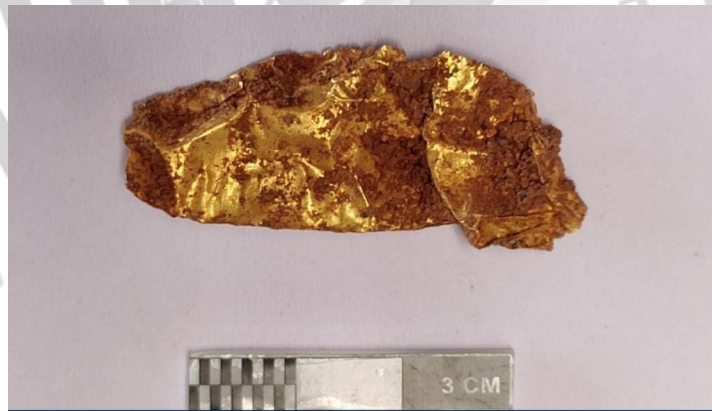


## **FIVE** RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-august

### **TAMIL NADU**

- In yet another landmark find, archaeologists – unearthed a golden ‘netri pattayam’ (diadem) during excavation in the archaeological site of Adichanallur in Srivaikuntam taluk of Thoothukudi district on August 8
- ✓ The 3.50-cm-long antique ornament ‘netri pattayam’ was found in a one-metre-tall burial urn at the site where British archaeologist Alexander Rea recovered a similar ornament in 1902.



- ✓ The royal treasure was unearthed from a depth of 4.40 metre through 240m in diameter under the biggest pit at ‘C’ location on the southern banks of Tamirabarani River, at the excavation site.
- ✓ The findings indicate the importance ancestors gave to funeral services.
- ✓ The epic evidence suggests that the unshaped gold diadem was used by the royal ancestors around 3,000 years ago.
- ✓ Gold diadem was one of the important wedding accessories in the Kongu region and used on other auspicious occasions by feudal lords.
- ✓ Further, a bronze filter, an ornamental bowl, an iron spear and nine iron arrows were also unearthed during the ongoing round of excavations
- ✓ These could date back to the Iron Age, when descendants of ancient warrior communities could also have lived at Adichanallur

- ✓ Under the first phase of excavation since October 2021, about 90 urns have been unearthed in different sizes.
  - ✓ Earlier, the excavators recovered a historic gold ear ring for the first time after a gap of over 117 years during the ongoing excavations at Adichanallur in the district on June 30
    - ✓ The mineral composition analysis of the ear ring revealed it to be 87.35% gold, 11.21% silver and 1.43% copper
  - ✓ Between 1899 and 1905, British-era archaeologists headed by Archaeological Survey Superintendent Alexander Rea had found over 20 gold diadem and frontlets at Adichanallur
  - ✓ There have been many excavations at Adichanallur between 1905 and 2022, including the detailed excavation by Dr Satyamurthy in 2004-06, but gold ornaments have only been unearthed now
  - ✓ Adichanallur has been renowned for a treasure trove of archaeological findings ever since Dr Jagor from Berlin first excavated it in 1876.
  - ✓ Meanwhile, as many as 1,600 artefacts have been discovered in Keeladi in the eighth phase and 57 burial urns have surfaced in Konthagai.
  - ✓ Further, four hundred and twelve artefacts have been recovered in Agaram so far
- **The Tamil Nadu Transport Department - will soon launch courier services through State Express Transport Corporation (SETC) buses.**
- ✓ In the initial phase, the services would start on Chennai-Madurai and Chennai-Trichy routes and will be expanded to other districts based on the response
  - ✓ SETC is planning to offer courier services through its buses at 10-20% lesser cost than the rates offered by trucks, other private firms and other state transport corporations
  - ✓ To avail the services, public can approach timekeepers at government bus depots and terminus to book or receive their parcels.
  - ✓ SETC has already received good public response as far as transportation of larger goods was concerned
  - ✓ SETC is currently receiving close to 30 bookings per day and is earning up Rs. 10,000 through the goods transport.

## STATES

- **Jammu & Kashmir – has launched an innovative market linkage scheme named 'PARVAZ' recently**
- ✓ The scheme has been launched for the upliftment of economic conditions of the farmers across the Union Territory.
  - ✓ It provides market linkage support for the air cargo shipment of agriculture and horticulture perishables produced in the UT.
  - ✓ Under the scheme, 25% subsidy on freight charges is given for shipping perishable fruits through air cargo



Shri Manoj Sinha  
Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor

# PARVAZ

— MARKET LINKAGE SUPPORT SCHEME —



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**25% SUBSIDY**

**SHIP YOUR AGRICULTURE and HORTICULTURE Perishables Harvested in J&K through AIR CARGO**

| S.No. | Admissible Sectors         | Effective Price (Per Kg) |
|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.    | Srinagar/Jammu Dubai       | ₹ 96/-                   |
| 2.    | Srinagar/Jammu Sharjah     | ₹ 96/-                   |
| 3.    | Srinagar/Jammu Delhi       | ₹ 21.75/-                |
| 4.    | Srinagar/Jammu Chennai     | ₹ 40.5/-                 |
| 5.    | Srinagar/Jammu Kolkata     | ₹ 39/-                   |
| 6.    | Srinagar/Jammu Mumbai/Pune | ₹ 29.25/-                |
| 7.    | Srinagar/Jammu Bengaluru   | ₹ 41.25/-                |

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| Beneficiary          | Admissible weight |         |
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|                      | Minimum           | Maximum |
| Individual Farmer    | 100 KG            | 5 MTs   |
| SHG/PO/ Intermediary | 1 MTs             | 10 MTs  |

Eligible Perishables  
Cherry | Strawberry | Plum | Peach | Pear | Litchi  
Exotic / Organic Vegetables



**Government of UT of Jammu & Kashmir  
Department of Horticulture**

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- ✓ The subsidy will be applicable for perishable fruits like cherry, strawberry, plum, peach, pear, litchi, and exotic and organic vegetables only
  - ✓ The organic/exotic vegetables eligible under the scheme would be identified by an expert committee.
  - ✓ Jammu & Kashmir Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation (JKHPMC) is the implementing agency of the scheme
  - ✓ The subsidy is provided to farmers through DBT mode.
- **The world's largest floating solar project - is set to be built on river Narmada in Khandwa district, Madhya Pradesh**



- ✓ In this regard, Madhya Pradesh government signed a contract for the first phase of the project recently
- ✓ The floating solar project on river Narmada is to be built on the backwaters of the Omkareshwar Dam
- ✓ The proposed project, worth over Rs. 3000 crore, will generate 600 Megawatt power by 2022-23

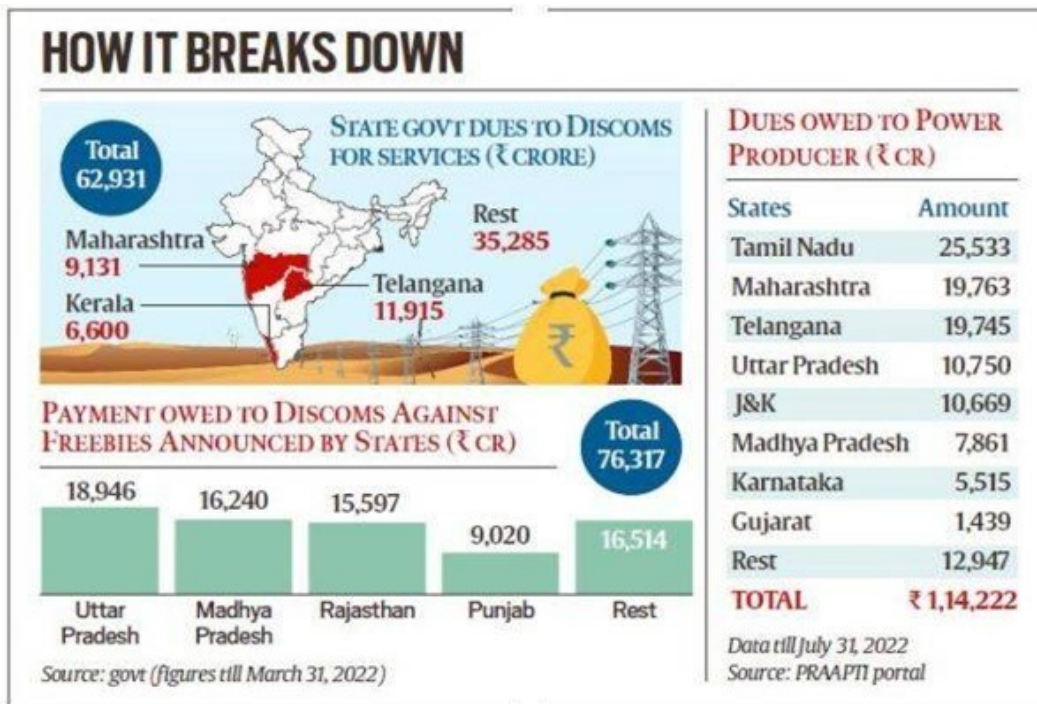
- ✓ It will be the world's largest solar project to be built on water and one of only 10 floating solar plants in the world
- ✓ With the new floating solar plant, Khandwa will become the only district in Madhya Pradesh to have thermal power station, hydel and solar power, producing over 4,000MW power from a single district
- ✓ Earlier in July, India's largest floating solar power project of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project was made fully operational at Ramagundam in Telangana.

## NATIONAL

- **The Monsoon session of Parliament - comes to an end on August 8, as both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha were adjourned sine die, four days ahead of its schedule**
- ✓ Both Houses were continuously disrupted over issues such as price rise, suspension of 27 MPs and the Enforcement Directorate's action against some of the opposition leaders over the last three weeks.
- ✓ During the day, Rajya Sabha passed a bill to convert the National Rail and Transportation University in Vadodara, a deemed-to-be-university, into Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, an autonomous central institution.
  - ✓ This university would be conducted by the railway ministry and coordinated under the Nation Education Policy (NEP).
  - ✓ The amendment seeks to expand the scope of the university from beyond the railways to cover the entire transport sector to support the ambitious growth and modernisation in the field.
  - ✓ The Bill was introduced in the House by railways minister Ashwini Vaishnaw
  - ✓ It was passed by Lok Sabha on August 3.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Lok Sabha passed The New Delhi International Arbitration (Amendment) Bill, 2022, which provides provision for setting up the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre and designates it as an institute of national importance.
- ✓ Further, Lok Sabha passed 'The Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022', which seeks to amend the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 and promotes energy efficiency and conservation through the usage of non-fossil fuels
  - ✓ The bill aims faster transition to 'green energy' by giving the government 'powers' to regulate energy consumption and mandate use of non-fossil fuels by industries as well as set efficiency standards for vehicles, ships and equipment as part of India's climate action architecture
  - ✓ It also empowers the Centre to specify a trading scheme for carbon credit — a tradable permit to produce a specified amount of carbon emissions.
    - ✓ For carbon trading, the Centre or any authorised agency may issue carbon credit certificates to entities registered under and compliant with the scheme.

- ✓ Such entities will be entitled to purchase or sell the certificate.
- ✓ Any other person may also purchase a carbon credit certificate on a voluntary basis.
- ✓ Under the bill, the Centre can order 'designated consumers' to meet a minimum share of energy consumption from non-fossil sources
- ✓ The bill expands the scope of energy consumption standards to include vehicles, ships and boats.
  - ✓ As per the bill, failure to comply with standards will be punishable with a penalty of up to Rs.10 lakh.
  - ✓ Non-compliance in case of vessels will attract an additional penalty of up to twice the price of oil equivalent of energy consumed above the prescribed norm.
  - ✓ Vehicle manufacturers in violation of fuel consumption norms will be liable to pay a penalty of up to Rs.50,000 per unit of vehicles sold.
- ✓ The Session was originally scheduled to have 18 sittings from July 18 to August 12
- ✓ During the monsoon session, the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha passed seven bills and five bills respectively.
- ✓ While the Lower House saw a total of 16 sittings that lasted 44 hours and 29 minutes, the Upper House met for 38 hours with 47 hours getting lost due to interruptions
- ✓ This is the seventh consecutive time the parliament session has been cut short.
- ✓ The Rajya Sabha bid farewell to Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu, whose tenure ends on August 10.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi said a record 177 bills were passed or discussed during Naidu's highly productive five-year term as vice president of India and Rajya Sabha chairman.
- ✓ During the session, the lower House passed seven legislations including Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022, Family Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2022, National Anti-Doping Bill, 2021, Wildlife Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2021, Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022, Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022 and New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2022, and Wild Life Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2021.
- ✓ The Rajya Sabha passed five legislations including The Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022, The Family Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2022, The Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill, 2022, The Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022 and The National Anti-Doping Bill, 2022
- ✓ During the next session, the proceedings will be chaired by Jagdeep Dhakhar who takes over on August 11.

- On August 8, Power minister RK Singh - introduced the contentious Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2022 in the Lok Sabha and requested Speaker Om Birla to refer it to the parliamentary committee on energy



- ✓ The amendment Bill to the Electricity Act of 2003 has been introduced multiple times from 2014 onwards, almost on a yearly basis
- ✓ The power sector has been struggling under pressure due to the poor financial health of power distribution companies (discoms), who together owe over Rs 1 lakh crore to power generation companies, who in turn have huge dues with Coal India Ltd
- ✓ In this backdrop, the bill aims to streamline the payment framework, empower regulators and encourage competition and accountability in the sector
- ✓ The Bill has dropped the original proposal to delicense state discoms (distribution companies) but allows multiple players to operate in an area using government infrastructure and consumers will be able to choose from multiple electricity providers
- ✓ It has provisions to check predatory pricing but leaves private players out of the USO (universal service obligation) ambit.
- ✓ The Bill has provisions to ensure timely payment to generation companies by power distributors.
- ✓ As per the bill, if the regulator does not approve or reject the power distribution license application of an entity within the prescribed period (90 days), the applicant will be deemed to have been granted the license
- ✓ The bill has specified eligibility criteria for appointment of members to regulatory bodies and aims to push for timely appointment in key roles
- ✓ There is also a provision for removing a member of a regulatory body in case of wilful violation or gross negligence of rules.

- ✓ The bill aims to strengthen the functioning of the National Load Despatch Centre for ensuring the safety and security of the grid and for the economic and efficient operation of the power system in the country
- **Tech giant, Google – has launched a new project 'India ki Udaan' to capture important milestones achieved by India in its journey of 75 years since Independence**



- ✓ The project executed by Google Arts & Culture is themed on the unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years
- ✓ The project was officially launched on August 5 in the presence of Union Culture and Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy and senior officials of the Ministry of Culture and Google.
- ✓ As part of the countrywide celebrations, Google also announced its collaboration with the Ministry of Culture to support the Government's year-long 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' programme
- ✓ The vibrant online project 'India ki Udaan' showcases the contributions of Indians and the evolution of India since 1947 through its rich archives featuring artistic illustrations.
- ✓ Published in English and Hindi, the online collection titled 'India Ki Udaan' is available on the Google Arts & Culture website featuring more than 120 illustrations and 21 stories created by 10 talented artists, alongside exhibitions from various institutions across the country
- ✓ During the event, Google also announced that its popular Doodle4Google contest for 2022, themed on 'In the next 25 years, my India will ...', is now open for entries to students of classes 1-10.
- ✓ The winner of the contest will win Rs 5 lakh as a college scholarship, and Rs 2 lakh as a technology package for their school
- ✓ Also, the winning doodle would be portrayed on the Google homepage on November 14, 2022.

- **The Ministry of Culture - has launched the 'Badhe Chalo' Campaign to instil a deeper sense of patriotism and to connect the youth of India**



- ✓ It has been launched to celebrate 75 years of India's independence with youthful fervor under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' initiative
  - ✓ The Ministry of Culture is responsible for promoting art and cultural heritage in India and it has taken many initiatives under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
  - ✓ Badhe Chalo will connect the youth and people together from across the country on one platform
  - ✓ It will feature Flash Dances, where dancers will perform on a specially created 'Youth Anthem' across 75 cities, at prime locations all over India.
  - ✓ Through these Flash Dances, the Ministry aims to spread the message and spirit of the Amrit Mahotsav in an entertaining and enthusiastic manner.
  - ✓ Badhe Chalo is being held across 10 cities every day from 5<sup>th</sup> August to 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.
  - ✓ These events will culminate with a Grand Finale on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi
- **On August 5, Indian Navy – signed an agreement with ISRO's Space Applications Centre (SAC) in Ahmedabad on data sharing and cooperation on satellite-based naval applications.**
- ✓ The MoU was signed by SAC Director Nilesh M Desai and Commodore G Rambabu, Naval Oceanology and Meteorology.



- ✓ This MoU is an extension of previous MoU signed in 2017 and will further the collaboration between two organizations
- ✓ The broad area of cooperation includes sharing of non-confidential observational data and processing of satellite data towards development of new tools, calibration and validation of ocean models.
- **The Government - has set the target to eliminate Kala-azar by next year from the country.**



- ✓ This was announced recently by Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar in a written reply in Lok Sabha
- ✓ According to the Minister, out of 633 Kala-azar endemic blocks, 625 blocks have achieved the elimination target last year.
- ✓ In her reply, the Minister said that World Health Organisation (WHO) Neglected Tropical Diseases Road map has set the target of 2030 for Kala-azar elimination across the world
- ✓ Kala Azar, also called as Leishmaniasis, is caused due to parasite called Leishmania, which is transmitted via bite of sand flies.
- ✓ It is a neglected tropical disease which has affected over 100 countries, including India
- **The Agri Infra Fund (AIF) - has recently approved the first-ever drone loan for a 'Kisan drone' made by Chennai-based aerospace firm, Garuda Aerospace**
- ✓ The AIF, functioning under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, has sanctioned Rs 9.37 lakh to an agricultural drone service provider for buying Kisan drones made by Garuda Aerospace



- ✓ Kisan drones cover 25 acres per day for precision spraying operations, save pesticide usage by 70%, save water usage by 80% and generate Rs. one lakh a month in revenue
  - ✓ Garuda Aerospace has already pre-booked over 2,500 drones and is planning to manufacture 1 lakh 'Made in India' Kisan Drones by 2024
  - ✓ Garuda Aerospace has recently commenced its \$30 million Series A Funding Round at \$250 million valuation, making the company India's most valuable drone startup and is aiming to achieve Unicorn status by 2023.
  - ✓ Mahendra Singh Dhoni recently invested in Garuda Aerospace and has become the Brand Ambassador.
  - ✓ The startup has also recently signed an MOU with the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO) to jointly develop a facility focused on the defence sector
  - ✓ Garuda Aerospace provides low-cost drone-based solutions and works on various applications including agriculture spraying, mapping, industrial use, and defence among others.
  - ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the Garuda Kisan Drone yathra in February this year, where 100 drones were flown simultaneously in 100 villages across the country
  - ✓ The Agri Infra Fund was announced in May 2020 and has set a target of rupees one lakh crore in loans, and recently crossed the Rs.10,000 crore disbursement figure
- **Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) - have announced a long-term partnership, which includes setting up the first-ever India House at Paris Olympics 2024**
- ✓ In the run-up to the Paris 2024 Olympics, India will host the 140th prestigious IOC Session in June 2023 at the Jio World Centre in Mumbai.

- ✓ The tie-up will help elevate the performances of Indian athletes, support the national sports federations and build the credentials of India as a global sporting nation



- ✓ As IOA's principal partner, Reliance will support Indian athletes in major multi-sport events including the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and the Olympics Games.
- ✓ Reliance Foundation, one of the largest non-profit organisations in the country, is the philanthropic arm of RIL.
- ✓ At the 2016 Rio Olympics, over 50 nations had set up their country-specific Hospitality House
- ✓ Besides, in May 2022, India's first 'Olympic Values Education Programme' (OVEP) was launched in Odisha.
- ✓ The OVEP is a practical set of resources designed by the IOC to introduce young people to the Olympic values of excellence, respect, and friendship

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Minister of State for Communications Devusinh Chauhan – inaugurated the International Telecommunication Union's Regional Standardization Forum for Asia and Oceania region in New Delhi on August 8**



- ✓ The event was held as a part of the celebrations during Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

- ✓ It was hosted by the Ministry of Communication with the theme “Regulatory and Policy aspects of Telecommunications/ICTs”
- ✓ Regional Standardization Forum was addressed by 15 eminent speakers which includes representation from Academia, International Organizations, ICT Sector and Government of India.
- ✓ Over 250 delegates from 20 countries participated in the Forum
- ✓ The Regional Standardization Forum is a platform for constructive exchange of ideas and discussing standardization topics in various sectors of technology
  - ✓ The topics included sustainable digital transformation and the role of ITU standards, technologies for digital and financial inclusion in emerging markets, evolving data value chain and digital health
- ✓ The forum will be succeeded by four-day meeting of International Telecommunication Union-T Study Group 3 Regional Group Asia and Oceania (ITU-T SG3RG-AO) from 09<sup>th</sup> August 2022 to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- ✓ The meeting of Regional Group Asia and Oceania is taking place in physical mode after a gap of three years due to CoVID-19

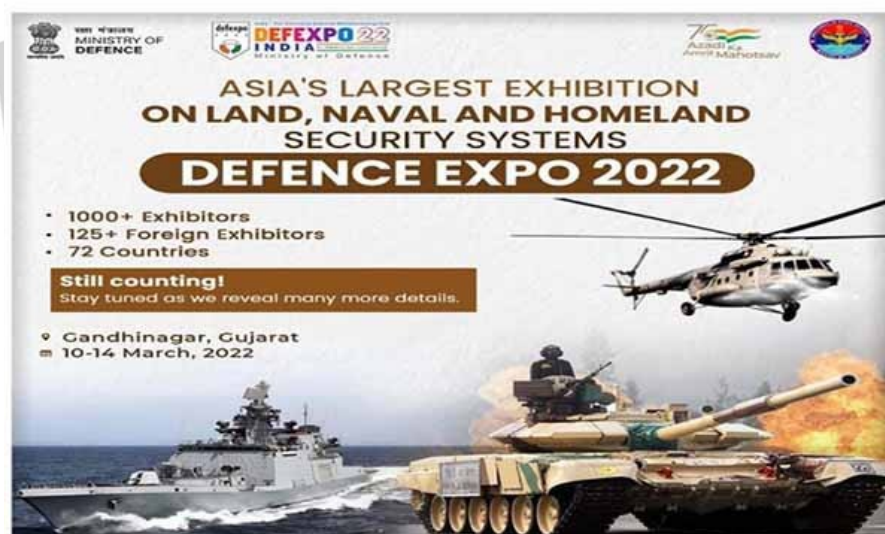
## DEFENCE

- **On August 8, India and the US - kicked off the ‘Vajra Prahar’ combat exercise between their elite Special Forces in Himachal Pradesh**



- ✓ The exercise is being held at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh from August 8 to 28
- ✓ During the exercise, the two contingents jointly train, plan and execute a series of special operations, counter-terrorism drills and airborne operations in simulated conventional and unconventional scenarios in mountainous terrain.
- ✓ The US has deployed personnel from the 1st Special Forces Group (SFG) and Special Tactics Squadron (STS), while the Indian Army contingent is from a Para-SF battalion for the 21-day exercise.
- ✓ This is the 13th edition of the Vajra Prahar exercise

- ✓ The exercise aims to share best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics and improve the interoperability between the two Special Forces.
  - ✓ The 12th edition was conducted at Joint Base Lewis Mcchord in the US in October last year
  - ✓ The Vajra Prahar exercise comes ahead of a major high-altitude Indo-US exercise named 'Yudh Abhyas' to be held in India after being conducted in Alaska last year.
  - ✓ The Yudh Abhyas exercise will be held at Auli in Uttarakhand, barely 100km from the Line of Actual Control with China, from October 14 to 31, 2022
  - ✓ India conducts several military exercises with the US every year
  - ✓ It ranges from the top-notch 'Malabar' naval exercise, which includes the other Quad countries of Japan and Australia, to the bilateral 'Yudh Abhyas' and 'Vajra Prahar' between their armies.
  - ✓ India and the US have also signed four "foundational military pacts", with the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geospatial Cooperation (BECA) being the last to be concluded in 2020.
- **The 12th edition of the Defence Expo - will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from October 18 to 22,2022**



- ✓ The theme for this edition of the country's flagship exhibition on Land, Naval and Homeland Security systems is 'Path to Pride'
- ✓ The exhibition was earlier proposed to be held between March 10 and 14 in Gandhinagar
- ✓ However, on March 4, the ministry had postponed the event stating that participants were experiencing problems related to logistics following Russia's invasion of Ukraine
- ✓ With Russia being a major participant in such exhibitions, the decision to defer the DefExpo was taken after a few companies from western countries had begun to pull out from the biennial event

- ✓ Around 1,000 companies and over 50 official delegations had confirmed their presence for the March edition
- ✓ According to the defence ministry, the DefExpo will witness three business days, followed by two public days.
- ✓ It will be held in a three-venues - Helipad Exhibition Centre, Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre, and the Sabarmati River Front.
- ✓ Asia's largest event in the defence sector, DefExpo-2022 is held in line with the vision of PM Narendra Modi to achieve self-reliance in defence and achieve export of \$5 billion by 2025.

## ECONOMY

- **Kerala-based Federal Bank - has become India's first bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the income tax department's TIN 2.0 platform**



- ✓ The TIN 2.0 platform went live on July 1 this year and the "Payment Gateway" has been enabled for transactions
- ✓ The payment gateway provides one more payment option to taxpayers, who can now make their payments with ease, using modes such as credit/ debit card, UPI, NEFT/RTGS and internet banking.
- ✓ Tax Information Network (TIN) is used by the IT Department for collection, processing, monitoring and accounting of direct taxes using Information Technology
- ✓ In July, Federal Bank partnered with the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) to assist taxpayers in making their payments through the e-pay tax facility in the e-filing portal of the income tax
- ✓ The bank also received the government's approval to collect direct tax during the past financial year and has been made effective since July 1, 2022

## SPORTS

- **India – won 4 gold medals on the final day of the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham on August 8**
- ✓ On the final day, PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen, and Satwik Rankireddy/Chirag Shetty won the women's singles, men's singles, and men's doubles titles respectively.

- ✓ PV Sindhu had previously won a bronze in the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, and a silver in the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games
- ✓ Lakshya Sen won gold in his first ever Commonwealth Games by beating Malaysia's Tze Yong NG in three-sets
- ✓ For the first time ever, India managed to win a men's Doubles gold in Commonwealth Games' Badminton event with Satwik Rankireddy/Chirag Shetty defeating the English pair of Sean Vandy and Ben Lane in straight sets.



- ✓ Further, Sharath Kamal bagged the gold in the men's table tennis singles event during the day.
- ✓ Sharath Kamal, the 40-year-old table tennis star, emerged as the most successful Indian athlete at Commonwealth Games 2022 with 4 medals, including 3 Gold
- ✓ Apart from men's singles, he won gold in mixed doubles and men's team events while bagging silver in men's doubles.

## SHARATH KAMAL WINS 4 MEDALS AT 40

40-year-old **Sharath Kamal** capped his **best-ever CWG show** by winning the **TT men's singles gold**. Sharath, who had first won a singles gold in 2006, this time also won gold in the men's team event and mixed doubles with Sreeja Akula. He also won a silver in men's doubles and now has a total of **13 medals from 5 CWG appearances**



**Lakshya Sen (left) and P V Sindhu (below) won gold medals**

as India swept the singles competition in badminton at CWG for the first time. It was Sindhu's first singles gold after a bronze in 2014 and a silver in 2018. The doubles pair of **Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** made it a triple delight. The duo, who had won a silver in 2018, became the **first Indian pair to claim a CWG gold in the men's doubles category**. Their gold helped India overtake New Zealand to claim **fourth spot in the medals tally**



## SHARATH'S SMASH HITS

### IN THE CWG: 13 MEDALS

**Melbourne (2006):** Gold in men's singles, men's team  
**Delhi (2010):** Gold in men's doubles; bronze in men's team  
**Glasgow (2014):** Silver in men's doubles  
**Gold Coast (2018):** Gold in men's team; silver in men's doubles; bronze in men's singles; bronze in mixed doubles.  
**Birmingham (2022):** Gold in men's singles, men's team and mixed team events; silver in men's doubles

### ASIAN GAMES

**Jakarta (2018):** Bronze in men's team; mixed doubles  
**National titles won:** 10 (a record)  
**Arjuna Award in 2004**  
**Padma Shree in 2019**

- ✓ Sharath, playing in his fifth Commonwealth Games, has bagged 12 medals overall in the history of the games
  - ✓ This made him the second most decorated Indian athlete behind shooter Jaspal Rana who has 15 medals to his name
  - ✓ Kamal will also be India's co-flag bearer alongside Boxer Nikhat Zareen in the closing ceremony of the games
- ✓ During the day, Sathiyani G won bronze in Table Tennis while the men's hockey team won silver after losing the final match to six times champion Australia
- ✓ **With this, India ended their 2022 Commonwealth Games campaign with an impressive tally of 61 medals that included 22 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the medals tally**
- ✓ In Birmingham, India finished at 4<sup>th</sup> place behind Australia 178 (67 Gold), England 176 (57 Gold) and Canada 92 (26 Gold).
- ✓ The Birmingham Games is India's fourth-best performance at the CWG in terms of Gold medals won and tied with the 2006 Manchester Games
- ✓ India's best-ever showing at the Commonwealth Games came at home in 2010 when the host nation won 101 medals, including 38 Gold
  - ✓ The 101 medals in Delhi included 30 from shooting, eight from archery, seven from Greco-Roman wrestling and four from tennis, while none of these disciplines was part of the 2022 Games
- ✓ In terms of overall medals won, Birmingham 2022 is 5th best performance after New Delhi (101), Manchester 2002 (69), Gold Coast 2018 (66), and Glasgow 2014 (64).
- ✓ In the 2018 Gold Coast Games, India won 66 medals - 26 gold medals and 20 silver and bronze each.
  - ✓ In 2018, India won a total of 16 medals in the sport that included a massive seven gold medals
  - ✓ However, India's most successful sport in CWG history - shooting was absent from the 2022 edition.
- ✓ Wrestlers contributed the most to the medal tally of India with all 12 of them returning home with medals.
- ✓ The Indian wrestlers won medals in all events for the second time in a row with Vinesh Phogat completing her hat-trick of gold medals
- ✓ Weightlifters won 10 medals, including 3 gold medals while Table Tennis stars won 7 medals, including 4 gold
- ✓ Weightlifters Sanket Sargar, Gururaja Poojary, Bindyarani Devi and Mirabai Chanu opened India's medal account on the second day of the Games.
- ✓ India won as many as 6 medals in track and field with Eldhose Paul bringing home a historic Gold medal in men's triple jump while Avinash Sable won India's first-ever medal in 3000m men's steeplechase - a silver – by ending Kenya's 24-year-old monopoly
- ✓ The women's fours lawn bowls fours team scripted history by winning India's first medal in the sport when they clinched gold

- ✓ For the first time in the history of the Commonwealth Games, India won medals in both the men's and women's hockey event in the same edition after the men won silver while the women clinched bronze.
- ✓ For the first time ever in CWG history, the para-sports medals section was also clubbed alongside the overall medal table for every nation.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

### ➤ International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples – August 9



- ✓ The day is observed every year to spread awareness about the indigenous communities of the world, recognise their contributions and achievements along with the need to preserve them
- ✓ Theme 2022 - 'The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge.'
- ✓ On August 9, 1982, the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations had convened its first meeting
- ✓ Hence, the United Nations General Assembly on December 23, 1994, decided to observe August 9 as the International day of the world's indigenous peoples
- ✓ The year 1993 was also celebrated as "International Year of the World's Indigenous People"

### ➤ Nagasaki Day – August 9

- ✓ The Nagasaki Day is observed every year to commemorate the day when the US military dropped an atomic bomb named 'Fat Man' from US B-29 bomber on the city of Nagasaki
- ✓ It was the second city that was bombed in Japan after Hiroshima, leading to the mass killing of around 74,000 people
- ✓ Hiroshima was bombed on August 6, followed by the bombing in Nagasaki on August 9
- ✓ The bombing which took place led to the surrender of Japan during World War II on August 15 1945



- ✓ The aftermath of the bomb resulted in several diseases like cancer risks, birth defects, severe mental retardation etc.

## CWG 2022 - STATISTICAL REPORT

### FINAL TOP-10 MEDALS TALLY AT THE CWG 2022

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| S.NO                                   | COUNTRY      |    |    |    | TOTAL       |
| 1                                      | AUSTRALIA    | 67 | 57 | 54 | 178         |
| 2                                      | ENGLAND      | 57 | 66 | 53 | 176         |
| 3                                      | CANADA       | 26 | 32 | 34 | 92          |
| 4                                      | INDIA        | 22 | 16 | 23 | 61          |
| 5                                      | NEW ZEALAND  | 20 | 12 | 17 | 49          |
| 6                                      | SCOTLAND     | 13 | 11 | 27 | 51          |
| 7                                      | NIGERIA      | 12 | 9  | 14 | 35          |
| 8                                      | WALES        | 8  | 6  | 14 | 28          |
| 9                                      | SOUTH AFRICA | 7  | 9  | 11 | 27          |
| 10                                     | MALAYSIA     | 7  | 8  | 8  | 23          |

### SPORT-WISE SPLIT OF INDIA'S CWG 22 MEDALS

| SPORT             | GOLD | SILVER | BRONZE | TOTAL |
|-------------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| WRESTLING         | 6    | 1      | 5      | 12    |
| TABLE TENNIS      | 4    | 1      | 2      | 7     |
| WEIGHTLIFTING     | 3    | 3      | 4      | 10    |
| BOXING            | 3    | 1      | 3      | 7     |
| BADMINTON         | 3    | 1      | 2      | 6     |
| ATHLETICS         | 1    | 4      | 3      | 8     |
| LAWN BOWLS        | 1    | 1      | 0      | 2     |
| PARA POWERLIFTING | 1    | 0      | 0      | 1     |
| JUDO              | 0    | 2      | 1      | 3     |
| HOCKEY            | 0    | 1      | 1      | 2     |
| CRICKET           | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| SQUASH            | 0    | 0      | 2      | 2     |

### **CWG 2022: List of Medal winners for India**

#### **Gold medal winners for India in Commonwealth Games 2022**

1. Gold - PV Sindhu - Badminton Women's Singles
2. Gold - Lakshya Sen - Badminton Men's Singles
3. Gold - Nikhat Zareen - Boxing Women's Light Flyweight
4. Gold - Vinesh Phogat - Wrestling Women's Freestyle 53kg
5. Gold - Ravi Kumar Dahiya - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 57kg
6. Gold - Naveen - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 74kg
7. Gold - Sharath Kamal - Table Tennis men's singles
8. Gold - Nitu Ghanghas - Boxing Minimumweight
9. Gold - Amit Panghal - Boxing Flyweight
10. Gold - Bajrang Punia - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 65kg
11. Gold - Sakshi Malik - Wrestling Women's Freestyle 62kg
12. Gold - Deepak Punia - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 86kg
13. Gold - Mirabai Chanu - Weightlifting Women's 49kg
14. Gold - Jeremy Lalrinnunga - Weightlifting Men's 67kg
15. Gold - Achinta Sheuli - Weightlifting Men's 73kg
16. Gold - Lovely Choubey, Pinki, Nayanmoni Saikia, Rupa Rani Tirkey - Lawn Bowls Women's Fours
17. Gold - Sharath Kamal, Sathiyar Gnanasekaran, Harmeet Desai, Sanil Shetty - Table Tennis Men's Team
18. Gold - Sudhir - Para Powerlifting Men's Heavyweight
19. Gold - Bhavina Patel - Table Tennis Women's Singles Classes 3-5
20. Gold - Eldhose Paul - Men's Triple Jump
21. Gold - Sharath Kamal, Sreeja Akula - Table Tennis Mixed Team
22. Gold - Satwik Sairaj Rankireddi and Chirag Shetty - Badminton men's doubles

### **Silver medal winners for India in Commonwealth Games 2022**

1. Silver - Indian Women's Cricket Team
2. Silver - Anshu Malik - Wrestling Women's Freestyle 57kg
3. Silver - Murali Sreeshankar - Men's Long Jump
4. Silver - Kidambi Srikanth, Satwik Sairaj, Sumeeth Reddy, Lakshya Sen, Chirag Shetty, Treesa Jolly, Aakarshi Kashyap, Ashwini Ponappa, Gayatri Gopichand, PV Sindhu - Badminton Mixed Team
5. Silver - Sharath Kamal, G Sathyan - Table Tennis Men's Doubles
6. Silver - Vikas Thakur - Weightlifting Men's 96kg
7. Silver - Shushila Devi Likmabam - Judo Women's 48kg
8. Silver - Bindyarani Devi - Weightlifting Women's 55kg
9. Silver - Tulika Maan - Judo Women's +78kg
10. Silver - Sanket Sargar - Weightlifting Men's 55kg
11. Silver - Avinash Sable - Men's 3000m Steeplechase
12. Silver - Priyanka Goswami - Women's 10km Race Walk
13. Silver - Dinesh Kumar, Chandan Kumar Singh, Sunil Bahadur, Navaneeth Singh - Lawn Bowls Men's Fours
14. Silver- Abdullah Aboobacker - Men's Triple Jump
15. Silver - Sagar Ahlawat - Boxing Men's Super Heavyweight
16. Silver - Indian men's hockey team

### **Bronze medal winners for India in Commonwealth Games 2022**

1. Bronze - Gururaja Poojary - Weightlifting Men's 61kg
2. Bronze - Vijay Kumar Yadav - Judo Men's 60kg
3. Bronze - Harjinder Kaur - Weightlifting Women's 71kg
4. Bronze - Lovepreet Singh - Weightlifting Men's 109kg
5. Bronze - Saurav Ghosal - Squash Men's Singles
6. Bronze - Gurdeep Singh - Weightlifting Men's 109kg+
7. Bronze - Tejaswin Shankar - Men's High Jump
8. Bronze - Divya Kakran - Wrestling Women's 68kg
9. Bronze - Mohit Grewal - Wrestling Men's 125kg
10. Bronze- Jaismine- Boxing Women's Lightweight 60kg
11. Bronze - Pooja Gehlot - Wrestling Freestyle Women's 57=0kg
12. Bronze - Pooja Sihag - Wrestling Freestyle Women's 76kg
13. Bronze - Hussamuddin - Men's Boxing Featherweight
14. Bronze - Deepak Nehra - Wrestling Freestyle Men's 97kg
15. Bronze - Sonalben Patel - Para Table Tennis Women's Singles Classes 3-5
16. Bronze - Rohit Tokas - Boxing Men's Welterweight 67kg
17. Bronze - Indian Women's Hockey Team
18. Bronze- Sandeep Kumar- Men's 10,000m Race Walk

19. Bronze - Annu Rani - Women's Javelin Throw
20. Bronze - Saurav Ghosal and Dipika Palikkal - Squash Mixed  
Doubles
21. Bronze - Kidambi Srikanth - Badminton Men's Singles
22. Bronze - Gayathri Gopichand, Treesa Jolly - Badminton Women's  
Doubles
23. Bronze - G. Sathiyar - Table Tennis Men's Singles

