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Dada Saheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022:

- Film of the Year Award: Pushpa: The Rise
- Best Film Award: Shershaah
- Best Actor Award: Ranveer Singh for film 83
- Best Actress Award: Kriti Sanon for film Mimi

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Winter Olympics Games 2022:-

- Hosted by China
- Norway has topped the medal table for the second successive Winter Olympics, winning a total of 37 medals, including 16 golds
- India got no awards.
- The Indian team at the game was represented by one male alpine skier, Arif Khan.

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The tableau of Uttar Pradesh has been picked as the best tableau among the 12 States/UTs which participated in the Republic Day parade on January 26, 2022. The theme of the tableau of Uttar Pradesh was **'One District One Product'**

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated to the nation 216-foot tall 'Statue of Equality in Hyderabad to commemorate the 11th-century Bhakti saint Ramanujacharya (1000th birthday)

He believed in Sagun Sakar bhakti and propounded Vishishtadvaita / Qualified dualism.

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Indian National Women's Day is observed every year on 13 February to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu.

She was famous for her nickname 'Nightingale of India'

Sarojini Naidu was one of the forefront leaders who led the Civil Disobedience Movement and the Quit India Movement.

When she graces the United Provinces as Governor in 1947, she rewrites the history by becoming the first woman to hold the office of Governor in the Dominion of India.

She established the **Women's India Association** in 1917

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International Intellectual Property Index 2022 released by the Global Innovation Policy Centre of the **U.S. Chamber of Commerce**. India ranks 43rd.

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GDP Projection in the Budget is based on advance estimates of the 'National Statistical Office' (NSO) under MoSPI

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In Honduras, the Freedom and Refoundation Party (Libre) member Xiomara Castro has been sworn in as the first female President of the country

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North Korea successfully tested its Hwasong-12 intermediate-range ballistic missile from the Jagang Province area. This was the first nuclear-capable missile testing undertaken by the country since 2017. The Hwasong-12 has an estimated range of 4,500 km (2,800 miles)

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India has agreed to provide a grant to Sri Lanka to implement a 'Unitary Digital Identity framework', apparently modelled on the Aadhaar card.

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Israel becomes the first-ever country to allow drone flights in civilian airspace.

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Nepal will be the first country to adopt India's UPI system

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Israel successfully tested a new naval air defence system "C-Dome," to be used on the Israeli Navy's Sa'ar 6-class corvettes

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Canada became the first country in the world that has authorized the use of a plant-based COVID-19 vaccine

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New Development Bank (NDB) of BRICS will become the first multilateral agency to open an office in the Gujarat International Finance Tech City (GIFT).

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The United States was India's top trading partner in the calendar year 2021 with a trade of \$112.3 billion. The US is followed by China on second. The value of trade between India and China was \$110.4 billion.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (**ICRISAT**) in **Patancheru, Hyderabad**.

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India has become the first country in the world to administer a DNA vaccine against COVID-19. The ZyCoV-D which is the World's first plasmid DNA vaccine has been produced by Ahmedabad-based vaccine manufacturer Zydus Cadila and it was administered for the first time in Patna.

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Indian Railway Protection Force has launched a nationwide operation to curb human trafficking. As part of "Operation AAHT", special teams will be deployed on all long-

distance trains/routes with a focus on rescuing victims, particularly women and children, from the clutches of traffickers

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India's first commercial-scale biomass-based hydrogen plant will come up at the Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh. Every day this plant will produce one tonne of hydrogen, from 30 tonnes of biomass feedstock.

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The government of India has banned 54 apps of Chinese origin citing security concerns.

Under Section 69A of the Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000 provides government power to issue directions for blocking public access of any information through any computer resource. This section allows the government to block websites.

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The Government of India, the State Governments of Karnataka and Odisha and the World Bank have signed a \$115 million (INR 869 crore) Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) Programme

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The government of India will be promoting the 'Heal by India' initiative to improve India's educational institutions in the health sector. 'Heal by India' initiative is meant to generate job opportunities abroad for India's trained professionals in the health sector and enhance education to churn out quality human resources in health, thus helping them become eligible to work anywhere in the world

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 'Kisan Drone Yatra', an initiative by **Garuda Aerospace Pvt** Ltd and flagged off 100 'Kisan Drones' in various cities and towns across India to spray pesticides in farms across the states of India

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Jal Jeevan Mission has achieved the significant milestone of providing tap water to every home of 100 districts across the country. Chamba, in Himachal Pradesh, has become the 100th 'Har Ghar Jal' district, the fifth aspirational district to be covered under the initiative

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The government of India has launched an evacuation mission named Operation Ganga to evacuate Indian nationals from Ukraine due to the Russia-Ukraine tension

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Under the administration of Ministry of Human Resource Development, the Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat scheme has been introduced to encourage the people of India to learn about the culture of different states and Union Territories and promote a stronger and united India

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The first geological park of India will be built in Lamheta, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh.

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Torgya Festival of the **Monpa** tribal community of **Arunachal Pradesh** is celebrated at **Tawang Monastery, Arunachal Pradesh**.

The main attraction of the festival is the '**Sha-na Cham**', the **ritual dance** performed by **monks** to showcase the Choe-Gyal Yap & Yum Tsa-Munde deity.

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The renowned Jaisalmer Desert Festival, also known as **Maru Mahotsav of the Golden City** started from 13 to 16 February 2022 at **Pokaran village in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan**

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Kerala's first Caravan park is all set to come up in **Vagamon**, a scenic hill station located in the Idukki district. The park, as part of the state governments new Caravan Tourism policy, would be thrown open to travellers.

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Himachal Pradesh gets the **first biodiversity park** to make its contribution towards the conservation of endangered Himalayan herbs. This park is set to come up at **Mandi's Bhulah valley**

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Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched India's first Night Navigation mobile application for ferry services on the Brahmaputra River in Guwahati, Assam.

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Nagaland hosted the **South Asian Athletic Federation (SAAF) cross country championship** and 56th National Cross-Country athletics championships in Kohima

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The 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (**PMKSY**)' has been extended till March 2026 with an allocation of Rs 4,600 crore. The scheme is administered by the **Ministry of Food Processing Industries**. The scheme aims for the overall growth and development of the food processing sector.

In May 2017, the Central Government had launched **SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters)** with an allocation of Rs 6,000 crore. The scheme was renamed as PMKSY in August 2017

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a new initiative, the development and upgradation of 14500 schools across the country under the **Pradhan Mantri Schools For Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana**. PM-SHRI schools will become model schools which will encapsulate the full spirit of the National Education Policy. The centrally sponsored scheme will be implemented by strengthening existing schools selected from amongst those managed by the Central government, states, Union Territories and local bodies

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The Union **Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment**, Dr Virendra Kumar has launched the Central Sector scheme titled "**SMILE**". SMILE stands for Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise. The new umbrella scheme aims to provide **welfare measures to the Transgender community and the people engaged in the act of begging**.

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Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr Virendra Kumar has launched a central sector scheme named the **Scheme for Economic Empowerment for DNTs, (SEED)** DNT=Denotified tribes.

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social media giant Meta has partnered with industry body the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) to support five lakh women-led small

businesses across India. Meta will undertake this initiative under its **#SheMeansBusiness** programme, in partnership with FICCI's 'Empowering the Greater 50%' initiative.

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Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) have announced a new partnership under the Sustainable Access to Markets and Resources for Innovative Delivery of Healthcare (SAMRIDH) initiative.

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Retired Vice Admiral, G Ashok Kumar has been appointed as India's first national maritime security coordinator by the government

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The unemployment rate in India in January 2022 fell sharply to 6.57%, according to the data from the economic think-tank, the **Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)**. **CMIE is not a govt entity.**

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Salesforce, a leading player in Customer Relationship Management (CRM), published the **Global Digital Skills Index 2022** which highlights the growing global digital skills crisis and the need for action.

India has scored 63 out of 100, leads the digital skills readiness, and has the highest readiness index among the 19 countries. The average global readiness score was 33 out of 100

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As per the **TomTom Traffic Index Ranking 2021**, Mumbai has been ranked at 5th, Bengaluru at 10th in terms of the most congested cities in the world in 2021

Istanbul, Turkey has been declared as the most congested city in the world.

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The Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) 2021/2022 report, unveiled at the Dubai Expo, India is among the top five easiest places to start a new business

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The US Green Building Council (USGBC) has released the 9th annual ranking of top 10 countries outside of the United States (US) for **Leadership in Energy and**

Environmental Design (LEED) in 2021 in which **India ranked 3rd**. It has been topped by China followed by Canada

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India's teen chess Grandmaster, Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa has created history as he defeated world number one chess champion, Magnus Carlsen, of Norway in an online chess tournament.

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Indian weightlifter and 2020 Tokyo Olympics silver-medallist, Mirabai Chanu has won the gold medal in the 55kg weight category at the Singapore Weightlifting International 2022

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India will hold the Presidency of the G20 from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023 and the G20 Summit will be held in India in 2023 (18th edition).

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The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) is organising a "Darkathon-2022" to find solutions to counter drug trafficking through the darknet.

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The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has delivered the inaugural address at **The Energy and Resources Institute's (TERI) World Sustainable Development Summit**. The theme for this year's summit is Towards a Resilient Planet: Ensuring a Sustainable and Equitable Future. TERI is a non govt entity.

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World Wetlands Day is observed every year on **February 2** all over the world. The international theme for World Wetlands Day 2022 is '**Wetlands Action for People and Nature**'.

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The third edition of the joint military exercise "EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022" between India and Japan held.

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The **Global Center of Excellence in Affordable and Clean energy** was recently launched at IIT Dharwad. The center will enhance the research in affordable and clean energy

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The Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru, has installed and commissioned Param Pravega, one of the most powerful supercomputers in India. It is also the largest supercomputer in an Indian academic institution.

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A Trilogy book series titled, 'India, That is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution' is authored by J Sai Deepak

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A book titled 'How to Prevent the Next Pandemic' has authored by Bill Gates

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Spitik Gustor Festival, a two-day annual celebration of Ladakhi culture held in Ladakh.

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Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary near Jamnagar in Gujarat (Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary, Thol Wildlife Sanctuary and Wadhvana wetland are the other Ramsar sites in the state) and **Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh** have been listed as Wetlands of International Importance by the Ramsar Convention.

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The **Aravalli Biodiversity Park in Gurugram**, Haryana, has been declared as **India's first "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECM)** site.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (**IUCN**) gives **OECM tag to those areas that are not protected but support rich biodiversity**. The tag designates the area as a biodiversity hotspot on the international map.

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Atal Tunnel has been officially certified as 'World's Longest Highway Tunnel above 10,000 Feet' by the World Book of Records. Atal tunnel is a Highway tunnel built under Rohtang Pass in eastern Pir Panjal Himalayan range on Leh-Manali Highway

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Dabur India has become the first Indian consumer goods company to become completely plastic waste neutral.

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The Delhi Cabinet has approved setting up India's first of its kind electronic-waste eco-park in Delhi.

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Professor **R Rajamohan**, who was an astronomer at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, for decades, passed away. He is best known for his **Kalki Project**, which aimed to **discover asteroids** using the 48-cm Schmidt telescope and discovered a new asteroid, number 4130, from India. This was the first asteroid discovered in India in 104 years.

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Organisation	HQ
Asian Development Bank	Mandaluyong, Philippines
International Olympic Committee	Lausanne, Switzerland
Food and Agriculture Organization	Rome, Italy
World Health Organization	Geneva, Switzerland
World Bank	Washington, D.C., United States
New Development Bank	Shanghai, China
SCO - Shanghai Cooperation Organisation	Beijing, China
<i>*India will host SCO summit in 2023</i>	
SCO – RATS (Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure)	Tashkent, Uzbekistan

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Exercise	Country
Sampriti	India & Bangladesh
Mitra Shakti	India & Sri Lanka
Vajra Prahar Yudh Abhyas	India & US
Nomadic Elephant	India & Mongolia
Garuda Shakti	India & Indonesia
Surya Kiran	India & Nepal
Hand in Hand Exercise	India & China

SIMBEX	India & Singapore
CORPAT	India & Thailand

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Operation Launched by India	Purpose
Operation Ganga	to evacuate Indian nationals from Ukraine due to the Russia-Ukraine tension in 2022
Operation Devi Shakti	for evacuation of Indian nationals, embassy staff and eligible Afghans during Taliban takeover
Vande Bharat Mission	evacuation program launched in May 2020 in wake of Covid-19 pandemic
Operation Sankat Mochan	for evacuation of Indian citizens from South Sudan in 2016
Operation Raahat	to evacuate Indian citizens and foreign nationals from Yemen in 2015