

March 2022-3rd Week

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National News

- ✂ West Bengal celebrated 'Dol Utsav' or 'Dol Jatra'
- ✂ Visakhapatnam Railway Station became the first station in East Coast to implement 'One Nation, One Product'
- ✂ Telangana became 1st state in India to implement Crop Diversification Index
- ✂ Cochin Shipyard signed an agreement with Dredging Corporation of India to build India's first make in India dredger
- ✂ NCRTC unveiled the coaches of India's first rapid rail to be used in the Delhi-Meerut corridor
- ✂ Pramod Sawant took charge as Goa Chief Minister for the 2nd term
- ✂ Kerala became 1st state to introduce carbon-neutral farming methods
- ✂ Pushkar Singh Dhami took oath as Chief Minister of Uttarakhand for 2nd term
- ✂ Union Health Minister launched BRICS Vaccine R&D Centre
- ✂ India's merchandise exports touched \$400 Billion for the first time in a financial year in FY22
- ✂ Nirmala Sitharaman presented a Rs 1.42 Lakh crore Budget for FY 2022-23 for J&K in Lok Sabha

- ✂ **Welspun One Logistics Parks** signed **MoU** with **Haryana Govt** to invest **1500 crores** to set up **warehouses**
- ✂ **MV Ram Prasad Bismil** became **longest vessel** to sail from **Ganga** to **Brahmaputra** via **Bangladesh**
- ✂ **36th International Geological Congress** will be held in **New Delhi** from **20th to 22nd March 2022**
- ✂ **Karnataka** developed **Dishaank app** to ensure **easy access to land records**
- ✂ **Indian Railways** prepared **National Rail Plan (NRP)** for **India– 2030**
- ✂ **35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela** inaugurated in **Haryana**
- ✂ **N Biren Singh** took **oath** as **Manipur CM** for the **second term**
- ✂ **Nagaland** became **first paperless assembly** by implementing **e-Vidhan application**
- ✂ **Tamil Nadu's** handmade **Narasingapettai Nagaswaram** got **geographical identification tag**
- ✂ **Jal Shakti Minister** launched **Sujalam 2.0** campaign for **greywater management** in **New Delhi**

International News

- ✂ **Prasar Bharati** signed **MoU** with **Australia's public service broadcaster** to **boost co-operation**
- ✂ **Second India-Australia Virtual Summit** held
- ✂ **Serdar Berdymukhamedov** elected as **President** of **Turkmenistan**
- ✂ **Knight Frank's Global House Price Index Q4 2021**: **India** ranked **51st**; **Turkey** topped
- ✂ **Deloitte's Global Powers of Retailing 2022**: **Reliance Retail** ranked **56th**; **Walmart Inc** topped
- ✂ **2022 M3M Hurun Global Rich List**: **Mukesh Ambani** emerged as **Richest Indian & Asian**; **Elon Musk** topped globally
- ✂ **Mahatma Gandhi Green Triangle** inaugurated in **Antananarivo, Madagascar**
- ✂ **World Happiness Report 2022**: **India** ranked **136th**; **Finland** topped
- ✂ **IQAir's 2021 World Air Quality Report**: **New Delhi** is **world's most polluted capital city**

Banking and Financial

- ✂ **RBI** unveiled **harmonised framework** for **microfinance lenders**
- ✂ **NPCI** will launch **On-Device Wallet 'UPI Lite'** for **small value transactions** in **offline mode**
- ✂ **SBI** will provide **USD 1 billion Line of Credit** to **Sri Lanka** to **recover from economic crisis**
- ✂ **Moody's** projected **India's GDP** forecast at **9.1%** for **CY22**
- ✂ **BPCL** first to offer **digital payment** to **non-internet users** for **voice-based LPG Booking**
- ✂ **Kotak Mahindra Bank** became **first Indian bank** to sign **MoU** with **Business France**
- ✂ **Govt** extended **timeline to 10 years** for **startups** to **convert debt investments into equity**

- ✘ **ICICI Bank** launched **co-branded credit cards** with **Emirates Skywards**
- ✘ **SBI Card** partnered with **Nature's Basket** to launch the **International Gourmet Card**
- ✘ **ICICI Bank** partnered with **IPL team Chennai Super Kings** for **co-branded credit card**
- ✘ **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** projected **India's GDP** growth at **8.1%** for **FY23**
- ✘ **CPI-based Retail inflation** rose to **6.07%** in **February**, above **RBI's upper limit** for 2nd straight month
- ✘ **Wholesale price index-based inflation** rose to **13.11%** in **February**
- ✘ **IIT Madras** signed **MoU** with **RBI Innovation Hub** to **boost fintech startups**
- ✘ **SBI** will set up **Innovation, Incubation, and Acceleration Centre** at **Hyderabad**
- ✘ **Torrent Power** inked a **pact** to **acquire 51% stake** in **power distribution utility** of **Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu**
- ✘ **Max Life Insurance** launched **Smart Guaranteed Pension Plan**
- ✘ **Mahila Money, Visa, and Transcorp** launched **Prepaid Card** for **Women Entrepreneurs**
- ✘ **HDFC Bank** will launch **"SmartHub Vyapar programme" & 'AutoFirst' app**
- ✘ **RBI** canceled **license** of **People's Co-operative Bank Ltd Kanpur, UP**
- ✘ **PhonePe** acquired a **100% stake** in **freelance entrepreneur network GigIndia**
- ✘ **Fitch Ratings** projected **India's FY23** growth forecast at **8.5%**
- ✘ **SBI, HDFC, Kotak Mahindra, and Axis Bank** picked up **7.84% stake** each in **ONDC** for **Rs 10 crore**
- ✘ **DBS Bank India** launched **Green Deposits programme**

Appointment and Resignation

- ✘ **Prashant Jhaveri** appointed as **CEO** of **Flipkart Health+**
- ✘ **RBL Bank's interim CEO & MD Rajeev Ahuja** got **extension** for **3 months** by **RBI**
- ✘ **UN** appointed **Jayati Ghosh** to **high-level advisory board** on **multilateralism**
- ✘ **Rajesh Gopinathan** re-appointed as **MD** and **CEO** of **TCS**
- ✘ **Jay Shah** re-appointed as the **President** of **Asian Cricket Council** for **1 year**
- ✘ **Ramesh Murthy** appointed as **Chief Financial Officer** of **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank**
- ✘ **Frank Torres** appointed as **President** of **Nissan India**
- ✘ **Suchitra K Ella** appointed **chairperson** of **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Southern Region** for **2022-23**

- ✂ Banks Board Bureau recommended names for chiefs of UBI, Punjab and Sind Bank, IOB & SBI; MD & CEO of UBI: A Manimekhalai; MD & CEO of IOB: Ajay Kumar Srivastava; MD & CEO of Punjab and Sind Bank: Swaroop Kumar Saha; MD at SBI: Alok Kumar Choudhary
- ✂ Shankar Prasad Sharma appointed as new Nepal envoy to India

Awards

- ✂ Neeraj Chopra, Mirabai Chanu won 'Sportstar of the Year' award at 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards
- ✂ Diebedo Francis Kere became first African to win 2022 Pritzker Architecture Prize
- ✂ Devendra Jhajharia became 1st para-athlete to receive Padma Bhushan
- ✂ American mathematician Dennis P. Sullivan won Abel prize 2022
- ✂ Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw elected Fellow of Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) in Scotland
- ✂ Narayan Pradhan selected for 31st GD Birla Award for Scientific Research
- ✂ Poland's Karolina Bielawska won Miss World 2021 title
- ✂ Manjeet Mann's children's book titled 'The Crossing' shortlisted for UK's Yoto Carnegie Medal 2022
- ✂ Suresh Raina awarded 'Sports Icon' award at Maldives Sports Awards

Defence

- ✂ NATO military exercise 'Cold Response 2022' began in Norway
- ✂ Ministry of Civil Aviation & FICCI organized 'WINGS INDIA 2022' in Hyderabad
- ✂ 3rd India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise EX-DUSTLIK began in Yangiariq, Uzbekistan
- ✂ Defence Ministry approved military acquisitions worth Rs 8,357 crores
- ✂ Gen Bipin Rawat Memorial Chair of Excellence instituted at United Service Institution of India
- ✂ Flight Control System Integration complex inaugurated in Bengaluru to develop avionics for Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA)
- ✂ 9th India-Seychelles joint military exercise LAMITIYE- 2022 conducted in Seychelles
- ✂ Fifth in the series of Offshore Patrol Vessels "ICGS Saksham" commissioned in Goa
- ✂ Indian Army with Maharashtra Police conducted Joint Security Exercise "Suraksha Kavach 2"

Science

- ✂ National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC) signed MoU with IIT Kharagpur for Drone-Based Mineral Exploration
- ✂ OneWeb signed an agreement with SpaceX to resume its LEO Satellite launches

✍ Nitin Gadkari launched India's 1st Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell EV 'Toyota Mirai'

Sports

✍ BNP Paribas Open 2022; Iga Świątek & Taylor Fritz won women's & men's singles title

✍ All England Open Badminton World Championships 2022: Viktor Axelsen & Yamaguchi Akane won men's & women's singles title

✍ World no. 1 Ashleigh Barty announced retirement from professional tennis
Pankaj Advani won Asian Billiards Championship for the 8th time

✍ Ferrari's Charles Leclerc won 2022 F1 Bahrain Grand Prix

Book and Author

✍ Autobiography of former cricketer G.R. Viswanath titled "Wrist Assured: An Autobiography", co-authored by R Kaushik

✍ A new book titled "Unfilled Barrels: India's oil story" authored by Richa Mishra

✍ A Children's Book 'The Little Book of Joy' authored by Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu

✍ Biography of Rahul Bajaj's titled "Rahul Bajaj: An Extraordinary Life" authored by Gita Piramal

✍ A new book titled "More than Just Surgery: Life Lessons Beyond the OT" authored by Dr Tehemton Erach Udwadia

Important day

✍ 15 March: International Day to Combat Islamophobia

✍ 18 March: Ordnance Factory Day

✍ 18 March: World Sleep Day (Theme 2022: 'Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World')

✍ 18 March: Global Recycling Day (Theme 2022: "recycling fraternity")

✍ 20 March: World Oral Health Day (Theme 2021-2023: "Be proud of your mouth".)

✍ 20 March: International Day of Happiness (Theme 2022: "Build Back Happier".)

✍ 20 March: World Sparrow Day (Theme 2022: "LOVE Sparrows.")

✍ 21 March: World Down Syndrome Day (Theme 2022: '#InclusionMeans'.)

✍ 21 March: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Theme 2022: "VOICES FOR ACTION AGAINST RACISM".)

✍ 21 March: World Poetry Day

✍ 21 March: International Day of Forests or World Forestry Day (Theme 2022: "Forests and sustainable production and consumption.")

- ✂ **20 March: UN's French Language Day**
- ✂ **21 March: World Puppetry Day** (Theme: 'Azadi ke Rang, Putul Ke Sang'.)
- ✂ **22 March: World Water Day** (Theme 2022: "Groundwater, Making the Invisible Visible".)
- ✂ **22 March: Bihar Diwas** (Theme 2022: 'Jal, Jeevan, Hariyali'.)
- ✂ **23 March: World Meteorological Day** (Theme 2022: Early Warning and Early Action.)
- ✂ **23 March: Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day**
- ✂ **24 March: World Tuberculosis Day** (Theme 2022: 'Invest to End TB. Save Lives.')
- ✂ **24 March: International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims**

Obituary

- ✂ **Bangladesh's former president Shahabuddin Ahmed** passed away
- ✂ **Former Prime Minister of Mali Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga** passed away
- ✂ **Former Andhra Pradesh Governor Kumudben Joshi** passed away
- ✂ **American Astrophysicist Eugene Parker** passed away