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## 1. Jan Aushadhi stores surpassed the Rs 100 crore revenue threshold



**Jan Aushadhi** stores surpassed Rs 100 crore for the first time. More than 1,600 generic pharmaceuticals, 250 surgical equipment, nutraceuticals, Ayush products, and Suvridha Sanitary pads are available in Jan Aushadhi locations. The **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)** is implemented by the **Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)**.

### KEY POINTS:

- Total sales in May 2021 were Rs 83.77 crore.
- The government has set a goal of increasing the number of **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs)** to 10,000 by March 2024, with the goal of providing excellent medications at affordable prices to the ordinary man, particularly the underprivileged.
- At the moment, the country has 8,735 such outlets spread throughout 739 districts.

## 2. COVAX: Bangladesh now the top recipient of Covid vaccines

*After a year and a few months, more than 11.7 crore individuals, or almost 69 percent of Bangladesh's population, have received two doses of the vaccine.*

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- The COVAX facility, which is a worldwide effort co-led by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the

World Health Organization, with UNICEF as a key delivery partner, has received approximately 190 million doses of COVID 19 vaccines. COVAX is responsible for more than 62 percent of the doses delivered to Bangladesh.

### KEY POINTS:

- UNICEF delivered the first COVAX consignment of vaccinations on June 1 last year, following the start of COVID 19 vaccination in Bangladesh in February 2021. Only 4% of Bangladesh's population had been properly vaccinated at the time.
- After a year and a few months, more than 11.7 crore individuals, or 69 percent of Bangladesh's population, have received two doses of the vaccine. Sheldon Yett, the UNICEF Representative in Bangladesh, said the success in putting millions of vaccines into the hands of people in every corner of the country has been nothing short of astounding.

UNICEF has also aided the Government's COVID-19 response by bolstering the cold and ultra-cold chains, delivering crucial supplies, stimulating demand, assisting with data management, and bolstering vaccine administration capability.

## 3. Former West Indies skipper Darren Sammy conferred with the Sitara-e-Pakistan award



Former West Indies captain, Daren Sammy has been conferred with the Sitara-i-Pakistan Award for Services to Pakistan during a ceremony. The 38-year-old all-rounder was being recognized for his role in helping bring international cricket back to Pakistan. It is the third-highest civil award conferred by Pakistan. He represented West Indies in 38 Tests, 126 ODIs, and 68 T20Is, has been one of the best captains that the world has seen in the

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T20 format and he captained a lot of franchises around the world.

Sammy, who led the West Indies to two T20 World titles (2012 and 2016), was receiving his second civil honour from Pakistan in as many years. In March 2020, he received the highest civilian medal of Pakistan, Nishan-e-Pakistan, for his part in helping bring international cricket back to Pakistan. He was also awarded honorary Pakistani citizenship by the President of Pakistan Arif Alvi.

## 4. Telangana Formation Day 2022 is observed on 02nd June



Telangana, India's 28th state, was founded on 2nd June 2014. Telangana celebrates its Formation Day to mark the people's contribution to forming a separate state outside of Andhra Pradesh.

Telangana's 30 districts honour this day by hoisting the national flag. The formation of Telangana signifies the victory of the Telangana movement. It commemorates the official separation of Telangana from the state of Andhra Pradesh. On 2 June 2014, a 57-year-old movement came to an end, realising the hopes of the Telangana people. The movement not only provided the people of the region with a separate identity but also created a change in India's map, which now shows the state's boundaries.

- On 1 November 1956, Telangana merged with Andhra Pradesh to form a unified state specifically for the Telugu-speaking people by sculpting that state from erstwhile Madras. In 1969, the Telangana region witnessed a protest for

a new state and in 1972, a distinct Andhra Pradesh was formed.

- Various social organisations, student unions, and government employees all played important roles in the 1969 agitation.
- After nearly 40 years of protests, the Telangana Bill was passed by the Congress Working Committee and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Lok Sabha in February 2014. The bill was introduced in the Indian Parliament in 2014 and the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act received its approval the same year. According to the bill, Telangana will be constituted by ten districts in north-western Andhra Pradesh.

## 5. Young women entrepreneur Rashmi Sahoo wins Times Business Award 2022



Director of Ruchi Foodline, Eastern India's leading food brand and Odisha's No.1 spices company, Rashmi Sahoo has been presented the Times Business Award 2022. She was given the award by renowned Bollywood actor and social activist Sonu Sood. The award was given in the category of Eastern India's Leading READY -TO-EAT brand. While working as director of Ruchi Foodline, she started and established Frozit – Odisha's first frozen food company. She not only revolutionized the food processing segment in Odisha but also changes the lives of thousands of women by proving employment opportunities. Sahoo and Frozit have won various accolades across the world

for their innovative food product line, quality and hygiene standards.

About Frozit:

Gradually Frozit has made a name of itself nationally and internationally in the category of ready to eat food and bakery and which are not only healthy but also cost-effective. Frozit now serves various food of India as well as traditional Odia foods like Biryani, Pasta, Ghee-Rice, Mutton Kasa, Laccha Paratha, Mughlai Chicken, Veg Pulao, Kadai Soyabin, Chana Masala, Friend Rice, Tandoori Mushroom, Garlic Mushroom, Zeera Rice, Mix Veg, Pada Pitha, and Kheer.

## 6. Centre Appoints S L Thaosen as Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal



A 1988-batch Indian Police Service officer S L Thaosen has been appointed as the new Director-General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). Thaosen, a Madhya Pradesh-cadre IPS officer, has been serving as the Special Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF). The Sashastra Seema Bal force guards the country's borders with Nepal (1,751 km) and Bhutan (699 km).

The post of SSB chief has been lying vacant after incumbent DG Kumar Rajesh Chandra retired on December 31 last year. Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) DG Sanjay Arora has been holding the additional charge of the Sashastra Seema Bal DG since then.

## 7. J&K National Panthers Party Chief Bhim Singh passes away



National Panthers Party Chief Professor, Bhim Singh passed away at his residence in Jammu after a prolonged illness. He was 80. Singh was the founder and Chief Patron of the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP), a political organisation which seeks "ultimate revolution", based in the Indian union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Mr Singh, a lawyer by profession, has been unwell for some time and was admitted to the Government Medical College, Jammu. Prof. Singh was a leader committed to secular values who fought relentlessly for the rights of downtrodden and marginalised sections of society in and outside the State legislature. At a time when polarization and divisiveness have dominated the political arena, he stood for communal harmony and fought tooth and nail against the forces, who are hell bent on dividing the people and regions into the communal lines.

## 8. Govt collects Rs 1.41 lakh crore GST in May



GST revenue for May stood at nearly Rs 1.41 lakh crore, a 44 per cent increase over the same month last year, the Finance Ministry. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues came in lower than the record high collection in April at Rs 1.68

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lakh crore. In March GST revenues were at Rs 1.42 lakh crore, while in February it was Rs 1.33 lakh crore.

The collection in May, which pertains to the returns for April, the first month of the financial year has always been less than that in April, which pertains to the returns for March, the closing of the financial year.

Key points:

- The gross GST revenue collected in the month of May 2022 is Rs 1,40,885 crore of which CGST is Rs 25,036 crore, SGST is Rs 32,001 crore, IGST is Rs 73,345 crore (including Rs 37,469 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 10,502 crore (including Rs 931 crore collected on import of goods).
- This is the fourth time that the monthly GST collection has crossed the Rs 1.40 lakh crore mark since the inception of GST and the third straight month since March 2022.
- The total number of e-way bills generated in the month of April 2022 was 7.4 crore, which is 4 per cent lesser than the 7.7 crore e-way bills generated in the month of March 2022.9. India's economic growth expected to be 8.7% in FY22, Q4 GDP to be **4.1 %**



India's economic growth fell to 4.1 percent in January-March 2021-22, a four-quarter low, reflecting the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic's Omicron wave on the manufacturing sector and contact-intensive services. The National Statistical Office reduced its year-on-year gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for the full fiscal year 2021-22 to 8.7%, down from 8.9%

anticipated in February. In the years 2020-21, the economy shrank by 6.6 percent.

KEY POINTS:

- GDP growth in the fourth quarter was lower than the 5.4 percent recorded in the October-December quarter, but higher than the 2.5 percent experienced in January-March 2021.
  - The GDP figure for FY22 is noteworthy since it shows growth in the year following the outbreak of the Covid-19 epidemic in 2020.
  - The most recent estimate of GDP growth is lower than the second advance estimate of 8.9% (published on February 28) and the first advance estimate of 9.2%. (released in January).
  - India's GDP growth rate is expected to be 7.2 percent in 2022-23, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
  - Manufacturing was the only one of the eight main sectors to contract in the January-March quarter, with a -0.2% contraction, largely due to the high base of 15.2% in the fourth quarter of 2020-21.
  - In the October-December period, manufacturing increased by 0.3%. Agriculture expanded by 4.1 percent in the fourth quarter, while the mining and quarrying and construction industries grew by 6.7 percent and 2.0 percent, respectively.
  - Except for trade, hotels, and transportation, all sectors of the economy exhibited stronger recovery in FY22 compared to pre-Covid levels in FY20, according to statistics he supplied.
- In Q4 of FY22, private final consumption expenditure — a measure of individual consumption of goods and services — increased by 1.8% year on year. Gross fixed capital creation (GFCG) increased by 5.1 percent, which is a proxy for investment activity. Government final consumption expenditure increased by 4.8

percent in January-March, bolstering the economy.

Gross Value Added (GVA) increased by 8.1 percent in FY22, compared to a decline of 4.8 percent the previous year. In nominal terms, which account for inflation, GDP is expected to expand by 19.5%, compared to a fall of 1.4% last year.

Separately published statistics for government accounts revealed that the fiscal deficit for 2021-22 was 6.71 percent of GDP, lower than the 6.9 percent forecast by the Finance Ministry in the updated Budget Estimates. According to another statistic issued, the output of eight infrastructure sectors — coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel, cement, and power — increased by 8.4% in April, compared to a 62.6 percent increase the previous month. In March, it increased by 4.9 percent.

## 10. Mens Hockey Asia Cup: India win bronze with 1-0 win over Japan



India defeated Japan 1-0 to win bronze at the Men's Hockey Asia Cup 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia. Japan had seven penalty corners while India had just two but India led the circle penetration stats 11-10. India were down to 10 men in the last minute of the match but they managed to hold on and win their second bronze medal at the Asia Cup.

This was India's 10th medal from the 11 editions of the continental meet held so far. India, champions in 2003, 2007 and 2017, have finished runners-up on five occasions and have won the bronze medal twice. Against Japan, Rajkumar Pal

(6') scored the solitary goal of the match. Indian captain Birendra Lakra was declared man of the match in the bronze medal playoff.

In the finals of Asia Cup 2022:

South Korea dashed Malaysia's hopes of a maiden Hero Asia Cup trophy as they reigned supreme with a thrilling 2-1 final victory here at the GBK Sports Arena. This is the fifth time the Korean side have lifted the prestigious trophy. They have won the title in 1994, 1999, 2009 and 2013.

## 11. Amit Shah laid foundation stone for an Olympic-level sports complex in Ahmedabad



The government wants to have international level grounds and venues for all sports for the Olympics in Ahmedabad with the Sardar Patel Sports Complex, Narendra Modi Stadium, Naranpura Sports Complex, and three more sports complexes. Amit Shah, the Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation, laid the foundation stone for an Olympic-level sports complex in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on Sunday (29 May) at a cost of Rs 632 crore.

### KEY POINTS:

- The world-class sports stadium is set across 18 acres in Ahmedabad's Naranpura neighbourhood, with facilities for playing and training in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, including swimming. It can also accommodate up to 7,000 people at once.
- This enormous sports facility with over 1.15 lakh square metres of built up area includes an indoor sports arena, a community sports arena, and an aquatic stadium.
- The BJP-led central and state administrations hope that the presence of the world's largest cricket stadium, the Sardar Patel

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Sports Complex, and the Naranpura Sports Complex will make Ahmedabad a city where Olympic preparations may be made.

## QUIZ

1. The Border Coordination Conference between BSF, India, and BGBM Bangladesh was held in which city?

- (a) Chittagong
- (b) Dharmanagar
- (c) Dhaka
- (d) Sylhet

2. Who among the following has been appointed as a managing director and CEO of National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) with effect from May 30, 2022?

- (a) Natarajan Sundar
- (b) inod Kumar Mishra
- (c) Surender Rana
- (d) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty

3. Renowned Krishnakumar Kunnath, who has passed away was related to which of the following field?

- (a) Classical Dancer
- (b) Film-maker
- (c) Producer
- (d) Singer

4. Bhim Singh, who was also known as a 'Sher-e-Jammu', has passed away was a \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Photographer
- (b) Activist
- (c) Businessman
- (d) Politician

5. Which of the following country has become the first Arab country to sign free trade deal with Israel?

- (a) Bahrain
- (b) Iraq
- (c) Jordan
- (d) UAE

6. In May 2022, Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) has crossed 100 crore rupees sales, it is a implementing agency for which scheme?

- (a) PMJAY
- (b) PMJP
- (c) DBT
- (d) SISFS

7. Who among the following has received the Dr. V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award at the 17th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival of India (MIFF 2022)?

- (a) Sanjit Narwekar
- (b) Govind Swarup
- (c) Anurag Kashyap
- (d) T. K. Rajeev Kumar

8. Name the credit-linked portal which will be launched by PM Narendra Modi for the delivery of various schemes for the ease of living for the common man?

- (a) Jan Service
- (b) Jan Samarth
- (c) Jan Seva
- (d) Jan Scheme

9. Param Ananta supercomputer has been commissioned in which of the following Indian Institutes of Technology campuses?

- (a) Kolkata
- (b) Madras
- (c) Pune
- (d) Ganhinagar

10. On May 31, 2022, how much amount has been released by PM Narendra Modi as the 11th instalment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi?

- (a) Rs 20,000 crore
- (b) Rs 20,500 crore
- (c) Rs 21,000 crore
- (d) Rs 21,500 crore