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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Global Innovation Index 2022

- India has climbed to the 40th rank in the Global Innovation Index of the World Intellectual Property Organization.
- India has leapfrogged to 40th position on the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2022 from the 81st spot in 2015.
- The World Intellectual Property Organization released the Global Innovation Index 2022 in which Switzerland has emerged as the world's most innovative economy for the 12th consecutive year.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Indian Tourism Statistics 2022 report

- Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar released the Indian Tourism Statistics 2022 report.
- The report revealed that Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu witnessed the highest number of visits by foreign tourists in 2021.
- Taj Mahal, Red Fort and Qutub Minar are the top 3 most visited sites in India in 2021-22.
- Group of Monuments at Mamallapuram in Tamil Nadu was the most visited centrally-protected monument by foreigners in 2021-22.

### 2) World's first CNG terminal in Gujarat

- Prime Minister Modi laid foundation stone for the world's first CNG terminal in Gujarat. The world's first compressed natural gas (CNG) terminal will be set up close to Gujarat's Bhavnagar port.
- The project will be supported by the Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB), which is currently managing the Bhavnagar Port.

### 3) Vande Bharat Express

- Prime Minister Modi launched the new and upgraded version of Vande Bharat Express between Gandhinagar and Mumbai.
- The new train can reach the maximum speed of 160 km per hour in 129 seconds, around 16 seconds faster than the other Vande Bharat trains.
- It is equipped with Kavach, an automatic anti-collision system. This is not

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available in the previous versions of the Vande Bharat trains.  
- The first Vande Bharat Express train was launched in 2019.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) TIME100 Next

- Reliance Jio Chairman Akash Ambani, has been named by TIME magazine in the TIME100 Next list that recognises “rising stars from across industries and around the world. Significantly, he is the only Indian to be featured on the list this year.
- Akash Ambani has since played a key role in landing multibillion-dollar investments from Google and Facebook.

### 2) 68th National Film Awards

- The 68th National Film Awards was announced. The Tamil film Soorarai Pottru will receive the best Feature Film award.
- Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior, a movie in Hindi, will win an award for most popular movie offering satisfying entertainment.
- Ajay Devgan and Suriya will receive Best Actor awards for the movies Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior and Soorarai Pottru.

### 3) National Lata Mangeshkar Award

- Playback singers Kumar Sanu and Shailendra Singh and music-composer duo Anand-Milind were conferred with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award for different years.
- They will be presented the prestigious award (on September 28), the birth anniversary of the late legendary singer, at her birthplace Indore.
- Officials informed the award is given for promoting excellence in the area of light music annually by the Madhya Pradesh government’s culture department. It carries a cash prize of Rs two lakh and a citation.

## OBITUARY

### 1) Jayanti Patnaik

- Jayanti Pattnaik, the first chair of the National Women’s Commission and a





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former member of parliament, passed away in Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha.  
- Jayanti Patnaik was an Indian politician and social worker. She served as the First Chairman of the National Commission for Women, in its first chair from 3 February 1992 to 30 January 1995.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Maritime Day

- The International Maritime Organization observed World Maritime Day on the last Thursday of September.
- In 2022, it will be observed on September 29.
- The theme for World Maritime Day 2022 is 'New technologies for greener shipping'.

### 2) International Translation Day

- International Translation Day is being celebrated every year on 30 September to raise awareness about translation and languages which play an important role for society's development.
- The theme for this year's International Translation Day is 'A world without barriers'.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

### 1) "Lata: Sur-Gatha"

- The English translation of the award-winning book "Lata: Sur-Gatha" will be released in January 2023.
- "Lata: A Life in Music", originally written in Hindi by writer-poet Yatindra Mishra, is translated by noted writer and translator Ira Pande.
- The book is being published in the English language announced by publisher Penguin Random House India.