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Chapter 1: Appointment (National, International)

(National)

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Person</u>
Appointed as the new Chairperson of the power regulator Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)	Jishnu Barua (Updated 6 March)
Reappointed as Managing Director and CEO of HDFC Bank for three years	Sashidhar Jagdishan (Updated 7 March)
Took charge as the 28th Controller General of Accounts (CGA)	Sanjiva Shankar Dubey (Updated 7 March)
Taken oath as the chief minister of Meghalaya for the second consecutive term About Meghalaya <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital - Shillong • Chief Minister - Conrad Kongkal Sangma • Governor - Phagu Chauhan 	Conrad K Sangma (Updated 8 March)
Announced as the World's First 'Hand Ambassador' by Savlon Swasth India	Sachin Tendulkar (Updated 7 March)
Sworn in as the new chief minister of Tripura for the second consecutive term About Tripura <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital - Agartala • Chief Minister - Manik Sarkar • Governor - Satyadeo Narain Arya 	Dr.Manik Saha (Updated 9 March)
Become the first woman officer in the IAF to command a missile squadron in the Western sector facing Pakistan	Shalija Dhami (Updated 9 March)
Become the first woman officer of the Indian Army to command a field workshop on the forward front in Eastern Ladakh	Colonel Geeta Rana (Updated 10 March)

<p>Sworn in as the Chief Minister of Nagaland for a record fifth term in Kohima</p> <p>About Nagaland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital- Kohima • Chief Minister- Neiphiu Rio • Governor- La. Ganesan 	<p>Neiphiu Rio (Updated 10 March)</p>
<p>Appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Axis Mutual Fund</p>	<p>B Gopkumar (Updated 10 March)</p>
<p>Appointed as CEO & MD of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)</p>	<p>Rohit Jawa (Updated 11 March)</p>
<p>Names Bhanu Vohra head of commercial banking in India</p>	<p>Citi India (Updated 13 March)</p>
<p>Appointed as the Interim Chairman of Life Insurance</p>	<p>Siddhartha Mohanty (Updated 13 March)</p>
<p>Re-appointment as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the bank for a further period of 2 years with effect from March 24, 2023.</p>	<p>Sumant Kathpalia (Updated 14 March)</p>
<p>Appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Tech Mahindra for a period of 5 years, effective from 20 December 2023.</p>	<p>Mohit Joshi (Updated 14 March)</p>
<p>Appointed as India's ambassador of 'She Changes Climate'</p>	<p>Shreya Ghodawat (Updated 15 March)</p>
<p>Appointed as the Managing Directors of the Life Insurance Company (LIC).</p>	<p>Tablesh Pandey and M. Jagannath (Updated 16 March)</p>
<p>Assigned the additional charge of chairman and managing director (CMD) of NMDC</p>	<p>Amitava Mukherjee (Updated 17 March)</p>
<p>Appointed as the United States of America (USA) Senate ambassador to India</p>	<p>Eric Garcetti (Updated 17 March)</p>

Appointed as the Chairman of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)	Deepak Mohanty (Updated 17 March)
Step down of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Rajesh Gopinathan (Updated 19 March)
as the Chief Executive Officer of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)	K. Krithivasan (Updated 19 March)
Appointed as MD and CEO of UCO Bank About UCO Bank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded - 6 January 1943 • Founder- Ghanshyam Das Birla • Headquarters- Kolkata 	Ashwani Kumar (Updated 19 March)
Appointed as Brand Ambassador of Luxor Writing Instruments Private Limited	Virat Kohli (Updated 19 March)
Appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)	G Krishnakumar (Updated 20 March)
Steps down as MD & CEO of Invest India	Deepak Bagla (Updated 20 March)
Appointed as an Honorary Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO)	Ratan Tata (Updated 22 March)
Appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Cotton Corporation of India (CCI)	Lalit Kumar Gupta (Updated 22 March)
Appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the investment promotion and facilitation body under the commerce ministry.	Manmeet K Nanda (Updated 23 March)
Appointed as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO)	Arnab Banerjee (Updated 23 March)
Appointed as the new Chief Financial Officer of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)	Srikanth Venkatachari (Updated 28 March)

Appointed as Independent Directors of NDTV	UK Sinha and Dipali Goenka (Updated 30 March)
Appointed as the new president of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)	Ajay Singh (Updated 31 March)
Appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Office of Axis Securities	Pranav Haridasan (Updated 31 March)
Appointed as brand ambassador of the Walt Disney Company India-owned channel Star Sports	Ranveer Singh (Updated 31 March)

(International)

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
Re-appointed as the Prime Minister of Kuwait.	Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf al-Sabah (Updated 7 March)
Confirmed as the first South Asian District Judge for the Southern District of New York.	Arun Subramaniam (Updated 9 March)
Elected the new President of Nepal About Nepal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital- Kathmandu • Currency- Nepalese rupee • President- Ram Chandra Paudel • Prime minister- Pushpa Kamal Dahal 	Ram Chandra Paudel (Updated 10 March)
Elected as president for third term About China <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital - Beijing • Currency - Yuan • President - Xi Jinping 	Xi Jinping (Updated 11 March)
Appointed as CEO of Silicon Valley Bank About Silicon Valley Bank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment - 1983 • Founder - Roger V Smith 	Tim Mayopoulos (Updated 16 March)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President - Gregory W. Baker • Headquarters - Santa Clara, California (United States) 	
<p>Elected as the third Vice President of Nepal</p> <p>About Nepal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital- Kathmandu • Currency- Nepalese rupee • President- Ram Chandra Paudel • Prime minister- Pushpa Kamal Dahal 	<p>Ram Sahai Prasad Yadav</p> <p>(Updated 20 March)</p>
<p>Assumed charge as new CEO of Starbucks</p>	<p>Laxman Narasimhan</p> <p>(Updated 24 March)</p>
<p>Elected as the new President of the New Development Bank (NDB)</p> <p>About New Development Bank (NDB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded - 2015 • Headquarters - Shanghai, China • Membership (9) - Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Bangladesh, UAE, Uruguay & Egypt • President - Dilma Rousseff (Brazil) • Vice President - Anil Kishora (Indian) 	<p>Dilma Vana Rousseff</p> <p>(Updated 27 March)</p>
<p>Assumed charge as the assistant police chief in the US state of Connecticut.</p>	<p>Manmeet Colon</p> <p>(Updated 28 March)</p>
<p>Appointed as Vice-President of UAE</p>	<p>Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan</p> <p>(Updated 31 March)</p>

Chapter 2: Awards (National, International)

(National)

<u>Award</u>	<u>Person/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose/ Field</u>
Pritzker Architecture Prize 2023	Sir David Chipperfield	Arguably the highest international honour in the discipline .

The 32nd Vyas Samman 2022	Hindi writer Dr. Gyan Chaturvedi	For his 2018 satirical novel, Pagalkhana
Saraswati Samman for the year 2022	Sivasankari	For her book Survya Vamsam
The Sangita Kalanidhi award for 2023 by the Music Academy	Bombay Jayashri	She is one of the foremost Carnatic musicians
Kerala's highest civilian honour 1. "Kerala Jyothi" 2. "Kerala Prabha" 3. "Kerala Shri"	1. M T Vasudevan Nair 2. Shared by actor Mammooty, former civil service officer T Madhava Menon and writer Omchery NN Pillai 3. MP Parameswaran, magician Gopinath Muthukad, sculptor Kanayi Kunhiraman, businessman and social worker Kochouseph Chittilappilly, musician Vaikom Vijayalakshmi and biologist Sathyabhama Das Biju.	For an outstanding contribution in various spheres of social life.
Wildlife Conservation Award 2023	Aliya Mir	For her conservation efforts in the Jammu and Kashmir

(International)

<u>Award</u>	<u>Person/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose/ Field</u>
BBC Indian Sportswoman of The Year for 2022	Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu	
BBC Para Sportswoman of the Year 2022	Bhavina Patel	
PEN/Nabokov Lifetime Achievement Award 2023	Vinod Kumar Shukla	For achievement in international literature at a function organized by PEN America in New York

The International 'Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023' in 'TV/Cinema Commercials International and Country International' Category	India's Ministry of Tourism (The Golden and Silver Stars)	
Oscars 2023 Best Original Song award	'Naatu Naatu' from the Indian film RRR	In the Best Original Song category at the 95th Oscar Awards .
'Governor of the Year' for 2023	Shaktikanta Das	For his unwavering leadership during the failure of a significant non-banking company , the COVID-19 pandemic's initial and second waves, and the inflationary effects caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine
'Partnership for Healthy Cities' award	Bengaluru	For effectively enforcing smoke-free laws at a summit held in London
Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket Award 2022	Aasif Sheikh	For his sporting conduct shown in a Men's T20 International between Nepal and Ireland
The World's Best Airport 2023 at the Skytrax World Airport Awards	Singapore Changi Airport	
2021 National Humanities Medal	Indian-American actress and producer Mindy Kaling	In recognition of her giving voice to a new generation of storytellers , at a White House ceremony .
The Abel Prize for mathematics	Argentine-American Luis Caffarelli	For his " seminal contributions to regularity theory for nonlinear partial differential equations. "

The Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature (FOSWAL) conferred a special literary award	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman	For outstanding literary excellence for his trilogy The Unfinished Memoirs, The Prison Diaries and the New China 1952.
'Lifetime Achievement Award' by University of Texas	Naveen Jindal	For his accomplishments in industry, politics and education

Awards 2022: Complete winners list

Oscars 2023: RRR's Naatu Naatu won Best Original Song award

- The song 'Naatu Naatu' from the Indian film RRR has won the Oscar in the **Best Original Song category at the 95th Oscar Awards.**
- RRR is the first Indian film to be nominated for Academy Awards in the last two decades, while 'Naatu Naatu' was the first Indian song to be nominated for an Oscar.
- The song beat out other nominees in the category including Applause (Tell It Like a Woman), Hold My Hand (Top Gun Maverick), Lift Me Up (Black Panther Wakanda Forever) and This Is a Life (Everything Everywhere All At).
- **List of Academy Award winners 2023-**

Category	Winner
Best Picture	Everything Everywhere All At Once
Actor In A Leading Role	Brendan Fraser (The Whale)
Actress In A Leading Role	Michelle Yeoh (Everything Everywhere All At Once)
Actor In A Supporting Role	Ke Huy Quan (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
Actress In A Supporting Role	Jamie Lee Curtis (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
Animated Feature Film	Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio
Cinematography	All Quiet On The Western Front (James Friend)

Costume Design	Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (Ruth Carter)
Directing	Everything Everywhere All At Once (Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert)
Documentary (Feature)	Navalny (Daniel Roher, Odessa Rae, Diane Becker, Melanie Miller, and Shane Boris)
Documentary (Short Subject)	The Elephant Whisperers (Kartiki Gonsalves and Guneet Monga)
Film Editing	Everything Everywhere All At Once (Paul Rogers)
International Feature Film	All Quiet On The Western Front (Germany)
Makeup And Hairstyling	The Whale (Adrien Morot, Judy Chin, and Annemarie Bradley)
Music (Original Score)	All Quiet On The Western Front (Volker Bertelmann)
Music (Original Song)	Naatu- Naatu (RRR; Music by M.M. Keeravaani; Lyric by Chandrabose)
Production Design	All Quiet On The Western Front (Production Design: Christian M. Goldbeck; Set Decoration: Ernestine Hipper)
Short Film (Animated)	The Boy, The Mole, The Fox And The Horse (Charlie Mackesy and Matthew Freud)
Short Film (Live Action)	'An Irish Goodbye' (Tom Berkeley and Ross White)

Visual Effects	Avatar: The Way Of Water (Joe Letteri, Richard Baneham, Eric Saindon, and Daniel Barrett)
Writing (Adapted Screenplay)	Women Talking (Screenplay by Sarah Polley)
Writing (Original Screenplay)	Everything Everywhere All At Once (Written by Daniel Kwan & Daniel Scheinert)
Sound	Top Gun: Maverick (Mark Weingarten, James H. Mather, Al Nelson, Chris Burdon and Mark Taylor)

Chapter 3: Government Scheme/ campaign

SCHEME	PURPOSE
Ladli Bahna scheme (Madhya Pradesh)	To increase the economic independence of women in the state, improving their health and nutritional status .
Mukhyamantri Ekal Mahila Swarozgar Yojana (Uttarakhand)	Women in remote villages of the state are giving impetus to the rural economy through self-help groups .
The Resham Keet Bima scheme for sericulturists (Uttarakhand)	In the first phase of this pilot project, 200 sericulturists from five blocks of four districts - Dehradun, Haridwar, Udham Singh Nagar, and Nainital - have been insured from the ill effects of climate change, scarcity of water, and other hazards.
Captive Employers, a unique initiative under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)	Captive employers will train Rural Poor Youth and provide employment to trained youth in their company or subsidiary .

Chapter 4: Summit/ Conference

Summit/Conference	Location	About
7th International Dharma Dhamma Conference	Bhopal	The theme of the Conference - Eastern Humanism for the New Era .

		The Conference is being organized by the India Foundation in collaboration with Sanchi University of Buddhist-Indic Studies .
Good Governance Conference	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	To bring the Government and Citizens closer through various administrative reforms at the Centre, State and District levels
The 1st Session of Massmerize 2023	New Delhi	Massmerize is a dialogue forum between government and retail, Fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) , and e-Commerce sectors to discuss regulatory issues, Macro-Economics, and consumer trends .
The 3rd session of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction	New Delhi	The theme of National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2023 is ' building local resilience in the face of climate change. '
The first meeting of the India-Central Asia Joint Working Group on Afghanistan	New Delhi	During the meeting, discussions were held on the current situation in Afghanistan , including the political, security, and humanitarian situation .
The Election Commission of India (ECI) has organized the 3rd International Conference		Theme- ' Inclusive Elections and Elections Integrity '
The fourth Y20 consultation meeting	Pune, Maharashtra	The theme for the fourth Y20 Consultation is ' Peace building and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War '
The 6th meeting of the National Startup Advisory Council (NSAC)	New Delhi	With the theme of India@2047 , NSAC will plan upon matters important for evolution of Indian startup ecosystem .
The 19th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting virtually	Bangkok	The Ministers approved several documents including rules of Procedure for Core BIMSTEC Mechanisms, Sectoral BIMSTEC Mechanisms and BIMSTEC's External Relations for submission to the 6th BIMSTEC Summit .
18th meeting of Chief Justices of the Supreme Courts of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States	New Delhi	To foster effective judicial cooperation among the Member States .
The first Supreme Audit Institution 20 (SAI20) Senior Officers Meeting (SOM)	Guwahati	Theme - ' Blue Economy ' and ' Responsible Artificial Intelligence '. The SAI20 is aimed at bringing together an ecosystem wherein SAIs are active partners in

		governance , promoting transparency and accountability.
An international conference on "Shared Buddhist Heritage"	New Delhi	The conference will focus on India's civilizational connection with the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) nations 2023 .
An international conference on 'Shared Buddhist Heritage'	New Delhi	It is being organized with a focus on India's civilizational connection with the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) nations 2023 .
The second Education Working Group meeting	Amritsar, Punjab	A seminar on ' Strengthening research and promoting innovation through rich collaborations ' will be organized by IIT Ropar in collaboration with IISc Bengaluru, IIM Amritsar and TISS Mumbai at Khalsa College.
The Second G20 Sustainable Financial Working Group (SFWG)	Udaipur, Rajasthan	The G20 is focused on promoting international economic cooperation and addressing major economic challenges faced by its member nations, including issues related to finance, trade, and global economic growth .
The 16th meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)	New Delhi	During the meeting, the SCO Member States shared information on the activities of the SCO Youth Council in 2022-2023 .
Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Tourism Ministers' Meeting	Kashi (Varanasi)	India is the current chair of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) . During the Tourism Ministers' (TMM) meeting , a joint action plan on the development of cooperation in tourism among SCO member countries will be adopted, the Ministry of Tourism said in a statement.
An International conference on the theme 'Natural farming for Revitalizing Environment and Resilient Agriculture'	Central Agricultural University of Manipur	Manipur Governor Sushri Anusuiya Uikey has inaugurated three days long an International conference on the theme ' Natural farming for Revitalizing Environment and Resilient Agriculture ' at Central Agricultural University of Manipur.
The Global Millets Conference	New Delhi	The two-day global conference will have sessions on the promotion and awareness of millets among producers, consumers, and other stakeholders .
B20 or Business20 meeting under India's G20 presidency	Gangtok	The title of the B20 meeting was ' Conference on Opportunities for Multilateral Business Partnership in Tourism, Hospitality, Pharmaceuticals and Organic Farming .'

The 3rd annual edition of the International SME Convention 2023 (ISC)	New Delhi	The main focus areas of the convention are India's major four Sunrise Sectors , which are Cleantech and Green Energy, Manufacturing, Services Sector and Agro Food Processing and Agri Implements sector.
The G20 Business Summit 2023	Kohima, Nagaland	Nagaland is all set to host the G20 Business Summit 2023 at Kohima on 5 April 2023.
Two-day Labour20 (L20) engagement group's inception meeting	Amritsar, Punjab	Key issues included issues concerning the global workforce to provide direction to the G20 nations and institutions to focus on development reaching to the last person .
The Civil20 India (C-20) Inception meeting	Nagpur, Maharashtra	It is one of the empowered groups, which provides a platform for Civil Society Organisations to voice the people's aspirations to the world leaders in G20.
The 2nd Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG) meeting	Udaipur, Rajasthan	The three-day meeting is focused at the identification of relevant policies and best practices for mobilizing sustainable finance to help ensure global growth and stability .
1st General Body Meeting of the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM)	New Delhi	He emphasized the Blue Economy which focuses on sustainable and climate-resilient coastal infrastructure and livelihoods of coastal communities .
The second Working Group Meeting of the Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group of G20	Gandhinagar	Representatives from more than 30 countries including China, Australia, Japan, Russia, and the United States and international organizations such as United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) will be participated in the meeting.
The 36th Board Meeting of the Stop TB Partnership	New Delhi	India has identified three important health priorities under the G20 Presidency and all of these are focused on universal health coverage and relevant to our response for TB elimination .
G20 Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG) Conference	Dibrugarh, Assam	It deliberated on ways towards building a sustainable and circular bio-economy .
The second Sherpa meeting of the G20 Summit	Kumarakom in Kerala	Over 120 delegates from G20 member nations are participating in the event being chaired by India's Sherpa Amitabh Kant. During the four-day meeting, the delegates will hold multi-lateral discussions on G20's economic and developmental priorities ,

		besides addressing contemporary global challenges .
The Second G20 Framework Working Group (FWG) meeting	Chennai	The two-day meeting was co-chaired by V. Anantha Nageswaran, India's Chief Economic Advisor, and Clare Lombardelli, Chief Economic Adviser, United Kingdom Treasury .
The First G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group meeting	Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Around 100 delegates from the G20 member countries , invitee countries and from nine international organizations are participating in the three-day event.

Chapter 5: Partnership/ Agreement

Partnership/ Agreement	Aim
Max Life Insurance and Ujivan Small Finance Bank have partnered	To offer life insurance offerings to Ujjivan SFB's customers . Through this partnership, both will offer a range of savings, protection, retirement, and group life insurance plans to Ujivan SFB customers.
Yes Bank has partnered with Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd	To offer home loans at competitive interest rates to customers from lower and middle-income groups .
Axis Bank has joined hands with FMCG giant ITC	To offer lending products and services to farmers who are a part of ITC's agriculture eco-system .
India and Australia have signed an audio-visual co-production agreement	To offer filmmakers financial incentives amounting to up to 30 percent of the expenditure incurred in the respective countries.
IDFC First Bank has partnered with Anantham Online	To enable acceptance of digital rupee at Kochi Metro's parking locations .
The Ministry of Defense signed Rs 934 crore deal with Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)	For General Refit of INS Sindhukirti Submarine at Visakhapatnam at a total cost of Rs 934 crore .
The Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati partnered with Sri Sathya Sai Heart Hospital, Ahmedabad	To foster Cardiac research

India signed loan agreement with World Bank	To construct the Green National Highway Corridors Project in Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh
NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) signed agreement with Indian Oil Corporation Limited	For setting up of renewable energy projects to meet power requirement of IOCL Refineries .
The Defense Ministry of India has signed two separate contracts with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)	To enhance the operational capabilities of the Indian Air Force (IAF) at a total cost of over Rs 3,700 crore .
IDFC FIRST Bank has teamed with Crunchfish	To participate in the RBI's pilot programme to facilitate offline payments .

Chapter 6: Ranking Index

Index	Index released by	India's Rank	1st Rank
Electoral Democracy Index 2023	The V-dem Democracy report 2023	108th	Denmark
Cleanest airports in Asia-Pacific	Airport Council International (ACI)		Delhi international airport
World Air Quality Report	IQAir	Delhi	Lahore
Global Terrorism Index		13th	Afghanistan
World's Best Airport of 2023	International air transport rating organisation Skytrax	Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport	Singapore's Changi Airport
World Happiness Report 2023	The United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network	125th	Finland
QS World University Rankings	Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Cambridge

(Engineering and Technology)		47th globally (1st in India)	
'World's Greatest Places' 2023	TIME magazine	Ladakh, India (31th) Mayurbhanj, India (32th)	1. Tampa, Florida 2. Willamette Valley, Oregon 3. Rio Grande, P. R.
Passport Index Points 2023	Financial advisory services firm Arton Capital	144th position	The United Arab Emirates

QS World University Rankings: IIT Bombay ranked first in country

- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay** has been ranked **1st in India and 47th globally** in engineering and technology by the **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings for 2023**.
- The institute scored 80.4 out of 100.
- The institute is ranked in 4 out of 5 broad subject areas, which include Engineering & Technology, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences & Management and Arts & Humanities.
- The institute has been ranked (51-100) for Art and Design, 66th for Computer Science & Information Technology, 51-100 for Civil & Structural Engineering, 77th for Chemical Engineering, 54th for Electrical & Electronics Engineering, 68th for Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering, and 37th for Minerals & Mining.
- Delhi University has the highest number of entries (27) among Indian universities, followed by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay (25), and IIT Kharagpur (23).
- In the thirteenth edition of the QS World University Rankings by Subject, 66 universities from India have been ranked. Collectively, these universities have achieved 355 entries, which represents an 18.7% increase from the previous year's 299 entries.
- The universities were evaluated in five broad areas, including engineering and technology, arts and humanities, life sciences and medicine, natural science, and social sciences and management.

Engineering and Technology

1. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
2. Stanford University
3. University of Cambridge

Social Sciences and Management

1. Harvard University
2. University of Oxford
3. Stanford University

Arts and Humanities

1. Harvard University
2. University of Cambridge
3. University of Oxford

Life Sciences and Medicine

1. Harvard University
2. University of Oxford
3. Johns Hopkins University

Natural Sciences

1. Harvard University
2. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
3. University of Cambridge

Chapter 7: Mergers and Acquisitions

Merger Company	About
Amazon Pay has collaborated with Bharat BillPay, the biller platform of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)	To strengthen its loan repayment facility
The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved the merger of HDFC & HDFC Bank	NCLT has given approval for holding a shareholders' meeting for obtaining approval for the proposed merger.

Chapter 8: Loan

Organization/Bank	Loan Amount	To which country	Purpose
World Bank	USD 363 million	Karnataka	To provide clean drinking water supply to two million rural households in the state through a piped water connection in their homes.

Chapter 9: App/Website/Portal

App/ Website/Portal	Company / Department	Purpose
An exclusive portal for research grants and funds for women scientists	CSIR council under CSIR-ASPIRE	This initiative was aligned to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative to empower women and promote 'Nari Shakti'.
The Vedic Heritage portal	Union Home Minister Amit Shah	The portal aims to communicate message enshrined in the Vedas . It will help common people to

		have a general understanding about the Vedas.
'Call Before u Dig'	The department of telecommunications and the Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics	To facilitate coordination between excavation agencies and underground utility owners to prevent damage to utilities due to digging.

Chapter 10: Important MoU

MoU	Between Which Countries
Signed an MoU for a semiconductor Supply Chain and Innovation Partnership following the Commercial Dialogue 2023.	India with the United States
Signed a contract for procurement of six Dornier-228 aircraft at a cost of ₹667 crore.	The defence ministry for the Indian Air Force (IAF) from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
Signed an MoU to facilitate financing under e-NWR (Electronic Negotiable Warehousing Receipt).	Punjab National Bank with Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)
Signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) to strengthen cooperation and promote research networking between research institutions from both countries.	India and Sweden
Signed an MoU to boost last-mile e-commerce delivery services across India.	India Post with Shiprocket
Signed MoU to explore prospects of importing and handling of ethane and other hydrocarbons.	GAIL (India) with Shell Energy India Private Ltd
Signed an MoU for setting up Green Hydrogen Projects in its establishments on Build, Own, and Operate (BOO) model.	NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd with Indian Army
Signed an MoU for Rs 817.12 crore project. to develop better sewerage facilities in five towns of the state viz. Manali, Bilaspur, Palampur, Nahan and Karsog and to improve drinking water supply in Manali and Palampur towns.	Himachal Pradesh with the French Development Agency Agence Francaise de Development (AFD)

Chapter 11: GDP Forecasting

Organization	FY22 (2021-22)	FY23 (2022-23)
Fitch	8.4%	7% (7%, 2023-24)
HSBC Bank	11.2%	
RBI forecasted	9.5%	6.8% (6.3%, 2023-24)
Moody	8.8% for calendar year 2022	7%
Asian Development Bank (ADB)		7% (8%, 2023-24)
World Bank	8.3%	6.9% (6.8%,2023-24)
<u>World Economic Outlook released by International Monetary Fund (IMF)</u>	9%	6.1%(6.8%. 2023-24)
FICCI	9.1%	7.4%
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	9.4%	6.6% for FY23 5.7% For FY24
UNCTAD		5.7%
Goldman Sachs	9.1%	6.9% (2022),5.9% (2023)
CRISIL	9.5%	7% (6% FY24)
UN (United Nation)	4.6%	6.4% (5.8%, 2023-24)
Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	9.5%	
India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra)	8.6%	7-7.2%
Economy Survey	11%	8-8.5%
National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)		
Standard & Poor's (S&P)	9.5%	7% (6.5%,2023-24)
ICRA	8.5%	7.2%
State Bank of India (SBI)		6.8%
Morgan Stanley	10.5%	7.2% (6.7%,2023-24)
CARE Ratings	8.8 to 9%	
Normura	10.8%	4.7%
Oxford Economics	10.2%	
Brickwork Ratings	8.3%	8-8.5% (1 Feb 2022)
UBS	9.1%	
National Statistical Office (NSO)	8.7%	7%
Barclays	7.7%	
BofA Securities	9%	

Chapter 12: Current Affairs (National)

Anurag Thakur launched Yuva Utsav

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports and Information and Broadcasting **Anurag Singh Thakur** has launched the **Yuva Utsava -India@2047** from **IIT Ropar in Punjab**.
- He also launched the Dashboard of Yuva Utsava.

MSME's Industrial Exhibition and Fair inaugurated in Kota

- Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** and Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises **Narayan Rane** have inaugurated the **MSME's Industrial Exhibition and Fair at Kota in Rajasthan**.
- The objective of the Exhibition is **to connect entrepreneurs and youth of the Hadoti region with innovations and develop their skill development and competence**.

Amit Shah inaugurated Phase I of Bengaluru Safe City project

- The Union Home and Cooperation Minister **Amit Shah** has inaugurated the **first phase of the Bangalore Safe City Project in Bengaluru, Karnataka**.
- The project is envisaged under Nirbhaya Scheme at a cost of over Rs 496 crore to ensure the safety of women in Bengaluru city.

Mauganj became the 53rd district of Madhya Pradesh

- **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** has announced to make **Tehsil Mauganj of Rewa district the 53rd district of the state**
- It will have four tehsils - Mauganj, Hanumana, Naigarhi and Devtalab with a population of more than six lakhs.

Two-day Millet Mahotsav organised at Agra

- A **two-day Millet Mahotsav** was organised by the **Ministry of Food Processing Industries at Agra, Uttar Pradesh**.
- The event was inaugurated by Minister of State for Law & Justice, Prof. SP Singh Baghel.

No sale of gold jewellery without HUID from April 2023

- The **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** has **prohibited sale of hallmarked gold jewellery or gold artefacts** without the **six-digit alphanumeric hallmark unique identification number (HUID) after March 31, 2023**.
- To promote quality culture in micro-scale units, it has been decided that the BIS will provide 80 percent concession on the certification/minimum marking fee across various product certification schemes.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flag off PM Jan Aushadhi Train

- Union Ministers **Mansukh Mandaviya** and **Ashwini Vaishnaw** have flagged off **Jan Aushadhi train as part of the week-long celebrations to commemorate the scheme**.

Ashwini Vaishnaw released 'Go Green, Go Organic' cover for Sikkim

- Union Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** and **four Sikkim ministers** has released a unique cover of the Department of Posts, '**Go Green, Go Organic**' for Sikkim.
- Special cover on 'Go Green, Go Organic' released for World's first organic state Sikkim.

Dharmendra Pradhan launched new BS course at IIT Madras

- Union Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** has launched the **four-year Bachelor Science Degree in Electronic Systems at IIT Madras**.
- The new BS in Electronic Systems course will be delivered online.

Yaoshang festival begins in Manipur

- **The Yaoshang festival** has begun on the 7 March and will **continue for five days in Manipur**.
- It is celebrated for five days in spring, starting on the full moon day of the month of Lamda (February-March).

Odisha CM unveiled Dakota aircraft for public viewing in Bhubaneswar

- **Odisha's CM, Naveen Patnaik** has unveiled the **iconic Dakota aircraft** of legendary leader Biju Patnaik for public viewing **at the Bhubaneswar Airport**.
- The iconic Dakota Aircraft belongs to erstwhile Kalinga Airlines and was founded by Ex-Chief Minister of **Odisha (Late) Biju Patnaik**.

Maharashtra to introduce 4th women's policy

- **Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadanvis** has informed the Legislative Council that the state will introduce the **fourth women's policy to give more opportunities to women** by considering the issues of women from all groups.
- Objectives – **To introduce a rehabilitation scheme for those above 18 years old girls from the orphanage.**
To start a Hirkani Room (Kaksha) for breastfeeding mothers at the police station.

J&K government launched plantation drive on International Women's Day

- **Jammu and Kashmir's government** has celebrated **International Women's Day 2023 (March 8)** by organizing a **plantation program under the theme "Ped Lagao Beti Ke Naam"**.
- The initiative involved women and girls in afforestation, environmental conservation, and creating awareness.

Army installed tallest Iconic National Flag in hilly Doda district, J&K

- In Jammu & Kashmir, the **Indian Army installed the tallest 'Iconic National Flag'** in the hilly **Doda district**.
- The tricolour has been **installed on a 100 feet-high pole**, the highest Tricolour in the Doda district.

New health programme 'Arogya Mahila' launched for women in Telangana

- **Telangana Health Minister T Harish Rao** has launched a new **health programme for women, named 'Arogya Mahila'**, on the occasion of International Women's Day.

- Under the programme, tests would be conducted for women every Tuesday initially in 100 health centres and medicines provided to them free of cost.

Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved New Sports Policy 2023

- The **Uttar Pradesh cabinet**, chaired by CM Yogi Adityanath, has **approved the New Sports Policy 2023**.
- Objective - **To promote and foster a sports culture in the state and encourage budding athletes to pursue their dreams.**
- As part of the new sports policy, special focus is to be laid on a range of aspects from a player's physical fitness to training.

New initiative called 'Beggar Free City' launched in Maharashtra's Nagpur

- In Maharashtra, a **new initiative** called '**beggar-free city**' has been **started in Nagpur**.
- Nagpur City Police Commissioner Amitesh Kumar said that a notice under 144 CrPC has been issued in this regard.

IRCTC to start 'Bharat Nepal Ashtha Yatra Tour'

- **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** announced to run on 31 March 2023, "**Bharat Nepal Ashtha Yatra**" **tour package**.
- It will run under the Bharat Gaurav Tourists train which will showcase four important pilgrimage and heritage destination in the 10 days tour.
- The Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train launch is in line with the Government of India initiative "Dekho Apna Desh" to promote special interest circuits in domestic tourism.

Nitin Gadkari unveiled first methanol run buses in Bengaluru

- Union Minister for Road and Transport Nitin Gadkari unveiled Bengaluru's first methanol-run buses.
- The project is aimed at reducing the level of emissions and the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTCL) NITI Aayog, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Ashok Leyland are conducting the project together.

Two-day G20 flower festival begins in New Delhi

- Union Environment Minister **Bhupender Yadav** has inaugurated a **two-day G20 Flower Festival**.
- The Festival has been organized at Delhi's Connaught Place for highlighting the vibrancy of G20 members and guest countries.

PM Modi unveils world's longest railway platform in Hubballi-Dharwad

- **PM Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **several development projects in Karnataka** including the **longest railway platform in the world in Hubballi-Dharwad**.
- With the inauguration of the Hubballi railway platform, the city has registered its name in the Guinness Book of World Records for having the longest railway platform in the World at Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji station.

Ayush Ministry organized Yoga Mahotsav 2023 in New Delhi

- **Ayush Ministry** has organized **Yoga Mahotsav 2023** at **Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi**.
- The Yoga Mahotsav is an event to commemorate 100 days countdown to the 9th edition of International Day of Yoga.

PM Modi inaugurated 118 Km long Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway project

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway in the Mandya district of Karnataka**.
- Built at a cost of over Rs 8400 crore, the 10-lane Bengaluru Mysuru Expressway will boost connectivity and socio-economic development in Karnataka.

World Food India-2023 to take place in New Delhi

- The **second edition of 'World Food India-2023'** will be organized from **3-5 November 2023** at **Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**.
- The event will be organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India.

Asia's largest tulip garden in J&K to open to the public on 19 March

- The **Indira Gandhi Tulip Garden**, which is Asia's largest tulip garden in Kashmir, **will open to the public on March 19, 2023**.
- The garden spread between Dal Lake and Zabarwan Hills.

Ashok Leyland unveils all-women production line at Tamil Nadu plant

- Heavy commercial vehicle maker **Ashok Leyland** has unveiled a **new production line** that would **produce engines at its manufacturing facility in Hosur completely operated by women employees**.
- The initiative to introduce an all-women production line is to promote women empowerment and encourage them take up roles in the manufacturing industry.

Vande Bharat Express gets Asia's first woman loco pilot Surekha Yadav

- **Asia's first woman loco pilot Surekha Yadav** has now become the **first woman to run India's first indigenous semi-high-speed Vande Bharat Express train**.
- Yadav piloted the train between Solapur station and Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) on March 13, 2023.

Centre approved Rs 1816 crore to 5 states as disaster relief

- **Union government** has approved additional assistance of Rs 1,816.16 crore under **the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to five states** which were affected by flood, landslides, and cloudburst in 2022.
- Under the fund, Rs 520.466 crore has been approved to Assam, Rs 239.31 crore to Himachal Pradesh, Rs 941.04 crore to Karnataka, Rs 47.326 crore to Meghalaya, and Rs 68.02 crore to Nagaland.

3rd Divya Kala Mela inaugurated at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh

- **Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel** has inaugurated the **3rd Divya Kala Mela at Bhopal**.
- The government is aiming to achieve holistic and all-round development so that the disabled can participate equally in this process.

Meghalaya International Film Festival begins in Shillong

- The **first-ever Meghalaya International Film Festival** started in **Shillong**.
- Meghalaya International Film Festival is a five-day event which kicked off in the State Central Library. It was inaugurated by the Meghalaya Tourism Minister Paul Lyngdoh.

Literacy rate in India: Bihar lowest at 61.8%, Kerala highest at 94%

- According to the Ministry of Education, Bihar has the **lowest literacy rate in India at 61.8%**, followed by Arunachal Pradesh at 65.3% and Rajasthan at 66.1%.
- Kerala has the highest literacy rate in India at 94%, followed by Lakshadweep at 91.85% and Mizoram at 91.33%.
- The literacy rate in rural India is 67.77 percent as compared to 84.11 percent in urban India.

Sampanna Ramesh becomes fastest Indian to swim across Palk Strait

- Pune based swimmer, **Sampanna Ramesh Shelar** has become the **fastest Indian in under 21 group to swim across the Palk Strait** from Talaimannar in Sri Lanka to Dhanuskodi in Tamil Nadu.
- He created this record by completing the distance of 29 Kms in 5 hours and 30 minutes. The previous record was 8 hours and 26 minutes.

Rajasthan CM announced 19 new districts and three new divisions

- **Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot** announced the decision to carve out **19 new districts in the state**.
- The decision to carve out new districts and three new divisions comes months ahead of the high-stakes Assembly polls.
- With the formation of 19 new districts, the state now has a total of 50 districts.
- The new districts are- **Anupgarh, Balotra, Beawar, Deeg, Didwana-Kuchaman City, Dudu, Gangapur City, Jaipur North, Jaipur South, Jodhpur East, Jodhpur West, Kekri, Kotputli, Khairthal, Neemkathana, Phalodi, Salumbar, Sanchore, Shahpura (Bhilwara)**.

President Murmu presents the 'President's Colour' to INS Dronacharya

- **President Droupadi Murmu** presented the **President's Colour to INS Dronacharya in Kochi**.
- The President's Colour is considered the highest honour that the President bestows on a unit for exceptional service to the nation.
- INS Dronacharya is the nodal centre for training Sagar Prahari Bal and the Navy's centre for training several Indian Ocean Region (IOR) nations.

Indian Railways to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030

- Union Railway Minister **Ashwini Vaishnav** recently said in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha that the **Indian Railways** is working on a mission mode to become the largest green railway in the world and towards becoming a "**net zero carbon emitter**" by 2030.

Government to develop mega textile parks in 7 states under PM MITRA scheme

- **The Central Government** has announced plans **to set up mega textile parks in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra.**
- The PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks for the Textile Industry are a step towards realizing the vision of making India a global hub for textile manufacturing and exports.

India & Sri Lanka inaugurate exhibition 'Geoffrey Bawa' in New Delhi

- The **National Gallery of Modern Art** and the **High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi** have inaugurated the **exhibition 'Geoffrey Bawa: It is Essential to be There'.**
- The exhibition is scheduled till the 7th of May this year from 11 AM to 6.30 PM, except on Mondays.

Parshottam Rupala inaugurated 'Sagar Parikrama Phase IV'

- **Union Minister Parshottam Rupala** has inaugurated the **Phase-IV of 'Sagar Parikrama'** in Karnataka.
- It aims to resolve the issues of the fishers and other stakeholders and facilitate their economic upliftment through various fisheries schemes and programs.

India on track to achieve energy independence by 2047

- **According to the US Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory,** India can **achieve energy independence by its 100th year of independence in 2047.**
- The study titled **"Pathways to Atmanirbhar Bharat"** also notes India's energy infrastructure needs an investment of USD3 trillion in the coming decades
- The study shows that India's energy independence pathway would involve the power sector installing more than 500 GW of non-fossil electricity generation capacity by 2030, a goal already announced by the government, followed by an 80 percent clean grid by 2040 and 90 percent by 2047.

5th Poshan Pakhwada celebrations begins

- **The Ministry of Women and Child Development** celebrates the **fifth Poshan Pakhwada with various activities nationwide.**
- The 15-day celebration started on **20 March and will continue till 3 April 2023.**
- The Pakhwada aims to raise awareness about the importance of nutrition and promote healthy eating habits through "Jan Andolan and Jan Bhagidari".
- Theme 2023 - **Nutrition for All: Together Towards a Healthy India**

Ranveer Singh named India's most valuable celebrity of 2022

- **According to a report by Kroll,** a corporate investigation and risk consulting firm, actor **Ranveer Singh has been named India's most valuable celebrity of 2022** with a brand value of \$181.7 million.
- He surpassed cricketer Virat Kohli, who occupied the top spot for five years. Kohli fell to second spot with a brand value of \$176.9 million.

- Actor Akshay Kumar remained in third position with a brand value of \$153.6 million. With a valuation of \$102.9 million, actress Alia Bhatt also retained the fourth spot and the title of the most valued female celebrity.
- Deepika Padukone's brand valuation of \$82.9 million earned her the fifth spot.
- Amitabh Bachchan, Hritik Roshan and Shah Rukh Khan were other big names from the film industry that made it to the top 10 list of most valued celebrities.

Stadium named after hockey player Rani Rampal

- Indian team's star hockey player **Rani Rampal** has become the **first Indian woman hockey player to have a stadium named after her**.
- The **MCF Raebareli** has renamed the hockey stadium as '**Rani's Girls Hockey Turf**'.

Tamil Nadu's 18th wildlife sanctuary to come up in Erode

- The **Tamil Nadu Government** has notified **Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary** as the **18th wildlife sanctuary in the state**.
- It is spread over 80,567 hectares in the forest areas of Anthiyur and Gobichettipalayam taluks in Erode district.

Assam CM launched Mission Lifestyle for Environment

- **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma** has launched the **Mission Lifestyle for Environment (LIFE) in the state**.
- It promotes an environmentally conscious lifestyle, focusing on utilization instead of wasteful consumption.

PM Modi addressed 'One World TB Summit' at Varanasi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the 'One World TB Summit' at Rudrakash Convention Centre, at Varanasi.
- The summit is being organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Stop TB Partnership.

Cabinet approved 4% hike in dearness allowance to central government employees

- The **Centre** has hiked the **dearness allowance by 4 percent** for all the government employees taking the **total to 42 percent from 38 percent**.
- **Centre will spend Rs 12,815 crore** to fund the **hike in dearness allowance, or DA**, which will benefit over 1 crore employees of the central government.

Lok Sabha approves Rs 1.18 lakh crore budget for Jammu and Kashmir

- The **Lok Sabha** passed the over **Rs 1.18 lakh crore budget for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for 2023-24**.
- The 35% capital expenditure at Rs 41,491cr is to be spent on development and infrastructure.

NGT slaps ₹10 crore penalty on Kerala government for failure to protect Ramsar sites

- **The Principal Bench of the National Green Tribunal** in New Delhi has slapped a **penalty of ₹10 crore on the Kerala government** for its failure to check the

indiscriminate pollution of the Vembanad and Ashtamudi lakes, listed as Ramsar sites.

- The penalty imposed on the basis of the 'polluter pays principle' had to be deposited in a ring-fenced account to be operated under the authority of the Chief Secretary.

Government launches DigiClaim platform for farmer insurance claims

- Agriculture Minister, **Narendra Singh Tomar** has introduced a new platform called '**DigiClaim**' on the national crop insurance portal.
- This platform is aimed at expediting the disbursement of insurance claims to farmers who have availed themselves of crop insurance.

Anupriya Patel inaugurated 23rd INDIASOFT in New Delhi

- Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, **Anupriya Patel** has inaugurated the **23rd edition of INDIASOFT in New Delhi**.
- The country's Research and Development professionals for developing and perfecting over 70 new products that will be launched at the INDIASOFT.

Haldwani to get a sports university

- **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama** has announced the government will set up a **sports university in the Kumaun region's Haldwani town**.
- The international stadium of Haldwani will be upgraded into a sports university.

Government identified 1275 railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme

- The **government** has identified **1275 railway stations** under the **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for the development of railway stations in India**.
- This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.

Jaipur to get India's 2nd largest cricket stadium named after Anil Agarwal

- **Vedanta's Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL)** has signed a MoU with the **Rajasthan Cricket Association** for the development of the **world's third-largest cricket stadium in the village of Chonp in Jaipur**.
- Vedanta's HZL will spend **INR 300 crore** on the stadium, one of the largest corporate investments in India's sports infrastructure.

Himachal Pradesh's Kangra tea gets European GI tag

- **Kangra Tea from Himachal Pradesh** has been granted the **European Geographical Indication (GI) tag**.
- This is an important certification that recognizes the tea as originating from a specific region.

Telangana government to rejuvenate 50 lakes in Hyderabad

- The **Ministry of Municipal Administration and Urban Development of the Telangana Government** has launched a programme to rejuvenate and develop **50 water bodies in and around Hyderabad**.
- Minister **K Taraka Rama Rao** inaugurated the 'Lakes Development Programme' at Khajaguda Lake.

Chapter 13: Current Affairs (International)

Colombia opens military service to women for first time in 25 years

- **Colombia** has opened **military service to women for the first time in 25 years**.
- A cohort of 1,296 women has been enlisted in Colombia's Army in February 2023.
- Colombia has long had **compulsory military service for men ages 18 to 24**.

India world's largest arms importer: SIPRI Report 2023

- According to **the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's (SIPRI) 2023 report, India will become the world's leading arms importer in 2022**.
- India remained the world's largest arms importer from 2018 to 2022 followed by Saudi Arabia.
- According to this report, between the years 2013-17 and 2018-22, India's arms imports have decreased by 11 percent.
- Russia was India's largest arms supplier in the periods between 2013-17 and 2018-22. But Russia's share of arms imports to India fell from 64 to 45%.
- While France emerged as the second-largest arms supplier to India followed by the US.

US recognized McMahon Line as international border

- The **US has formally recognized the McMahon Line** as the international boundary between **India's Arunachal Pradesh and China**.
- The US has also rejected Beijing's claim that the northeastern state falls under Chinese territory.

26th edition of 'Elevate Expo' held in Dubai

- The **Twenty-sixth edition of 'Elevate Expo'** was held in **Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)**.
- The event saw the participation of six startups from India and the registration of 180 investors.

26 % of world's population does not have safe drinking water: UNESCO report

- According to a report published by **UNESCO at the United Nations 2023 Water Conference** in New York, **26 percent of the world's population does not have access to safe drinking water**.
- As per the report, between two and three billion people experience water shortages for at least one month per year, posing severe risks to livelihoods, notably through food security and access to electricity.

Egypt joins BRICS bank as new member

- **Egypt** has joined the **BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)**.
- The African-Arab nation became an NDB member on February 20, though a formal notification was issued on March 22.

- The New Development Bank was set up by BRICS nations on the basis of the intergovernmental agreement signed at the sixth BRICS summit in Fortaleza in July 2014.

Chapter 14: Banking & Financial

World Bank commits \$1 billion to India for public healthcare infra

- The **World Bank and India** have signed two complementary loans of \$500 mn each to support and enhance the country's healthcare infrastructure.
- Through this combined financing of \$1 billion (about Rs 8,200 crore), the World Bank will support India's flagship Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), launched in October 2021.

RBI launched Mission 'Har Payment Digital' to promote digital payments

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has launched the Mission 'Har Payment Digital' on the occasion of **Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) 2023**.
- This is part of RBI's endeavour to make every person in India a user of digital payments. DPAW 2023 will be observed from the 6 to 12 of March 2023.
- The campaign theme is "Digital Payment Apnao, Auro ko bhi Sikhao" (Adopt digital payments and Also teach others)

Kotak AMC financial literacy campaign for women

- To drive the culture of digital literacy among the women fraternity on this year's International Women's Day, **Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company** has launched a digital campaign called 'DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality'.
- The campaign calls for digital inclusion of all with the hashtag, #IncludeAll.

IDFC Mutual Fund rebrands itself as Bandhan

- **IDFC Mutual Fund** has been rebranded itself as **Bandhan Mutual Fund** and its schemes will reflect the new name with effect from **March 13, 2023**.
- IDFC Mutual Fund has also unveiled a new logo as the company was acquired by Bandhan Financial Holdings-led consortium in April 2022

Kotak Mahindra AMC launched Silver ETF Fund of Fund

- **Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Ltd** has launched **Kotak Silver Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) Fund of Fund**.
- The New Fund Offer opens for public subscription on March 13, 2023 and closes on 27 Mar 2023.

Suryodaya Small Finance Bank launched Blossom Women's Savings Account

- **Suryodaya Small Finance Bank** has launched a new savings account for women customers called the **Blossom Women's savings account**.
- The account is designed to provide women with a safe and secure platform to save and grow their money with best of the interest rate and a wide range of exclusive benefits and privileges.

India's retail inflation drops to 6.44% in February 2023

- According to the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**, India's **consumer price inflation (CPI)** based inflation eased marginally to **6.44 percent in February 2023**.
- This is lower than 6.52 percent in January but still above the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) upper tolerance limit of 6 percent.
- The rural inflation was 6.72 percent and urban inflation was 6.10 percent.

Wholesale inflation falls to two-year low of 3.85% in February

- **Wholesale Price-based Inflation (WPI)** has been eased to **two years low of 3.85% in February 2023** against 4.73% recorded in January 2023.
- It will primarily contribute to the fall in the prices of crude petroleum, food products, electronics, chemicals, and electrical equipment.

RBI allowed banks from 18 countries to trade in rupee

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **permitted banks from 18 countries** to open **Special Vostro Rupee Accounts (SVRAs)** to settle payments in rupees.
- These 18 nations include Botswana, Fiji, Germany, Guyana, Israel, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, New Zealand, Oman, Russia, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, and the United Kingdom.

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launched 'ICICI Pru Gold'

- **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** has launched **ICICI Pru Gold**.
- It is an innovative long-term savings product designed to enable customers to create an additional income stream to meet their diverse income requirements.

RBI to set up Data Centre & Cybersecurity Training Institute in Bhubaneswar

- **RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das** has laid the foundation stone for the establishment of a "**Greenfield Data Centre**" and '**Enterprise Computing & Cybersecurity Training Institute**' in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- The new Data Centre and the Enterprise Computing & Cybersecurity Training Institute spread over an area of 18.55 acres, when commissioned, will cater to the emerging requirements of the RBI and the financial sector.
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Income tax dept launched mobile app 'AIS for Taxpayer'

- The **Income Tax Department** has launched a **Mobile app** namely '**AIS for Taxpayer**'.
- Objective - To facilitate taxpayers to view their information as available in the Annual Information Statement (AIS) or Taxpayer Information Summary (TIS).
- The app has been developed aiming at providing a comprehensive view of the AIS/TIS to the taxpayer, displaying the information collected from various sources pertaining to the taxpayer.

RBI imposes monetary penalty of Rs 30 lakh on Karur Vysya Bank

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **₹30.00 lakh (Rupees Thirty lakh only)** on **Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.** for non-compliance with certain provisions of the Reserve Bank of India (Frauds- Classification).

- As per the report, the bank failed to report a few accounts as frauds to RBI within a week of the respective Joint Lenders' Forum (JLF) decision to do so.

Government imposed surcharge for Google Pay and other payment apps

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has issued a circular in which it suggested "Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI)" fees on merchant transactions on Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- NPCI has introduced an interchange charge of up to 1.1 percent on merchant UPI transactions done using prepaid payment instruments from April 1.

Axis Bank launched 'MicroPay' based on 'Pin on Mobile' technology for digital payments

- Private sector lender Axis Bank has launched 'MicroPay', first pocket-sized swipe machine of India, based on 'Pin on Mobile' technology for accepting digital payments.
- The bank launched 'MicroPay' along with Ezetap by Razorpay and MyPinpad as the technical solution partners.

Indian economy to grow at 6.5% in next decade: Chief Economic Advisor

- The Indian economy is likely to grow at the rate of 6.5 percent in the coming decade on the back of the turnaround in the financial and investment cycle, Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran said.
- The Finance Ministry's Economic Survey has projected the economic growth to be 6.5 percent in 2023-24.

Chapter 15: Committee

Committee	Headed by	Purpose
The Supreme Court has formed an expert committee	Former Supreme Court judge Abhay Manohar Sapre	To investigate if there was a regulatory failure leading to investor losses after the adverse report by American short-seller Hindenburg Research on the Adani group of companies came out.
The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has constituted a nine-member task force	The additional secretary (MeitY), Bhuvnesh Kumar	To make India a 'product developer and manufacturing nation'.

Chapter 16: Defence News

GRSE launched the 'Most Silent Ship' INS Androth

- **Indian Navy** launched **INS Androth**, the second in a series of eight indigenous ships built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) at a Kidderpore yard, Kolkata.
- It is an Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASWSWC).

Defence Ministry signs 3 contracts worth about 5400 crore rupees to bolster defence capabilities

- The **Defence Ministry** has signed three contracts at a total cost of **nearly 5400 crore rupees with domestic producers to bolster the defence capabilities of the country.**
- The **first contract** has been signed with **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** and pertains to the procurement of **Automated Air Defence Control and Reporting System Project Akashteer worth 1982 crore rupees for the Indian Army.**
- The **second contract with BEL** relates to the acquisition of **Sarang Electronic Support Measure systems** at an overall **cost of 412 crore rupees** for the Indian Navy.
- Sarang is an advanced Electronic Support Measure system for helicopters of the Indian Navy. Both will **empower the Air Defence units of the Indian Army to effectively operate in an integrated manner.**
- The **third contract with New Space India Limited** pertains to the procurement of an **advanced Communication Satellite, GSAT 7B** for the Indian Army at an overall cost of 2963 crore rupees.

Defence Exercise	Between	About
International Maritime Exercise/ Cutlass Express 2023 (IMX/CE-23)	Participants from over 50 nations and international maritime agencies	INS Trikand is participating in the International Maritime Exercise/ Cutlass Express 2023 (IMX/CE-23) being held in the Gulf region.
The first Joint Military Exercise FRINJEX-23	Indian Army and French Army	The first Joint Military Exercise FRINJEX-23 between Indian Army and French Army has been conducted at Pangode Military Stations, Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala.
Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) in the Arabian Sea.	India & France	Indian Navy's indigenously built Guided Missile Frigate, INS Sahyadri participated in

		the Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French Navy (FN) ships in the Arabian Sea.
The third edition of the multilateral exercise 'La Perouse'	Between navies of India, US, Japan, France, UK and Australia	The third edition of the multilateral exercise 'La Perouse' was held in the Indian Ocean Region .
The 3rd edition of the Sea Dragon exercises	USA	It is a coordinated multilateral anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise for long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft .
The 13th edition of a bilateral armour exercise, EX Bold Kurukshetra	India and Singapore	The ten-day-long joint training that commenced fostered a common understanding of mechanized warfare in emerging threats and evolving technologies .
The 10-day Africa-India Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX 2023)	Africa and India	The focus of the event will be on joint training and strengthening of existing defence ties among various nations and to evolve an institutionalised framework for better and efficient military-to-military cooperation to address emerging global challenges .
The annual bilateral maritime exercise 'Konkan'	The Indian Navy and UK's Royal Navy	The joint drill by the two navies demonstrated operational readiness , enhancing interoperability and improving the ability to conduct joint operations .

Chapter 17: Sports News

Karnataka beat Meghalaya to win Santosh Trophy after 54 years

- **Karnataka** defeated **Meghalaya** 3-2 in the final of the **76th National football championship** also known as "the Hero Santosh Trophy" at the King Fahd International Stadium in Riyadh.
- This is the first trophy for Karnataka, having previously won four times as the princely state of Mysore after a gap of 54 years (after 1968–69).

Daniil Medvedev won Dubai Tennis Championships title 2023

- Russian tennis player, **Daniil Medvedev** has defeated his Russian compatriot Andrey Rublev by 6-2, 6-2 **to win the Dubai Tennis Championships title 2023**.
- With this performance, he moved to sixth in the ATP rankings, while Rublev dropped to number seven.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen won 2023 Bahrain Grand Prix

- **Red Bull's driver, Max Verstappen** has won the season-opening **Bahrain Grand Prix 2023**, held at Bahrain International Circuit.
- He defeated Red Bull's Sergio Perez, who placed second in the race.

Khelo India Dus ka Dum tournament to be organized to celebrate International Women's Day 2023

- In the run-up to the International Women's Day 2023 celebrations, Department of Sports, **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** is set to organize **the Khelo India Dus Ka Dum tournament from 10th to 31st of March**.
- This is the first time that such a sports initiative is taking place to celebrate the international event.

Australia's Shaun Marsh announced retirement from first-class cricket

- **Former Australia opener Shaun Marsh** has announced his **retirement from first-class cricket** after 22 years with Western Australia and 38 Tests for Australia.
- Marsh appeared in 38 Test matches for Australia, beginning with an away match against Sri Lanka in Pallekele in September 2011. In his Test career, he has amassed 2,265 runs, including six centuries and ten half-centuries.

Prithviraj Tondaiman won bronze in trap shooting in Doha

- **India's Prithviraj Tondaiman** has won the bronze medal at the **ISSF Shotgun World Cup 2023 in Doha, Qatar**.
- Two-time world champion Oguzhan Tuzun (Turkey) won gold with a score of 33/35, while Great Britain's Matthew John took silver with a score of 30/35.

Ashleigh Gardner & Harry Brook won ICC Player of the Month for February

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced the winners of the **ICC Player of the Month awards for February 2023**.
- **Australia's Ashleigh Gardner** was named the **ICC Women's Player of the Month**, and **England's Harry Brook** was named the **ICC Men's Player of the Month**.

- Ashleigh Gardner was awarded the award for her performance in the Women's T20 World Cup 2023 held in South Africa.

Mahindra Auto becomes title sponsor of IBA Women's Boxing Championship

- The **Boxing Federation of India (BFI)** has signed **Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.** as its title sponsor for the **International Boxing Association (IBA) Women's World Boxing Championships 2023.**
- MC Mary Kom and Bollywood actor Farhan Akhtar were also appointed brand ambassadors for the championship.

Asian Kho Kho Championship for Men and Women begins in Assam

- The **4th edition of the Asian Kho Kho Championship for Men and Women** has begun at **Baksa district in Assam on 20 March.**
- The event will conclude on the 23rd of this month. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and officials of the Kho Kho Federation have inaugurated the program.

Rohan Bopanna becomes oldest tennis player to win ATP Masters

- **Rohan Bopanna** became the **oldest ATP Masters 1000 champion** after winning the Indian Wells **men's doubles title at the age of 43 years.**
- Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden defeated Wesley Koolhof of the Netherlands and Neil Skupski of Britain 6-3, 2-6, 10-8 in the final in California, United States.

Sergio Perez won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2023

- **Red Bull driver Sergio Perez** won the **Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2023.**
- Max Verstappen came in second position. Two-time champion Fernando Alonso finished third in his Aston Martin.

India to host 2023 SAFF Championships in Bengaluru

- The **2023 edition of the SAFF Championship**, South Asia's marquee international tournament, will be held in **Bengaluru from 21 June to 3 July 2023.**
- This was announced by the All India Football Federation (AIFF).
- India will be hosting the tournament for the fourth time and first since the 2015 edition when it was held in Thiruvananthapuram.

ISSF Shooting World Cup begins in Bhopal

- **International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF)** World Cup Shooting Championship is organized in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from 21 to 27 March.**
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has formally inaugurated this event.

Hima Das, Ancy Sojan win gold in 200m and long jump in IGP

- **Star sprinter Hima Das** won the **200m race quite comfortably in 23.79 seconds** while long jumper **Ancy Sojan** shared the limelight with a **best effort of 6.49m in the Indian Grand Prix-1 athletics event.**
- Assam's Hima beat Aishwarya Kailash Mishra (24.81) of Maharashtra and VK Vismaya (24.82) of Kerala to take the women's 200m gold.

Sarabjot Singh won gold in 10m air pistol at ISSF World Cup

- **India's pistol shooter, Sarabjot Singh** has clinched the **gold medal in the men's 10m Air Pistol event at the ISSF Rifle and Pistol World Cup 2023** held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- While Varun Tomar secured bronze in the same event.

Mumbai Indians won Women's Premier League title 2023

- **Mumbai Indians** has defeated the **Delhi Capitals by 7 wickets** and with that they become the first-ever **Women's Premier League champions**.
- Mumbai Indians Captain – Harmanpreet Kaur
- Delhi Capitals Captain – Meg Lanning
- Player of the match - Nat Sciver-Brunt (Mumbai Indians)
- Catch of the season - Harmanpreet Kaur (Mumbai Indians)
- Purple cap - Hayley Matthews (Mumbai Indians)
- Orange cap - Meg Lanning (Delhi Capitals)
- Most valuable player - Hayley Matthews (Mumbai Indians)

Manu Bhaker won 25m Pistol Bronze in ISSF World Cup 2023

- Olympian shooter **Manu Bhaker** has clinched the **25m pistol bronze medal in the ISSF Pistol/Rifle World Cup in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**.
- In the Bhopal World Cup, China secured the first position by securing a total of 10 medals including six gold, two silver and two bronze medals

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty win Swiss Open doubles title

- India's top men's doubles badminton pair of **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty win their first title of the 2023 season in Basel**.
- They beat China's Ren Xiang Yu and Tan Qiang 21-19, 24-22 in the Swiss Open 2023, a Super 300 event.

Chapter 18: Book and Author

Book	Author
'India's Vaccine Growth Story- From Cowpox to Vaccine Maitri'	Released by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
"India's Struggle for Independence - Gandhian Era"	Released by Supreme Court Judge Justice V. Ramasubramanian
'Mundaka Upanishad: The Bridge to Immortality'	Released by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar Authored by former Parliamentarian Dr. Karan Singh
The 24th edition of book "Women and Men in India 2022"	Launched by Rao Inderjit Singh

Chapter 19: Important Day

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
7 March	Jan Aushadhi Diwas	Theme 2023 - Jan Aushadhi - Sasti bhi Acchi bhi
8 March	International Women's Day	Theme 2023- " DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality "
8 March	No Smoking Day	Objective - To encourage people to quit smoking and raise awareness about its harmful effects on their health.
10 March	The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day	The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day is celebrated every year on March 10 to commemorate the establishment of the CISF in 1969 .
14 March	International Day Of Action For Rivers	Theme 2023 - Rights of Rivers
14 March	International Mathematics Day	Theme 2023 - Mathematics for Everyone
15 March	World Consumer Rights Day	Theme 2023 - Empowering Consumers Through Clean Energy Transitions
16 March	National Immunisation Day	Objective - To spread awareness about the importance of vaccines in the healthcare system.
18 March	Ordinance Factories' Day	Theme 2023 - Vinashaya Dushkritam
18 March	Global Recycling Day	Theme 2023 - Creative Innovation.
20 March	World Oral Health Day	Theme 2023 - " Be Proud of Your Mouth
20 March	International Day of Happiness	Theme 2023 - Be Mindful, Be Grateful, Be Kind
21 March	World Down Syndrome Day	Theme 2023 - With Us, Not For Us
21 March	International Day of Forests	Theme 2023 - Forests and health
22 March	World Water Day	Theme 2023 - Accelerating the change to solve the water and sanitation crisis

22 March	Bihar's 111th foundation day	Theme 2023 - "Yuva Shakti Bihar ki Pragati"
23 March	Shaheed Diwas	Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas is observed on March 23 to commemorate the martyrdom of Bhagat Singh, Shivram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar who were hanged to death by the Britishers.
23 March	World Meteorological Day	Theme 2023 - The Future of Weather, Climate and Water across Generations.
24 March	World Tuberculosis Day	Theme 2023 - Yes! We can end TB!
25 March	International Day of Unborn Child	Theme 2023- The dignity and value of children yet-to-be-born.
25 March	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery	Theme 2023 - Fighting Slavery's Legacy of Racism Through Transformative Education
27 March	World Theatre Day	Theme 2023 - Theatre and a Culture of Peace
29 March	World Piano Day	This annual event takes place on March 29 in non-leap years and March 28 in leap years.
30 March	Rajasthan Day	March 30 is celebrated across the state to mark the formation of the state of Rajasthan.
31 March	World Backup Day	Objective - To raise awareness about the importance of data backup and protection.

Chapter 20: Science & Technology

OpenAI launched 'GPT-4' with higher accuracy

- The artificial intelligence research company behind ChatGPT, **OpenAI** has **unveiled its new and more advanced model called GPT-4.**
- The latest version is more creative and accurate in its response and has better problem-solving capabilities than ChatGPT.

Gaganyaan mission allocated Rs 9023 crore to achieve its objectives

- The **government has allocated** a budget of **Rs. 9023 Crore** towards achieving the **objectives of the Gaganyaan mission.**

- Objective of Gaganyaan program - To demonstrate human spaceflight capability to Low Earth Orbit and safe return

ISRO to conduct young scientist programme in Bengaluru

- ISRO is set to organize its **annual special programme** for school children called **Young Scientist Programme -- 'Yuva Vigyani Karyakram' (YUVIKA)**.
- Objective - To impart basic knowledge on space technology, space science, and space applications to young students in emerging trends in space science and technology.

Microsoft introduces 'Bing Image Creator' powered by OpenAI's DALL-E

- Microsoft has introduced a new feature '**Bing Image Creator**' to the new Bing and Edge preview, which allows users to create an image simply by using their own words to describe the picture they want to see -- **powered by an advanced version of the Open AI's DALL-E model**.

ISRO received Indo-US jointly developed NISAR satellite

- The **US Air Force handed over NISAR**, an earth observation satellite jointly developed by **NASA and ISRO, to the Indian space agency**.
- A US Air Force C-17 aircraft carrying the NASA-ISRO synthetic aperture radar (NISAR) has landed in Bengaluru.
- The satellite is an outcome of a collaboration between the American space agency NASA and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- The **satellite is expected to be launched in 2024** from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh, into a near-polar orbit.

Chapter 21: Obituary

Person	About
Veteran actor-director Satish Kaushik	He was an Indian actor, comedian, screenwriter, director and producer . He acted in theatres before finding his break in Bollywood .
Veteran actor Sameer Khakhar	He rose to fame with his roles in TV shows ' Nukkad ' and ' Circus '. He was also featured in ' Shrimaan Shrimati ', and ' Adaalat '. He also played vital roles in films, including ' Hasee Toh Phasee ', ' Jai Ho ', and ' Patel Ki Punjabi Shaadi '.
Director Pradeep Sarkar	Filmmaker Pradeep Sarkar , known for hit films like Parineeta , Mardani passed away. He was 67 .

<p>Co-founder of Intel, Gordon Moore</p>	<p>Moore was an important figure in the semiconductor industry and played a key role in putting Intel's processors in most personal computers.</p>
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