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Indian Coast Guard celebrates its 46th Raising Day on 01 February 2022

The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** is celebrating its **46th Raising Day on 01 February 2022**. The ICG was formally established on **February 1, 1977**, under the *Coast Guard Act, 1978* of the Parliament of India. ICG operates under the **Ministry of Defence**. India has the fourth-largest Coast Guard in the World.

Centre nominates Hoysala Temples in Karnataka for World Heritage List in 2022-2023

The Ministry of Culture has nominated the '**Sacred Ensembles of Hoysala**' located in **Karnataka for UNESCO's World Heritage List for 2022-2023**. The '**Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysala**' are on UNESCO's **Tentative list since April 15, 2014**. The Hoysala Temples was formally submitted for the nomination by the Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO Vishal V Sharma on January 31, 2022.

The **Hoysalas temples** nominated are represented by

- **Chennakesava Temple at Belur (dedicated to Lord Vishnu)**
- **Hoysaleswara Temple at Halebidu (dedicated to Lord Shiva)**
- **Kesava Temple at Somanathapura (dedicated to Lord Vishnu)**

Global Center of Excellence in Affordable and Clean Energy (GCoE-ACE) inaugurated at IIT Dharwad

The **Global Center of Excellence in Affordable and Clean Energy (GCoE-ACE)** has been inaugurated at the **Indian Institute of Technology, Dharwad (IITDh) in Karnataka** on January 28, 2022. GCoE-ACE will help to boost research in affordable and clean energy; build capacity, and invent technology to implement renewable energy on field. The facility has been set up by **Honeywell Hometown Solutions India Foundation (HHSIF)**. HHSIF is a not-for-profit organisation under the multinational conglomerate Honeywell.

NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd. acquires 5% Equity stake in PXIL

NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd. (NVVN) has acquired **5% equity stake in Power Exchange of India Ltd (PXIL)** on January 31, 2022. NVVN has acquired these shares from NSE Investment Limited, a co-promoter shareholder of PXIL.

NVVN is a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC Ltd, formed in 2002. It is the leading power traders in India.

PXIL is India's first institutionally promoted power exchange. It is promoted by NSE Investment Ltd. & NCDEX.

SBI and Tata Power joins hand for financing solar projects

State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a dedicated **centralized processing cell named 'Surya Shakti Cell'** with the objective of strengthening the existing financing arrangement for solar power projects. SBI has collaborated with **Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd.** (a Tata Power Company) for financing solar power projects. The cell has been set-up in the **Ballard Estate in Mumbai**. The Surya Shakti Cell will process all the loan applications for Solar Projects from across India by Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd., with **maximum capacity up to 1 MW**. Loan applicants will include both business entities as well as households.

Tata Sky Rebrands itself as Tata Play

Tata Sky, the leading Direct to Home (DTH) platform, has dropped 'sky' brand name after 15 years and has rechristened itself as **Tata Play** on January 26, 2022.

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The new brand identity Tata Play aims to grow beyond offering just DTH service and offer television-cum-OTT (over-the-top) offerings in combined packages with Netflix. *Through the new identity as Tata Play, companies simply aims to signify its expanded range of products and services and their desire to be future-ready while making tomorrow better than today for homes and families.* Tata Play was founded in **2006**. It is a joint venture between the **Tata Sons (60%)** and **The Walt Disney Company (30%)**, with **Temasek Holdings, Singapore (10%)**.

HPCL launches Non-Fuel Retail Store 'HaPpyShop'

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) has marked its foray into non-fuel retailing sector by inaugurating its **Retail Store under brand name HaPpyShop**, to make available the products of daily need to its customers at their convenience. The first retail store was launched by HPCL in September, 2021 in **Mumbai** at Company's Retail Outlet located at Nepean Sea Road. Giving it a further push, the company has announced opening of two more Convenience Stores of 'HaPpyShop' on January 31, 2022. The two new stores are located at:

- **Company's Auto Care Centre, Bandra West in Mumbai,**
- **Millennium Retail Outlet in Visakhapatnam**

North Korea successfully tests most powerful Hwasong-12 intermediate-range ballistic missile

North Korea successfully tested its **Hwasong-12 intermediate-range ballistic missile** on January 30, 2022 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)**.

Magnus Carlsen wins his 8th Tata Steel Chess Tournament

In Chess, World No. 1 **Magnus Carlsen of Norway** has won the **Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2022** in Masters section. GM Magnus Carlsen scored 9.5/13 with 6 wins and 7 draws, to win the tournament for the **eighth time** in his career. In Challengers section, **Indian GM Arjun Erigaisi** won the tournament with a score of 10.5/13, with an 8 wins and 5 draws. The Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2022 was the 84th edition of the annual chess tournament, held in **Wijk aan Zee in Netherlands** from January 14 to 30, 2022.

World Wetlands Day: 02 February

The **World Wetlands Day** is observed every year on **February 2** all over the world. The day marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on February 2, 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea. World Wetlands Day was first celebrated in **1997**. 2022 marks **51 years** of the Convention on Wetlands. The international theme for World Wetlands Day 2022 is '**Wetlands Action for People and Nature**'.