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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Aid for Trade initiative

- India received the highest recipient of aid for trade from developed countries in 2020.
- The Aid for Trade initiative was launched in 2005 at the WTO Ministerial Conference to align donor and partner countries' strategies in promoting trade for poverty reduction.
- Its progress is monitored by the WTO (World Trade Organisation) and OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development).

## NATIONAL

### 1) MH-60 R

- The American Navy delivered two MH-60 R multipurpose helicopters to the Indian Navy.
- All 24 MH 60R helicopters will be delivered by the end of 2025, with the third helicopter due to arrive in August of this year.
- Under its Foreign Military Sales programme, the US Department of State has authorised the sale of 24 MH-60R multi-mission helicopters to India.

### 2) Internet usage in Rural India

- According to a report by the Internet and Mobile Association of India, the number of internet users in rural India increased 18% and 5% in urban areas in 2021.
- Goa has the maximum internet penetration and Bihar the lowest among states.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) 'Kerala Savari'

- The Kerala government is all set to come up with an alternative to the popular corporate online cab service by launching its own e-taxi service next month, considered to be the first such initiative by any state government in the country.
- The service named 'Kerala Savari', the online taxi hiring service is being rolled out by the state.

### 2) Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme

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- Tamil Nadu government has issued an order to implement the first phase of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme at 1,545 government primary schools for the benefit of over 1.14 lakh children in Classes I-V during 2022-23.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award

- Boris Johnson has presented Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy with the Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award, drawing comparisons between the two leaders in times of crisis. Zelenskyy accepted the award.
- The Churchill leadership award was first presented in 2006. Past recipients include Prince Charles, former British Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and John Major and others.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Nature Conservation Day

- World Nature Conservation Day is observed on July 28 every year.
- The objective is to spread awareness regarding the preservation of nature and biodiversity for a healthy environment which is required for stable and prospering humankind.
- Theme of 2022 is "Cut Down on Plastic."

### 2) International Tiger Day

- International Tiger Day is observed globally on 29th July every year. The day is celebrated to raise awareness among individuals, organisations, and governments about the importance of the conservation of tigers.
- Theme: "India launches Project Tiger to revive the tiger population".

### 3) Earth overshoot day

- In 2022, the earth overshoot day lands on July 28, 2022, a day before it was celebrated last year (July 29) and a month earlier than it was celebrated in 2020 (August 22).
- Earth Overshoot Day marks the date when humanity has exhausted nature's budget for the year.





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## SPORTS

### 1) Sebastian Vettel

- Formula One champion, Sebastian Vettel who is currently a part of Aston Martin announced his retirement.
- The German driver declared that he will retire at the end of the season. He is one of the most successful drivers in the F1 race is currently third on the list of all-time Grand Prix winners with 53 victories, trailing only Lewis Hamilton and Michael Schumacher.

### 2) Asia Cup 2022

- The Asia Cup 2022 will now be held in United Arab Emirates. Earlier this event was scheduled to take place in Sri Lanka. However, due to the economic crisis in the island nation, the tournament has been shifted to UAE.
- The Asia Cup, last held in 2018, will be played in T20 format this time.

## OBITUARY

### 1) Sushovan Banerjee

- Padma Shri awardee Sushovan Banerjee famous as Bengal's 'one rupee doctor' has passed away. Based in Bolpur, Birbhum district, Banerjee was known for treating patients for nearly 60 years at Re 1 per visit. In 2020, he was conferred with the Padma Shri for his contribution in the field of medicine.

### 2) Balwinder Safri

- Veteran Punjabi singer Balwinder Safri has passed away. He was 63. Punjab-born Safri, who was based in Birmingham, was part of the UK bhangra scene since 1980 and formed the Safri Boyz Band in 1990.