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Govt approves implementation of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission with a budget of Rs.1,600 crore

Union Cabinet has approved the pan-India implementation of **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)** with a **budget of Rs.1,600 crore** for five years.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) was launched by PM Modi in September 2021.

Under this scheme citizen will have **14 digit ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) numbers**, to which their digital health records can be linked.

Union Minister Narayan Rane inaugurates MSME Conclave and Rs 200 crore MSME Technology Centre in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg

The Union Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) is setting up an **MSME-Technology Centre in Sindhudurg, Maharashtra**, with an outlay of **Rs. 200 Crore**.

This was announced by **MSME Minister Shri Narayan Rane** during the two-day MSME Conclave organized by the Ministry of MSME in Sindhudurg on 25 and 26 February 2022.

The Conclave aims to promote entrepreneurship and trade opportunities for MSMEs in the Konkan region and also to make Sindhudurg region – the top most in industrial sector.

The MSME-Technology Centre will provide the best of technology, incubation as well as advisory support to the MSME industry to enhance their competitiveness, skilling services and their employability.

IAF pulls out of multilateral air Exercise 'Cobra Warrior 22' in UK

The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has decided not to send its aircrafts in the multilateral air exercise 'Cobra Warrior-22' in United Kingdom, due to the deepening crisis in **Ukraine**, arising out of the Russian military attack in that country.

The exercise is scheduled to take place from March 6 to 27, 2022, at Waddington in the United Kingdom.

The announcement by the IAF comes just three days after it confirmed its participation in the drills.

Polio National Immunization Day 2022 to be observed on 27th February

In 2022, the Government of India has organised the **Polio National Immunization Day 2022 (NID)** (also known as 'Polio Ravivar') on **February 27, 2022**, to give two drops of oral polio vaccine (OPV) to every child in the country under the age of five..

Over 15 crore children will be covered under the drive across all 36 States and UTs in 735 districts.

The National Polio Immunization Drive for 2022 was launched by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandavia on February 26, 2022.

NSE, BSE starts T+1 Stock Settlement From February 25, 2022

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From February 25, 2022, **India** has become the second country after China to **implement T+1 stock settlement mechanism** in a phased manner. The system will be starting with select stocks and then gradually adding others to the fold. Instruction regarding this was issued by SEBI on January 01, 2022. **Before this**, the settlement period of stocks in India was **T+2**, i.e. two days after the actual buy/selling of stock.

T means the trade/transaction day i.e. the day on which stock is brought/sold. and here T+1 means that the actual stock settlement will happen on next day i.e +1 day. Ex: You buy a stock on Monday, you will get it in your Demat account Tuesday.

NDB first multilateral agency to open office in Gift City

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

New Development Bank (NDB) has received the approval for the same and will open the office in May 2022 in GIFT City.

NDB was **set up by the BRICS countries** (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa). **Headquarters- Shanghai, China.**

e-invoice mandatory for firms with turnover of ₹20 Cr or more from April 01, 2022

Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Custom (CBIC) has lowered the **threshold for mandatory issuance of e- invoice (electronic invoice)** under Goods & Services Tax (GST) to **Rs. 20 crore** from the earlier prescribed limit of Rs. 50 crore.

This will come into effect from April 01, 2022.

This means that business with turnover of more than Rs 20 crore will have to issue e-invoice through their internal systems or billing software and then report them online to the invoice registration portal. This is required to avail of input tax credit (ITC).

Standard Chartered tie-up with IATA to roll out IATA Pay for airline industry in India

UK-based **Standard Chartered** has partnered with the **International Air Transport Association (IATA)** to launch a **payment platform ‘ IATA Pay’ for airline industry in India.**

The rollout of IATA Pay will enable participating airlines to offer instant payment options such as UPI Scan and Pay and UPI Collect (Request to Pay).

The service leverages the Unified Payment Interface (UPI), enabling consumers to instantly pay for airline tickets from their bank accounts.

IATA Pay in India is powered by Standard Chartered’s payment platform ‘Straight2Bank Pay’.

India observes Third Protein Day on February 27, 2022

In India, **February 27th** is celebrated as the **National Protein Day**, to create awareness about protein deficiency and encourage people to include of this macronutrient in their diet.

Theme for 2022: **‘Food Futurism’** .

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The day was launched on February 27, 2020, by the ‘Right to Protein’, a national-level public health awareness initiative to educate people about the importance of adequate protein consumption for better nutrition, health, and wellbeing. Protein Day is celebrating its third year in 2022.



World NGO Day: 27 February

The **World NGO Day** is celebrated on **February 27 every year**.

It is an international day dedicated to recognize, celebrate and honour all non-governmental and nonprofit organizations, and the people behind them that contribute to the society all year around.

It was marked for the first time by UN, EU, Nordic Council leaders and international organizations in 2014.

Hemananda Biswal, former CM of Odisha passes away at age 82

Politician and former Chief Minister of Odisha, **Hemananda Biswal** passed away in Bhubaneswar at the age of 82 years. He was undergoing treatment for pneumonia. He had served as the Chief Minister of Odisha **twice**. **He was the first tribal chief minister of Odisha.**

PM-KISAN completes three years of implementation; Rs 1.82 lakh crore transferred in farmers accounts through DBT

The **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme** celebrated its **third anniversary on February 24, 2022**.

The central sector scheme was launched on February 24, 2019 to provide income support to all landholding farmers and their families.

As on February 22, 2022, the scheme has provided benefits to about 11.78 Crore farmers and funds amounting to **Rs 1.82 lakh crore** in various installments have been released to the eligible beneficiaries.

Out of this, Rs. 1.29 lakh crore has been released during the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic period.

Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy inaugurates Conference on Indian temple architecture ‘Devayatanam’ at Hampi

Union Minister of Culture, G Kishan Reddy, inaugurated **Devayatanam, a one-of-a-kind odyssey (conference) of temple architecture of India, at Hampi, Karnataka, on February 25, 2022**.

The Devayatanam is a two-day international conference organized by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) of the Ministry of Culture, on February 25-26, 2022.

The main aim of the conference is to highlight the architectures of Indian temples.

Indian Navy’s multilateral exercise Milan-2022 begins in Visakhapatnam

Indian Navy’s **multilateral exercise MILAN 2022** kicked off on February 25, 2022 in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**. The theme of the MILAN 2022 exercise is **‘Camaraderie – Cohesion – Collaboration’**

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MILAN 22 will be conducted in two phases over a duration of 9 days. These include:

Harbour phase – from 25 to 28 February

Sea Phase – from 01 to 04 March

More than 40 countries are participating in the exercise, which is larger in ‘scope and complexity’ than all previous editions.

Third India-Japan joint exercise ‘EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022’ to be held at Belagavi from Feb 27

The third edition of the joint military exercise “EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022” between India and Japan will be conducted from 27 February to 10 March 2022, at Belagavi (Belgaum), Karnataka.

The 15th Battalion the Maratha Light Infantry Regiment of the Indian Army and 30th Infantry Regiment of Japanese Ground Self Defence Forces (JGSDF) are participating in this 12 days long joint exercise.

The exercise aims at enhancing the inter-operability and foster mutual understanding between the two Armies.

Brickworks Ratings lowers India’s GDP to 8.3% in FY22

Brickworks Ratings has revised downwards India’s GDP growth forecast to 8.3 percent in the current fiscal 2021-22 (FY22).

Earlier in January 2022, the rating agency had estimated this between 8.5-9 percent.

Union Bank launches ‘Union MSME RuPay Credit Card’

The Union Bank of India has launched ‘Union MSME RuPay Credit Card’ in association with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

It is a first of its kind initiative in the industry, to provide simplified and digital delivery of Finance to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), to meet their business-related operational expenses.

The dedicated card for MSMEs will be available to eligible borrowers of Union Bank of India.

India ranks 43 in 2022 International IP Index: Top- USA

India has been ranked at 43rd place in the 2022 International Intellectual property (IP) Index released by the Global Innovation Policy Center of U.S. Chamber of Commerce. US has topped the ranking in which 55 countries have been ranked.

The top five countries in the ranking are:

Rank 1- United States

Rank 2- United Kingdom

Rank 3- Germany

Rank 4- Sweden

Rank 5- France

Bharti Airtel to acquire 4.7% stake of Vodafone in Indus Towers

Telecom operator Bharti Airtel Ltd has entered into an agreement with Vodafone Group Plc to buy 4.7% equity interest in Indus Towers Ltd., India’s largest mobile tower installation company.

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The partnership is in line with Vodafone's plan to sell its entire **28.1% stake in Indus Towers.**

The principal condition of this deal is that the proceeds of the deal shall be inducted by Vodafone as fresh equity in Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL) and simultaneously remitted to Indus Towers to clear VIL's outstanding dues.
The deal value has not been disclosed by Airtel.

Dish TV ropes in Rishabh Pant as brand ambassador

Dish TV India Limited has roped in cricketer **Rishabh Pant** as the **brand ambassador** for its **direct-to-home (DTH) brand D2H.**

Pant will feature in 360-degree brand communication for D2H for the next **two years.**

Mirabai Chanu wins gold at Singapore Weightlifting International to qualify for Commonwealth Games

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 on February 25, 2022.

Chanu lifted 191kg (86kg+105kg) to stand on top of the podium.

With this win, the 27-year-old Chanu has qualified for the **2022 Commonwealth Games (CWG)** in Birmingham in the 55kg weight category.

She has also qualified for the CWG in the 49kg weight category on the basis of her Commonwealth rankings.