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1. 5th EU India Competition Week 2022 inaugurated



The 5th edition of the EU-India Competition Week was inaugurated on Monday at the Competition Commission of India (CCI) Headquarters by Dr. Sangeeta Verma, Acting Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India and Mr. Seppo Nurmi, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to India and Bhutan. The Competition Week is being organized during 5th to 7th December 2022. Dr. Sangeeta Verma, Acting Chairperson, Competition Commission of India in her opening remarks appreciated the relevance of the Competition Week for capacity building of the officials of the Competition Commission of India. Dr. Verma also highlighted the ongoing cooperation between the Competition Commission of India and the Directorate General of European Competition Commission under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by both the authorities in November 2013. Other than this, He informed that this technical cooperation program has provided a platform for interaction and exchange of good practices between officials of the Competition Authority and experts from EU and India. He said that the topics on the agenda are not only of great contemporary relevance and importance but are also relevant

for the future. Against the backdrop of a rapidly changing and evolving digital landscape, which is creating new challenges for competition law enforcers

2. Union Agriculture Minister Shri Tomar launched "Agriculture Investment Portal"



Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar met Ms. Melinda French Gates, Co-Chairperson of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, in New Delhi on Monday. During this, Shri Tomar inaugurated the creation of an integrated "Agriculture Investment Portal" by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. In the meeting, Mr. Tomar said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, the government has full focus on further promotion of women farmers in the country. In the meeting, Mr. Tomar said that there are many challenges in the agriculture sector, to solve which the Government of India is working with the Prime Minister. It is working efficiently under the leadership of Shri Modi. He said that the number of small farmers is more in the country, the government believes that if their strength increases, then the agriculture sector will improve and production will also increase, the government is working in this direction. Mr. Tomar said that in India the traditional farming system was generally followed in the agriculture sector. Now, in the current perspective, there is a need for investment in

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the agriculture sector, in view of which the government has made many reforms, technology has been incorporated in agriculture and the eligible farmers should get full assistance transparently, with this view Digital Agriculture Mission was also started in the country. Is. Mr. Tomar told that with the aim of further increasing investment in agriculture, the Government of India has allocated Rs 1.5 lakh crore for agriculture and allied sectors under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. Work has started on these by making provisions for special packages of more than Rs. 1 lakh crore. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund of Rs. If these are implemented, the Indian agriculture sector will be rejuvenated. With this in view, Digital Agriculture Mission has also been started in the country. Mr. Tomar told that with the aim of further increasing investment in agriculture, the Government of India has allocated Rs 1.5 lakh crore for agriculture and allied sectors under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. Work has started on these by making provisions for special packages of more than Rs. 1 lakh crore. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund of Rs. If these are implemented, the Indian agriculture sector will be rejuvenated. With this in view, Digital Agriculture Mission has also been started in the country. Mr. Tomar told that with the aim of further increasing investment in agriculture, the Government of India has allocated Rs 1.5 lakh crore for agriculture and allied sectors under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. Work has started on these by making provisions for special packages of more than Rs. 1 lakh crore. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund of Rs. If these are implemented, the Indian agriculture sector will be rejuvenated.

3. 'Worldwide Cost of Living Survey' - Singapore and New York most expensive cities in 2022



Singapore and New York are jointly considered the most expensive cities to live in. According to the 'Worldwide Cost of Living Survey' by the Economist Intelligence Unit of London, the most expensive cities in the world are jointly New York and Singapore. This is the first time that New York has topped the ranking. The average cost of living in the world's largest cities has risen by 8.1% this year. The war in Ukraine and the impact of Covid on supply chains were identified as factors behind the increase. Rising energy prices have doubled the rate of inflation in major global cities. The cost of living in the 172 cities surveyed among the world's major cities has increased by an average of 8.1 percent annually. This rate is the highest in the last 20 years. The names of three Indian cities are also in the list. No Indian city is included in the top 100. The list of 10 most expensive cities in the world includes three American cities New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco. This is the first time that New York has got the top position. All 22 US cities included in the survey have also gained in the ranking amid the increase in prices and the strength of the dollar. Six of these (Atlanta, Charlotte, Indianapolis, San Diego, Portland and Boston) are among the 10 cities that made

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the biggest jumps in the rankings. Most European cities have declined in their rankings. In the ranking released in the global survey, the Israeli city Tel Aviv was at the top last year, which has now come in third place. The biggest change has happened in the ranking of Russian cities Moscow and St Petersburg. In terms of extreme inflation, the ranking of both has moved up by 88 and 70 points respectively.

4. Banking Sector Oscar Award given to Canara Bank



Canara Bank has been the winner of 'The Bankers Bank of the Year Award 2022'. He informed that the Global Banking Summit was organized in London from 29 November to 1 December. In this, he has got this honor in the India segment. LV Prabhakar, MD & CEO of the bank received the award on 1st of December. Winners have been selected based on their ability to deliver returns, strategy, innovation, technology and products and services in their respective geographies over the past 12 months. The 'Bankers Bank of the Year' award is considered like an Oscar award for the banking sector. Canara Bank has been declared the Best Bank in India for 2022 through this prestigious award. Bankers Magazine is the world's leading banking and finance resource for over 180 countries worldwide. Bankers magazine belongs to the Financial Times (FT)

group. UK's global financial daily newspaper. It was established in 1888.

5. 'Divya Kala Mela 2022' being organized in New Delhi



Divya Kala Mela 2022 is being organized in the country's capital Delhi from 2 to 7 December. This 3-day event to showcase the products and craftsmanship of Divyang entrepreneurs/artisans is being organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment of India. During this event, products from all states from Jammu and Kashmir to Kanyakumari will be displayed, which will include live products, handicrafts, handloom, embroidery work and canned food. Seeing all these ingredients and products together will be no less than a thrill. A total of 200 Divyang artisans, artists and entrepreneurs from around 22 states will showcase their products and skills. During this fair, home decor and lifestyle, clothing, stationery and eco-friendly products, packaged food, organic products, toys and gifts, personal items-jewellery, Products from the clutch bag category will be on display. The fair will provide an opportunity for all tourists to see and buy products made by 'Vocal for Local' and Divyang artisans. This 6 day Divya Kala Mela will be open for general public every day starting from 11:00 AM till 08:00 PM. Along with the

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attractions and shopping here, people will also be able to enjoy their favorite food. This program has started from 04:00 pm, which was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar. Will be open to the general public till 00 pm. Along with the attractions and shopping here, people will also be able to enjoy their favorite food. This program has started from 04:00 pm, which was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar. Will be open to the general public till 00 pm. Along with the attractions and shopping here, people will also be able to enjoy their favorite food. This program has started from 04:00 pm, which was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar.

6. Mohan Mansigani honored with Britain's 'Officer of the Most Excellent Order'



Indian-origin Mohan Mansigani has been awarded the Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his charitable services to healthcare in an establishment at Buckingham Palace. Mansigani is a trustee at St John Ambulance - England's leading first aid and health response charity. Mansigani, to receive an OBE for charitable services to healthcare at an investiture at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, wrote in a LinkedIn post

on Saturday I was really honoured. I received the award from HRH The Princess Royal. In March 2020 when St John Ambulance's main source of income was halted by the Covid-19 pandemic, Mensignani secured funding for the financial viability of Chief St John and enabling the charity's teams - which included almost 30,000 new vaccination volunteers,

7. India first country in the world to receive remittance of \$100 billion



According to the World Bank report "Migration and Development Brief", India is expected to receive \$100 billion in remittances in 2022, a 12% increase over 2021. India was to receive \$89.4 billion in remittances in 2021. India is the first country in the world to have received \$100 billion in remittances from migrant workers abroad. Remittance means transfer of money. Remittances are of two types, inward and outward. If a person sends money from abroad to India then it is inward remittance. If a person in India sends money to a person abroad, it is called an outward remittance. The World Bank report talks about inward remittances. Thus, remittances here mean money sent by Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) working outside the country to Indians, to their families living in India, Have been transferred to friends or relatives. According to the World Bank, there has been a significant change in the pattern of

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remittances to India and the destination of Indian migrants. Earlier migrants from India were low skilled laborers and they mainly went to 5 GCC countries (Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar) where wages were not high. Because of this, they were able to send less money to India. Now most of the expatriate Indians from India are migrating to countries like United States, United Kingdom, Singapore, Japan, Australia and New Zealand and who are highly skilled laborers. Oman and Qatar) where wages were not high. Because of this, they were able to send less money to India. Now most of the expatriate Indians from India are migrating to countries like United States, United Kingdom, Singapore, Japan, Australia and New Zealand and who are highly skilled laborers. Oman and Qatar) where wages were not high. Because of this, they were able to send less money to India. Now most of the expatriate Indians from India are migrating to countries like United States, United Kingdom, Singapore, Japan, Australia and New Zealand and who are highly skilled laborers.

8. Nagpur Metro successfully creates Guinness World Record



Nagpur Metro has successfully created a Guinness World Record by constructing a 3,140 meter long double-decker viaduct (metro) and this was achieved by Wardha Road in Nagpur.

The 3.14 kilometer long double decker viaduct on Wardha Road has three metro stations - Chhatrapati Nagar, Jai Prakash Nagar and Ujjwal Nagar. These stations require special planning that is station specific to meet the functional requirements of The metro duly incorporating site specific constraints and double decker viaduct requirements. The engineering thought process, conceptualization, design and execution of these stations is no less than a challenge. Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, in a series of tweets, urged NHA and Maha Metro to have a single pillar supported highway flyover and the longest double decker viaduct (3. Hearty congratulations on achieving Guinness Book of World Record in Nagpur by constructing 14 kms. "The project has already got records from Asia Book and India Book," he said. According to a statement from Guinness World Records, London, "The 3.14 km double-decker viaduct on Wardha Road in Nagpur, Maharashtra 5 March 2019 was opened for metro rail traffic and has become the longest double decker viaduct on any metro rail system, for highway traffic on 13 November 2020. Moreover this 3.14 kilometer long double decker viaduct has already been certified by Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records as the longest structure in Asia and India. The 3.14 km double-decker viaduct on Wardha Road in Maharashtra was opened for metro rail traffic on 5 March 2019 and for highway traffic on 13 November 2020, becoming the longest double-decker viaduct on any metro rail system. Moreover this 3.14 kilometer long double decker viaduct has already been certified by Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records as the longest structure in Asia and India. The 3.14 km

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The first Sherpa meeting of G20 under the presidency of India is being held in which city - **Udaipur**

The trophy tour of the FIH Hockey Men 's World Cup 2023 has been launched by - **Naveen Patnaik**

Manu Bhakar and Sarabjot Singh won the mixed team pistol title in the National Shooting Championship . Where is the competition being held - **Bhopal , Madhya Pradesh**

Recently released by ICAO , what is the rank of India in ' Global Aviation Safety Ranking ' - **48th**

Filmmaker SS Rajamouli has recently been awarded the Best Director Award for ' RRR ' by - **New York Film Critics Circle**

Recently , the National Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Award for the year 2021 and 2022 has been conferred by – **President Mrs. Draupadi Murmu**

The first G20 Sherpa meeting is being organized in Udaipur under the Presidency of India , who is the G20 Sherpa of India - **Amitabh Kant**

QUIZ

1. Which of the following filmmakers recently won the Best Director award at the New York Film Critics Circle Awards 2022 ? _

- A) Akarsh Khurana
- B) Kabir Khan
- C) Seema Pahwa
- D) **SS Rajamouli**

Explanation - : SS Rajamouli - Filmmaker SS Rajamouli has recently won the Best Director Award at the New York Film Critics Circle Awards 2022 . While Colin Farrell has been chosen as the Best Actor for his two performances at the award .

2. How many lakh pounds of earthshot awards have Indian startups received recently ? _

- A) 3 lakh pounds
- B) 5 lakh pounds
- C) 7 lakh pounds
- D) **1 million pounds**

Explanation - : £ 1 million - An Indian startup has recently received a £ 1 million Earthshot prize for local smallholder farmers to reduce costs , increase yields and protect livelihoods on the front lines of climate change . __ The Earthshot Prize aims to give the world Keeping strong is finding innovative solutions and helping them .

3. Which of the following former Union Minister has recently taken charge as NCBC Chairman ?

- A) Ramnath Singh
- B) Ajay Singh
- C) Sanjay Verma
- D) **Hansraj Ahir**

Explanation -: Hansraj Ahir - Hansraj Ahir has recently taken charge as the Chairman of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) . He was elected as a Member of Parliament from Chandrapur constituency , Maharashtra four times and was also a

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member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council

4. Which subsidiary of National Stock Exchange has recently launched Nifty Bharat Bond Index ?

- A) Reliance
- B) Tesla
- C) BSE
- D) NSE Index

Explanation - : NSE Index - NSE Index , a subsidiary of National Stock Exchange , has recently launched another index under the Nifty India Bond Index Series . The India Bond Index series follows a target maturity date structure .

5. NPCI has recently extended the UPI volume cap deadline for how many years ?

- A) 2 years
- B) 4 years
- C) 6 years
- D) 8 years

Explanation - : 2 years - The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has recently extended the UPI volume cap deadline for another 2 years till December 2024 . _ _ _ _ With this decision of the National Payments Corporation of India , Google Pay , Walmart PhonePe and third party app providers can get relief .

6. Which of the following organizations has recently released the Global Water Resources Report 2021 ?

- A) World Trade Organization
- B) World Education Organization
- C) World Monetary Organization
- D) World Meteorological Organization

Explanation - : World Meteorological Organization - WMO (World Meteorological Organization) has recently released the Global Water Resources Report 2021 . It

supports the monitoring and management of global freshwater resources in an era of increasing demand and limited supply .

7. IIFL Mutual Fund has recently launched which tax saver index fund in India ?

- A) First
- B) Second
- C) Third
- D) Fourth

Explanation - : 1st- IIFL Mutual Fund has launched India 's first Tax Saver Index Fund " IIFL ELSS NIFTY 50 Tax Saver Index Fund " . It is an open - ended passive equity linked savings scheme . Which is for a period of 3 years . _

8. Connected lifestyle tech brand , Noise has recently appointed whom as its brand ambassador ?

- A) Akshay Kumar
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Shikhar Dhawan
- D) Virat Kohli

Explanation - : Virat Kohli - India 's leading connected lifestyle tech brand , Noise recently appointed Virat Kohli as its brand ambassador for smartwatches . _ _ _ Both Noise and Virat are established leaders in the smart connected lifestyle industry and the world of cricket respectively .