He is one of the most successful drivers in the F1 race is currently third on the list of all-time Grand Prix winners with 53 victories, trailing only Lewis Hamilton and Michael Schumacher. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- England's **Leicester Cricket Ground** has been named after India's legendary cricketer, **Sunil Gavaskar**. The Leicester Cricket Ground, the ownership of which lies with **Bharat Sports and Cricket Club**, has decided to name the ground after Gavaskar to acknowledge his immense contribution to uplifting Indian Cricket to a certain height. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Science and Technology News

- Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC)** at **IIT Kanpur** has launched "**NIRMAN**" **Accelerator Programme**, supported by the department of science and technology, the government of India. The programme will focus on the manufacturing startups engaged in healthcare and agriculture domains to help them overcome the challenges from their prototype-to-market journey. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** has stated that it has begun pilot testing the 5G network at selected areas around the nation in advance of the spectrum auction. **TRAI** has been testing the 5G network at four different sites around the nation. These places are Namma Metro in Bengaluru, Namma Port Kandla near Kutch in Gujarat, Bhopal Smart City, GMR International Airport in New Delhi, and Bhopal Smart City. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- European Commission** has given permission for the **Imvanex vaccine** to be marketed as protection against **Monkeypox**, as recommended last week by the **European Medicines Agency (EMA)**. Globally, over 16,000 cases of monkeypox have been reported from 75 countries. This vaccine is developed by Danish biotechnology company **Bavarian Nordic**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

- The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has slashed India's growth forecast for 2022-23 (FY23) by 80 basis points to **7.4 per cent from 8.2%**, citing less favourable external conditions and rapid policy tightening by the central bank. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Dr. Jitendra Singh**, India's Minister of State for Science and Technology, said in front of the parliament that the launch of foreign satellites by the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** brought in \$279 million in foreign currency. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Important Days News

- World Drowning Prevention Day** is observed every year on July 25 and was established by the **UN General Assembly Resolution** "Global drowning prevention" from April 2021. This international advocacy event provides a platform to draw attention to the devastating and deep effects drowning has on families and communities while also outlining life-saving strategies to stop it. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem** is observed every year on **July 26**. The day is observed to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as "a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem" and to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation and uses. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- World Hepatitis Day** is observed each year on **28 July** to raise awareness of viral hepatitis, which causes inflammation of the liver that leads to severe disease and liver cancer. The theme for world hepatitis day 2022 is '**Bringing hepatitis care closer to you.**' The main theme is to focus on raising awareness of the need to make hepatitis care more accessible. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- International Tiger Day** is observed globally on **29th July** every year. The day is celebrated to raise awareness among individuals, organisations, and governments about the importance of the conservation of tigers. This year's theme for International Tiger Day 2022 is "**India launches Project Tiger to revive the tiger population**". ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- World Nature Conservation Day** is observed on **July 28** every year. The objective is to spread awareness regarding the preservation of nature and biodiversity for a healthy environment which is required for stable and prospering humankind. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

- **International Friendship Day** is celebrated annually on **July 30** and it was first proposed way back in the year **1958** by **World Friendship Crusade**, an international civil organisation. According to United Nations, the International Day of Friendship can help promote peace and social harmony among people. In **India** as well as many other countries, Friendship Day is also celebrated on the first Sunday of August. This year it falls on **August 7, 2022**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **World Day Against Trafficking** is observed annually on **30 July** to make people aware of who is being trafficked. The day aims to educate people that trafficking in persons is considered to be a crime, including the exploitation of women and children for tragic jobs of forced labour and sex. his year's theme "**Use and abuse of technology**" focuses on the role of technology as a tool that can both enable and impede human trafficking. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **World Ranger Day** is observed on **31st July** every year. The International Ranger Federation established this day to honour the contribution of Park Rangers to the preservation of nature. World Ranger Day offers a chance to support their vital work, which ranges from environmental campaigning to education. The day is also an opportunity to pay tribute to rangers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Obituaries

- Marathi writer **Anant Yashwant Khare**, better known as **Nanda Khare**, has passed away due to prolonged illness. He wrote 19 books on various topics like science, sociology, and geography with some of his most noted works being 'Antajichi Bakhar', 'Bakhar Antakalachi' and 'Udya'. He had also worked on the editorial board of 'Aajcha Sudharak' newspaper for close to eleven years and was a member of the Marathi Science Council. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Veteran Assamese litterateur and winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award, **Atulananda Goswami**, has passed away. He was 87. Goswami was known as a short story writer, a litterateur and a novelist par excellence. He was awarded the **Sahitya Academy award in 2006**, for his novel 'Seneh Jorir Ganthi' in 2006. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Former Northern Irish first minister **David Trimble**, a pro-British leader who won the **Nobel Peace Prize in 1998** for his role as a key architect in ending three decades of bloodshed in the region, has passed away at the age of 77. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Bob Rafelson**, co-creator of 'The Monkees' and Director of the film 'Five Easy Pieces' has passed away. Five Easy Pieces earned Rafelson two Oscar nominations, for best picture and screenplay in 1971. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

- Veteran Punjabi singer **Balwinder Safri** has passed away. He was 63. Punjab-born Safri, who was based in Birmingham, was part of the UK bhangra scene since 1980 and formed the Safri Boyz Band in 1990. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Padma Shri **Sushovan Banerjee** famous as Bengal's 'one rupee doctor' has passed away. Based in Bolpur, Birbhum district, Banerjee was known for treating patients for nearly 60 years at **Re 1 per visit**. In 2020, he was conferred with the **Padma Shri for his contribution in the field of medicine**. In the same year, his name found a place in the Guinness World Records for treating the maximum number of patients. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- The second edition of the **Jammu film festival** will be held here from the 3rd of September with films from **54 countries** slated to be screened over two days of the event. The first-ever international film festival here was held in September 2019 in Jammu, the winter capital of the Union Territory. The event was in the cold shelf for the last two years due to the COVID pandemic. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Anahat Singh** is the youngest player at the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. She has been playing badminton since she was 6 with her sister Amira. Later, Anahat developed an interest in Squash. She liked to play **badminton and squash** but as her affection for squash grew more, she showed remarkable success in Squash. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- A rare pure **pink diamond**, believed to be the **largest found in 300 years**, has been unearthed in **Angola**, a country in **Central Africa**. The Lulo Rose is a **type 2a diamond**, meaning it has few or no impurities. It is the fifth largest diamond recovered from the Lulo mine - a joint venture between **Australia's Lucapa Diamond Company and the Angolan government**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))



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- Vodafone Founder: Gerry Whent and Ernest Harrison
- Vodafone CEO: Ravindra Takkar (Akshaya Moondra to take charge soon)
- Director of CSIR-NIIST and Conference Chair: Ajaya ghosh
- BCCI President: Sourav Ganguly;
- BCCI secretary: Jay Shah;
- BCCI Headquarters: Mumbai;
- BCCI Founded: December 1928.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan;
- Governor of Madhya Pradesh: Mangubhai C. Patel.
- Canara Bank Headquarters: Bengaluru;
- Canara Bank CEO: Lingam Venkat Prabhakar;
- Canara Bank Founder: Ammembal Subba Rao Pai;
- Canara Bank Founded: 1 July 1906.
- Defence Minister of India: Rajnath Singh
- Chief of Army Staff: General Manoj Pande
- MD and CEO of Paytm: Vijay Shekhar Sharma;
- Paytm Founded: August 2010;
- Paytm Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- Union Minister for Information, Broadcasting, Sports, and Youth Affairs: Anurag Thakur
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- CEC LAHDC Kargil: Feroz Ahmad Khan
- Secretary of Tourism for UT Ladakh: Shri K.Mehboob Ali Khan
- Bangladesh's Capital: Dhaka
- Bangladesh's Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina Wazed
- President and CEO of US-India Strategic Partnership Forum: Mukesh Aghi
- Wipro Founder: H. Hasham Premji
- Wipro CEO: Thierry Delaporte
- Wipro Chairman: Azim Premji
- Nokia Founder: Fredrik Idestam, Eduard Polón and Leo Mechelin
- Nokia Chairman: Sari Baldauf
- Nokia Headquarter: Espoo, Finland
- RBI Governor: Shaktikanta Das
- Piramal Enterprises Founder: Ajay Piramal
- Piramal Enterprises CEO: Peter DeYoung
- Mastercard Founded: 16 December 1966, United States;
- Mastercard Headquarters: New York, United States;
- Mastercard CEO: Michael Miebach;
- Mastercard Executive Chairman: Ajay Banga.
- Roscosmos Chief: Yury Borisov
- Russia President: Vladimir Putin
- Ukraine President: Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- Kerala Chief Minister: Pinarayi Vijayan
- Kerala Literacy Rate 2022: 96.2 %
- Kerala Capital: Thiruvananthapuram
- HDFC Bank Ltd MD & CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan;
- HDFC Bank Ltd Establishment: 1994;
- HDFC Bank Ltd Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- HDFC Bank Ltd Tagline: We Understand Your World.
- IMF Formation: 27 December 1945;
- IMF Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States;
- IMF Member Countries: 190;
- IMF MD: Kristalina Georgieva.
- World Wildlife Fund Headquarters: Gland, Switzerland;
- World Wildlife Fund Founded: 29 April 1961;
- World Wildlife Fund Director: Marco Lambertini (Director General);
- World Wildlife Fund Founders: Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.
- Bandhan Bank MD and CEO: C S Ghosh
- RBI Governor: Shaktikanta Das
- Capital of Bihar: Patna
- ISRO Chairman: Dr. K Sivan
- Minister of State for Science and Technology: Dr. Jitendra Singh
- ISRO's foundation Date: 15th August, 1969
- ISRO's Founder: Dr. Vikram Sarabhai
- Kerala Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan;
- Kerala Capital: Thiruvananthapuram;
- Kerala Chief Minister: Pinarayi Vijayan.
- Tamil Nadu Capital: Chennai;
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister: MK Stalin;
- Tamil Nadu Governor: RN Ravi.
- Chief Minister of Chattisgarh: Bhupesh Baghel
- Chairperson of the state women's commission: Dr. Kiranmayi Nayak



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