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February 1st week Current Affairs One Liners**IMPORTANT DAYS**

- **Indian Coast Guard** is celebrating its **46th Raising Day** on **February 1st, 2022**
- **February 2, 2022** is the first year that **World Wetlands Day** will be observed as a **United Nations international day**, following its adoption by the General Assembly on **30th August 2021**.
- **World Interfaith Harmony Week** is observed during the **first week of February (1-7 February)**, after General Assembly designation in 2010.
- **World Cancer Day** is observed annually on **February 4** to raise worldwide awareness, improving education and catalysing personal, collective and government action.
- The **'International Day of Human Fraternity'** is celebrated across the world on **4th February**. The **first** International Day of Human Fraternity was held in **2021**.

NATIONAL NEWS

- The nation remembered **Mahatma Gandhi** on his **death anniversary** on **January 30th** with **President Ram Nath Kovind** and **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** paying

floral tributes to the **Father of the Nation** at **Raj Ghat**.

- The government has mandated storage of **international calls, satellite phone calls, conference calls** and messages made over **normal networks** as well as on the **internet** for a period of **at least two years**, according to circulars issued by the telecom department
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** addressed **30th National Commission for Women Foundation Day** programme via video conference.
- **Geological Survey of India (GSI)** has approved the setting up of **India's First geopark** in **Lamheta village** on the banks of **river Narmada, Jabalpur district of Madhya Pradesh** with an investment of **Rs 35 crores**.
- Applications have been invited from **Indian Women Scientists and Entrepreneurs** to **felicitate a select few** with the prestigious **India National Tech Excellence Award for Women 2022** for pursuing, prevailing, creating an impact, and etching out stories of inspiration for future young girls.



- The President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind** addressed the joint sitting of two Houses of the Parliament.
- The **Bilateral consultations on United Nations** related issues were held between **India and Russia** in **New Delhi**.
- A virtual function was held to mark the launch of the **Global Center of Excellence in Affordable and Clean Energy (GCoE-ACE)** at the **Indian Institute of Technology, Dharwad (IITDh), Karnataka** on **28th January 2022** in the presence of, **Prof. K. Vijay Raghavan**, Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India.
- The **Union Budget for Financial Year 2022-23**, presented by the **finance minister on February 01, 2022**, has given further impetus to modernisation of **Defence Services and Defence Security Infrastructure** development, including the **Border Road Infrastructure and Coastal Security Infrastructure**.
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** Ministry has decided to convert the **Experimental Scheme for Induction of Women Fighter Pilots in the Indian Air Force** into a **permanent scheme**.
- **Ministry of External Affairs** organised an outreach programme on **Export Controls** focusing on **start-ups** in various sectors of the **economy**.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** had passed a final order against five Tyre companies namely **Apollo Tyres Ltd., MRF Ltd., CEAT Ltd., JK Tyre and Industries Ltd., Birla Tyres Ltd.** and their association i.e. **Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association (ATMA)**.
- The Government of India in its **Union Budget for FY 2022-23** has increased the **capital outlay for the Border Roads Organisation (BRO)**, by a record **40 percent**, to **Rs 3,500 crore** as compared to **Rs 2,500 crore** in **FY 2021-22**.
- Government is implementing various schemes viz the **Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS)**, Schemes for the development of the **Power loom Sector**, **Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP)**.
- The **Union Government** has approved **continuation of Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs)** with an outlay of **Rs. 1575 crore** for **XV Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26)**.
- **Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)** tableau is selected as the **best central ministry tableau** for **Republic Day 2022**.



- **India's unemployment rate** is currently at **6.57 per cent** but during the second wave of the COVID-19, the unemployment rate reached **11.84 per cent** in the month of **May 2021**.
- The Government has decided to continue the Scheme of "**Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram**" over the **15th Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26)** at an outlay of **Rs 2,710.65 Crore**.
- **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)**, which, in the recent years, has adopted "**zero tolerance**" against the **sale of spurious/non-Khadi products**, has cancelled

the "**Khadi Certification**" to its oldest **Khadi Institution** named **Mumbai Khadi & Village Industries Association (MKVIA)**.

- Former Congress president **Rahul Gandhi** launched a **financial assistance scheme Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana** at a function organized in **Science College Ground** in **Chhattisgarh's capital Raipur** for **landless laborers of rural areas**.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation** is a **United Nations-sponsored annual awareness day** that takes place on **February 6** as part of the **UN's efforts to eradicate female genital mutilation**
- **World Pulses Day** is celebrated on **February 10 every year** and recognised **Pulses as a global food**.
- **Safer Internet Day (SID)** is observed every year on the **second day of the second week**

of **February**. This year it is celebrated on **8th February (Tuesday)** with the aim of providing a **safer and secured internet**, where every user gets to use the internet responsibly and without getting their data leaked.

- **World Unani Day** is observed annually on **February 11** to mark the birth anniversary of "**Hakim Ajmal Khan**", an eminent **Indian Unani physician**.
- **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** is observed every year on **11 February** to achieve full and equal access



to and participation in science for women and girls.

- **World Radio Day** is an international day celebrated on **13 February** each year.
- On **February 12**, India celebrates **National Productivity Day**.
- **Darwin Day** is annually observed on **February 12th** to commemorate the birth anniversary of the 19th-century British naturalist **Charles Darwin**. He is well known for his work "**The Theory of Natural Selection**"
- **National Deworming Day** is observed on **10 February** to raise awareness about the importance of deworming, mainly for children from 1 to 19 years of age.
- Every year, **February 13** is celebrated as **National Women's Day** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Sarojini Naidu**.
- **International Epilepsy Day** is observed every year on the **Second Monday of February** across the world.
- **FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE)** has taken the initiative in establishing **Anti-Smuggling Day** on **February 11th, 2022**.
- **Agricultural Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** celebrated its **36th**

Foundation Day.

NATIONAL NEWS

- The Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi** dedicated to the nation the '**Statue of Equality**' in **Hyderabad**.
- The Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi** visited the **International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)** campus in **Patancheru, Hyderabad** and kickstarted the **50th Anniversary celebrations of ICRISAT**.
- The Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, **Shri Hardeep Singh Puri** informed that the **Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban (SBM-U) 2.0, launched on October 1, 2021** for a **Mission period of five years** involves urban-rural convergence.
- **NITI Aayog**, in collaboration with **PhonePe, AWS and EY**, has organized a three-week-long virtual summit, '**Fintech Open**', from **7–28 February**.
- **India** is implementing the largest immunisation programme globally where we annually cover more than **3 crore pregnant women** and **2.6 crore children** through the **Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP)**.



- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announced a new partnership under the Sustainable Access to Markets and Resources for Innovative Delivery of Healthcare (SAMRIDH) initiative.**
- **Ministry of Culture, Government of India will organize a first of its kind, 2-Day Global Summit on 'Reimagining Museums in India', on 15-16 February 2022.**
- **A target of all India coal production of 1.2 Billion Tonne upto the year 2023-24 has been fixed.**
- **The Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ashwini Kumar Choubey informed that in pursuance to the economic measures announced by the Government under the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat Package' in May 2020.**
- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announced a new partnership under the Sustainable Access to Markets and Resources for Innovative Delivery of Healthcare (SAMRIDH) initiative.**
- **NITI Aayog has announced the five most improved aspirational districts in the Agriculture and Water Resources sector for December 2021.**
- **According to the latest audited statement of PM CARES Funds, the total corpus under the PM CARES Funds in 2020-21 was Rs 10,990.17 crore & Rs 3,976.17 crore was spent from the fund in 2020-21.**
- **Union Minister of Power, R K Singh has launched Powerthon-2022, a hackathon competition to find technology-driven solutions to solve the complex problems in power distribution and to ensure quality and reliable power supply.**
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will address the high-level segment of One Ocean Summit on 11th February through a video message.**
- **The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, opened the annual "Udyanotsav" of Rashtrapati Bhavan on February 10, 2022.**
- **AAI and other Airport Developers have targeted capital outlay of approximately Rs. 91000 crore in airport sector in the next five years for expansion and modification of existing terminals, new terminals and strengthening of runways, among other activities.**



- The Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Rameswar Teli, the Government has set a target to raise the share of natural gas in energy mix to 15% by 2030.
- President Ramnath Kovind has inaugurated the new Darbar hall in Rajbhavan in Mumbai.
- Two National Centres of Excellence in Carbon Capture and Utilization are being established in India.
- Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar will launch the Central Sector scheme “SMILE: Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise” at BHIM Auditorium, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Tourism has identified Eco Circuit as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme to promote eco-tourism in the country.
- The virtual inaugural session of India’s participation in the annual film market at Berlin, called EFM or the European Film Market which is organised on the sidelines of the Berlin International Film Festival.
- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog in collaboration with UNDP, India launched the Community Innovator Fellowship (CIF) marking the “International Day of Women & Girls in Science”.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, has inaugurated the 14.5 km long rail-cum-road-bridge over the Ganga River at Munger in Bihar through video conferencing.
- A ‘Samajik Adhikarita Shivar’ for distribution of aids and assistive devices to ‘Divyangjan’ under the ADIP Scheme and Senior citizens under ‘Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana’ (RVY Scheme) of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar handed over awards and degrees to the 284 students, which includes 8 foreign students, of the Post Graduate School of ICAR-Indian Agriculture Research Institute, New Delhi.
- Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, R. K. Singh, chaired a virtual meeting with the officers of Ministry of Power and MNRE, Addl. Chief Secretaries and Principal Secretaries of Power/Energy Departments of States &



UTs to discuss the role of States and UTs towards Energy Transition Goals of India.

- The umbrella scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF) has been approved for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- The Ministry of Culture, Government of India is organising a first of its kind, 2-Day

Global Summit in Hyderabad on 'Reimagining Museums in India', on 15-16 February 2022.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Childhood Cancer Day** is observed on 15th February Everyyear is a global collaborative campaign to raise awareness about childhood cancer, and to express support for children and adolescents with cancer, the survivors and their families.
- The **United Nations' (UN) World Day of Social Justice** is annually observed on **February 20** to encourage people to look at how social justice affects poverty eradication & the theme: "Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment"
- Every year, **World Pangolin Day** is celebrated on the **Third Saturday of February** & In 2022, the annual World Pangolin Day is being celebrated on **19th February 2022**, It marks the 11th edition of the event.

NATIONAL NEWS

- Prime Minister, **Narendra Modi** will deliver the inaugural address at the **Energy and Resources Institute's (TERI) World Sustainable Development Summit** via video message & theme 'Towards a Resilient Planet: Ensuring a Sustainable and Equitable Future.'
- **Ministry of Tourism** has included **Punaura Dham** in the Ramayana circuit of **Swadesh Darshan Scheme**.
- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** warned that the huge amount of medical waste produced as a result of tackling the **COVID-19 pandemic** poses a threat to human and **environmental health**.
- Government of India approved a new scheme "New India Literacy Programme" for the period



FYs 2022-2027 to cover all the aspects of Adult Education to align with National Education Policy 2020 and Budget Announcements 2021-22. The National Education Policy 2020 has recommendations for Adult Education and Lifelong Learning.

- **Camp for free Assistive Devices distribution organized for Divyangjan and Senior Citizens in Tikamgarh (M.P) under 'Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana' (RVY Scheme) of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**
- **Government has banned 54 Chinese apps posing threat to national security.**
- **The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has sanctioned Rs 24.53 Crore for dredging Gomati River with an objective to boost Indo-Bangla Waterway Project. As per the project for this waterway 10 floating jetties will be constructed from Udaipur in Gomati district, Tripura to Sonamura, Tripura.**
- **The National Health Authority has announced the integration of its flagship Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission with the Aarogya Setu app, allowing users to create the 14-digit unique Ayushman Bharat Health Account numbers from the app.**
- **Government has launched a Scheme for Economic Empowerment for DNTs, SEED for**

the welfare of **De-notified, Nomadic and semi-nomadic communities in New Delhi.**

- **The Jal Jeevan Mission has achieved a milestone of providing tap water to nine crore rural homes in the country.**
- **The Minister of State for Culture & Parliamentary Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal launched the career counselling workshop 'Pramarsh 2022' for the students of the Bikaner, Rajasthan**
- **NITI Aayog in association with PhonePe will be hosting the first-ever open-to-all Hackathon event for ideating and coming up with the most creative solutions for the FinTech space.**
- **The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the setting up of a G20 Secretariat and its reporting structures, which will be responsible for implementation of overall policy decisions and arrangements needed for steering India's forthcoming G20 Presidency.**
- **Project proposals for more than 60,000 houses were approved for construction in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Rajasthan at the 58th meeting of Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.**



- **Power, New and Renewable Energy Minister RK Singh**, the government intends to ensure uninterrupted **24x7 power supply to all households**.
- **Government approved** a new scheme **New India Literacy Programme** for the period **Financial Years 2022 to 2027** to cover all the aspects of **Adult Education** to align with **National Education Policy 2020** and Budget Announcements 2021-22.
- **Government** has approved the continuation of the **Capacity Development (CD) Scheme till 31st of March, 2026**.
- **Manoj Joshi**, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), in a virtual interaction held in **New Delhi** under the initiative of '**Labharthiyon Se Rubaroo**'.
- **Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi**, will inaugurate the '**Food, Agriculture and Livelihood**' at the India Pavilion in **EXPO2020 Dubai** on February 17th, 2022.
- The **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)**'s programme "**New Frontiers: A programme on Renewable Energy**" to celebrate the **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** commenced with the inaugural event "**India's Leadership in Energy Transition**" at **Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi**.
- **Power Minister R.K Singh** chaired the **Parliamentary Consultative Committee Meeting** of his ministry on the topic "**Dues of GENCOs and required financial discipline in DISCOM and States**" in **New Delhi**.
- **External Affairs Ministry** is celebrating its **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic Week** from the **21st to 27th of February**
- **Government** has approved the continuation of the **Capacity Development (CD) Scheme till 31st of March, 2026**.
- The **Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)** observed the second day of its programme "**New Frontiers: A Programme on Renewable Energy to celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**."
- **Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari** has inaugurated and laid **Foundation Stone of 51 National Highway Projects** of total length **1380 Km** with an investment of **Rs. 21,559 Crore** in **Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Narcotics Control Bureau, NCB**, is organising in **New Delhi**, the **Darkathon -2022** to find solutions to counter drug trafficking through **darknet across the globe**.
- **Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH)** has released the **FAITH 2035 vision document** containing goals and



an execution path for making Indian tourism preferred and loved by the world by the year 2035.

- The Government has approved the scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) for continuation till 31st March, 2026 or till further review, whichever is earlier.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Gobar-Dhan (Bio-CNG) Plant in Indore, Madhya Pradesh through video conferencing.
- Union Minister of Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation for the fourth part of Dhanwantri Bhawan organised by the All-

India Ayurveda Congress at its headquarters in Punjabi Bagh West, Delhi.

- The Ministry of Power has notified green hydrogen policy, the target of production of 5 million tonnes of Green hydrogen by 2030 and the related development of renewable energy capacity.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

- International Mother Language Day is observed worldwide on 21st February every year to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and to promote multilingualism & the theme of 2022 is: “Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities”.
- Every year India observes the Soil Health Card Day on 19 February to commemorate the launch of the Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme.
- World Thinking Day, originally known as Thinking Day, is celebrated every year on 22

February by all Girl Scouts, Girl Guides and other girl groups worldwide & the theme for World Thinking Day 2022 is “Our World, Our Equal Future”.

- Central Excise Day of India is celebrated every year on February 24.
- The Government of India has organised the Polio National Immunization Day 2022 (NID) (also known as “Polio Ravivar”) on February 27, 2022, to give two drops of oral polio vaccine (OPV) to every child in the country under the age of five.
- The National Science Day is celebrated on 28 February each year in India to spread the



message about the importance of science in the daily life of the people & the **theme** of National Science Day for 2022 is **Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future**.

- **Rare Disease Day (RDD)** is observed every year on the **last day of February**. This year in 2022 it falls on **February 28, 2022** with the **Theme of Share Your Colors**.
- **February 27th** is celebrated as the **National Protein Day**, to create awareness about protein deficiency and encourage people to include of this macronutrient in their diet & the **theme** of India Protein Day in 2022 is **Food Futurism**.
- **The World NGO Day** is celebrated on **February 27** every year.

NATIONAL NEWS

- **Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare** will launch '**Meri Policy Mere Hath**' which is a doorstep distribution drive to deliver crop insurance policies to farmers under the **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)**.
- The government of India is looking to promote '**Heal by India**' for **strengthening the country's educational institutions in the health sector** and enhancing education to churn out quality human resources.
- **TransUnion CIBIL Limited**, formerly known as Credit Information Bureau Limited, has

partnered with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (**FICCI**) to launch a nationwide Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (**MSME**) consumer education program to support MSME's across India to get awareness about credit management, **CIBIL Rank** and **commercial credit information**.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the '**Kisan Drone Yatra**', an initiative by **Garuda Aerospace Pvt Ltd** and **flagged off 100 'Kisan Drones'** in various cities in India.
- The **Government of India** has organised a week-long science exhibition titled '**Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate**' from **February 22 to 28, 2022**, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav commemoration.
- Government has approved the continuation of **Central Sector National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMSS)** over the **15th Finance Commission** cycle for a period of five years i.e. from 2021-22 to 2025-26 with **financial outlay of Rs. 1827.00 crore**
- The **25th meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)** was held in **Mumbai**, under the Chairpersonship of Union Finance Minister Smt. **Nirmala Sitharaman**.



- One of the **Leading Automaker, Renault India** announced that it has partnered with **CSC e-Governance Services (Common Service Centres)** to support the **Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan (PMGDISHA)**, the country's flagship programme that aims to provide digital literacy.
- The Union Minister of Science & Technology, **Dr Jitendra Singh** has chaired the **District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA)** meetings of several districts in **Jammu & Kashmir**.
- Union Minister **Giriraj Singh, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)** launched the **Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin (PMAYG)** Dashboard to monitor the implementation of the scheme.
- **Minister of State for Culture & External Affairs, Meenakshi Lekhi** has released a signature tune for 'Vande Bharatam'.
- The government has approved continuation of the **Immigration Visa Foreigners Registration Tracking, IVFRT** scheme for a period of five years with a financial outlay of over one thousand 364 crore rupees & the scheme will be in effect from **April 2021 to March 2026**.
- **Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Mansukh Mandaviya** will inaugurate a seminar- Industry Connect 2022, **Industry and Academia Synergy** in New Delhi.
- Third anniversary of the launch of **PM-KISAN**, over **Rs 1.80 lakh crore** transferred directly into farmer families bank accounts.
- **Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw** will release **National Strategy on Additive Manufacturing**.
- **Giriraj Singh**, the union minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, has released the **Rural Connectivity GIS Data in Public Domain**.
- **Sarbananda Sonowal** who is India's union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and AYUSH has inaugurated **Nikarshan Sadan" – The Dredging Museum at DCI campus in Vishakhapatnam**.
- The **PM Cares for Children Scheme** has been extended by the Ministry of Women and Child Development of the Government of India **till February 28, 2022**.
- Union Minister of Coal, Mines, and Parliamentary Affairs **Pralhad Joshi** launched the **Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)** system of **Coal India Limited (CIL)**.
- Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, **Giriraj Singh** has launched **Ombudsperson App for Mahatma Gandhi NREGA**.



- **The/Nudge Foundation** in partnership with plumbing brand **Ashirvad Pipes** and the office of the principal scientific adviser to the government has announced a **prize worth a sum of Rs 2.5 crore** for innovators working towards access to clean drinking water.
- **Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya** has launched the **National Polio Immunization Drive for 2022** by administering polio drops to children below five years of age in New Delhi.
- **IIT Madras & NIOT** Jointly Organised **OCEANS 2022** In Chennai, TN; Held 1st time in India
- The **28th edition of DST-CII India-Singapore Technology Summit 2022** held virtually on the theme 'Building Economies for the Future' which was attended by Minister of State(MoS Independent Charge) **Dr Jitendra Singh, Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST)**, Government of India and **S Iswaran, Minister for Transport and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations, Singapore.**
- According to the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MoNRE)**, Tamil Nadu (TN) has achieved the **first position** in overall installed renewable energy capacity in India surpassing Karnataka.
- The **Government of India(GoI)** announced the purchase of **44.4 million tonnes (MT) of wheat and 4.29 MT of rabi-grown rice** during 2022-23 under the minimum support price (MSP) programme.
- On February 24, 2022, the **Acquisition Wing of the Ministry of Defence (MoD)** signed a contract for **Rs 1075 crore with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** for the retro-modification of Commander Sight in 957 India's premier Battle Tanks i.e **T-90 of the Indian Army.**
- The **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** launched the National Strategy on Additive Manufacturing or **3D printing policy in India** and aims to increase the share of global additive manufacturing to **5 percent by contributing \$1 billion to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 2025.**
- **Indian Railways** along **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)**, has Successfully commissioned India's **first Solar Photovoltaic Plant of 1.7-MegaWatt (MW)** at Bina, Madhya Pradesh.
- The **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)** has amended the **Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016**, to accelerate the elimination of single-use plastic and promote alternatives.



- **Indian Army** conducted the first of its kind Hackathon “**Sainya Ranakshetram – 2021**” from **1st October to 31st December 2021**, to promote proficiency and expertise in the use of emerging technologies, and showcase the technological side of the Indian Army.