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## 1. China will set up a solar power plant in space in the year 2028



Recently, China proposed a plan to set up a 1 MW capacity solar power station in space to achieve sustainable electricity in 2030. However, according to the updated plan, China will launch a satellite in 2028.

This satellite will transmit wireless power from space to ground from an altitude of 400 km. It will convert solar energy into microwave or laser. The solar power plant will have a capacity of 10 kW, which is enough for some households. Its main objective is to develop space transmission technologies and to study the effect of microwave beams on living organisms on Earth.

## 2. Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022



Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has stressed on maintaining a balance point between ecology, environment and development.

Inaugurating the 'Industrial Decarbonization Conference 2022' (IDS-2022) - the road map for carbon neutrality by 2070, Shri Gadkari said that to address the power shortage, it is imperative to develop alternative fuels.

He said that the disorderly one-sided approach on these issues is not beneficial for the country. According to a release of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Shri Gadkari said that in

the coming days, we have to strengthen our economy and at the same time protect the environment.

### Green hydrogen is our priority

The Union Minister said that our priority is Green Hydrogen, by using Biotechnology we can increase the productivity of Biomass and through using Biomass we can make Bio-ethanol, Bio-LNG and Bio-CNG.

He said that the use of methanol and ethanol will reduce pollution.

Shri Gadkari said that a focused road map should be made and adequate research should be done so that we can reduce our imports and increase exports.

## 3. Neeraj Chopra to lead 37-member athletics team of India in Commonwealth Games



The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has announced India's 37-member athletics team for the Commonwealth Games. It will be led by Olympic gold medalist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra.

The 37-member squad, selected by the AFI's selection committee, has 18 women players, including star runners Hima Das and Dutee Chand. India got one gold, one silver and one bronze in the athletics event of the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Gold was won by Neeraj Chopra only.

## 4. Global Peace Index 2022: World's best scientific country, fisherman, what is the number of India



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Iceland is the most peaceful country in the world according to the Global Peace Index 2022 report. On the other hand, New Zealand and Ireland are number one after this. In this report the ranks of 163 independent countries and regions of the world have been released. In this ranking, India has now climbed 3 steps to 135th position. Last year its number was 138th.

In the Global Peace Index- 2022, India has been placed in the 'Low Category' in terms of peace. The index has been released after evaluating countries on 23 parameters including domestic and international conflict, safety and security in society, and degree of militarization.

At the same time, according to this released report, the global economy has suffered a loss of Rs 1287 lakh crore in 2021 due to violence. It accounts for 10.9% of the global economy.

## 5. Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai is the new chairperson of the Press Council of India



Justice Desai recently headed the Delimitation Commission on Jammu and Kashmir, which was set up to redraw the assembly constituencies of the Union Territory.

The committee comprising Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and PCI member Prakash Dubey approved his appointment as PCI President in a meeting held on Tuesday. Justice Desai, 72, is a former judge of the Bombay High Court.

An official notification on the appointment of Justice Desai as PCI chief will be issued soon. Sources said that other members of the media watchdog would also be appointed soon. The recommendation for the appointment of MPs in the panel is also awaited.

The post was lying vacant after Justice Chandramouli Kumar Prasad (retired) completed his term as PCI president and demitted office in November last year.

## 6. 555 Upper age limit raised to 23 years for the recruitment process under Agneepath scheme for 2022



The government has taken a big decision in view of the protests taking place in many states of the country including Bihar, UP against the 'Agneepath' scheme for recruitment in the army. The government has increased the maximum age limit for recruitment under this scheme from 21 years to 23 years.

There is a tremendous protest across the country against the 'Agneepath' scheme for recruitment in the central army. In view of the protests taking place in many states of the country including UP, Bihar, the government has taken a big decision regarding this recruitment. In a release issued by the Ministry of Defense said that the maximum age limit for recruitment under this scheme has been increased from 21 years to 23 years.

However, this relaxation has been done only for the recruitment process of this year i.e. 2022. This decision has been taken as there was no recruitment during the last two years. Earlier, a provision was made in this scheme that only youth up to the age of 21 years can participate

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in it. After the change, this year the youth of up to 23 years have also been given a chance.

The youths preparing to join the army say that they work hard for many years and prepare to join the army. They do not approve of a four-year job in the Agneepath scheme. The protesting students have appealed to the Modi government to withdraw this scheme.

## 7. Highest score...Most sixes, half a dozen big records made in a match



England broke their own record for the highest score in One Day International cricket history with 498 for four against the Netherlands on Friday. England thus surpassed the record of 481 for six against Australia at Trent Bridge in June 2018. Jos Buttler, David Malan and Phil Salt scored centuries outside Amsterdam at Amstelveen. Butler scored a century in 47 balls, which was the second fastest century for England. He played an unbeaten innings of 162 runs in which 14 of the team's 26 sixes were hit. Butler now has three fastest ODI centuries for the national team, scoring hundreds in 46 balls, 47 balls and 50 balls. Salt scored 122 runs in 93 balls and Malan scored 125 runs in 109 balls. Liam Livingstone made an unbeaten 66 off 22 balls. The Netherlands is playing an ODI against England for the first time outside the Cricket World Cup. Shane Snater gave England the first blow for one run and Peter Seelar took two wickets in successive deliveries which included captain Eoin Morgan's dismissal for zero.

## 8. India's life expectancy rises to 69.7



The average age of Indians has now increased by two years to 69.7 years. However, this is still below the global average life expectancy (life span) of 72.6 years. According to the Sample Registration System (SRS), it took 10 years for life expectancy to increase by two years.

However, the reduction in infant and neonatal mortality is also a major factor in increasing life expectancy rapidly. The highest life expectancy was recorded in the capital of the country at 75.9 years and the lowest in Chhattisgarh at 65.3 years. India's life expectancy was 49.7 in the year 1970-75, which increased to 69.7 in the year 2015-2019 i.e. the average age increased by 20 years in a span of 45 years.

## 9. Tamil Nadu Launches Enum Ezhutham Scheme



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin launched the Ennum Ezhutham scheme to bridge the learning gap due to the COVID pandemic among students below the age of eight. The objective of this scheme is to ensure basic literacy and numeracy by 2025. It was launched at an event at Azhinjivakkam Panchayat Union Middle School, Tiruvallur.

### Under the program:

The education department will distribute workbooks to students of classes 1 to 3 to bridge the learning gap and make assessments. Last week a special training program for teachers was organized and booklets were distributed.

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Teachers were advised to choose interactive teaching methods and encouraged students to read newspapers and books in the school library. The state government has announced several programs and schemes for the academic year 2022-23 with an aim to improve the quality of education in the state.

Children will be trained in 3 subjects - Tamil, English and Mathematics, which are suitable for dance, song, storytelling and puppetry in the classroom, and conducting lessons designed in the format of videos.

## 10. GI Certified Fazli Mangoes Exported to Bahrain



The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has organized an eight-day Mango Festival in Bahrain to promote mango exports. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry said 34 varieties of mangoes from the states of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha have been put on exhibition at eight different places in Bahrain.

All these varieties of mangoes have been procured directly from farmers and two agricultural producer organisations. This mango exhibition will run till 20th of this month.

The Ministry said that the Mango Festival is part of APEDA's new initiative to explore the international market potential for Indian mangoes in Bahrain under 2022.

### ONE LINER

The President of the Press Council of India (PCI) who has been appointed- **Ranjana Prakash Desai**

According to Union Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, by the time 5G services will be launched in India - **March 2023**

Recently Aarti Prabhakar has been appointed as the science advisor to the President of the country- **America**

The United Nations observes the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought every year on **17 June**

The central government has increased the upper age limit of 'Agnepath' scheme from 21 years for the first year to the number of years - **23 years**

The country whose former captain, 37-year-old William Porterfield has retired from international cricket - **Ireland**

The Indian-American nominated by US President Joe Biden to a top Pentagon post - **Radha Iyengar Plumb**

The city where the 47th meeting of the GST Council will be held – **Srinagar**

### QUIZ

1. India's first private train service under Indian Railways' 'Bharat Gaurav Scheme' has been flagged off between which two stations?

- (a) New Delhi and Dharmshala
- (b) Coimbatore and Shirdi
- (c) Pune to Ahmedabad
- (d) Vasco-da-Gama and Mangluru

2. Former High Court judge Bhimanagouda Sanganagouda Patil has been appointed as the Lokayukta of which state?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Karnataka

3. Which state topped in the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Rajasthan

4. Which union territory topped in the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021?

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Jammu and Kashmir
- (c) Ladakh



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(d) Chandigarh

5. Which has become India's 1st airport to launch a one-of-its-kind Vertical Axis Wind Turbine & Solar PV hybrid (Solar Mill) to explore the possibility of utilization of wind energy at the airport?

(a) Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi

(b) Chennai International Airport, Chennai

(c) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai

(d) Cochin International Airport, Cochin

6. What is India's rank in the World Competitiveness Index 2022 compiled by the Institute for Management Development?

(a) 34th

(b) 37th

(c) 40th

(d) 42nd

7. Which country topped in the World Competitiveness Index 2022 compiled by the Institute for Management Development?

(a) Switzerland

(b) Singapore

(c) Denmark

(d) Sweden

8. World Wind Day, also known as Global Wind Day is observed every year on which date?

(a) 5th June

(b) 10th June

(c) 12th June

(d) 15th June

9. What is the theme of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2022?

(a) Combatting Elder Abuse

(b) Respect Elderly, Respect Future

(c) Raise Voices

(d) Access to justice

10. Dholera Greenfield Airport is located in which state?

(a) Arunachal Pradesh

(b) Himachal Pradesh

(c) Sikkim

(d) Gujarat