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### RBI launches “BE(A)WARE” – A Booklet on Modus Operandi of Financial Frauds

**Reserve Bank of India** has launched a booklet named “BE(A)WARE” which features common modus operandi used by fraudsters and precautions to be taken while carrying out various financial transactions.

The booklet aims to enhance public awareness about various types of financial frauds perpetrated on gullible customers while carrying out digital payments and other financial transactions.

### RBI launches UPI123pay for feature phones and DigiSaathi- a 24×7 Helpline for Digital Payments

**Reserve Bank of India** has launched two initiatives related to digital payments on March 08, 2022. One is **UPI123pay**- which provides UPI payment facility on feature phones and the second is “**DigiSaathi**” which is a 24×7 Helpline for Digital Payments. UPI123pay presently offers four mediums/options to the users of feature phones to make UPI payments.

Users can access DigiSaathi via any of the following mode:

- toll-free number (1800-891-3333),
- a short code (14431),
- website – <http://www.digisaathi.info>, and chatbots.

### Nation observes 4th Jan Aushadhi Diwas on March 07, 2022

The **4th Jan Aushadhi Diwas** was organised on **March 07, 2022** to generate awareness about the usages of generic medicines and benefits of Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana. The theme of Janaushadhi Diwas 2022 is “**Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi**”. The entire week from **March 01-07** was observed as ‘**Janaushadhi Week**’ across the nation. The celebrations are organised since 2019 by the **Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)**, under the aegis of **Department of Pharmaceuticals**.

### Ministry of Culture organise PAN-India programme “Jharokha – Compendium of Indian handicraft/ handloom, art and culture”

The **Ministry of Culture** and **Ministry of Textiles** are organising a programme called “**Jharokha-Compendium of Indian handicraft/ handloom, art and culture**” to **celebrate the traditional Indian handicrafts, handlooms, and art & culture**.

**Jharokha** is a PAN India programme which will be held at 16 locations in 13 states and UTs, as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. To begin with, the first event under this celebration has been organized in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh at Rani Kamalapati Railway Station**, on March 08, 2022, which also marks International Women’s Day.

### President Ram Nath Kovind Presents ‘Nari Shakti Puraskar’ for 2020 and 2021 to 29 Women

The President of India, Shri **Ram Nath Kovind** conferred the ‘**Nari Shakti Puraskar**’ for the year **2020 and 2021**, on the occasion of International Women’s Day on March 08, 2022 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. Overall **29 women** were conferred the award for the years 2020 and 2021 in recognition of their outstanding and exceptional work towards empowerment of women, especially the vulnerable and marginalised.

There were total **28 awards** which included **14 awards each** for the Year **2020 and 2021**.

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## C-DAC Commissions “PARAM Ganga” Supercomputer at IIT Roorkee under National Supercomputing Mission

The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) has designed and commissioned a **supercomputer** named “**PARAM Ganga**”, at **IIT Roorkee** on March 07, 2022, under Phase II of National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).

PARAM Ganga has a supercomputing capacity of **1.66 Petaflops**.

### 5th UN Environment Assembly concludes in Nairobi with 14 resolutions

The **5th United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5)** was held on a hybrid format in Nairobi from 28 February to 02 March 2022. The theme for UNEA-5 was “**Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals**”. The assembly concluded with **14 resolutions** to strengthen international action for climate, nature and a pollution-free planet to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. The **biennial UNES** is hosted by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) to bring together representatives of the 193 Member States of the UN, businesses, civil society and other stakeholders to address the world’s most pressing environmental challenges.

### Iran successfully launches second military satellite Noor-2 into orbit

The **Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)** successfully launched a military satellite, **Noor-2**, into orbit at an altitude of **500 kilometres (311 miles)** from earth, on March 08, 2022. This is the **second military satellite launched by Islamic Republic**. The first military satellite, Noor, was launched in April 2020 at an orbit of 425km (265 miles) above the earth’s surface.

### Russia surpasses Iran to become world’s most sanctioned country

**Russia** has become the **most sanctioned country in the world**, due to its invasion on Ukraine, according to a **New York-based sanctions watchlist site Castellum.AI**. Russia faced **2,778 new sanctions** since February 22, 2022, led by the **US and European nations**, bringing the total sanctions to **5,530**. The country already had 2,754 sanctions in place before February 22. Before this, **Iran was the most sanctioned country**, facing **3,616 sanctions** against it over the last decade.

### India ranked ‘partly free’ for second consecutive year in Freedom of the World 2022 report

For the second consecutive year, **India** has been termed as ‘**partly free**’ country in terms of democracy and free society, according to the annual report titled “**Freedom in the World 2022 – The Global Expansion of Authoritarian Rule**” by **Freedom House**, a US-based NGO that ‘assesses political rights and civil liberties’. The report is published every year since 1973 to assess political rights and civil liberties of a country through a series of surveys and analyses. **India scored 66 out of 100 in 2022**. The country had scored 67 in 2021. India was a free country till 2020 when its score was 71.

- In 2022, 85 countries were termed as free, 56 as partly free and 69 as not free.