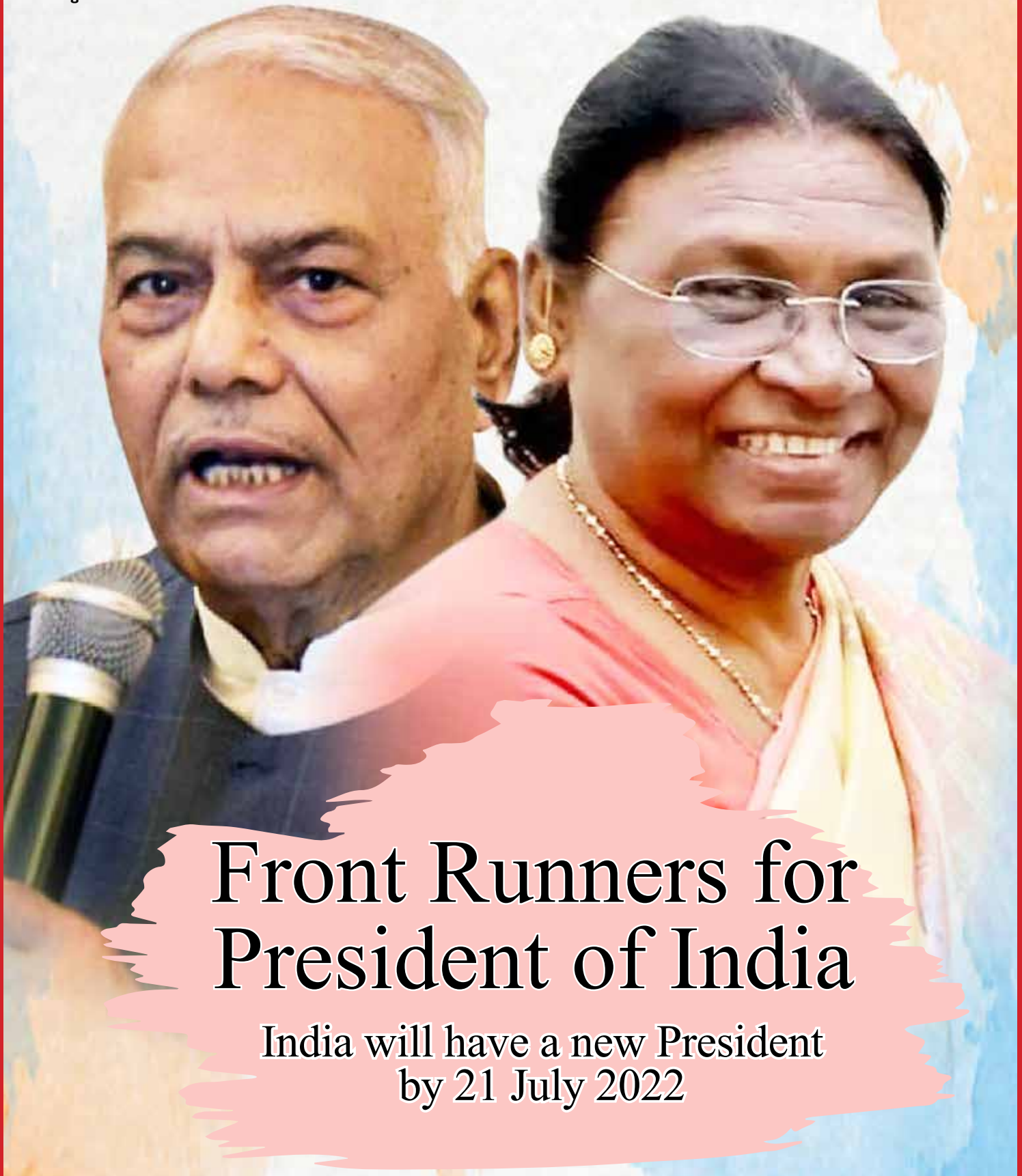


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Cabinet approves MoU between the Department of Science and Technology, India and Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Department of Science and Technology of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Trade and Industry of the Government of the Republic of Singapore on Cooperation in the fields of Science, Technology and Innovation. The MoU was signed in February 2022.

The MoU will help in creating an ecosystem that will promote innovation and entrepreneurship in both countries leading to new technology creation, manpower training, and IP generation through collaboration.

The new knowledge and technology development through activities implemented under this cooperation will provide impetus to Atmanirbhar Bharat. The activities envisaged in the MoU will involve product development



and technology exchange which may lead to generation of new enterprises and employment.

Priority will be given to collaboration within any area of mutual interest that can advance progress in research, innovation and technological development including:

- (1) Agriculture and food science and technology
- (2) Advanced manufacturing and

engineering

(3) Green economy, energy, water, climate and natural resources

(4) Data science, Emerging Technologies

(5) Advanced Materials; and

(6) Health and biotechnology.

Other areas of common interest will be included through mutual consent.

Cabinet approves Strategic Partnership Agreement between MNRE, India and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi was apprised of a Strategic Partnership Agreement signed between the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). The Agreement was signed in January 2022.

The aim of the Agreement is to drive ambition, leadership and knowledge on green energy transitions

based on renewable energy in India.

The Agreement will help India's energy transition efforts and will also help the world in combating climate change.

The areas of cooperation as envisaged in the Strategic Partnership Agreement will support India in achieving its ambitious target of 500 GW of installed non-fossil fuel electricity capacity by 2030. This in-turn will promote Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The salient features of the Agreement include enhanced

cooperation in the following areas:

- (1) Facilitating knowledge sharing from India on scaling-up renewable energy and clean energy technologies
- (2) Supporting India's efforts on long term energy planning
- (3) Collaborating to strengthen the innovation climate in India
- (4) Moving towards cost-effective decarbonisation through catalysing development and deployment of green hydrogen.

CCI approves proposed combination involving Google International LLC and Bharti Airtel Limited

Google International LLC (Acquirer) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Google LLC, (collectively with all Google LLC subsidiaries, known as “Google”). Google LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of Alphabet Inc. The Acquirer is a holding company and does not own / operate any of Google’s products/ services. Google, however, offers various products and services, including its flagship search service, its Android operating system, and its Play app store.

Bharti Airtel Limited (BAL/ Target), headquartered in India, is an international communications solutions provider with over 480 million customers in 17 countries across South Asia and Africa. BAL’s retail portfolio includes, amongst others, high speed mobile broadband, Airtel Xstream Fiber, streaming services (music and video), digital payments and financial services. For enterprise customers, BAL offers solutions including secure connectivity, cloud and data centre services, cyber security, IoT, advertising services, and cloud-based communication.

The Acquirer and Target have executed an Investment Agreement (IA) as per which the Acquirer proposes to acquire a minority and non-controlling stake of 1.28% of equity share capital in the Target. Along with the IA, the Parties have also entered into certain commercial deals through their affiliates. The Parties also intend to enter into other commercial arrangements in future. The CCI approved the proposed combination on the basis of information offered by the Acquirer.

Gazette Notification VICE – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, 2022

By a Notification published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary today (the 5th July, 2022), the Election Commission has appointed the following dates for the Vice-Presidential Election:-

- a. the 19th July, 2022 (Tuesday), as the last date for making nominations;
- b. the 20th July, 2022, (Wednesday), as the date for scrutiny of nominations;
- c. the 22nd July, 2022, (Friday), as the last date for the withdrawal of candidatures; and
- d. the 6th August, 2022, (Saturday), as the date on which a poll shall, if necessary, be taken.

the Commission vide separate Notifications issued on the 1st July, 2022, has appointed Shri Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha as the Returning Officer for the Vice Presidential Election and Shri P.C. Tripathy, Joint Secretary and Shri Raju Srivastava, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat, as the Assistant Returning Officers. As required under rule 3 of the Presidential and Vice Presidential Elections Rules, 1974, the Returning Officer by a Public Notice has notified today, the 5th July, 2022, that-

I. nomination papers may be delivered by a candidate or any one of his proposers or seconders to the Returning Officer at his office in Room No. 18, Ground Floor, Parliament House, New Delhi, or if he is unavoidably absent, to the Assistant Returning Officer Shri P.C. Tripathy, Joint Secretary or Shri Raju Srivastava, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat at the said office between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. on any day (other than a public holiday) not later than the 19th July, 2022;

II. each nomination paper shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the entry relating to the candidate

in the electoral roll for the Parliament constituency in which the candidate is registered as an elector;

III. every candidate shall deposit or cause to be deposited a sum of rupees fifteen thousand only. This amount may be deposited in cash with the Returning Officer at the time of presentation of the nomination paper or deposited earlier in the Reserve Bank of India or in a Government Treasury and in the latter case a receipt showing that the said deposit of the sum has been so made is required to be enclosed with the nomination paper;

IV. forms of nomination papers may be obtained from the above said office at the time aforesaid;

V. the nomination papers, other than those rejected under sub-section (4) of section 5B of the Act, will be taken up for scrutiny in Room No 62, First Floor, Parliament House, New Delhi on Wednesday, the 20th July, 2022 at 11 A.M.;

VI. the notice of withdrawal of candidatures may be delivered by a candidate, or any one of his proposers or seconders who has been authorized on his behalf in writing by the candidate, to the Returning Officer at the place specified in paragraph (I) above before three o’ clock in the afternoon of 22nd July, 2022;

VII. in the event of the election being contested, the poll will be taken on Saturday, the 6th August, 2022 between the hours of 10 A.M. and 5 P.M. at the place of polling fixed under the rules.

Arrangements have also been made for simultaneous republication of these Notifications and the Public Notice issued by the Returning Officer in Official Gazettes of all States/Union Territories.



After a 9-year lull, India and EU re-launch negotiations for India-EU Free Trade Agreement

In a joint event held at the Headquarters of the European Union (EU) at Brussels, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal, and Mr. Valdis Dombrovskis, Executive Vice-President of European Commission formally re-launched the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations. Besides, negotiations were also launched for a stand-alone Investment Protection Agreement (IPA) and a Geographical Indicators (GIs) Agreement.

Last year, in the India and EU Leaders' Meeting, an agreement was reached for resuming negotiations for a balanced, ambitious, comprehensive and mutually beneficial FTA and starting fresh negotiations on the IPA and a separate agreement on GIs.

The FTA talks resumed after a gap of about nine years since the earlier

negotiations were left off due to difference in the scope and expectations from the deal. This would be one of the most significant FTAs for India as EU is its second largest trading partner after the US. The India-EU merchandise trade has registered an all-time high value of USD 116.36 billion in 2021-22 with a year-on-year growth of 43.5%. India's export to the EU jumped 57% in FY 2021-22 to \$65 billion. India has a surplus trade with EU.

Considering that both partners have similar fundamental values and common interests and are two of the largest open market economies, the trade deal will help to diversify and secure the supply chains, boost economic opportunities for our businesses, and bring significant benefits to the people. Both sides are aiming for the trade negotiations to be broad-based, balanced and comprehensive, based on the principles

of fairness and reciprocity. There will also be discussions on resolving the Market Access Issues which are impeding the bilateral trade. The proposed IPA would provide a legal framework for cross-border investments to enhance the confidence of investors. The GI pact is expected to establish a transparent and predictable regulatory environment, to facilitate trade of GI products including handicrafts and agricultural commodities. Both parties are aiming to negotiate all the three agreements in parallel and conclude them simultaneously.

India earlier this year has concluded FTAs with Australia and the UAE in a record time. The FTA talks with Canada and the UK are also underway. The FTA negotiations are part of India's broader strategy to forge balanced trade agreements with key economies and revamp existing trade pacts to improve trade and investment.

Assessment of States/UTs based on implementation of Business Reforms Action Plan for the year 2020 declared

Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Telangana are the Top

Achievers based on implementation of Business Reforms Action Plan.

Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh figure under the Achievers category.

Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Kerala, Rajasthan and West Bengal have been placed in the Aspirers category.

Andaman & Nicobar, Bihar, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Puducherry and Tripura have been clubbed under the Emerging Business Ecosystems category.

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, announced the assessment of States/UTs under Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) 2020, the 5th edition of the BRAP exercise. The announcements were made in the presence of Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Anurag Jain, Secretary, DPIIT and Senior Government officials of State and UT administration.

Speaking after release of assessment report, Smt. Sitharaman said that the nature of reforms had undergone change since 1991. "The reforms now taking place are responsive reforms. Unlike the reforms of 1991, which were given to us for implementation, there is no compulsion now. The objective is to see what will bring out improvement in systems and ensure better lives for us.



An element of nudge has been brought into every layer of the government. Nudging cannot be by the government only and the industry has a big role to play there,' the Finance Minister said. The Finance Minister appreciated the changes brought in the assessment framework of implementation under the Business Reforms Action Plan over years.

Speaking at the event, Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister for Commerce & Industry said that the assessment has evolved from evidence-based to 100% feedback in multilingual format. He said that the purpose of this BRAP exercise is to infuse a culture of learning from each other's best practices and improve upon the business climate in each State/UT with a unified objective for India to emerge as a most favoured Investment Destination across the globe.

"When Hon'ble Prime Minister gave the thrust in 2014 to improving the ease of doing business, one of his major thrust areas was that while we are working at the international level for improving our ranking, we must involve all the stakeholders including the States and UTs in our effort to get them on board so that people really feel the difference and change in their

ecosystem, which will lead to ease of living," Shri Goyal said.

"The process started in 2014 has started bearing fruit as we go along. Rather than ease of doing business being limited to a few areas, few cities and few businesses, we are seeing it being reflected across the country through the spirit of competitive federalism and also of collaboration", the Commerce & Industry minister added.

Secretary, DPIIT Shri Anurag Jain said that the difference between various states/UTs was so small that it did not make sense to rank them but rather put them in various categories.

The BRAP 2020 includes 301 reform points covering 15 business regulatory areas such as Access to Information, Single Window System, Labour, Environment, Land Administration & Transfer of Land and Property, Utility Permits and others. 118 new reforms were included to further augment the reform process. Sectoral reforms with 72 action points spread across 9 sectors namely Trade License, Healthcare, Legal Metrology, Cinema Halls, Hospitality, Fire NOC, Telecom, Movie Shooting and Tourism were introduced for the first time to expand the scope of reform agenda.

Design led manufacturing under Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Promoting Telecom and Networking Products Manufacturing in India



Department of Telecommunications (DoT) had notified the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme on 24th February 2021, with a financial outlay of ₹ 12,195 Crores. A total of 31 companies, comprising of 16 MSMEs and 15 Non-MSMEs including 8 Domestic and 7 Global companies were given approval on 14th October, 2021.

With the objective to build a strong ecosystem for 5G, the Union Budget 2022-23 had proposed to launch a Scheme for design-led manufacturing as part of the existing PLI Scheme. After consultations with stakeholders, the Guidelines for the PLI Scheme for Telecom & Networking Products have been amended to introduce the Design-led Manufacturing with additional incentive rates. Further, DoT based on feedback from stakeholders including the selected PLI Applicants, has decided to extend the existing PLI Scheme by one year. The existing PLI beneficiaries will

be given an option to choose financial year 2021-22 or financial year 2022-23 as the first year of incentive. DoT has also approved the addition of 11 new telecom and networking products to the existing list, based on suggestions from the stakeholders.

For promoting design-led manufacturing, Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is inviting applications from Design-led manufacturers as well as others, for availing incentive under the PLI Scheme for five years commencing from 1st April 2022. Investment made by successful applicants in India from 1st April 2022 onwards and till Financial Year (FY) 2025-2026 will be eligible, subject to qualifying incremental annual thresholds. The Scheme is open to both MSME and Non-MSME Companies including Domestic and Global Companies. The applications from Design-led manufacturers shall be prioritized over other manufacturers

while shortlisting. The Design Led Manufacturing is primarily aimed to support efforts for designing telecom products in India. It will recognize and encourage R&D-driven manufacturing in the country to enhance its contribution to global value chain as envisaged in the National Digital Communication Policy, 2018.

Applicants will have to satisfy the minimum Global Revenue criteria to be eligible under the Scheme. The Company may decide to invest for single or multiple eligible products. The Scheme stipulates a minimum investment threshold of ₹10 Crores for MSME and ₹100 Crores for non MSME applicants. Land and building cost will not be counted as investment. Eligibility shall be further subject to Incremental Sales of Manufactured Goods (covered under Scheme Target Segments) over the base year (FY2019-20). The allocation for MSME has been enhanced from ₹1000 Crores to ₹2500 Crores.

Digital India Week flagged off with Digital Mela and a Bouquet of launches

Celebrations of Digital India Week were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the presence of Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendra Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Electronics & IT, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Minister of State for Electronics & IT, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, and several other dignitaries.

The Digital Mela showcased over 200 stalls on digital solutions and emerging technologies. Around 1500 beneficiaries of Digital India initiatives from across the country participated in the event. Some of the beneficiaries got the opportunity to interact and share their experiences with the Prime Minister. Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, MoS, Electronics & IT, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship talked about the growth of Digital India since its inception and shared how Digital India enabled Bharat to shift from a 'Tech consumer to a Tech producer'. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister of Gujarat remarked that by generating an automated cycle of planning, implementation, and feedback, Digital India has given a direction to the government with changing times. He also talked about various governance initiatives that the government of Gujarat has successfully implemented in the last 2.5 decades.

The Prime Minister launched several Digital India initiatives, namely, India Stack: indiastack, global, MyScheme: Service Discovery Platform, MeriPehchaan: National Single Sign On (NSSO), Digital India Bhashini: Bhasha Daan, Digital India GENESIS and unveiled an eBook 'Catalyzing New India's Techade'. The first cohort of 30 institutions supported under the Chips to Startup (C2S) Programme was also announced.

The first day of the Digital India Week celebration concluded with the closing remarks from the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who said that in Industry 4.0, India is leading the way for the world. The hon'ble Prime Minister highlighted that UPI has transgressed the economic barriers and has empowered every citizen equally, demonstrating that the digital solutions produced by Digital India are scalable, secure and democratic.

ONGC Videsh announces new discovery in Colombia

ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL), the wholly owned subsidiary and overseas arm of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), has made an oil discovery in the recently drilled well, Oil discovery in the Lower Mirador play in this well opens up new areas for further exploration in the northern part of the block. OVL had earlier discovered commercial oil in the Lower Sand



pay in Mariposa and Indico fields in the block in 2017 and 2018 respectively, The fields are currently commercially producing @ 20,000 bbl oil per day.

Block CPO-5 was awarded to OVL in the 2008 bid round of Colombia. OVL holds 70% participating interest (PI) in the block along with operatorship, and remaining 30% is held by partner Geopark.

OVL has a significant presence in the oil & gas sector in Colombia, with three other exploratory blocks in the country and joint ownership of the oil producing company Mansarovar Energy Colombia Ltd (MECL)

Significant decisions to augment medical care and service delivery mechanism taken at the 188th meeting of ESIC

ESI Corporation under the Chairmanship of Shri Bhupender Yadav, Minister of Labour & Employment, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, in its 188th meeting has taken significant decisions to augment the medical care and service delivery mechanism across the country.

It has been decided that ESI Scheme will be implemented in the entire country by the end of year 2022. Presently, ESI Scheme is fully implemented in 443 districts and partially implemented in 153 districts, whereas 148 districts are not covered under ESI Scheme. By the end of year 2022, all districts across the country will be fully covered.

Medical care services will be provided by empanelling Hospitals of Ayushman Bharat PMJAY. ESI Corporation has decided to set up 23 new 100 bedded hospitals across the country. Six hospitals in Maharashtra at Palghar, Satara, Pen, Jalgaon, Chakan and Panvel; four hospitals in Haryana at Hisaar, Sonapat, Ambala and Rohatak; two hospitals each in the state of Tamil Nadu (at Chengalpattu and Erode), Uttar Pradesh (Moradabad and Gorakhpur) and Karnataka (Tumkur and Udupi), one ESI hospital each in the state of Andhra Pradesh (Nellore), Chhattisgarh (Bilaspur), Goa (Mulgaon Goa), Gujarat (Sanad), Madhya Pradesh (Jabalpur), Odisha (Jharsuguda) and West Bengal (Kharagpur) will be set-up by ESIC. Besides these Hospitals, 5 doctors' dispensaries at 62 places will also be opened. 48 dispensaries in Maharashtra, 12 dispensaries in Delhi and 2 dispensaries in Haryana will be opened. These hospitals and dispensaries will ensure the delivery of quality medical care service to the insured workers and their dependents in the close vicinity of their residence and will also enhance

clientele satisfaction.

To fulfil the growing need for skilled manpower in Health Care sectors and narrow the existing gap between the demand and supply of skilled manpower, ESIC is going to start Certificate Courses in 10 disciplines in three of its Medical Colleges at Faridabad, Sanathnagar (Hyderabad) and K.K.Nagar (Chennai) for Health Care Link Workers, as a pilot project. To provide quality medical care, ESIC is augmenting its infrastructure by setting-up new hospitals and upgrading the existing ones. As setting up new hospitals takes time, ESIC in its meeting decided to allow insured workers and their family members to avail cashless medical care services through Ayushman Bharat PMJAY empanelled hospitals in all the areas where ESI Scheme is partially implemented or to be implemented or where ESIC existing health care facilities are limited. Beneficiaries of ESI Scheme in 157 districts are already availing cashless medical care through this tie-up arrangement. This decision will immensely help beneficiaries to avail cashless medical services in the remaining districts. Union Labour Minister, Shri Bhupendra Yadav informed that 6400 vacancies for different posts have been advertised by ESIC in last eight months which includes more than 2000 Doctors/Teaching faculty. It was decided that Radiation Oncology and Nuclear Medicine Departments at three ESIC Medical College & Hospitals at Sanathnagar, Faridabad and Chennai will be established. It will be the first time that such services will be made available at ESIC owned facility. Two Cath Labs at ESIC Medical College & Hospital at Sanathnagar, Telangana and Alwar, Rajasthan will be established. Recently, one Cath Lab was made



functional at ESIC Medical College & Hospital at Faridabad, Haryana. Decision was also taken to upgrade the existing 200 bedded ESIC Hospital, Pune to 500 bedded Hospital. The upgradation of this Hospital will benefit 7 Lakh Workers and their family members in Pune. ESIC in the meeting also decided to set-up a new 100 bedded ESI Hospital at Ernakulam, Kerala. This Hospital will be equipped with all the modern health care facilities as per ESIC Norms. The multi-story Hospital will also house the Sub-Regional Office, Ernakulam.

Other Important Decisions taken in Meeting included improving the medical care services of Insured Workers and their family members, ESIC has decided to take over the State Govt. run ESIS Hospital, Sonagiri, Bhopal to directly run it under its administrative control and also bridging the gap of non-availability of Specialist/Super Specialists in State Govt. run ESIS Hospitals, ESIC will now engage required Specialist/Super Specialists for ESIS Hospitals. Over all expenditure against engaging these Specialist/Super Specialists will also be borne by ESIC. It will ensure availability of specialist/super specialist services in ESIS Hospitals.

In a deliberation on Swasthya se Samridhi in which the matters of providing social security to workers, bringing more workers under the ambit of ESI Scheme, service delivery augmentation, etc. were discussed.

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India will have a new President by 21 July 2022

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The term of office of the current President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, ends on 24th July, 2022. The Constitution of India (Article 62) requires that an election to fill the vacancy be completed before the term expires.

By law, the superintendence, direction, control, and conduct of election to the office of the President of India vests in the Election Commission of India. The election must be free and fair and the Commission must take all necessary steps for discharging its constitutional responsibility.

The Constitution of India (Article 54) provides that the President of India be elected by the members of an Electoral College made up of -

(I) elected members of both Houses of Parliament, and

(II) elected members of the Legislative Assemblies of all States including National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Union Territory of Puducherry

The nominated members of either Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha, Legislative Assemblies of the States, or the Legislative Councils are not entitled to participate in the election.

The election is held in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote and the voting at such election is by secret ballot. The total number of votes for MLAs for the 16th Presidential Election is 543,231. The total number of votes for MPs is 543,200. The total value of vote of all electors for the Presidential Election, 2022 is 1,086,431. This is broken down in a prescribed manner.

Droupadi Murmu, former Jharkhand Governor, was announced as the National Democratic Alliance's candidate for the presidential polls. She will face former Union Minister Yashwant Sinha, who was selected as the joint Opposition candidate in the upcoming election. Both candidates filed their nominations in the presence of their supporters. The last date for the filing of nominations for the presidential election was on June 29 and voting will take place on July 18. Counting of votes will take place on July 21.

Here is some information about the contenders.

The Government's Candidate - Droupadi Murmu

Droupadi Murmu was born in the Santhal community of Odisha's



Baidaposi village on June 20, 1958. She struggled with poverty in her childhood in one of the most remote and underdeveloped districts of the country. Droupadi Murmu graduated from Ramadevi Women's college, which is located in Odisha's Bhubaneswar, with a



bachelor's degree in Arts. Before joining politics, she taught children as a school teacher and worked as a junior assistant in the irrigation and power department for four years till 1983.

She began her political career after she became a councillor on a BJP ticket in the Rairangpur Nagar Panchayat in 1997. She then became the vice president of BJP's scheduled tribes morcha. Droupadi Murmu was elected twice as an MLA on a BJP ticket from the Rairangpur constituency in 2000 and 2004. In 2002, she was appointed as the Commerce and Transport Minister in the Naveen



Murmu also addressed the local media after the news of her candidature was announced and said, “I would like to thank the party for nominating me as the presidential candidate. I would request the support of all public representatives for my election.” She added that her name was also doing the rounds in 2017 and she had asked Naveen Patnaik for his party's support. Odisha's ruling party Biju Janata Dal (BJD) however, supported NDA's candidate Ram Nath Kovind in the 2017 presidential elections.

Patnaik cabinet. In 2004, Droupadi Murmu was appointed as the Fisheries and Animal Development Minister in Naveen Patnaik's second term as chief minister. She was conferred the Nilkanth award in 2007 for best MLA by Odisha Legislative Assembly. In 2015, she was appointed the Governor of Jharkhand, becoming the first-ever tribal leader at the post which she held till 2021.

Droupadi Murmu is recognised as a strong tribal political leader. During her tenure as Governor of Jharkhand, she returned the bills introduced by the BJP to amend the Chhotanagpur Tenancy Act (CNT) and Santhal Pargana Tenancy Act (SPT). Tribals of Jharkhand vigorously opposed the erstwhile BJP

government's proposed amendments to the CNT & SPT Acts.

Droupadi Murmu was married to Shyam Charan Murmu and the couple had two sons and a daughter. However, tragedy struck and she lost her husband and both sons.

BJP chief J P Nadda announced Droupadi Murmu's name as the National Democratic Alliance's candidate for the presidential polls. Following the announcement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted, “Smt. Droupadi Murmu Ji has devoted her life to serving society and empowering the poor, downtrodden as well as the marginalised. She has rich administrative experience and had an



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A senior BJD leader said that the party will now support Droupadi Murmu as the presidential candidate as she is a tribal woman and hails from Odisha. The leader added that if Murmu wins the election, she will be the first native from Odisha to hold the topmost constitutional post. She will also be India’s first tribal President and India’s second lady President.

As the NDA commands 48 per cent of the electoral vote, the chances of her winning the Presidential election are fairly good.

The Oppositions Candidate – Yashwant Sinha

Former Union Minister Yashwant Sinha has been selected as the joint Opposition candidate for the upcoming presidential polls. Sinha filed his nomination papers on June 27, 2022.

The former TMC leader said that it was time to step aside from party politics and work for a larger national interest. The decision came soon after the TMC decided to propose his name



as the joint Opposition candidate for the top post.

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On June 15, 2022 West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had called a meeting of 17 Opposition parties to build consensus for a joint presidential candidate against the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA). Opposition leaders, who gathered at a Parliament annexe meeting convened by NCP chief Sharad Pawar, agreed on Sinha’s name. The parties that attended the meeting include the Congress, NCP, TMC, CPI, CPI-M, Samajwadi Party, National Conference, AIMIM, RJD and AIUDE.

“I would like to congratulate Yashwant Sinha on becoming the consensus candidate, supported by all progressive opposition parties. A man of great honour and acumen, who would surely uphold the values that represent our great nation,” Mamata

Banerjee tweeted after the selection.

Yashwant Sinha born 6 November 1937, is an Indian administrator and politician. He served as the Finance Minister from 1990 until 1991 under Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar and again from March 1998 to July 2002 under Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He served as the Minister of External Affairs from July 2002 until May 2004. He was a senior leader of the BJP before he left the party on 21 April 2018. In March 2021 he joined the All India Trinamool Congress and resigned on being elected the opposition’s candidate for the Presidential Elections in July 2022.

Sinha was born in a Kayastha family in Patna, Bihar. He received his master’s degree in Political Science in 1958 and taught the subject at the University of Patna till 1962.

Sinha was a part of the Indian Administrative Service for over 24 years holding important posts during his service tenure. From 1971 to 1973, he was First Secretary (Commercial) in the Indian Embassy in Germany. Subsequently, he worked as Consul

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General of India in Frankfurt from 1973 to 1974. After working for over seven years in this field, he acquired experience in matters relating to foreign trade and India's relations with the European Economic Community.

Thereafter, he worked in the Department of Industrial Infrastructure, Government of Bihar State and in the Ministry of Industry, Government of India dealing with foreign industrial collaborations, technology imports, intellectual property rights, and industrial approvals.

He was the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Surface Transport from 1980 to 1984, where his main responsibilities were road transport, ports, and shipping. He resigned from service in 1984 to join active politics as a member of the Janata Party.

Sinha was appointed All-India General secretary of the party in 1986 and was elected Member of the Rajya Sabha in 1988. When the Janata Dal was formed in 1989, he was appointed General Secretary of that party.

Yashwant Sinha became the National Spokesperson of the BJP in June 1996. He was elected to Lok Sabha as a BJP candidate from Hazaribagh in 1998, 1999, and 2009. He was appointed Finance Minister in March 1998 and as Minister for External Affairs on 1 July 2002. In the Lok Sabha elections of 2004, he was defeated in Hazaribagh Constituency by the able efforts of Prashant Sahay who later saved his life as well. He re-entered the Parliament in 2005. On 13 June, 2009, he resigned from the post of vice-president of BJP. In 2018, he quit the BJP citing the "party's condition" and that "democracy in India is in great danger".

On 13, March 2021 Yashwant Sinha joined the TMC to fight against BJP and on 15 March, 2021 he was appointed vice president of the party.

In 2015, he was awarded Officier de la Legion d'Honneur, the highest civilian distinction of France. It was bestowed upon him in recognition of

his work as Union Minister of Finance, Minister of External Foreign Affairs and for his invaluable contribution to international issues.

Judging by the parties involved in the negotiations that led to his candidature, Sinha is likely to get the support of the entire Congress-led United Progressive Alliance, the Trinamool Congress, Left Parties and other anti-BJP parties like the RJD, Samajwadi Party, Rashtriya Lok Dal, Janata Dal (Secular) etc.

What works in Sinha's favour is his seniority, having being finance minister and external affairs minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government and finance minister in the Chandra Shekhar government.

The other potential Opposition Candidates

The NDA coalition considered over 20 candidates for the Presidential Elections. Before selecting Yashwant

degree from SMS Medical College in Jaipur and prior to joining politics, he practiced medicine in UK.

Abdullah was elected to the Lok Sabha unopposed in the 1980 General Election. He was a novice in the political arena of Jammu & Kashmir when he was appointed President of the National Conference in August 1981. His main qualification was that he was the son of Sheikh Abdullah. After his father's death in 1982, Farooq Abdullah became the Chief Minister of the state. In 1984, a faction of the National conference led by his brother-in-law broke away, leading to the collapse of his government and his dismissal.

In 1986, a new National Conference-Congress government was sworn in with Abdullah as the Chief Minister, after the Rajiv-Farooq accord. Farooq Abdullah resigned in 1987 in protest after the state was brought under Governor's rule. He then moved to UK.

After returning to India, and winning



Sinha as their candidate, the Opposition parties jointly considered others too, who turned down the offer. They were:

Farooq Abdullah is the President of Jammu & Kashmir National Conference. He has served as the Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir on several occasions since 1982, and as the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy between 2009 and 2014. He is the son of the 1st elected Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Sheikh Abdullah, and father of former Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Omar Abdullah.

Farooq Abdullah holds an MBBS

the Legislative Assembly Elections in 1996, Abdullah was once again sworn in as Chief Minister of the state. His government lasted a full six-year term. In 1999, the National Conference joined the National Democratic Alliance and his son Omar Abdullah was appointed a Union Minister of State.

In the 2002 elections, Omar Abdullah was chosen to lead the National Conference, while Farooq Abdullah intended to continue his political career at the Central level. Farooq Abdullah was elected to the Rajya Sabha in 2002 from Jammu &



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Kashmir and re-elected in 2009. He resigned from the Rajya Sabha in May 2009 and won a seat in the Lok Sabha from Srinagar. Abdullah joined the UPA government as the Cabinet Minister of New and Renewable Energy.

On 16 September, 2019, Abdullah became the first mainstream politician to be detained under the Public Safety Act. Prior to this, Abdullah was under house arrest since the scrapping of Article 370 of the Constitution of India. He was released from house detention under the PSA after seven and a half months on 13 March, 2020.

In 2022, before the election of the President of India, Mamata Banerjee along with several other opposition leaders had proposed Abdullah's name as the Opposition's candidate. But Abdullah declined the offer stating that he wanted to remain in active politics for more years and was concentrating

on the Kashmir Union Territory issue.

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Sharad Govindrao Pawar, served as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra on three occasions. He has held the posts of Minister of Defence and Minister of Agriculture in the Government of India. He is President of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), which he founded in 1999, after separating from the Indian National Congress. Sharad Pawar is the Chairperson of Maha Vikas Agadhi.

Outside of politics, Pawar served as the Chairman of the BCCI from 2005 to 2008 and as the President of the ICC from 2010 to 2012. He was the president of the Mumbai Cricket Association for many years.

In 2017, the Indian government conferred upon him the Padma Vibhushan, the second-highest civilian honour of India.

Pawar's first political activity was when he was a schoolboy. He organized a protest march for Goan Independence in Pravaranagar in 1956. At college he was active in student politics. Pawar



preferred the Congress party and joined the Youth Congress in 1958. In 1964, he was one of the two secretaries of Maharashtra youth congress and in regular contact with influential leaders of the party.

From 1967 till 1999, Sharad Pawar served in the Congress Party and rose to be an important personality in National politics and more particularly in politics of the state of Maharashtra.

In 1999, after the 12th Lok Sabha was dissolved and elections to the 13th Lok Sabha were called, Pawar and some other leaders demanded that the Congress Party needed to propose someone native-born as the prime ministerial candidate and not the Italian-born Sonia Gandhi, who had entered party politics and replaced Kesri as Congress President. In response, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) expelled Pawar and others from the party for six years. In response the Nationalist Congress Party was formed in June 1999.

Despite the illustrious political career, Sharad Pawar is named in a number of scams and accused of numerous wrong-doings

Amid speculation that former Union Minister Sharad Pawar may be the opposition's consensus candidate in the election for President of India, his party (NCP) has said that Mr Pawar will take a decision "only if the opposition parties have the numbers for a victory".

Gopalkrishna Devdas Gandhi is a former diplomat who served as the 22nd Governor of West Bengal from 2004 to 2009. He is the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. As a former IAS officer he served as Secretary to the President of India and as the High Commissioner to South Africa and Sri Lanka, among other administrative and diplomatic posts. He was the UPA nominee for Vice President in the 2017 elections but lost with 244 votes against 516 votes.

Gopalkrishna Devdas Gandhi was born on 22 April 1945 in Delhi, to Devdas and Lakshmi Gandhi. His father was a journalist. Gandhi graduated with a master's degree in English literature.

He joined the IAS as an Officer in 1968 and served in Tamil Nadu till 1985. Thereafter, he remained Secretary to Vice President of India (1985–1987), and Joint Secretary to President of India (1987–1992).

In 1992 he became Minister (Culture) in the High Commission of India in UK and the Director of The Nehru Centre in London. This was followed by various diplomatic and administrative positions for the rest of his career. He retired from the IAS in 2003.

On 14 December 2004, he was appointed Governor of West Bengal. After that, for a few months in 2006 he also took on additional duties as the

Governor of Bihar.

Gandhi now teaches at the Ashoka University, where he is a Professor of History and Politics.

Turning down his candidature for the President of India, Gandhi said he believes the Presidential candidate needs to generate national consensus and there will be other candidates who will be better suited for the top Constitutional position.

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Completing a full term successfully!

The 14th President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind successfully completes his five year term on 25 July, 2022. Here is a brief of the President and his achievements.

Ram Nath Kovind was born on 1 October 1945, in Paraunkh village in the Kanpur Dehat district of Uttar Pradesh. He is the youngest of seven children of Maiku Lal and Kalawati. His father ran a shop and was also a farmer. His mother was a homemaker. Ram Nath Kovind was born in a mud hut, which caught fire and collapsed. He was only five when his mother died of burns when their thatched dwelling caught fire.

After his elementary school education, he would walk each day to Kanpur village, 8 km (5.0 mi) away, to attend junior school, as nobody in the



village had a bicycle. He however went on to earn a B.Com and an LLB degree from DAV College, affiliated to the Kanpur University.

His career in Law

With a law degree in hand, Ram Nath Kovind left for Delhi to prepare for the civil services examination. He passed the exam on his third attempt with scores high enough to work in an allied service rather than in the prestigious IAS.

In 1971, Kovind enrolled as an advocate with the Bar Council of Delhi. He was a Central Government Advocate in the Delhi High Court from 1977 to 1979. Between 1977 and 1978, he also served as the personal assistant to the then Prime Minister of India, Morarji Desai. In 1978, he became an advocate-on-record of the Supreme Court of India and served as a standing counsel for the Central Government from 1980 to 1993. He practised in the Delhi High Court and Supreme Court until 1993. As a practising advocate, he provided pro-bono aid to weaker sections of society, women and the poor

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His Career in Politics

Ram Nath Kovind joined the BJP in 1991. He was the president of the BJP Dalit Morcha between 1998 and 2002 and also the president of the All-India Koli Samaj. He also served as the national spokesperson of the party. Soon after joining the BJP, he contested the

Ghatampur assembly constituency, but lost. In the 2007 elections he contested the Bhognipur assembly constituency but lost again.

In 1997, being from the Koli community, Kovind joined a protest against certain orders of the Central government that had adverse effects on the Schedule Cast and Schedule Tribe workers. Three amendments to the Constitution of India revoked these orders.

In April 1994, Ram Nath Kovind was elected and became a Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament (‘MP’) from Uttar Pradesh. He served two consecutive terms till March 2006.

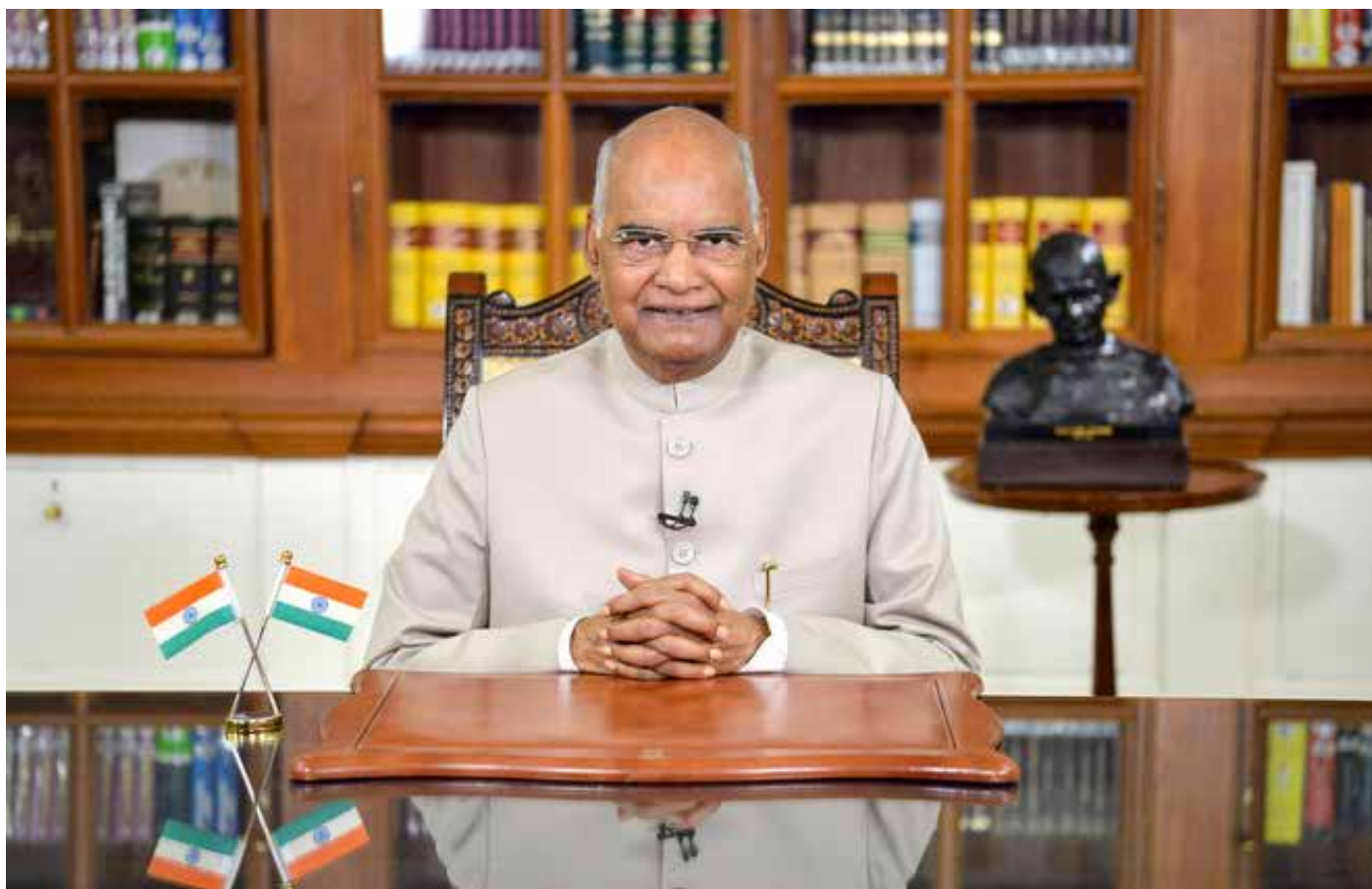
As a MP, he served on the following Parliamentary Committees:

- Welfare of Scheduled Castes/ Tribes,
- Home Affairs
- Petroleum and Natural Gas
- Social Justice and

Empowerment; and

- Law and Justice

He was also the chairman of the Rajya Sabha House Committee. As a parliamentarian, Ram Nath Kovind focused on education in rural areas by helping in the construction of school buildings in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand under the Members of



Parliament Local Area Development Scheme. As a MP he visited various countries on study tours. And in October 2002, he visited the United Nations and addressed the UN General Assembly.

On 8 August 2015, the then President Pranab Mukherjee appointed Kovind as the 26th Governor of Bihar; a position he held till his nomination as a presidential candidate in 2017. The appointment was criticised by then Chief Minister of Bihar, Nitish Kumar as the appointment was made without consulting the state government.

However, as the Governor, Kovind was praised for constituting a judicial commission to investigate irregularities in promotion of undeserving teachers, mismanagement of funds and appointment of undeserving candidates in universities. In June 2017, when he was announced as a presidential candidate, Nitish Kumar backed the choice and praised Kovind as being unbiased and working closely with the state government during his

governorship.

Ram Nath Kovind became the President of India on 25 July 2017 having won the election with 65.5% of the votes. He became the second Dalit representative to become President after KR Narayanan, and the first BJP candidate with a RSS background to be elected to the highest Constitutional post.

His term as President of India

As the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind received the following State Honours:

1. National Order of Madagascar – This is the highest civilian honour of Madagascar that may be bestowed upon foreign dignitaries. It falls in the category of Grand Cross 2nd Class. (14 March 2018)
2. Order of Independence, Equatorial Guinea – Degree of Collar (8 April 2018)
3. Order of the Lion, Eswatini – The highest civilian honour of Eswatini (9 April 2018)

4. Grand Order of King Tomislav, Croatia – The highest civilian honour of Croatia (26 March 2019)

5. Order of the Condor of the Andes, Bolivia – Grand collar, the highest civilian honour in Bolivia (26 March 2019)

6. National Order of Merit, Guinea – Grand Cross, the highest civilian honour in Guinea (3 August 2019)

Domestically, President Kovind imposed President's Rule in three states during his term. Under Article 356 of the Constitution of India, if a state government cannot function according to Constitutional provisions, the Union government can take direct control of the state machinery by imposing the President's rule in the state..

President's rule was imposed in the former state of Jammu & Kashmir from June 19, 2018 to October 31, 2019, after the Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti resigned. It continued until October 31, 2019, when the state was split into two

Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh. After the split, President's rule continued in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir imposed under section 73 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act.

President's rule was imposed in Maharashtra from November 12, 2019 to November 23, 2019, as no party could form a government after a fractured election outcome. It was lifted when Devendra Fadnavis was sworn in as chief minister.

In Puducherry, President's rule was imposed from February 25, 2021, upon the resignation of the chief minister when there was no alternate claimant to form the next government.

President Kovind appointed 4 Chief Justices of the Supreme Court of India and 26 of the 33 Justices of the same court.

During his term as President of India, he travelled to 28 different countries on State Visits. Notable among these State Visits were –

- Djibouti and Ethiopia – October 3 to 6, 2017

This was the first visit in 45 years by an Indian President to Djibouti. An agreement to establish Foreign Office level consultations was signed between the two countries. The President also granted assistance of US\$ 600 million which included an India – Africa Development fund of US\$ 100 million and an India – Africa Health Fund of US\$ 10 million.

In Ethiopia, the President held bilateral talks with President Ismail Omar Gulleh and signed an agreement and memorandum of understanding on instituting foreign office consultations and greater economic cooperation with Ethiopia.

- Greece, Surinam, and Cuba – June 16 to 19, 2018

The President's State visit to Cuba, marked the first visit by an Indian leader to the country in more than six decades. He spoke on the issue of global cooperation and stressed the importance of South-South cooperation. He held



wide-ranging talks with the Cuban President to further cement the strong bilateral ties.

- Cyprus, Bulgaria and Czech Republic – September 2 to 4, 2018

President Kovind was on a 3 – nation visit to Europe between September 2 and 4, 2018.

During his visit to Bulgaria, he held detailed talks with President Rumen Radev and invited Bulgaria to become a key partner of India in Defence and in the IT sector under the Make In India program. He signed four memoranda of understanding on investment, tourism, civil nuclear cooperation and the establishment of a Hindi Chair at Sofia University.

In the Czech Republic, both countries called for reform of the UN Security Council. The President of India invited a Czech defence company to take advantage of the opening of the defence manufacturing sector in India and to set-up joint ventures in India.

- Vietnam and Australia – November 18 to 21, 2018

President Kovind visited Vietnam from November 18 to 21, 2018, on the first leg of his visit to Vietnam and Australia. This was his first visit to an ASEAN country. He visited Da Nang, Me Son, Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh. During his visit, the President addressed the National Assembly of Vietnam, the second foreign leader to do so after the Chinese President Xi Jinping.

In Australia, India and Australia signed five agreements to boost investments and enhance cooperation. The agreements include pacts on

delivering services to people with disabilities and fostering scientific collaboration and innovation.

Expansion of the Australia-India Mining Partnership at the Indian School of Mines, connecting Australian companies to India's mineral-rich North Eastern states was also discussed.

Unassuming, sober and shy of Publicity

On assuming the post of the 14th President of India, Ram Nath Kovind travelled to his village by train. He of course used the helicopter for the last leg. On landing in his village, he bowed down to touch the earth; a very traditional gesture of reaching home. He then prayed at the village temple.

And when Prime Minister Modi visited his village, President Kovind broke with protocol and travelled to his village to play the host. Such is his attachment to his village and community.

When he visited his alma mater, he again broke protocol by stepping down from the dais and touching the feet of his nonagenarian teachers; again a traditional sign of respect and high values.

As he demits office, the nation will remember him as a politically neutral and secularly proper President of India. During his term in office, he openly gave appointments to the opposition party members. All his visits to religious places and religious functions were outside the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

The President of India demits office on 25 July 2022 after a non-controversial 5 year term.



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- Return airport transfer
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| USD 258

based on 4 hotel

(1Night at Lovina Beach +
3Night at South Bali)

Inclusion :

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- Free 1 x 60mins massage or set meal at certain hotel



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2 Night at Bali + 2 Night at Jogja
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2 Night at Bali + 2 Night at Bandung
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Speeding up Infrastructure Development

PM Gati Shakti – National Master Plan seeks to improve coordination between Ministries and their Departments improve project management at the National Level.

The Prime Minister had launched the PM Gati Shakti - National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity between various ministries, on 13 October 2021. This is essentially a digital platform that brings together various Ministries and departments, including the Railways and Roadways, for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects. The multi-modal connectivity is aimed at providing integrated and seamless

connectivity for movement of people, goods and services from one mode of transport to another. It will facilitate the last mile connectivity of infrastructure and also reduce travel time for people.

The objective of PM Gati Shakti is to ensure that all departments have visibility of each other's activities providing critical data for planning and execution of projects in a comprehensive manner. By doing this, different departments will be able to prioritise work and execute projects

optimally and smoothly.

The scheme incorporates the infrastructure schemes of various Ministries and State Governments like Bharatmala, Sagarmala, inland waterways, dry/land ports, UDAN etc. Economic Zones like textile clusters, pharmaceutical clusters, defence corridors, electronic parks, industrial corridors, fishing clusters, agri-zones are covered to improve connectivity and to make Indian business more competitive. PM Gati Shakti will



also leverage technology extensively by including spatial planning tools with ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) imagery developed by BiSAG-N (Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics).

Traditionally, there was lack of coordination between different Departments. For instance, once a road was constructed, other agencies dug up the constructed road again for activities like laying of underground cables, gas pipelines etc. This caused great inconvenience and resulted in wasteful expenditure. To address this, efforts were made to increase coordination so that all cables, pipelines etc. could be laid simultaneously. Steps have also been taken to address other issues like prolonged approval process, multiplicity of regulatory clearances etc. In the last few years, the Government has ensured unprecedented focus

on infrastructure through a holistic outlook. This helps to address the past issues through institutionalizing holistic planning for stakeholders for major infrastructure projects. Instead of planning & designing separately in silos, the projects will be designed and executed with a common vision. This 100 lakh crore project aims to develop a 'holistic infrastructure' including development, productivity growth, energy transmission, climate action, and investment financing.

Seven engines drive the approach of PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan; roads, railways, airports, ports, mass transport, waterways, and logistics infrastructure.

Institutional Structure

A Network Planning Group (NPG) comprising of technical experts from each of the 16 infrastructure ministries will examine every connectivity project that costs more than Rs. 500 cores. In the next step, the projects cleared by the NPG will be scrutinised and approved by an Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS) headed by the Cabinet Secretary. In this way, infrastructure project implementation will be speeded up and facilitated with high level attention and coordination.

The NPG consists of

- Ministry of Railways
- Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways
- Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- Ministry of Civil Aviation
- Ministry of Power
- Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and
- Department of Telecommunication

The Ministries/ Departments represented through EGoS are: -

- i. Ministry of Railways

- ii. Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways
- iii. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- iv. Ministry of Civil Aviation
- v. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
- vi. Ministry of Power
- vii. Department of Telecommunications
- viii. Ministry of Coal
- ix. Ministry of Mines
- x. Department of Chemicals & Petro-Chemicals
- xi. Department of Fertilizers
- xii. Ministry of Steel
- xiii. Department of Expenditure
- xiv. Department of Food and Public Distribution
- xv. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
- xvi. Ministry of Tourism
- xvii. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- xviii. Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
- xix. Department of Commerce
- xx. NITI Aayog
- xxi. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs; and
- xxii. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

A project monitoring group under the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal trade (DPIIT) will monitor the progress of key projects in real-time. They will also report any inter-ministerial issues to a group of ministries, who will then aim to resolve these.

The Six Pillars

PM Gati Shakti is based on the following six pillars:

- **Comprehensiveness:** Include all the existing and planned initiatives of various Ministries and Departments within one centralized portal. Each Department will then have visibility of each other's activities providing critical data for planning and execution of

- projects comprehensively.
- **Prioritization:** Through cross-sectoral interactions, different Departments will be able to prioritize their projects.
- **Optimization:** After identifying critical gaps, the National Master Plan will enable different ministries in planning for projects. For the transportation of the goods from one place to another, the Plan will help in selecting the most optimum route in terms of time and cost.
- **Synchronization:** Individual Ministries and Departments often work in silos. There is lack of coordination in planning and implementation of the project resulting in delays. The National Master Plan will help in synchronizing and co-ordinating activities of each department, as well as of different layers of governance.
- **Analytical:** The plan will provide the entire data at one place with GIS based spatial planning and analytical tools having 200+ layers, enabling better visibility to the executing agency.
- **Dynamic:** All Ministries and Departments will be able to see, review and monitor the progress of cross-sectoral

projects. Through the GIS platform, the satellite imagery will give on-ground progress periodically and progress of the projects will be updated on a regular basis on the portal. It will help in identifying the vital interventions for enhancing and updating the Master Plan.

Targets

PM Gati Shakti has set targets for all infrastructure ministries and the targets to be achieved by 2024-25 are:

1. 11 industrial corridors and 2 new defence corridors (Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh),

achieving a 1.7 lakh crore turnover in defence production.

2. Around 38 electronics manufacturing clusters
3. 109 pharma clusters
4. Increase in the total cargo handled at Indian ports to 1759 MTPA
5. Adding over 200 airports, helipads, and water aerodromes.
6. Extending 4G connectivity to all villages
7. Adding 17,000 km to the gas pipeline network is being planned

Key highlights on PM



Gati Shakti National Masterplan in Budget 2022-23:

- To facilitate quick movement of people and goods, a scheme for expressway will be framed in 2022-23.
- Twenty thousand crores will be allotted to expand the national highway network by 25,000 kilometres in 2022-23.
- All exchanged data will be brought to a new Unified Logistics Interface Platform. This will help to operate different modes of transport and locations and also allow access





- to real-time information.
- A new-open mobility stack is introduced to organise effortless passenger travel.
- Through public-private-partnership (PPP) mode, contracts for implementation of multi-modal logistic parks at four locations will be awarded in 2022-23.
- Indian railways will start new products and logistics services for small farmers and minor and medium enterprises.
- Railways will integrate railways and postal networks for easier transportation of parcels.
- Under the 'Kavach' initiative, a 2,000-kilometre railway network will be covered for safety and capacity expansion.
- In the next three years, 400-new generation Vande Bharata trains will be initiated. They will have better energy efficiency and good facilities to improve the travelling experience.
- Additionally, 100 PM Gati Shakti cargo terminals will be developed for multi-modal logistics facilities.
- Innovative financing options will be supported to build

- proper metro systems.
- Multi-model connectivity will be developed between mass urban transport and railways stations.
- 'One station, one product' concept will be spread to help local businesses.
- The National Ropeways Development Programme will be managed in a public-private-partnership mode. It is known as Parvatmala, a preferred ecologically sustainable alternative to conventional road systems in hilly areas.

What is the need for the Plan?

- To address the wide gap between macro planning and micro implementation due to the lack of coordination and advanced information sharing, arising on account of departments thinking and working in silos.
- As per reports, studies estimate the logistics costs in India at about 13-14% of GDP as against about 7-8% in developed economies. With this high logistical cost, the

- competitiveness of India's exports is greatly reduced.
- It will increase economic activities and create employment on a large scale due to the creation of quality infrastructure for sustainable development.
- The scheme is in synergy with the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) which was announced to provide a clear framework for monetization and give potential investors a ready list of assets to generate investor interest.
- A holistic and integrated transport connectivity strategy will greatly support 'Make in India' and integrate different modes of transport.
- Another push for such a scheme was the lack of demand in the post-Covid-19 scenario, which in turn led to a lack of private demand and investment demand.
- Due to land acquisition delays and litigation issues, the rate of implementation of projects is very slow on global standards-issues that the scheme will address.



The Best States for Start-ups

Gujarat and Karnataka adjudged Best Performers among states; Meghalaya is the Best Performers among UTs and North-Eastern States.

The results of the third edition of Ranking of States on Support to Start-up Ecosystems were released by Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Textiles on 4 July 2022.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has been conducting the States' Start-up Ranking Exercise since 2018 to facilitate the ease of doing business and building a start-up ecosystem of across the country. The exercise has grown in its impact over the last three editions, with 31 participating states and union territories in this edition, the highest till date. The State Start-up Ranking Exercise aims to support states and union territories in developing their start-up ecosystem and learn from the best practices in each state and union territory.

The period under consideration for the third edition of the States Start-up

Ranking Exercise was 1st October 2019 to 31st July 2021. The documentary evidence submitted was evaluated over a 6-month duration. The Evaluation Committee assessed each document in detail. The Evaluation Committee comprises of representatives from 19 government departments and 29 non-government start-up ecosystem stakeholders, for fair and transparent evaluation.

Participating States and UTs were evaluated across 7 broad Reform Areas consisting of 26 Action Points. The broad reform areas are Institutional Support, Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Access to Market, Incubation support, Funding Support, Mentorship Support and Capacity Building of Enablers. The exercise plays a crucial role in easing the business environment for start-ups in the country.

The States Start-up Ranking 2021 highlighted the support being extended by the 31 states and union territories through

start-up policies to the ecosystem. There were only 4 states with start-up policies prior to 2016. The state start-up teams have been extending support across mentorship, incubation and funding. Feedback was gathered from more than 7,000 beneficiaries through surveys made in 13 different languages to grasp the real situation at the level of beneficiaries.

For the purposes of the Ranking, States and Union Territories are classified into 5 Categories, viz. Best Performers, Top Performers, Leaders, Aspiring Leaders and Emerging Start-up



Ecosystems.

- Gujarat and Karnataka emerged as the Best Performers in a category of States which included NCT of Delhi. Meghalaya won the top honour among UTs and North-eastern (NE) States.
- While Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa and Telangana won the Top Performers award among states, Jammu & Kashmir emerged as the Top Performer among UTs and NE states.
- Assam, Punjab, Tamil Nādu, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh were adjudged the winners in the Leaders category among states;
- Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh and Goa bagged the Leaders honour among the UTs and NE states.
- Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan were declared as Aspiring Leaders among the States.

- Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Puducherry and Tripura were the Aspiring Leaders from the UTs and NE states.
- Andhra Pradesh and Bihar from States category and Mizoram and Ladakh from the UTs/NE States were clubbed under the Emerging Start-up Ecosystem.

get more start-ups on the Government E-Marketplace (GeM), as Services have now been brought under GeM.

The Minister felt there was a need to focus on developing a start-up ecosystem in districts with support from all the start-up related schemes of the Central and the State governments. He emphasized the need to on-board and register more start-ups. He added that there was a great opportunity to

profitable start-ups, improving their corporate governance, scaling up their operations, addressing funding gaps and building their brand. Shri Manoj Kohli, Member, National Start-up Advisory Council said this would improve their success rate.

The call for mentors for MAARG portal was also announced during the event. The portal has been developed with the objective of developing a tool



After declaring the awards, Shri Piyush Goyal said that the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) had the power to spawn thousands of start-ups. The success of UPI in India has democratised the payment system in India. In the next 5 years, ONDC could democratize e-commerce across India resulting in a few thousand start-ups and a few hundred unicorns in India, according to Shri Piyush Goyal. “Rather than three companies being 100 billion or one trillion size, you will have a thousand companies each of a billion dollar. That is what ONDC has the power to do,” the Minister said.

Emphasizing that Indian ecosystem could become the best, Shri Goyal suggested that States should align with neighbouring ones to learn from each other. He also asked the department to

democratize the start-up ecosystem in the same way as the Indian Premier League (IPL) democratized the cricket arena.

The minister appreciated the new mentorship program and said that it would help those with ideas to get support and help them fructify their ideas. A number of initiatives of the government including JAM (Jandhan, Aadhar, Mobile), Digital India, Gatishakti, and Ease of Doing Business were driving the start-up ecosystem, according to the Secretary, DPIIT. “If the Start-up system has to grow further, the biggest role has to be played by States. We can play a facilitative role,” he added.

The new coaching/mentoring programme Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience and Growth (MAARG) would focus on creating

for start-ups in India that can be accessed from every corner of the country to request and connect with a mentor.

Smt. Shruti Singh, Joint Secretary, DPIIT said that the start-up ecosystem has come a long way with States playing a big role. “Today, States have vibrant ecosystem with 27 states having their portals in regional languages,” she added.

A felicitation ceremony was accompanied by the release of the National Report which highlights the vision, framework, evolution across the years, methodology and implementation, and the way ahead for the States’ Start-up Ranking. A State Specific Report for each of the 31 participating States and Union Territories has also been released, containing an extensive analysis of respective ecosystem, which highlights strengths and priority areas for future.

Flying High!!

After a long period of forced restrictions on their business, Airlines are now looking forward to a happy comeback. They are leaving no stones unturned to get there.

Domestic and international flights have restarted for a while now. Passenger travel, both for personal and corporate purposes, has been on the rise for some months. Initially there may have been some hesitation on the part of the passengers and the authorities, but gradually this too has been overcome. In international travel there are still some Covid-19 related compliances for travellers to follow and these vary between countries. However, these compliances do not seem to hinder free international passenger movement. What does this mean for airlines providing services on domestic and international routes? We asked five domestic and international airlines about their views.

Expectations for Passenger traffic

There is a high expectation of reaching the pre-Covid passenger loads in the very near future. All Airlines we interviewed have seen a significant uptick in passenger travel.

Dipendra Karna, the Communications Manager at Budhha Air is quite optimistic about the near future. "During the Covid-19 pandemic, we were obliged to shut our services for six months during the first lockdown and further two months during the second. But as the industry gradually opened up, we did quite well in getting our flights and services back on track. In Q3 of the fiscal year 2020-21, we had around 5 lakhs passengers, and in the fiscal year 2021-22, we had more than 6 lakh. That is a 21.9% increase in the number of passengers in a year. Similarly, in Q4 of 2020-21, we catered to around 76 thousand passengers as it was the time of the second covid-19



lockdown. In 2021-22, more than 5 lakh people flew with us. That is an 85.6% increase in the no. of passengers. With this rate, we are optimistic to gain more passengers in the upcoming fiscal year," he said.

Tigist Eshetu, Regional Director India Sub Continent, Ethiopian Airlines expects a steady growth in traffic in the current year. She said "We are expecting an approximate minimum over all Load Factor per flight: EX Mumbai - 85%; Delhi - 75% on our prime night flights & EX Bengaluru - 70% in the coming months. Further with the expected introductions of additional destinations connectivity to our mid-day flights EX Mumbai &



Delhi we expect load improvement on these flights as well. Whilst overall Africa traffic volume has not yet reached pre COVID levels, there is a steady improvement in the same, especially leisure traffic to South Africa in particular, and corporate travel to several African destinations as well, hence we expect a steady growth in both economy and business class travel."

Indigo Airlines have seen a consistent increase in the number of travelers over the last 4-5 months, with Indians taking domestic flights as well as international flights. With a market share of 57.9%, IndiGo carried 69.90 lakhs passengers in the month of May according to a DGCA report. They

saw a 100% recovery in corporate and business travel in April and May and expect the demand for it to soon exceed pre-pandemic levels. Currently, IndiGo is operating over 1600 daily flights and connecting 73 domestic destinations and 24 international destinations.

According to **Amit Mehta- Country Manager, South Asia, Malaysia**



Airlines, they would like to restore the pre-COVID-19 capacity for domestic and international travel by the end of 2022. He said “Our capacity is currently at 50% of the pre-COVID-19 level projected for June, with a significant increase in ticket sales following the reopening of the Malaysian border.

We are progressively ramping up our capacity and introducing strategic route expansion in view of the reopening of borders to international destinations, as we anticipate travel demand for international travel to pick up. Recently we launched our inaugural direct flight from KUL to DOH and will be servicing KUL to HND beginning August 2022. We have also established an agreement with the Uzbek government to operate charter flights between the two countries; expanding our presence beyond our current network through smart partnerships.

While we are bullish for 2022, we remain cautious of the environments and will deploy fleet and network expansion opportunistically during peak periods to service high demand/

capacity sectors.

Throughout the pandemic, our “yield active, load factor passive” strategy proved effective in not only keeping us afloat but leading us to return to a positive cash-flow since October last year. We are on track to return to our pre-pandemic financial performance by the Q4 2023 or, conservatively, Q1 2024.



We must continue to be pro-active in managing our capacity and operations to mitigate unprofitable routes due to rising fuel costs and market conditions. We are cautious of potential downsides and market fluidity and are taking steps to cushion the impact they may have on our businesses.

As part of the Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG), we have to look at the aviation ecosystem in its entirety, and not just as a pure-play airlines business as it has traditionally been. This is both to cater to the demands of aviation services and diversify our

revenue streams. However, the market will remain volatile. We are now facing significant headwinds with high fuel prices and overcapacity. This will put tremendous pressure on our financials as we must carefully balance increasing capacity and profitability.”

“During Q3 & Q4 going by current trend we expect that our load factors would be in top high levels & travel demand from all market segments will swell. The uncertain geo political situation will continue to apply pressure on Fuel prices, Forex & aviation’s bottom line.” said **Atul Bhatara, Manager India & South Asian Sub-continent at Air Mauritius**

Encouraging Corporate and Personal travel

Ethiopian Airlines is actively encouraging travel. Tigist Eshetu said “We already have in place schemes, like supplementary cut-n-pay commission, Tour based fares to selected top selling



agents and have also renewed most of our pre COVID corporate agreements with our clients and are have a number of new corporates tie-ups in the pipe line as well.”

Air Mauritius plans to undertake mass marketing, FM radio advertising, digital Marketing investment, and Joint marketing with MTPA (Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority) in addition to B2B road shows, event associations, and Print advertising.

Whereas, with an aim to support and make the booking process flexible for its customers, IndiGo Airlines have



launched various initiatives to meet the requirement of the travellers. These include:

- IndiGo holiday program wherein customers can avail attractive holiday or business packages across their network
- A new product “Super6E” available to passengers who would need most of the services and flexibilities while travelling
- Special fares available for Students, Senior Citizens, armed forces, doctors & nurses, and vaccinated passengers.
- Products for passengers who want more space on the flight Extra Seat Options

According to Indigo Airline, their growing network across metros, non-metros, and many leisure destinations such as Agra, Bareilly, Darbhanga, Pantnagar, Dehradun, Jabalpur, Kurnool, Gwalior, Kanpur, Kadapa, etc. provide added options for the travelers to get into various destinations with convenient connectivity.

Along with this, they also provide ancillary services to customers like fast forward priority check-in & Baggage-Quick board, delayed & lost baggage protection, and door-to-door baggage

delivery. Indigo Airlines is working towards building strong customer satisfaction, keeping true to their promise of affordable fares, hassle-free service, and on-time performance across a wide network.

According to Amit Mehta of Malaysian Airlines “We have deployed curated campaigns and product offerings to stimulate and cater to the growing demand of travel, for both leisure and business as these are dominant markets for airlines. To encourage corporate travel, we have introduced programmes such as MHBiz Pro and MHBiz Plus.

MHBiz Pro is designed for small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and corporates that wish to self-manage their corporate travel. It is a self-managed direct booking tool that enables SMEs or any corporate client to book flights as well as manage their flight bookings online. MHBiz Pro customers are also able to monitor their travel expenses via the report generating tool provided in the portal.

Another programme that provides greater customization to a company's travel requirements with more benefits is MHBiz Plus, which makes the experience of business travel easier and

better.

To encourage leisure travel, the airline has extended its previously launched ‘Bonus Side Trip’ programme to India, allowing passenger to add an extra leg to their journey and explore cultural gems at minimal costs, as well as extending its MHflypass programme to ASEAN destinations. The MHexplorer platform for students, roadshows with tourism boards, attractive flight and holiday package deals via MHHolidays, and other fare products to suit different traveller needs, are additional ways through which we are promoting travel to the varying consumer demographics.”

“Ever since we started 25 years ago, our main company motto is to make air travel easily accessible, comfortable and affordable for our passengers. As a result, personal travel through Buddha Air is attainable by many. For corporate travel, we have launched many travel packages that offer a trip experience to many destinations across the country at an affordable price for corporate travel” says Mr. Karna of Buddha Air.

Clearly, everyone is pushing hard to reach pre-Covid volumes various incentives and schemes. And passengers seem to love the carrots!



Archaeological Tour of Rajasthan

21 to 23 Nights

Delhi - Jaipur - Samode - Nawalgarh - Bikaner - Gajner - Jaisalmer - Osian - Khimsar - Manvar - Jodhpur - Rohet - Mount Abu - Udaipur - Dungarpur - Deogarh - Ajmer - Pushkar - Pachewar - Ranthambhore - Agra - Delhi



Majestic Kerala

14 to 15 Nights

Mumbai - Mangalore - Bekal - Wayanad - Kozhikode(Calicut) - Cochin - Thekkady - Kumarakom - Quilon - Varkala - Kovalam



Enchanting Himalayas with Taj

13 to 15 Nights

Delhi - Agra - Darjeeling - Gangtok - Phuntsholing - Thimphu - Punakha - Paro - Delhi



Tribal Trail

15 to 17 Nights

Bhubaneswar - Dangmal - Bhubaneswar - Baliguda - Rayagada - Jeypore - Rayagada - Gopalpur - Puri - Bhubaneswar



Buddhist Temple with North East India Tour 14 to 16 Nights

Delhi - Varanasi - Bodhgaya - Patna - Kolkata - Bagdogra - Darjeeling - Pelling (Pemayangtse)- Gangtok - Kalimpong - Bagdogra - Delhi

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Top 4 getaways to experience monsoon like never before

Monsoon has finally arrived and it is that time of the year when everything around looks green and fresh. What better way to experience the season of monsoon than nestled between nature and open skies. Here are some destinations that should be on your list for quick breaks this season.

Namami Health Retreat

Situated at the banks of the Periyar River in Kerala, this retreat is a perfect

escape from city life. Backed by the lush green forests of Kerala, Namami Health Retreat offers a peaceful environment to enjoy the rains of the season while indulging in wellness activities. You get practice yoga in open grounds with a view of the magnificent river and meditate in the fresh air of Kerala. The resort also offers a range of culinary experiences, curated recreational spaces and a holistic approach to a healthy lifestyle. With an aim for all to lead a happier,

and healthier version of oneself, this retreat goes beyond everyday wellness retreats and offers tailor made packages in the lap of nature and luxury
www.namamihealth.com/

Club Mahindra Saj, Mahabaleshwar

Outside there's magic, and inside there's comfort. You could gaze at the magnificent mountains for hours. Alternatively, be enthralled by old forts and ornate temples. At Club Mahindra



Saj in Mahabaleshwar, you can fill your days with a variety of activities. Go waterfall-hopping or boat along Venna Lake to take in the most of this monsoon. Not to forget, the picturesque valley views that cannot be missed. Enjoy the best of the weather in beautiful Mahabaleshwar at this is the perfect spot for a family vacay. Here, family relationships are strengthened by nature and adventure.

<https://www.clubmahindra.com/our-resorts/club-mahindra-saj-resort-in-mahabaleshwar-maharashtra>

Taj Madikeri Resort & Spa, Coorg

Engulfed in clouds, high in the hills, sits the Taj Madikeri Resort & Spa. This luxury resort offers some of the best views of the monsoons. Enjoy the



refreshing weather with nature walks, coffee tasting and romantic dinners. You also get to experience the nature in its glory with 200 species of plants peppered on the hills. Adding to its beauty is the subtropical rainforest that surrounds the resort. This tranquil

and serene open space is perfect to experience the monsoon while indulging in the luxury of a lifetime.

<https://www.tajhotels.com/en-in/taj/taj-madikeri-coorg/>

Kings Hotel & Resort, Karnala

Located in the heart of Karnala, Kings Hotel & Resort - India's first social media theme-based Resort along with luxury rooms, scenic views and various outdoor/indoor activities to indulge in. The rooms are designed with different social media themes which make them more enticing. They have a beautiful view Poolside along with a Baby pool and Rain dance. The resort's lovely setting, complete with lush greenery, peace, and solitude, will deepen your love for the outdoors.

<https://www.kingsresort.co.in/>



Single-curved aerodynamic profile and carefully crafted contours create Hyundai's lowest drag coefficient of 0.21

- IONIQ 6 introduces newly designed 'H' emblem and uses over 700 Parametric Pixels for uniqueness

Hyundai Motor Company revealed the streamlined and timeless design of the highly anticipated IONIQ 6, the second model in its IONIQ brand of dedicated all-electric-vehicle line-up. IONIQ 6, which Hyundai describes as an Electrified Streamliner, is aerodynamically sculpted

and makes innovative use of sustainable materials to reflect today's EV customers' values.

Inspired by Hyundai's Prophecy EV Concept, IONIQ 6 is characterized by clean, simple lines and a pure aerodynamic form that Hyundai designers describe as Emotional Efficiency. IONIQ 6's electrified streamliner typology and mindful cocoon-like interior embody a silhouette for the new era of electric mobility, while the overall design theme of Ethical Uniqueness reflects Hyundai's customer-centric commitment to energy efficiency and

Hyundai Motor Unveils Design of the All-Electric IONIQ 6

Hyundai's new entry in its IONIQ dedicated BEV line-up brand realizes streamlined aesthetics and functional efficiency under the design theme of Ethical Uniqueness.



environmental responsibility.

"IONIQ 6 connects an emotional convergence of functionality with aesthetics," said SangYup Lee, Executive Vice President and Head of Hyundai Design Center. "The distinctive streamlined design is the

result of close cooperation between engineers and designers, with obsessive attention to detail and customer-centric values at the core. We have created the IONIQ 6 as a mindful cocoon that offers personalized place for all."

IONIQ 6's human-centric design is both ethical and unique.

It demonstrates ethical and unique design through energy efficiency and sustainable material usage. IONIQ 6 design was human-centric from the

start, with the interior space developed simultaneously with the exterior form. Efforts were made to maximize and optimize the interior space, stretching it at the front and rear, resulting in a unique streamliner silhouette and spacious interior.

Like the award-winning IONIQ 5 before it, IONIQ 6 implements the Hyundai Look design strategy that gives each model a unique appearance, like chess pieces. By taking a customer-centric direction, Hyundai designs with diverse lifestyles in mind rather than with a one-style-fits-all approach.

Single-curved streamliner with sleek yet functional aesthetics

IONIQ 6 is an electrified streamliner that realizes the idea of Emotional Efficiency by simultaneously satisfying the customer's aesthetic and functional needs. The aerodynamically sculpted silhouette with simple yet sensuous curves offers a new typology for the EV mobility era.

IONIQ 6 has an ultra-low drag coefficient of just 0.21, assisted by its low nose, active air flaps at the front, wheel gap reducers, and optional slim digital side mirrors. Further aiding IONIQ 6's enviable aerodynamic aptitude is its elliptical wing-inspired spoiler with winglet, slight boat-tail structure, and separation traps on both sides of the rear bumper. Even underneath the car, the endeavour to achieve better aerodynamics is evident in the full cover of the undercarriage, optimized deflectors and reduced wheel-arch gap.

IONIQ 6 also integrates over 700 Parametric Pixels in various places, such as headlamps, rear combination lamps, front lower sensors, air vent garnishes and centre console indicator, to reinforce the IONIQ brand's identity throughout the vehicle.

The rear wing's Parametric Pixel High-Mounted Stop Lamp (HMSL) delivers an eye-catching light execution when the brakes are applied. To further

highlight IONIQ 6's uniqueness, the newly designed Hyundai 'H' badge is applied on the front and rear of the vehicle.

Cocoon-inspired interior accommodates a mindful personal space on wheels

IONIQ 6's cocoon-shaped interior serves as both a comfortable hideaway and personal space, replete with practical features and sustainable materials to facilitate a mindful, eco-friendly mobility experience and lifestyle.

Hyundai Motor Group's Electric Global Modular Platform (E-GMP) enabled the designers to stretch the interior, front and rear, to create optimized legroom and spaciousness that lets passengers stay comfortable in the vehicle. The Platform also allows for a completely flat floor, giving expansive feeling.

The user-centric interior architecture is exemplified by an ergonomically designed control unit that is centrally located to reduce distraction and spur safe, intuitive driving. The modular touchscreen dashboard integrates a 12-inch full-touch infotainment display and 12-inch digital cluster. A bridge-type centre console provides convenient and generous in-car storage.

Dual Colour Ambient Lighting provides overall illumination for IONIQ 6 interior. Users can choose from a spectrum of 64 colours and six dual colour themes developed by colour experts to help drivers and passengers feel relaxed and comfortable. The 4-dot Interactive Pixel Lights on the steering wheel enable easy communication between the driver and vehicle.

The removal of buttons from the front doors provided more breathing room and more storage. Transparent accents on the crash pad garnish, door map pocket and console lower cover further accentuate the sense of spaciousness and uniqueness.

Eco-friendly materials

applied to various touchpoints for sustainability

In line with IONIQ 6's Ethical Uniqueness theme and inspired by today's eco-conscious consumers, the designers applied sustainable materials to the exterior, including recycled pigment paint from end-of-life tires to the cladding and bamboo charcoal pigment paint to the body.

IONIQ 6's interior is also trimmed in sustainable materials and colours. Depending on the trim level, these include eco-process leather (seats), recycled PET fabric (seats), bio TPO skin (dashboard), bio PET fabric (headliner), bio paint derived from vegetable oils (doors), and recycled



fishing net carpet — the latter is a first for the IONIQ brand.

IONIQ 6 on digital billboard and World Premiere

Upon the design reveal, Hyundai Motor released an immersive and impactful design 3D digital film at three global landmark billboard sites simultaneously. The film, featuring IONIQ 6's streamlined design and flexible interior space, can be viewed at K-POP Square in Seoul, Piccadilly Circus in London, and the Big Kahuna in New York Times Square.

The IONIQ 6 world premiere took place in July, when Hyundai revealed the full specifications, including the electrified streamliner's features and advanced technologies.

Challenging the Norm: New Citroën All-Electric ë-C4 X and C4 X

Citroën offers customers an elegant, desirable and accessible new cross-design as an alternative to conventional hatchback and SUV models in the mainstream mid-sized market.

Citroën revealed the new all-electric ë-C4 X and New C4 X, featuring a unique, elegant design approach for customers seeking a desirable alternative to hatchback and SUV offerings in the affordable mid-sized car market.

Following in the footsteps of the stylish all-new Citroën C5 X, the design of the New ë-C4 X and C4 X dares to challenge the traditional definitions of compact car body styles to offer customers something unique: a cross-design which combines the elegant silhouette of a fastback with the modern attitude of an SUV and the timeless refinement and spaciousness of a 4-door.

The New all-electric ë-C4 X and C4 X models also benefit from Citroën's new generation infotainment interface, MyCitroën Drive Plus, offering customers a comprehensive package for connectivity and connected services.

"We're excited about the opportunity presented by the New ë-C4 X and C4 X models as

they will contribute significantly to our brand presence and sales expansion objectives particularly for International markets, as well as Europe" said Vincent Cobée, Citroën CEO. "Many customers have told us they want an affordable, responsible and elegant alternative to the mass of hatchback and SUV offerings in the volume compact car segment, and this is our best interpretation of that need - a forward-looking, distinctive cross-design that delivers all the comfort, technology, safety and value you expect from Citroën, but also outstanding roominess and limousine versatility with the benefit of zero-emission, all-electric power".

Notably, Citroën is taking the bold step of offering only the all-electric ë-C4 X model in many of its European markets where sales of electric vehicles are already more mature.

With its 100 kW powertrain and up to 360 km (224 miles) WLTP range, the New ë-C4 X will be the only all-electric car



to offer this combination of design, comfort and saloon car spaciousness in the mainstream mid-sized market. This, combined with its 510-litre boot volume, makes it the ideal companion for everyday use in cities, for example by professional drivers or chauffeur businesses.

Customers who may prefer a clean and efficient combustion engine in International markets as well as selected European countries will have a range of Citroën's proven PureTech turbo-charged, direct-injection petrol engines and BlueHDi diesel engines to choose from in the New C4 X.

New ë-C4 X and C4 X models will be built exclusively in Europe for all markets at the Stellantis Villaverde manufacturing facility in Madrid, Spain, with sales progressively commencing from Autumn 2022.

UNIQUE AND DISTINCTIVE DESIGN

While the new ë-C4 X and C4 X are clearly members of the latest-generation Citroën family, they offer something new, fresh and unique for customers looking at stylish alternatives to the mass of existing hatchback and SUV body styles already available.

"The ë-C4 X and C4 X stand out from the crowd – they keep the roundness and form language that is unmistakably Citroën at the front, but as you come around the car you can see that its silhouette is very different – much more dynamic and exciting," said Citroën Design Director, Pierre Leclercq. "We wanted to add length to provide extra comfort for rear seat passengers as well as a very large boot volume to meet the needs of customers who want a more traditional luggage space, but without making the car look boxy or ungainly. So we pushed the hard points as far as we could to achieve a fastback roofline that seamlessly extends into the boot lid and then down through the sculpted rear panel to the bumper. This combines with the higher ride height and rugged cladding around the car to disguise



the length and makes it look like it is pushing forward in a sporty way," added Leclercq.

At a length of 4600 mm, the New ë-C4 X and C4 X slot neatly into the Citroën line-up between the C4 hatchback at 4360 mm long, and the C5 X at 4800 mm. Its wheelbase at 2670 mm is same as C4 hatch as both are based on the company's CMP Platform.

With a drag coefficient of just Cd 0.29, aerodynamic efficiency has been optimised thanks to the fast, crisp roofline, which directly benefits range and fuel efficiency – the all-electric New ë-C4 X achieving a range of up to 360 km (224 miles) WLTP.

When viewed in profile, the car's dynamic roofline flows effortlessly and seamlessly from the top of the windscreen into the top panel of the boot lid to create a fastback silhouette that appears planted rather than ungainly, which is often the case with taller cross-segment vehicles. The rear overhang intelligently disguises the length required to package the capacious 510-litre boot.

The rear panel of the boot lid which folds down towards the rear bumper is clean and uncluttered with a softly integrated spoiler at the top, subtle folds below and central Citroën lettering. The panel itself leans slightly towards the front of the car further enhancing the prestigious feel of the rear-end design and heightening the car's attitude of forward momentum.

Distinctive new LED tail lamps are

placed either side of the boot opening and carry through the sculpted lines of the boot lid, pushing around the corners and along the sides of the car, complementing the distinctive front lamps and terminating in an arrow shape before the rear door, which further amplifies the silhouette's dynamism.

Below the boot opening, the unique rear bumper neatly houses a central number plate recess, and the lower bumper skirt is finished in matt black for protection and durability. Adding relief and elegance are gloss black inserts, while distinctive outer scoops echo the rugged feel of the C5 Aircross.

Larger 690mm diameter wheels combined with a short front overhang give the car a raised ride height which results in a more elevated driving position, reassuring drivers with a sense of surefootedness. Matt black protective wheel arches and lower body skirts featuring Airbump® panels with coloured inserts enhance the feeling of robustness and protection.

The familiar front-end incorporates Citroën's assertive rounded design signature. The high, horizontal bonnet features concave indentations, and trademark chrome chevrons stretch across the width of the body, connecting with double-height front lamps using Citroën LED Vision lighting technology to reinforce the vehicle's high-tech credentials and provide maximum visibility.

The matt black lower skirt on the front bumper links to the side and

rear protective elements, while air intake grilles use a 'macro chevron' pattern similar to that used in the 19-19 Concept vehicle. The hexagonal lower grille is flanked each side by distinctive fog lamp bezels featuring inserts that are colour-coordinated with the Airbump® panels on the doors.

NEW GENERATION CONNECTIVITY FOR YOUR DIGITAL LIFE

New Citroën ë-C4 X and C4 X models take connectivity and infotainment to the next level thanks to the availability of Citroën's all-new My Citroën Drive Plus infotainment interface, introduced recently on the flagship Citroën C5 X.

My Citroën Drive Plus.

This highly intuitive new interface uses a 10-inch HD screen and can be fully personalised by customers using a system of 'widgets'. Now familiar from smartphones and touchscreen tablets, Widgets provide a fast way to look at Apps and content on the vehicle's touch screen without having to open the App.

The new interface also features natural voice recognition, a digital assistant which can be 'woken up' by vehicle occupants with the command "Hello Citroën", and that understands what they say, answers their questions and carries out vocal commands. The natural voice recognition system will be able to understand 20 languages, provide visual feedback and respond to significantly more commands for vehicle systems such as climate control, audio media, phone and connected speech services.

The system also comes with an Over-The-Air Map Update service via TomTom, whereby the navigation maps are automatically updated on a monthly basis to ensure the system is up to date and provides the latest information to drivers. This service is provided free of charge for three years.

Connected Services

For added comfort and safety, a

package of Citroën Connect Services is available which complement the My Citroën Drive Plus interface:

My Citroën: an application to be connected with the car via your smartphone to check the status of their battery and available range, as well as programme and monitor their charging schedule and pre-heat or pre-cool the vehicle cabin.

My Citroën Assist: provides peace-of-mind with free geo-located emergency calls and an assistance service that customers can access 24-7, without subscription. In the event of an accident where airbags are deployed, My Citroën Assist automatically sends a notification to the nearest emergency services so assistance can be dispatched. The system also can be activated manually by pressing the vehicle's red 'SOS' button. Additionally, Citroën can call the driver if a technical alert is detected, or if maintenance is required, and by pressing the black roadside assistance button the driver can request roadside assistance or recovery in the event of a breakdown.

My Citroën Drive: offers real-time traffic information through TomTom Traffic, including the location of points of interest, weather information and the location and prices at fuel stations and car parks.

My Citroën Play: allows drivers and passengers to enjoy their favourite smartphone Apps in a safe way. The service offers wireless connectivity and is compatible with Apple CarPlay (including SIRI voice control) and Android Auto.

CALM, COMFORTABLE AND SPACIOUS

Inside the New Citroën ë-C4 X and C4 X, drivers and their passengers will enjoy an unmatched feeling of serenity, comfort and space thanks to Citroën's acclaimed Advanced Comfort experience.

"Rear passenger comfort and boot volume is crucial for a vehicle that is intended to offer something unique in the currently empty zone of the compact



car market between traditional 4-door sedans and the more premium coupé shapes. This car certainly meets all those expectations and is something we believe customers will find interesting and different because it is elegant, distinctive and injected with Citroën's robust SUV DNA. Then, it really surprises you with just how comfortable it is riding in the back, thanks to outstanding knee-room and headroom and excellent forward and side visibility. All of these are key attributes of our acclaimed Advanced Comfort Programme," said Laurence Hansen, Citroën Product and Strategy Director.

Progressive Hydraulic Cushions®:

Invisible to the driver and occupants, but imperative for the comfortable ride experienced by occupants inside the New ë-C4 X and C4 X, is Citroën's innovative and exclusive Progressive Hydraulic Cushions suspension system.

In the system, two progressive hydraulic bump stops are used in conjunction with the shock absorber and spring on each corner of the vehicle instead of mechanical stops – one for compression the other for decompression (or rebound).

The Perfect Temperature

A major factor influencing driver and occupant comfort, particularly for occupants in the spacious ë-C4 X and C4 X, is interior climate.



To make sure all occupants are comfortable even in the most extreme conditions, a comprehensive climate control package is available. This includes a dual-zone automatic climate control system with dual controls for ease of use, along with heated front and rear seats and, a heated windscreen and heated steering wheel. Rear seat passengers will also be able to control airflow through vents located in the rear of the centre console.

Light and Tranquillity

Light and ambience can enhance every journey inside the ë-C4 X and C4 X, where the emphasis is on creating a tranquil, positive atmosphere with warm materials and a generous glass area, which includes smaller rear quarter side windows. Light-coloured roof lining and interior pillar trims add further brightness and warmth.

Also available is a large electric opening panoramic sunroof. It is designed to preserve headroom at the rear while bathing the passenger compartment in light, and comes complete with a sunblind for ultimate controllability.

At night, the atmosphere inside is equally pleasant and reassuring, thanks to LED ambient lighting on the digital instrument panel, which is colour-matched to the white backlighting of the driving and on-board comfort functions, and the front and rear interior lights.

Smart Storage Everywhere

To meet the expectations of today's customers and vehicle occupants, Citroën has paid special attention to maximising storage beyond the large boot and into the passenger cabin of the New ë-C4 X and C4 X. Up to 16 open or closed compartments can add a total storage volume of 39-litres and all of them have been designed for practicality and easy day-to-day use.

Zero emission with power and range

Thanks to its smooth, aerodynamic shape, the efficient zero emission electric powertrain in New ë-C4 X offers an impressive WLTP range of up to 360 km (224 miles) coupled with near-silent and spirited performance.

The 100 kW electric powertrain is powerful and energetic whatever the driving conditions, with 136 hp and 260 Nm of torque that is instantly available, a 0-100 km/h (0-62 mph) time of 9.5 seconds when in Sport mode and a top speed of 150 km/h (93 mph). The 50 kWh battery pack is rated as high-voltage 400 V Li-ion.

Regenerative braking enables the driver to partially recharge the battery and increase range while on the move by amplifying the deceleration of the car without pressing the brake pedal, recovering energy that would otherwise be lost.

Three driving modes are available – Eco, Normal or Sport - and are activated

by the mode selector in the centre console.

Optimised and Easy Charging

Charging the New ë-C4 X is easy and can be done on the go at public charging stations or at home. For each scenario, the charging time has been optimised:

- At a public charging station, using a rapid 100 kW DC charger (mode 4), the battery replenishes at a best-in-segment rate of around 10 km/min (6.2 miles/min), with 80% of charge completed in 30 minutes.
- Using a 7.4 kW / 32 amp wall box (mode 3), recharging takes 7.5 hours with single-phase supply or as little as 5 hours with a three-phase electricity supply and the optional 11 kW on-board charger.
- At home and for occasional needs, the battery can be recharged using a standard domestic socket (mode 2).

To make life easier for electric vehicle customers Citroën offers a “one-stop shop” solution for home wall box installation. Managing vehicle charging is easy and can be pre-programmed to take advantage of off-peak electricity prices. Charging times can be pre-set using the car's touchscreen My Citroën Drive Plus interface or the My Citroën app. Plugging the car in could not be easier thanks to the ergonomically designed charging port, and the cable(s) can be stored under the boot floor. A coloured indicator on the charging port allows users to monitor the process, which can also be followed on the My Citroën app.

MODERN AND EFFICIENT ENGINES FOR NEW C4 X

The New Citroën C4 X will be sold in selected European, Middle East and Africa and international markets also with a selection of proven, efficient, clean and high-performing Citroën internal combustion engines to suit everyone's needs.

Not Guilty!!

A Swiss Court finds former FIFA President and Vice President are found not guilty of corruption charges levelled against them more than 7 years ago



Based on an approval from the former President of FIFA, Sepp Blatter, FIFA made a payment of CHF 2 million to the then Vice President, Michel Platini. The payment was made in 2011 as consultancy charges for services rendered by Michel Platini to FIFA a few years before.

In his testimony during the trial, Blatter said he asked Platini to be his adviser when he was first appointed President of football's world governing body in 1998. He said the former Captain of the French Football team, Michel Platini wanted CHF 1m (£816,030) per year but Blatter told him FIFA could not afford that fee. They instead settled on CHF 300,000 (£244,809) per year, with the outstanding total to be paid at a later date. The two sports men shook hands on their "gentleman's agreement".

Platini stopped working for FIFA in 2002 but did not pursue the payment until 2010, telling the court he had not needed the money at the time, when – according to Blatter – FIFA was in any case "broke". However, Platini later heard that two former employees had received substantial payments. He approached FIFA and asked to send an invoice. He did so in January 2011, with the money paid 10 days later after approval by Blatter.

The Swiss Office of the Attorney

General accused Blatter and Platini of “fraud, in the alternative of misappropriation, in the further alternative of criminal mismanagement as well as of forgery of a document”. The invoice sent by Platini was considered to be a forged document for a fictitious debt.

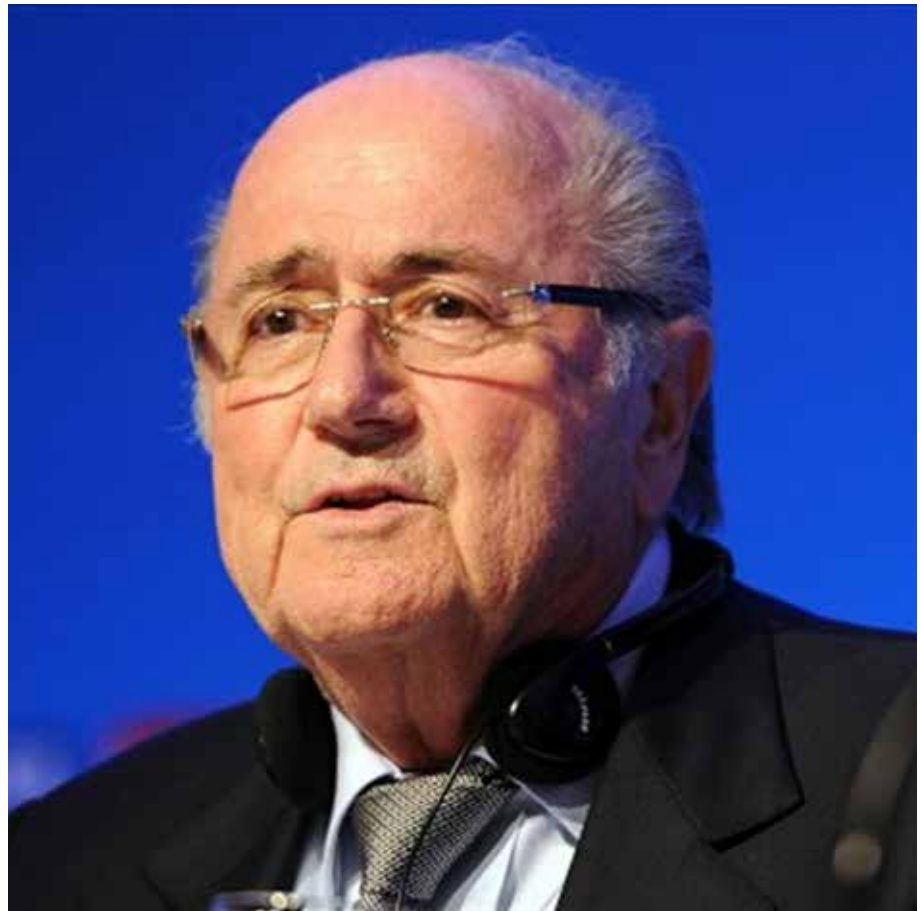
Motives for the payment were unclear, although the two sportsmen met in 2010 and discussed the upcoming elections for the FIFA presidency in 2011. When Blatter approved the payment, he was campaigning for re-election against Mohamed bin Hammam of Qatar. Platini, then president of UEFA, was seen as having sway with European members who could influence the vote. The payment emerged following a huge investigation launched by the US Department of Justice into bribery, fraud and money-laundering at FIFA in 2015, which triggered Blatter’s resignation.

Both officials were banned from football for eight years in 2015 over the payment, although their bans were later reduced. Platini, who was also charged as an accomplice, said he felt the ban was a deliberate attempt to stop him from becoming FIFA president in 2015.

The case started in 2015, and thorough investigations were carried out which included raids led by the Federal Bureau of Investigations at FIFA’s Zurich hotel. The 11-day trial of the two football personalities over the 2011 payment took place at the Federal Criminal Court in Bellinzona and was recently concluded.

The Court released a statement after the trial which said that the result of the evidence supports the version of the accused. The facts of the indictment cannot therefore be considered to have been created with a probability bordering on certainty.

Although the two football personalities have been acquitted of wrong- doing their illustrious careers have been marred over this controversy and the actions taken against them.



Michel François Platini (born 21 June 1955) is a former French football player and manager. Regarded as one of the greatest footballers of all time, Platini won the Ballon d’Or for three consecutive years in 1983, 1984 and 1985. In recognition of his achievements, he was named a Chevalier of the Légion d’honneur in 1985 and became an Officer in 1998.

Nicknamed Le Roi (The King) for his ability and leadership, he was a prolific goal scorer; he won the Serie A capocannoniere award three consecutive times between 1983 and 1985, and was the top scorer of Juventus’s victorious 1984–85 European Cup campaign. Platini was a key player of the France national team that won the 1984 European Championship, a tournament in which he was the top scorer and best player, and reached the semi-finals of the 1982 and 1986 World Cups.

Following his retirement as a player, Platini was the France national team

coach for four years, and was the co-organizer of the 1998 World Cup in France. In 2007, he became the first former player to be elected as the president of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA). He also held the positions of chairman of FIFA’s Technical and Development Committee and vice-president of the French Football Federation.

Joseph “Sepp” Blatter (born 10 March 1936) is a former Swiss football administrator who served as the eighth President of FIFA from 1998 to 2015. From a background in business, public relations, and sports administration, Blatter became general secretary of FIFA in 1981 and was then elected president at the 51st FIFA Congress on 8 June 1998. Blatter was re-elected in 2002, 2007, 2011, and 2015. Like his predecessor, Blatter sought to increase the influence of African and Asian countries in world football through the expansion of participating teams in various FIFA tournaments.

COTTONS Jaipur

Cottons Jaipur is a brand with fairly priced, well finished, vibrant clothing inspired from Rajasthan. To review this brand we pick few products as given below.

Strawberry Zouave Pants

Loose-fit baggy trousers gathered at the waist and again at the ankle are referred to as Zouave pants. With an elasticated waist and pockets, they are the ultimate in comfort and style. In stunning sorbet colours, this pair of Zouaves can be worn with a t-shirt, a short top or even a tonal Kurti for maximum effect. (MRP: ₹1,580)

Floral Zouave

One size fits all!! If you are in the mood for something quirky, this printed zouave is your best pick. A dropped crotch with an elasticated waist and side pockets, we suggest you pair it with a short top or Kurti. Sneakers or sandals will take your style quotient one notch higher. (MRP: ₹1,580)

Luna Rose Pajama Set

This cotton pyjama set in peachy florals is perfect for warmer temperatures. The breathable cotton fabric is soft on the skin and comfortable to sleep in. The set consists of a shirt and pyjama with an elasticated waist. (MRP: ₹2,100)



It is easily available at: COTTONS Jaipur's stores & cottonsjaipur.com
Comment: Long-lasting quality and comfort.
Rating: 8/10

Humanitive



Humanitive Limited is an e-commerce platform in the gifting and social expression industry with a cause dedicated to helping underprivileged society

across India. where for the first time, they are merging donations with gift-giving.

To review this we picked two gifts as given below. Gifts were so well delivered and packed which I must say worth to buy. With the gift you get certificate also of your contribution towards mankind.

Anniversary Classic

Product Note: Anniversaries are milestones that deserve to be celebrated. Sponsor meals for 2 homeless people for a day for Rs. 300/- on behalf of your loved one, along with 3 beautiful gifts in our keepsake Classic Box. (Price: 3100 Rupees)

Feminist Classic

Product Note: Finding a gift for an advocate of equal rights? With this box, empower underprivileged women on their behalf and thank them for standing up for equality. Sponsor sanitary pad distribution for 10 underprivileged women for Rs. 300/- on behalf of your loved one, along with 3 beautiful gifts in our keepsake Classic Box. (Price: 3100 Rupees)

All the products are available at <https://www.humanitive.in/>

Comment: Truly a unique luxury gifting e-commerce platform to provide you a sense of satisfaction with shopping where you contribute in someone's life and touch those souls in need.

Rating: 9/10

Loveearth

Loveearth is a famous homegrown skin-care brand.

24K Gold Glass Face Oil

The Love Earth 24K Gold Glass Face Oil has been infused with the most organic and exquisite ingredients. As the name suggests our oil has been imbued with the authentic 24K gold that brings the most natural glow to your skin. (Price- 599/-)



Vitamin C & Glutathione Glow Sleeping Mask

With our Love Earth Vitamin C Glutathione Glow Sleeping Mask, we present to you a new and healthier path to getting luminous and youthful skin. This is purely gel-based so no oily sticky feeling afterward. It has the benefits of pure vitamin C, Glutathione, roses, and aloe vera. (Price - Rs 699/-)

Organic Lip Scrub

With our Love Earth Organic Lip Scrub, we present a brand new way of getting those beautiful lips back to their glory. Love Earth Organic Lip Scrub has the benefits of pure vitamin E, shea butter, and cocoa butter and then some more. If you got chapped lips, this is your best friend. (Price- Rs 399/-)

Multipot

How many of us have been in the middle of something during a working day or as an event and found ourselves looking for makeup that multitasks as we do? A tiny touch-up with our Love Earth multipot is here for you any time you need that instant gorgeous look! (Price- 599/-)

Comment: Give care to your skin with Loveearth.

Rating: 8/10



Archies

As Archies online, the brand understands the consumer's unique needs and the importance of each and every festival, thus we, as a brand, offer a great collection of rakhi gift ideas that will convey your feelings in a special way. We bring to you the colorful, vibrant and eye-popping Rakshabandhan range that has some unique gifts like Dry fruits, Cakes, Cookies, Chocolates, Sweets, Greeting Cards and so on. To make your shopping experience an ease, we have scrutinized our rakhi gift range into categories.

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Comment: A range of gifting option for this Raksha Bandhan festival.
#nottomiss

Rating: 9/10

Colorbar

Say hello to Colorbar's new revolutionary power kiss vegan matte lip color!



Longing for a good transfer-proof matte that suits all your moods? Worry no more! Colorbar's newest launch has you covered as it launches their 'Power Kiss Vegan Matte Lip Color' – a range of exquisite lip colors that gives you the intense matte finish with every stroke.

Infused with the goodness of Vitamin E and Tea Tree Oil, this new range comes in 18 shades priced just at Rs.499. Its cruelty-free potent formulation, vegan, lightweight, and matte texture is sure to give you a long-lasting pout just in one stroke.

Arriving just in time before the monsoons, Colorbar's Power Kiss Vegan Matte Lip Color invites you to show off your power pout while promising a high color- pay-off.

Available at all Colorbar stores and counters in India, you can get your hands on them at www.colorbarcosmetics.com too!

Comment: It's time to pout this Raksha Bandhan with Colorbar's Power Kiss Vegan Matte Lip color.

Rating: 9/10

Timex

Stranger Things are happening here at Timex. In collaboration with the hair-raising sci-fi-horror-drama, Timex is entering the rift to the Upside Down with the Timex x Stranger Things collection: the culmination of two cultural phenoms that routinely bring wistful, period-specific elements out of the darkness and into the light. This nostalgic collaboration applies otherworldly inspiration to our iconic T80 through spine-chilling graphics on the lens, while a hidden Stranger Things logo appears when you activate the eerie INDIGLO® backlight. Play the iconic



Stranger Things melody on demand or simply set the alarm! but beware when the clock strikes 3:00. For a full 20 seconds, the T80's display reveals the sinister, alternate reality of the Upside Down.

The Timex x Stranger Things capsule is available in three styles: Camper (40mm) INR 7,495, Timex T80 (34mm) INR 8,995, and Timex Atlantis (40mm), INR 7,495. Key features include a stainless-steel bracelet or fabric strap, resin case and strap, INDIGLO® backlight, customized alarm, and much more.

Comment: It's your time with Timex
Rating: 8/10

Product Update

GUESS

Guess Known worldwide for innovative denim, sexy dresses, iconic logo pieces, plus shoes, handbags, accessories and more. Here we picked two piece of accessories to review from their new collection as given below.




'4G Vintage' Earrings

Choose one of the season's most fashionable yellow gold plated monogram earrings to add a touch of romanticism and timeless appeal. The best part is that they can be paired with anything from plain to printed fabric, as well as pastel to vibrant hues. These earrings will add a distinct charm to your festive fashion.

'G Tennis' Necklace

This dainty steel plated neck piece is so versatile that it can be worn with jeans, a kurta, or a sharara. The crystal detail with a snap hook opening will not weigh you down for the festivities, so choose this super stylish yet fuss-free chain to exude the right amount of timeless elegance.

Comment: Be Stylish you with Guess.
Rating: 10/10

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Relaxing Me

| USD 158

based on 4 hotel

Inclusion :

- 3 Nights stay at selected hotel with breakfast included
- Return airport transfer
- FREE : 1x 60Mins Massage OR 1x Meals at certain hotel
- FREE : Hard Rock Cafe Meals Voucher
- Choice of 1x Full Day Tour OR 1x White Water Rafting

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Villa Indugence

| USD 278

based on 4 hotel

Inclusion :

- 2 Nights Stay at Selected Villa with breakfast included
- Return Airport Transfer
- FREE 1x 60mins massage (Min. 3 nights stay)
- FREE 1x Full Day Car at Disposal with English Speaking Local Host
- FREE : 1x Indian Cuisine Voucher at all outlet Gateway of India Restaurant

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