



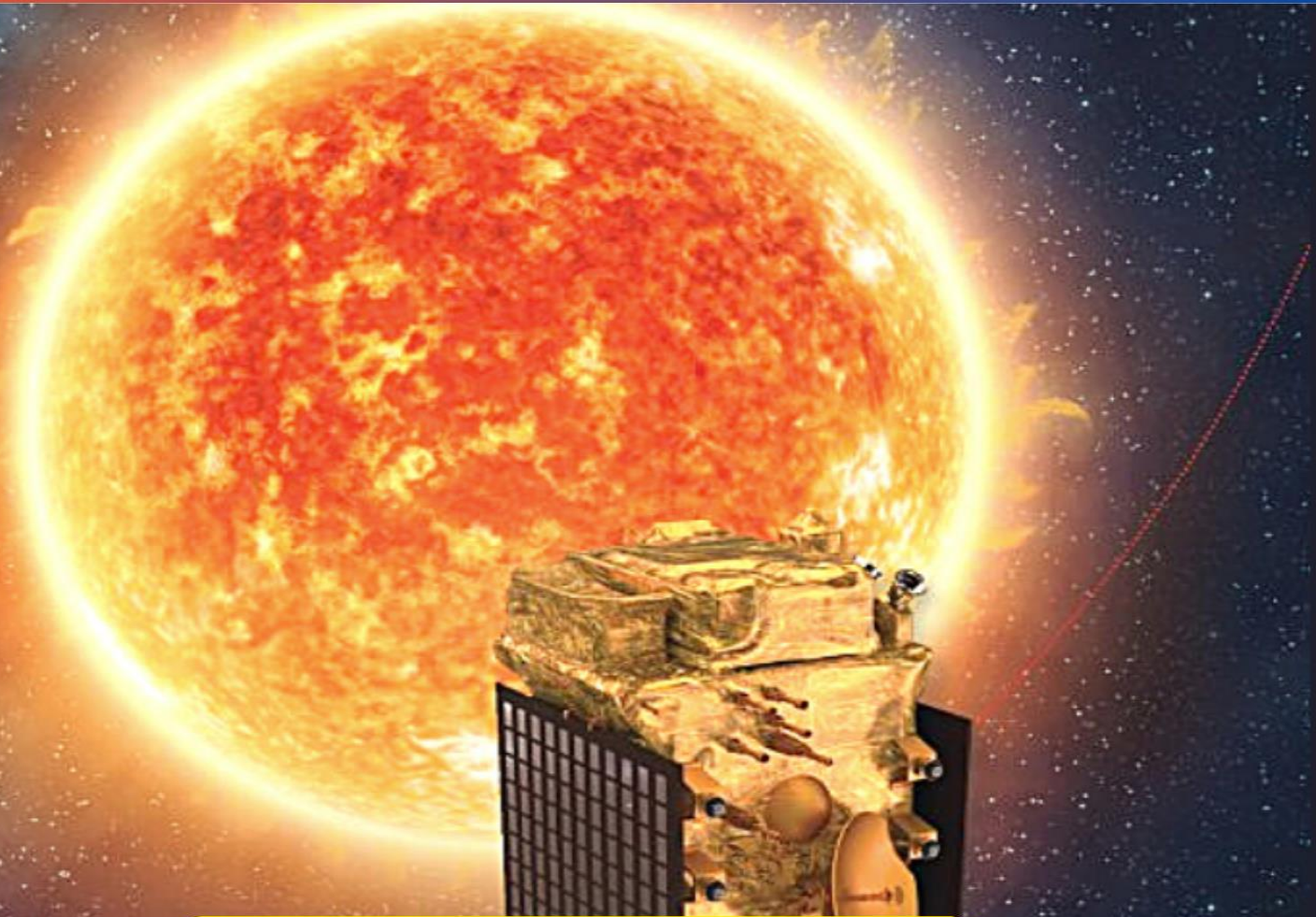
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## Chapter 1: Appointment (National, International)

### (National)

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Person</u>
<b>Appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Engineering Projects India Ltd (EPIL)</b>	Shivendra Nath (Updated 1 August)
<b>Appointed as the new director of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)</b>	Prof Ganesan Kannabiran (Updated 1 August)
<b>Appointed as the Additional Director General of the Military Nursery Service (MNS)</b>	Amita Rani (Updated 4 August)
<b>The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved extension in service as Cabinet Secretary for a further period of one year</b>	Rajiv Gauba (Updated 5 August)
<b>Qualcomm appointed as the President of Qualcomm India.</b>	Savi Soin (Updated 6 August)
<b>Appointed as the President and CEO of Honeywell High Growth Region</b>	Anant Maheshwari (Updated 7 August)
<b>Appointed as the new Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)</b>	Sanjay Kumar Agarwal (Updated 7 August)
<b>Cyrus Poonawalla Group appointed as the strategic advisor to all the financial services ventures spearheaded by Adar Poonawalla</b>	Keki Mistry (Updated 8 August)
<b>Appointed as Additional Director General of Indian Coast Guard</b>	S Paramesh (Updated 10 August)
<b>Appoints as MD &amp; CEO of SBI Life Insurance</b>	Amit Jhingran (Updated 10 August)
<b>Reappointed as Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)</b>	Shrikant Madhav Vaidya (Updated 11 August)
<b>Appointed Executive Director of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)</b>	R Doraiswamy

as Managing Director of the insurance behemoth.	(Updated 15 August)
Appointed as the new CEO of PayPal	Alex Chriss (Updated 17 August)
Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) has appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), becoming the first woman to lead the company	Parminder Chopra (Updated 18 August)
<p>The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of as Managing Director &amp; CEO of the South Indian Bank</p> <p><b>About South Indian Bank</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Founded</b> - 1929</li> <li>• <b>Headquarters</b> - Thrissur, Kerala</li> <li>• <b>Chairman</b> - Salim Gangadharan</li> <li>• <b>MD &amp; CEO</b> - Murali Ramakrishnan</li> <li>• <b>Tagline</b> - Experience Next Generation Banking.</li> </ul>	PR Seshadri (Updated 19 August)
Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), the second-largest Indian oil marketing company (OMC), has announced as its latest brand ambassador.	Rahul Dravid (Updated 21 August)
<p>Appointed as SEBI whole-time members</p> <p><b>About Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Founded</b> - 12 April 1988</li> <li>• <b>Act</b> - 1992</li> <li>• <b>Headquarters</b> - Mumbai</li> <li>• <b>Chairman</b> - Madhabi Puri Buch</li> <li>• <b>SEBI Set up</b> - Uday Kotak committee</li> </ul>	Kamlesh Varshney, Amarjeet Singh (Updated 22 August)
Tata Projects Executive Vice President has resigned from the key post in the company	Sandeep Navlakhe (Updated 22 August)
<p>Appointed as the new Chairman of the National Green Tribunal (NGT)</p> <p><b>About National Green Tribunal (NGT)</b></p>	Justice Prakash Shrivastava (Updated 23 August)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Founded</b> - 18 October 2010 under the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.</li> <li>• <b>Headquarters</b>- Delhi</li> <li>• <b>Chairman</b> - Prakash Shrivastava</li> <li>• <b>Regional Offices</b> - 4 (Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata and Chennai)</li> <li>• <b>Tenure</b>- Term of 3 years or till the age of 65 years and not eligible for reappointment.</li> <li>• <b>Objective</b>- To speed up disposal of environmental issues</li> </ul>	
<p><b>The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), the nodal body in charge of issuing Aadhaar numbers, has appointed as its part-time chairperson</b></p>	<p>Neelkanth Mishra (Updated 23 August)</p>
<p><b>Viacom 18 appointed as CEO of digital business</b></p>	<p>Kiran Mani (Updated 23 August)</p>
<p><b>Designated as a “national icon” by the Election Commission (EC) to encourage greater voter participation in the electoral process</b></p> <p><b>About Election Commissioner of India (ECI)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is a constitutional body to conduct and regulate elections in the country.</li> <li>• It consists of a <b>chief election commissioner (CEC)</b> and two election commissioners (usually retired IAS or IRS officers)</li> <li>• <b>Founded</b> - 25 January 1950</li> <li>• 25 January - Voter's Day</li> <li>• <b>HQ</b> - New Delhi</li> <li>• <b>25th Chief</b> - Rajiv Kumar</li> <li>• <b>Commissioner</b> - Anup Chandra Pandey &amp; Arun Goel</li> <li>• <b>Tenure</b> - 6/65yrs</li> </ul>	<p>Sachin Tendulkar (Updated 23 August)</p>
<p><b>Appointed as Chairman of Smart eMobility</b></p>	<p>Manoj Kohli (Updated 24 August)</p>

<b>Tech giant Infosys has extended its partnership as an ambassador for the brand and Infosys' Digital Innovation</b>	Rafael Nadal (Updated 25 August)
<b>Infosys welcomes as Global Brand Ambassador</b>	Iga Swiatek (Updated 26 August)
<b>Indian Oil has collaborated as the brand ambassador for its Indane XTRATEJ LPG brand.</b>	Chef Sanjeev Kapoor (Updated 28 August)
<b>Became the first woman field director of Kaziranga National Park.</b>	Dr Sonali Ghosh (Updated 29 August)
<b>Shell India has appointed as the new country chair of the company</b>	Mansi Madan Tripathy (Updated 29 August)

### (International)

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
<b>Becomes Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)</b>	Nisha Desai Biswal (Updated 1 August)
<b>Elected as the new chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in Nairobi, Kenya</b>	James Ferguson 'Jim' Skea (Updated 1 August)
<b>Named as a special agent in charge of the FBI's field office in Salt Lake City in the US state of Utah</b>	Shohini Sinha (Updated 3 August)
<b>Cambodia's King Norodom Sihamoni has appointed as the new prime minister of the country</b>  <b>About Cambodia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Capital-</b> Phnom Penh</li> <li><b>Currency-</b> Cambodian riel</li> <li><b>Official language-</b> Khmer</li> </ul>	Hun Manet (Updated 8 August)
<b>Appointed as the new Chief Financial Officer of Elon Musk-owned carmaker Tesla.</b>	Vaibhav Taneja (Updated 9 August)

Sworn in as Pakistan's caretaker prime minister to head a neutral political set-up to run the cash-strapped country	Anwarul Haq Kakar  (Updated 16 August)
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## Chapter 2: Awards (National, International)

### (National)

<u>Award</u>	<u>Person/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose/ Field</u>
First 'Udyog Ratna' award (Maharashtra Bhushan award)	Ratan Tata	For his outstanding achievements in the <b>industrial sector</b>
Lokmanya Tilak National Award	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	For his <b>extraordinary leadership</b> , which helped India move up the <b>progress ladder</b> .
"Best Managed Pharmaceutical Sustainable Organizations 2023"	Medec Dragon Pvt Ltd	India's fastest-growing research-driven <b>Pharmaceutical API intermediates Contract Manufacturing Company</b>
"Global Visionary Entrepreneur of the year 2023"	Dr. Deepak Shenoy (Managing Director, Medec Dragon Pvt Ltd)	
Diversity in Cinema Award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM)	Mrunal Thakur	Her outstanding performances across <b>diverse roles</b> and <b>languages</b> in the world of <b>Indian cinema</b>
Best Performing State Award 2023	Tamil Nadu	<b>Tamil Nadu</b> continues to lead in organ donations with <b>1,705 people</b> donating their <b>organs</b> to save <b>6,247 human lives</b> .
Excellence in Government Process Reengineering for Digital Transformation Category-1 by the Department of	National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) Team	For <b>fool-proof fingerprint identification system</b>

<b>Administrative Reforms and Public Complaints.</b>		
<b>The 69th National Film Awards Best Actor award</b>	Allu Arjun	For ' <b>Pushpa</b> ' film
<b>"National Smart City Award" 2022 The best 'State Award' Union territory category</b>	Indore Madhya Pradesh Chandigarh	

**(International)**

<u>Award</u>	<u>Person/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose/ Field</u>
<b>Global Leader Award 2023 for Healthcare Expansion in Africa</b>	Jayesh Saini	<b>LifeCare Group</b> , led by <b>Jayesh Saini</b> , has expanded <b>healthcare services</b> across <b>East Africa</b> with hospitals in five major parts of <b>Kenya</b> and plans for <b>10</b> more in different regions of <b>Africa</b>
<b>Lifetime Achievement Award at the first-ever RICS(Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) South Asia Awards</b>	Subhash Runwal	This recognition is a testimony to <b>Runwal's exceptional contributions, outstanding achievements, and unwavering dedication</b> to the <b>real estate sector</b> .
<b>Harward University's coveted George Ledlie Prize 2023</b>	Raj Chetty	For <b>wielding big data</b> to break myths about who achieves the <b>American Dream</b> .
<b>2023 International Young Eco-Hero Award</b>	Eiha Dixit, Manya Harsha, Nirvaan Somany, Mannat Kaur, and Karnav Rastogi.	The <b>young eco-warriors</b> who were recognized for their efforts by the US-based non-profit organization, " <b>Action For Nature</b> "
<b>'The Grand Cross of the Order of Honour'by Greece President</b>	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	For his <b>distinguished position</b> , have contributed to enhancing the <b>stature of Greece</b> ".

<b>Katerina Sakellaropoulou</b>		
<b>ET Leadership Excellence Awards</b> <b>"Excellence in Manufacturing Of Automobile Parts"</b>	Parmeet Singh Sood	He is <b>Managing Director of Climax Overseas Pvt. Ltd.</b>
<b>the Miss Divine Beauty 2023</b> <b>Miss Earth India 2023</b>	Priyan Sain	She <b>20-year-old student, dancer, and taekwondo player</b> from Jaipur

### Awards 2023: Complete winners list

#### Allu Arjun wins Best Actor award at 69th National Film Awards for Pushpa

- The **69th National Film Awards** was announced during a press conference **by the Jury at the National Media Center New Delhi.**
- The Jury members for National Film Awards handed over the list of awardees for feature, non-feature and best script category to Union I&B Minister Anurag Thakur.
- A total of 280 films from 28 languages were submitted for the awards in year 2021. 31 categories in Feature film, 24 in non-feature and 3 in script writing on cinema.

#### 69th National Film Awards 2023

- Best Feature Film- Rocketry
- Best actor - Allu Arjun (Pushpa)
- Best actress - Alia Bhatt (Gangubai Kathiawadi) & Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
- Best Director - Nikhil Mahajan Godavari
- Best Popular Film - RRR
- Nargis Dutt award for best film on national integration - Kashmir Files
- Best Supporting Actor - Pankaj Tripathi (Mimi)
- Best Supporting Actress - Pallavi Joshi (Kashmir Files)
- Best Child Artist- Bhavin Rabari (Chhello Show)
- Best Screenplay (Original) - Shahi Kabir, Nayattu
- Best Screenplay (Adapted)- Sanjay Leela Bhansali & Utkarshini Vashishtha, Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Dialogue Writer - Utkarshini Vashishtha & Prakash Kapadia, Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Music Director (Songs)- Devi Sri Prasad, Pushpa
- Best Music Direction (Background Music) - MM Keeravaani (RRR)
- Best Male Playback Singer - Kaala Bhairava (RRR)
- Best Female Playback Singer - Shreya Ghoshal (Iravin Nizhal)

- Best Lyrics - Chandrabose (Konda Polam's Dham Dham Dham)
- Best Wholesome Film - RRR
- Best Choreography - RRR
- Best Hindi Film - Sardar Udham
- Best Gujarati Film - Chhello Show
- Best Kannada Film - 777 Charlie
- Best Mishing Film - Boomba Ride
- Best Assamese Film - Anur
- Best Bengali Film - Kalkokkho
- Best Maithili Film - Samanantar
- Best Marathi Film - Ekda Kay Zala
- Best Malayalam Film - Hom
- Best non feature film - Ek Tha Gaon
- Best Playback Singer - Shreya Ghosal
- Best Editor Award - Sanjay Leela Bhansali (Gangubai Kathiawadi)
- Best Music Director - Devi Sri Prasad (Pushpa)
- Best Screenplay - Nayattu (The Hunt)
- Special Jury Award- Shershaah, Vishnuvardhan
- Special Jury Award (Non-feature film) - Shekhar Bapu Rankhambe, Rekha

### Chapter 3: Government Scheme/ campaign

SCHEME	PURPOSE
<b>The Vivad se Vishwas-2 scheme</b> <b>(Central Government)</b>	For settling <b>contractual disputes</b> involving the government and <b>government undertakings</b> .
<b>'Naya Savera' scheme or 'Free Coaching and Allied' scheme.</b> <b>(Ministry of Minority Affairs)</b>	To assist students/candidates belonging to the <b>six minority communities namely Sikh, Jain, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, and Parsi</b> by way of special coaching for <b>qualifying examinations</b>

<b>Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS)</b>	Which aims to revitalize <b>508 railway stations</b> across <b>India</b> and turn them into <b>world-class travel hubs</b> .
<b>One District One Product (ODOP) scheme</b> <b>(Gujarat)</b>	The <b>ODOP</b> initiative is aimed at fostering balanced regional development across all districts of the country, enabling <b>holistic socio-economic growth</b> across all regions.
<b>'Mo Jungle Jami Yojana'</b> <b>(Odisha)</b>	For <b>indigenous people</b> of the state to ensure individual and community rights over <b>forest land for eligible beneficiaries</b> .
<b>Direct Benefit Transfer in National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme</b>	To focus on the vision of making <b>skilling an apprenticeship aspirational</b> as well as encouraging <b>earning while learning as envisioned in the National Education Policy</b> .
<b>Vishwakarma scheme, with an allocation of ₹13,000 crores to ₹15,000 crores</b>	For skilled workers like <b>barbers, goldsmiths, washer men</b> etc. To improve the <b>quality, scale and reach of products</b> and services of <b>artisans and craftspeople</b> and to integrate them with the <b>domestic and global value chain</b> .
<b>'Lakhpati Didi' scheme</b>	To encourage them to <b>start micro-enterprises</b> . <b>Women</b> would be trained in skills like <b>plumbing, LED bulb making and operating and repairing drones among others</b> .
<b>Annapurna Food Packet Scheme</b> <b>(Rajasthan)</b>	To distribute <b>food packets</b> to more than <b>10.4 million families for free every month</b> .
<b>"Gramin Mitra"</b> <b>(Goa)</b>	To provide <b>doorstep delivery of government services</b> across the state and promote <b>digital empowerment</b> in rural areas.
<b>The Bhagwan Birsa Munda Road Scheme</b> <b>(Maharashtra)</b>	To enhance road connectivity in <b>tribal areas</b> of the <b>17 districts of the state</b> .
<b>Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao Yojana means 'Chief Minister's Learn-Earn'</b> <b>(Madhya Pradesh)</b>	The scheme has facilitated <b>on-the-job training</b> on the lines of <b>'learn and earn along with skill development</b> .
<b>'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' GST reward scheme</b>	The government will launch the <b>'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar'</b> invoice incentive scheme, which offers cash prize from Rs <b>10,000 to Rs 1 crore</b> . The <b>'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar'</b> scheme would ensure electronic invoice generation even in case of <b>B2C customers</b>

	so as to enable the buyer to be eligible to participate in the lucky draw.
<b>The expansion of the State government's flagship Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme</b>	Tamil Nadu CM <b>M.K. Stalin</b> has launched the expansion of the <b>State government's flagship Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme</b> to benefit <b>17 lakh students</b> of <b>classes 1 to 5</b> , studying in <b>31,008</b> government schools across the State, at a cost of <b>₹404.41 crore</b> .

## Chapter 4: Summit/ Conference

Summit/Conference	Location	About
<b>The 20th annual conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, India Region</b>	Rilbong, Meghalaya	The conference will focus on discussing <b>natural disasters and management strategies</b> , particularly concerning the <b>northeast region</b> .
<b>The G20 EMPOWER Summit</b>	Gandhinagar, Gujarat.	The summit, organized around the theme- ' <b>Women-Led Development: ensuring a Sustainable, inclusive, and equitable global economic growth</b> ', will witness the participation of delegates from across G20 nations, invited guest countries and international organizations in addition to many <b>global experts, policymakers and stakeholders</b> .
<b>The first ever World Coffee Conference (WCC)</b>	Bengaluru	" <b>Sustainability through Circular Economy and Regenerative Agriculture</b> " is the central theme for the event.
<b>Think20 Secretariat Summit</b>	Mysuru	<b>Observer Research Foundation (ORF)</b> has organized <b>Think20 Secretariat Summit</b> under India's G20 Presidency in <b>Mysuru</b> .  <b>Think20</b> is the official engagement group that serves as an ' <b>ideas bank</b> ' for the multilateral grouping by bringing together think tanks and high-level experts to discuss <b>policy issues</b> .
<b>The International Education Summit &amp; Conference 2023</b>	Dubai	<b>The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA)</b> hosted the <b>International Education Summit &amp; Conference 2023</b> at <b>Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University (HBMSU)</b> in Dubai.
<b>The 3rd and final meeting of G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG)</b>	Kolkata	Under India's G20 chairmanship, the <b>ACWG</b> has been able to achieve significant progress on <b>anti-corruption cooperation</b> with regard to the

		crackdown on <b>fugitive economic offenders and the return of assets</b> .
<b>Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS) 2023</b>	New Delhi	The meeting, with participation from more than <b>40 countries, including 21 Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Deputy High Commissioners, Trade Commissioners, and 23 other diplomats</b> , underscored <b>the global interest in the upcoming GMIS 2023</b> .
<b>The 4th G20 Digital Economy Working Group and Digital Economy Ministerial meetings</b>	Bengaluru	During the deliberations under the <b>G20 India Presidency</b> , various issues relating to <b>digital information, service delivery</b> to citizens and growth of the <b>digital economy</b> will be discussed.
<b>Youth 20 Summit-2023</b>	Varanasi	These themes include <b>Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation and 21st Century Skills, Peacebuilding and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War, and Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction</b> .
<b>First-of-its-kind global summit on Traditional Medicine</b>	Gujarat	<b>The Ministry of Ayush and the World Health Organization (WHO)</b> has organized a first-of-its-kind global summit on <b>Traditional Medicine in Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat</b> .  The summit will serve as a platform for <b>experts and practitioners</b> to delve into the <b>latest scientific advancements and evidence-based knowledge</b> .
<b>4th G20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting</b>	Jaipur	The deliberations will focus on <b>building consensus on global trade and investment-related issues</b> , along with accomplishing <b>action-oriented proposals</b> put forward by the Indian Presidency.
<b>The ninth Commonwealth Parliament Association (CPA) India Region Conference</b>	Udaipur	The theme of the two-day Conference is <b>“Strengthening Democracy and Good Governance in Digital Age”</b> .
<b>The 4th G20 Culture Working Group (CWG) Meeting</b>	Varanasi	The CWG will release a special stamp to commemorate the <b>Culture Unites All’ campaign to highlight India’s unwavering belief in multilateralism</b> .
<b>The 26th National Conference on e-Governance</b>	Indore	Eleven themes including <b>district-level initiatives, emerging technologies</b> for providing citizen-centric services, role of <b>R&amp;D</b> in citizen centric services are being discussed in the conference.

		Theme: ' <b>Developed India: Empowering Citizens</b> '.
<b>The B20 Summit India 2023</b>	New Delhi	The Summit is based on the theme of <b>B20 India R.A.I.S.E: Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable, Equitable Businesses</b> .
<b>The 3rd International Conference on Structural Integrity (ICONS 2023)</b>	Tamil Nadu	The aim of the conference is to discuss <b>recent developments and future directions in assessing and ensuring structural integrity</b> in industries such as <b>nuclear, defence, aerospace, chemical and oil</b> .
<b>The 26th meeting of the Western Zonal Council</b>	Gandhinagar, Gujarat	The meeting was organized by the <b>Inter-State Council Secretariat</b> under the <b>Ministry of Home Affairs</b> in collaboration with the <b>Government of Gujarat</b> .
<b>G20 2024</b>	Brazil	<b>India</b> has handed over the <b>B20 presidency</b> to <b>Brazil</b> to host <b>G20 in 2024</b> .
<b>The second G20-Chief Scientific Advisers' Roundtable</b>	Gandhinagar, Gujarat	The delegates discussed <b>several critical issues pertaining to scientific research and technology development</b> .
<b>The G20 One Health workshop</b>	Bengaluru	India's G20 chairmanship is focused on the theme " <b>One Earth, One Family, and One Future</b> ". Its goal is to create a harmonious system for <b>sharing knowledge, experience, and resources among nations</b> .

## Chapter 5: Partnership/ Agreement

Partnership/ Agreement	Aim
<b>Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), the principal financial institution for MSMEs partnered with the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A)'s startup incubator CIIE</b>	To support startups with <b>meritorious ideas and technologies</b> important for India's goals for <b>2047</b> to become <b>self-reliant</b> .
<b>Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) partner with Russian company Metrowagonmash</b>	To manufacture and supply around <b>120 Vande Bharat trains</b> to <b>Indian Railways</b> , at a cost of <b>Rs 120 crore per train</b> .

<b>Bandhan Bank has partnered with the state government for Odisha Tourism Development Corporation</b>	To ramp up the <b>state tourism department's payment solutions.</b>
<b>Bajaj Finance has partnered with ICICI Lombard General Insurance along with other partners</b>	To provide <b>car and two-wheeler insurance</b> plans on the platform <b>Bajaj Finance Insurance Mall</b>
<b>Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi Innovation and Incubation Centre (IIITD-IC) has partnered with YES Bank</b>	To enable <b>IIITD-IC</b> to strengthen its mentoring initiatives for <b>startups</b> , <b>gain access</b> to experts across the <b>industry</b> , as well as identify <b>newer investment</b> and <b>funding opportunities</b> that can benefit startups.
<b>MakeMyTrip has joined hands with the Ministry of Tourism</b>	To showcase <b>600-plus offbeat destinations.</b>
<b>Infosys bags \$1.6 billion deal with telecom firm Liberty Global</b>	To build and scale the <b>entertainment and connectivity platforms</b> of the <b>digital communications firm.</b>
<b>The All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has partnered with Jio Institute</b>	For a faculty development programme on <b>artificial intelligence (AI)</b> and <b>data science</b>
<b>Axis Bank partners with RBI innovation hub</b>	<b>Private lender Axis Bank</b> has launched two lending products powered by the <b>Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit (PTPFC)</b> , introduced by the <b>Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH).</b>
<b>The International Cricket Council (ICC) has a brand tie-up with Mastercard</b>	For the upcoming <b>Men's Cricket World Cup 2023</b> to be held in <b>India</b> between <b>5 October</b> and <b>19 November 2023.</b>
<b>Singapore-headquartered BOC Aviation Limited and India's largest airline IndiGo have entered into a finance lease transaction involving 10 Airbus A320NEO aircraft</b>	To further expand its <b>fleet.</b>  With its fleet of over <b>300 aircraft</b> , the airline is operating about <b>1,900 daily flights</b> and <b>connecting 79 domestic</b> destinations and will soon further grow its footprint to <b>32 international destinations.</b>
<b>DBS Bank has partnered with commodities trader Maprasco</b>	For the completion of the <b>first "live" transaction of electronic Bills of Lading (eBL)</b> for shipments between <b>Singapore and India.</b>

<b>Airtel Payments Bank partnered with Frontier Markets</b>	For <b>Inclusive Growth</b> have launched ' <b>She Leads Bharat: Udyam</b> ', an initiative to elevate <b>1,00,000 women-owned small businesses</b> with resources, tools and opportunities to grow <b>incomes</b> and diversify their.
<b>HSBC India's Green Hydrogen Partnerships</b>	That includes partnerships with <b>IIT Bombay and Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation</b> to pursue technological advancements to <b>make green hydrogen more efficient, cost-effective, and scalable.</b>
<b>Yes Bank has launched co-branded Corporate Credit Card in collaboration with spend management platform Zagle</b>	To empower <b>businesses to reimagine</b> their <b>payment processes, streamline reconciliation, and efficiently manage company expenditures.</b>
<b>Life Insurance Corporation of India has tied up with Saraswat Cooperative Bank Ltd</b>	To increase the <b>penetration of life insurance</b> through the <b>Bancassurance channel in Mumbai.</b>

## Chapter 6: Ranking Index

Index	Index released by	India's Rank	1st Rank
<b>Fiscal health report</b>	Foreign brokerage firm		Maharashtra
<b>Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan-2023</b>	Central Pollution Control Board		Indore
<b>'Nutrition Awareness Index 2023'</b>	The 'Right To Protein' campaign		Punjab

## Chapter 7: Mergers and Acquisitions

Merger Company	About
<b>Axis Bank, along with its subsidiaries will acquire the remaining 7 percent stake in Max Life Insurance.</b>	The combined weight of <b>Axis Bank, Axis Securities, and Axis Capital</b> has already provided them with a <b>significant 12.02 percent stake in Max Life.</b>

<p><b>The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved the merger scheme of India's homegrown entertainment company Zee Entertainment Enterprises with Culver Max Entertainment (erstwhile Sony Pictures Networks India or SPNI).</b></p>	<p>To create a <b>\$10-billion Indian media giant</b></p>
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## Chapter 8: Loan

Organization/Bank	Loan Amount	To which country	Purpose
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	\$200 million	India	<p>As additional financing in Rajasthan.</p> <p>A new feature in ADB's support is the water facility development for <b>urban resilience improvement</b> and <b>heritage-sensitive urban development</b> in eight heritage.</p>
The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)	Rs 1,974.07 crore	Rajasthan government	<p>For three rural drinking <b>water supply projects in Ajmer, Jalore, and Kota</b> districts, for the construction of <b>676 rural roads</b>, for the construction of <b>104 veterinary hospitals</b> and <b>431 sub-centres</b>.</p>
India	INR 450 million	Sri Lanka	To fund its <b>unique digital identity project</b> .
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	USD 40.5 million	Meghalaya	For integrated <b>early childhood development</b> and <b>maternal mental health</b> in the northeastern state of <b>Meghalaya</b>

## Chapter 9: App/Website/Portal

App/ Website/Portal	Company / Department	Purpose
<p><b>Amrit Brikshya Andolan web portal/mobile application and the Wood-based Industry (WBI) registration web portal</b></p>	<p>Assam Chief Minister <b>Himanta Biswa Sarma</b></p>	<p>It is an initiative aimed at planting <b>a total of 1 crore (10 million)</b> commercially-viable saplings across the State by individuals from various walks of life on coming <b>September 17</b>.</p>
App 'Rajmargyatra'	National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)	To enhance the <b>highway user experience</b> .

<b>'MASI' application (Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection)</b>	The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)	For <b>real-time monitoring of Child Care Institutions (CCIs)</b> and their inspection process across the country
<b>Bhartiya Vastra evam Shilp Kosh'</b>	The National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)	The programme was attended by over <b>3000 handloom and khadi weavers, artisans, and stakeholders</b> from the <b>textile and MSME sectors</b> .
<b>'SuSwagatam' online portal</b>	The Supreme Court of India	To generate <b>online electronic passes</b> for visitors to enter the <b>apex court's premises</b> .
<b>'Sinh Suchna' Web App</b>	Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel	On the occasion of <b>World Lion Day, Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel</b> has virtually launched <b>Lion Anthem'</b> and unveiled the <b>'Sinh Suchna' Web App</b> .
<b>'SAMUDRA' mobile app</b>	Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS),	<b>SAMUDRA'</b> stands for <b>Smart Access to Marine Users for Ocean Data Resources and Advisories</b> .
<b>UDGAM portal</b>	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	<b>UDGAM</b> stands for <b>Unclaimed Deposits Gateway to Access inforMation</b> .
<b>Mobile banking app 'iris'</b>	YES Bank	<b>The iris app</b> has a <b>sleek and intuitive user interface</b> that aims to offer a <b>simplified banking experience</b> for users of all <b>age groups, and backgrounds</b> .
<b>UPI Interoperable Digital Rupee mobile application</b>	Canara Bank	The feature is aimed at <b>empowering merchants to accept digital currency payments</b> using their existing <b>UPI QR codes</b> in addition to <b>UPI-based payments</b> without the requirement of a separate onboarding process for <b>CBDC</b> .

## Chapter 10: Important MoU

MoU	Between Which Countries
Set up a governmental working group on sustainability, with a focus on energy investments in biofuels in India	India and Finland

Signed MoUs for fostering collaboration in standardization and conformity assessment	The National Standards Body, the Bureau of Indian Standards with 35 institutions across the country
Signed an MoU for potential collaboration opportunities in Green Hydrogen and derivatives in the Hydrogen Value Chain.	Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) with Greenstat Hydrogen India Pvt. Ltd.
Signed an MoU to commence a knowledge partnership with a focus on evidence-based policy formulation and its impact in the State.	The Indian School of Business (ISB's) Bharti Institute of Public Policy with the Goa government
Signed an MoU for sharing the India Stack, which is a collection of open application programming interfaces and digital public goods for identity.	India with Trinidad and Tobago
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on enhanced maritime cooperation.	Indian Coastal Guard (ICG) and Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)
Signed a MoU to use National Waterways-2 (Brahmaputra) and Indo Bangladesh Protocol Route (IBPR) for export of petroleum products to Bangladesh and other southeast Asian countries.	The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) with the Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL)
Signed an MoU to set up the country's "first" hydrogen fuel project in Jamshedpur at an estimated cost of over Rs 350 crore.	The Jharkhand government with TCPL Green Energy Solutions Private Ltd. (TGESPL)
Signed an MoU to build a football team for players under the age of 14.	The Maharashtra Government with Germany's professional association football league, 'Bundesliga'

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## Chapter 11: GDP Forecasting

Organization	FY23 (2022-23)	FY24 (2023-24)
Fitch	7.2%	6.3%
HSBC Bank		5.8%
RBI forecasted	6.8%	6.5%,
Moody	6.8%	6.1% (6.3% FY25)
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	7%	6.4% (6.7% FY25)
World Bank	6.9%	6.3%

<b>World Economic Outlook released by International Monetary Fund (IMF)</b>	7.2%	6.1% (6.3% 2024-25)
<b>FICCI</b>	6.9%	6%
<b>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</b>	7.2%	6% (7% FY24)
<b>UNCTAD</b>	6.6% (2022)	6% (2023)
<b>Goldman Sachs</b>		6.3% (2023)
<b>CRISIL</b>	7%	6%
<b>UN (United Nation)</b>	6.6% (2022)	5.8%-2023 6.7%-2024
<b>Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)</b>	7.2%	6.5-6.7%
<b>India Ratings &amp; Research (Ind-Ra)</b>	6.9%	5.9%
<b>Economy Survey</b>	7%	6.5%
<b>National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)</b>	7.4%	6.5%
<b>Standard &amp; Poor's (S&amp;P)</b>	7.2%	6.7% (6.9% in FY25 and FY26.)
<b>ICRA</b>	6.9%	6%
<b>State Bank of India (SBI)</b>	7.1%	between 6.2% and 6.3%.
<b>Morgan Stanley</b>	7%	6.4%
<b>CARE Ratings</b>	7%	6.5%
<b>Normura</b>		5.9%
<b>UBS</b>	6.9%	5.5%
<b>National Statistical Office (NSO)</b>	7%	

## Chapter 12: Current Affairs (National)

### India's per capita income to jump 70% by 2030: Standard Chartered Bank

- According to a research report by Standard Chartered Bank, the per capita income of India is likely to grow around 70% by 2030 and is expected to reach \$4,000 from current levels of \$2,450.
- The boost in income will help the country to become a middle-income economy with a GDP of \$6 trillion and half of it will be coming from household consumption.

### India's tiger population estimated to 3,925 with annual growth rate of 6.1%

- India's tiger population is estimated to be 3,925 with an annual growth rate of 6.1% per annum.

- This was revealed in a report released by **Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ashwini Kumar** on the occasion of **Global Tiger Day**.

#### **Mumbai -Thane to get India's First-Ever Vertical University Campus**

- The state of Maharashtra will approve setting up **Vertical University Campus (VUC)** in **Mumbai and Thane** due to less space available in the city thus becoming the first state in the country to approve such campuses.

#### **"Astro-OPD" will be launched in Varanasi**

- The **Sampurnanand Sanskrit University in Varanasi** will launch an **"Astrology OPD"**, where teachers and research students at the university's astrology department will check people's horoscopes for an hour every evening.
- For the 'Astro-OPD', minister of state Ravindra Jaiswal has sanctioned ₹25 lakh from the MLA fund. An OPD is an acronym for outpatient department.

#### **Over 6.23 core loans sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana**

- Over 6 core 23 lakh loans have been sanctioned under **Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY)** in **Financial Year 2022-23**.
- The objective of PMMY is to provide access to institutional finance to new or existing micro units or enterprises up to 10 lakh rupees.

#### **2.46 lakh farmers have been benefitted from PM-KUSUM Scheme**

- The government has said that nearly **2.46 lakh farmers** have **benefitted from the PM-KUSUM** (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan) **Scheme till June 2023**.
- The scheme provides for the installation of solar pumps, solarization of existing grid-connected agricultural pumps and installation of grid-connected renewable power plants.

#### **With 785 big cats, Madhya Pradesh retains its spot as Tiger state**

- **Madhya Pradesh** has retained its tag of the **'tiger state'** having accounted for **785 big cats**, according to a census released on **International Tiger Day** by **Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand**.
- The population of tigers increased by 49% in the state, which is the highest in India despite recording the maximum number of deaths. Between 2012 to 2022, 278 tiger deaths were reported in Madhya Pradesh.

#### **Navi Mumbai to become country's first septic tank-free city**

- **Navi Mumbai** is set to become **the first city in the country** to be **septic tank-free and have toilets in 100% of households soon**.
- The NMMC has laid a network of sewage drains all over the city with 7 state-of-the-art sewage treatment plants being set up with the help of Central government funds.

#### **President of India inaugurated 'UNMESHA' and 'UTKARSH' festivals in Bhopal**

- The President of India, **Droupadi Murmu** has inaugurated **'Unmesha' – International Literature Festival** and **'Utkarsh' – Festival of Folk and Tribal Performing Arts** at **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**.

- Culture Department Madhya Pradesh along with Sangeet Natak Akademi and Sahitya Akademi of the Ministry of Culture is organizing this event from 3rd to 5th August.

#### India's First Beauty and Lifestyle Festival NYKAALAND debuts In Mumbai

- Omnichannel consumer tech company **Nykaa** has **collaborated with Book My Show** to give India its first beauty and lifestyle **festival Nykaaland**.
- The two-day event will be held in Mumbai on November 5 and 6 at the Royal Western India Turf Club in Mahalaxmi Racecourse.

#### Sarbananda Sonowal launches Port Health Organization under Sagar Setu

- The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) and Ayush, **Sarbananda Sonowal** has launched **Port Health Organization (PHO) module under Sagar Setu - National Logistics Portal (Marine)**.
- PHO will conduct disease surveillance, health inspection, and quarantine measures to safeguard citizens and port workers.

#### Bihar constitutes 'Rhino Task Force' to revive rhino conservation in Valmiki Tiger Reserve

- The **Bihar government** will set up a '**Rhino Task Force**' to propose measures to restart the rhino conservation plan in '**Valmiki Tiger Reserve**' (VTR) located in **West Champaran district**.
- At present there is only one rhino in VTR and 14 rhinos in Patna Zoo.

#### Cabinet approves Rs 1.39 lakh crore for BharatNet project

- **The Union Cabinet** has approved **Rs 1.39 lakh crore** for the modernization of the **BharatNet project**.
- It will involve a change in execution strategy, with a focus on providing fibre connections to the last mile through village-level entrepreneurs.

#### Rajasthan Govt. announces 19 New Districts, 3 New Divisions in State

- The **Rajasthan cabinet** gave its approval to a **high-level committee's** proposal to **establish 19 new districts and three additional divisions within the state**.
- This decision aims to enhance the administrative framework and accessibility of public services.
- New districts include Apoonagarh, Balotra, Beawar, Deeg, Didwana-Kuchaman, Dudu, Gangapur City, Kekri, Kotputli-Behror, Khairthal-Tijara, Neem ka Thana, Phalodi, Slumber, Sanchole, and Shahpura.

#### Haryana govt planning to build a dam at cost of 6,134 crore rupees

- **The Haryana government** is planning to **build a dam at a cost of 6,134 crore rupees**.
- It will have a 14-km-long reservoir and will be built 4.5 km upstream from the **Hathnikund Barrage in Yamunanagar district**.

#### CBI Academy joins Interpol Global Academy Network

- **The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Academy** has joined the **Interpol Global Academy Network** at a virtual event.

- The CBI Academy has become the 10th member of the INTERPOL Global Academy Network, which will pave the way for the development and delivery of joint training programmes and research projects.

#### Eknath Shinde launches 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign

- **Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde** has launched the 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' campaign at Mumbai's historic August Kranti Maidan, in the presence of Deputy Chief Ministers Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar among other dignitaries.
- It was a matter of pride that the clarion call of Quit India and to establish Swarajya was given from Maharashtra's soil.

#### Kerala Assembly passes resolution to rename 'Kerala' as 'Keralam'

- **The Kerala Legislative Assembly** unanimously passed a resolution urging the **Central Government** to change the name of the state from 'Kerala' to 'Keralam'.
- The resolution was moved by CM Pinarayi Vijayan who stated that the name 'Keralam' is used in the Malayalam language.

#### India launches 'Neerakshi' - Autonomous Underwater Vehicle

- An **autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV)** designed to detect mines and a first of its kind in the country was launched.
- The AUV named 'Neerakshi' is a collaboration of Kolkata-based warship maker Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd and MSME entity AEPL.

#### Assam Govt to organize 'Khel Maharan' across state

- The **Assam government** will organize 'Khel Maharan' from November 1 to January 10 to identify and nurture sports talents at the grassroots level.
- More than 50 lakh sportspersons will participate and compete in five sporting disciplines - Athletics, Football, Kabaddi, Volleyball, and Kho-Kho.

#### 5.33 crore subscribers enrolled under Atal Pension Yojana

- **5.33 crore subscribers** have so far enrolled in Atal Pension Yojana (APY), the government told in Lok Shaba.
- It aims to deliver old age income security to all citizens of India, particularly to the workers in the unorganized sector.
- Atal Pension Yojana (APY) was launched on 9 May 2015 and was operationalized from 1 June 2015.

#### Centre approves establishment of new spaceport in Tamil Nadu

- **The Centre** has approved the establishment of a **new spaceport in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu** for carrying out the launches of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV) developed by the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)**.
- The Indian Space Policy 2023 has the provision for the utilization of a spaceport for carrying out launch activities by Non-Government Entities (NGEs), subject to technical feasibility and range safety constraints.

#### PM Modi laid foundation of Sant Ravidas temple in Madhya Pradesh

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for a temple of 14th-century mystic poet and social reformer Sant Ravidas in Madhya Pradesh's Sagar district.
- Sant Ravidas was born at a time when the Mughal dynasty was ruling the country, and he had fought for educating the people at that time.

#### MeitY Secretary AK Sharma launches the 'Graphene-Aurora Program'

- The 'Graphene-Aurora program' was launched by the MeitY Secretary Alkesh Kumar Sharma in Kochi, Kerala.
- The program will be implemented by Digital University Kerala and has a total budget outlay of Rs 94.85 Crore.

#### G20 Film Festival begins in New Delhi

- The G20 Film Festival begins in New Delhi. The event will continue till 2nd September
- Veteran actor Victor Banerjee and Amitabh Kant (India's G20 Sherpa) have inaugurated the G20 Film Festival in New Delhi.

#### India's 1st state-of-the-art 3D-Printed post office opens In Bengaluru

- India's first 3D-printed post office built with a robotic printer using 3D printing technology that deposits concrete layer-by-layer in accordance with computerized 3D model drawing input was inaugurated in Bengaluru.
- The entire construction activity was completed in a period of 45 days as compared to about six to eight months taken by the conventional method.

#### UP's first e-office system launched in Kannauj

- UP's Kannauj has become the first district in the state to adopt e-office - the new digital gateway that cuts on manual handling of files and documents.
- The e-office is a Mission Mode Project (MMP) under the National e-Governance Plan.

#### Wipro launches center of excellence on generative AI at IIT Delhi

- Indian IT services company Wipro has launched a centre of excellence on generative artificial intelligence in partnership with the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT Delhi).
- This centre has been set up on the premises of the Yardi School of Artificial Intelligence at IIT Delhi, and this Centre of Excellence (CoE) will support applied research in generative AI.

#### Indonesia seeks to emulate India's Jan Aushadhi Kendra model

- Indonesian Health Minister Budi Gunadi Sadikin visited a Jan Anushadhi Kendra in Gujarat's Gandhinagar.
- Sadikin praised India's healthcare model and sought to replicate the same PM Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana in Indonesia.

#### Guwahati airport becomes first in northeast to get 'Digi Yatra' facility

- Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International (LGBI) Airport in Assam's Guwahati, the biggest airport in the northeast, launched Digi Yatra for hassle-free travel.

- It is the first airport in the northeast to launch Digi Yatra. The airport is operated by Adani Airports.

### Nitin Gadkari launches Bharat NCAP (New Car Assessment Programme)

- **Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari** has launched the **Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (Bharat NCAP)**.
- Bharat NCAP is a significant step forward in the government's commitment to improve road safety by raising the safety standards of motor vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes in India.
- The programme aims to provide a tool to the car customers to make a comparative assessment of crash safety of motor vehicles available in the market.

### Jitendra Singh unveils new lotus variety 'Namoh 108'

- **Union Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh** has unveiled a **new variety of lotus flower with 108 petals, named "Namoh 108"**, developed by the city-based National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI).
- The "NBRI Namoh 108" lotus variety flowers from March to December and is the first flower whose genome is completely sequenced for its characteristics.

### First ABDM Microsite by National Health Authority launched in Aizawl

- The **National Health Authority (NHA)** announced **100 microsites project** to accelerate the adoption of the **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) nationwide**.
- In India, Mizoram became the first state to operationalize an ABDM microsite
- All healthcare facilities, including the private clinics and labs, will be made ABDM-enabled and will offer digital health services.

### Kerala's first AI school launched in Thiruvananthapuram

- **The state of Kerala** has introduced its **first AI school situated at Santhigiri Vidyabhavan in Thiruvananthapuram**.
- It was inaugurated by the Former President of India, Ram Nath Kovind.
- The pioneering AI School has been developed in collaboration with iLearning Engines (ILE) USA, a globally renowned educational platform, and Vedhik eSchool.

### NTCA approved India's 54th tiger reserve in Rajasthan

- **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** approved India's **54th tiger reserve in Rajasthan's Karauli and Dholpur districts**.
- This is Rajasthan's fifth tiger reserve after Ranthambore, Sariska, Mukundra Hills, and Ramgarh Vishdhari.
- The number of tigers in India has increased from 2,967 in 2018 to 3,682 in 2022, an annual rise of 6 percent, according to government data.

### Indian Immunologicals targets dengue vaccine launch by Jan 2026

- **Vaccine manufacturer Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL)** expects to commercially launch its **dengue fever vaccine by early 2026**.

- Dengue, a mosquito-borne disease, has over the last few years become a major public health concern in India, with 31,464 dengue cases and 36 related deaths reported between January and July 31, 2023.

#### **Draupadi Murmu releases postage stamp in memory of Dadi Prakashmani**

- The **President of India, Droupadi Murmu** has released a **postage stamp in memory of Dadi Prakashmani**, former chief of Brahma Kumaris at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre.
- This stamp was released under the 'My Stamp' initiative of the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications to mark the 16th death anniversary of Dadi Prakashmani.

#### **Nitin Gadkari launches world's first 100% Ethanol-fueled Car in ND**

- Road Transport and Highways Minister **Nitin Gadkari** has launched the **world's first 100 percent Ethanol-fueled car in New Delhi**.
- The **world's first BS-VI (Stage-II)**, electrified flex-fuel vehicle has been launched which can function fully on ethanol-based fuel.

## **Chapter 13: Current Affairs (International)**

#### **India to launch BRICS start-up forum**

- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, **Piyush Goyal** represented India at the **virtual 7th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Industry Minister's Meeting, hosted by South Africa**
- During the meeting, Goyal announced India's plans **to launch the BRICS Startup Forum in 2023**.
- The minister while highlighting the transformation that has taken place in India, also commented on the expanding Startup India initiative that has led to the creation of nearly 100,000 startups in the country.
- He focused on "Transforming Production Systems" and the support India can offer to other BRICS members and the wider international community.

#### **6 Countries to join BRICS from 1 January 2024**

- In a significant geopolitical development, the **BRICS alliance has announced the inclusion of six new member countries**.
- These countries are **Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Argentina, the United Arab Emirates, and Saudi Arabia**, and will join Brazil, Russia, China, India, and South Africa. The membership will take effect from 1 January 2024.
- President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa, the host nation of the recent BRICS summit, made a historic announcement on August 24th, revealing the names of the new entrants to the alliance.

#### **OneElectric: The First Indian EV Company to Start Production in Africa**

- **One Electric Motorcycles** announced that the company has started **manufacturing its flagship electric motorcycle "KRIDN" locally in Africa**.
- The company has entered into a JV with a local established vehicle manufacturing entity.

### Germany develops device for visually impaired

- With the help of modern technology, even the visually impaired can now try their hand at sports of shooting. Germany has developed a device for the visually impaired.
- This device has been brought to India for the first time and given to the visually impaired in Pune.

### Sri Lanka hosts first Karnataka cultural festival

- **Sri Lanka** hosted its very **first Karnataka cultural festival**.
- It was organized by the International Cultural Council of India in collaboration with Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre and M.E Global Peace Foundation.

## Chapter 14: Banking & Financial

### HDFC Bank's Jagdishan Highest Paid Bank CEO in FY23 with Rs 10.55cr Pay

- HDFC Bank's Sashidhar Jagdishan has emerged as the **highest-paid bank chief executive in the financial year 2022-23, grossing over Rs 10.55 crore in overall pay.**
- Amitabh Chaudhry of Axis Bank drew Rs 9.75 crore payout and was the second highest-paid bank CEO.
- He was closely followed by Sandeep Bakhshi of bigger rival ICICI Bank, who drew Rs 9.60 crore for the same year.

### SBI raises 10,000 cr via 15-year Infrastructure bonds

- **State Bank of India (SBI) has raised Rs 10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.54 percent** through its third infrastructure bond issuance.
- The proceeds will be directed towards bolstering long-term resources for funding critical infrastructure projects and supporting the affordable housing segment.

### South Indian Bank launches SIB EXIM Current Account

- **South Indian Bank (SIB) has launched SIB EXIM Current Account** specially curated for customers involved in the import and export business.
- The current account is available in two variants SIB EXIM Silver and SIB EXIM Gold with the required Quarterly Forex Throughput (QFT) of \$15,000 and \$50,000 respectively.

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### Domestic companies raised Rs 9.8 lakh cr from market in FY23: SEBI

- According to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) **annual report, Domestic companies raised Rs 9.8 lakh crore from capital markets in fiscal 2022-23, which was 4.6 percent higher than the amount raised in fiscal 2022.**

- SEBI said that corporates or infrastructure entities raised funds via instruments such as equity (public, rights, preferential, QIP), debt (public and private placement), Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs).

#### **Banks write off Rs 14.56 lakh crore NPAs in last nine financial years**

- **Banks have written off bad loans worth Rs 14.56 lakh crore in the last nine financial years** starting 2014-15 in Aug 2023.
- Out of the total Rs 14,56,226 crore, written-off loans of large industries and services stood at Rs 7,40,968 crore.

#### **RBI raises per transaction limit for UPI Lite to 500 rupees**

- **RBI has increased the offline transaction limit from 200 rupees to 500 rupees** but the overall limit of small value digital transaction limit is kept unchanged at 2,000 rupees.
- These initiatives will further deepen the reach of digital payments in the country.

#### **Wholesale inflation stays in negative for fourth month at -1.36% in July**

- The **wholesale price-based inflation** remained in **the negative territory for the fourth straight month in July at (-)1.36 percent** on easing prices of fuel, even though food articles turned costlier.
- The wholesale price index-based inflation saw a 1.36% contraction in July, according to data released by the Commerce and industry ministry.

#### **Retail inflation rises to 15-month high of 7.44 percent in July**

- **India's retail inflation surged to 7.44 percent in July** on an annual basis **as against 4.81 percent in June**, showed data released by the Ministry of statistics.
- It is the highest reading since May 2022 when the inflation rate stood at 7.79 percent. The consumer food price index (CFPI) rose to 11.51 percent from 4.49 percent in June. Rural inflation stood at 7.63 percent while urban inflation stood at 7.20 percent.

#### **RBI imposes monetary penalty on four co-operative banks for violating rules**

- The **Reserve Bank** has **imposed monetary penalties** on **four co-operative banks** for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.
- These banks are -- Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank, Vadodara, The Aska Co-operative Central Bank Ltd., Bally Cooperative Bank Ltd., Howrah and The Nabapalli Co-operative Bank Ltd., West Bengal.
- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs 2.50 lakh on Nabapalli Co-operative Bank, West Bengal and Rs 1 lakh on Bally Co-operative Bank, West Bengal.
- The penalty on Aska Cooperative Bank, Aska (Odisha) was Rs 50,000 and on Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank, Vadodara (Gujarat) was Rs 5 lakh.

#### **India to become 3rd largest economy by 2027: SBI chief economist**

- The **Group Chief Economic Advisor** at the **State Bank of India (SBI)**, Soumya Kanti Ghoshon has reiterated that **India is likely to become the third-largest economy by 2027**.

- Indian economy is currently ranked fifth and is behind the US, China, Japan, and Germany.

#### NHA and IRDAI collaborate to boost digital health integration in insurance

- The **National Health Authority (NHA)** and **IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India)** jointly organized an exclusive **three-day Accelerator Workshop**.
- Objective - **To help insurance companies complete their Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) integration and to facilitate adoption of Health Claims Exchange (HCX) specifications.**

#### RBI to start pilot Project on PTP for frictionless credit

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will launch the **pilot project for Public Tech Platform (PTP) for frictionless credit.**
- The same will be done via the **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the RBI.

#### Canara Bank introduced Canara Jeevan Dhara savings bank account

- **Canara Bank** has introduced **Canara Jeevan Dhara**, a special **savings bank account for pensioners, and prospective pensioners.**
- All the employees who retired on a voluntary basis or normal retirements are also eligible.

#### Zerodha gets final nod from Sebi to launch mutual fund business

- **Stockbroking startup Zerodha** has received the **final approval from the market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** to launch its **asset management business.**
- It is launching the asset management company in partnership with **Smallcase**, which was incubated within Zerodha's in-house corporate fund **Rainmatter.**

#### Indian Bank opens specialized startup cells in 10 cities

- **Public sector Indian Bank** has set up **10 startup cells across different centres** in the country to serve its specialized banking requirements.
- The startup cells have been set up in **Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Coimbatore, Chennai, New Delhi, Gurgaon, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kanpur and Mumbai.**

#### AU Small Finance Bank to provide 24x7 video banking service

- **AU Small Finance Bank** has launched **24x7 for 365 days of Video Banking**, providing customers with real-time video calls for banking services.
- AU Small Finance Bank is the first bank in India to launch this type of service.
- This facility is available to the bank's customers irrespective of the type of their banking relationship (credit card, loan, savings, digital savings, basic service savings, current account, etc).

#### GST collections cross ₹1.6-lakh cr mark for 5th time

- According to the Ministry of Finance, the **GST collection for the month of July** was recorded at **Rs 1,65,105 crore.**
- GST collection crossed the Rs 1.6 lakh crore mark for **the fifth time** since the inception of the goods and services tax.

#### HDFC Bank launches India's First Co-Branded Hotel Credit Card with Marriott

- **HDFC Bank** has partnered with **Marriott Bonvoy**, the esteemed travel program by Marriott, to launch '**Marriott Bonvoy HDFC Bank Credit Card**'.
- This pioneering co-branded card will operate on the Diners Club platform, which is a part of the globally recognized Discover Global Network.

### **SBI launches Aadhaar-based enrolment for social security schemes**

- Public sector lender the **State Bank of India** has launched a **Customer Service Points (CSPs)** functionality that allows customers to **enroll for social security schemes through Aadhaar Card**.
- Chairman Dinesh Khara introduced the feature which will be availed at the bank's CSPs that aims to make the process of enrolling in various social security schemes simpler.

### **RBI raises small value payment transaction limit in offline mode to Rs 500**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has raised the **upper limit of an offline payment transaction to Rs 500 from the existing Rs 200** to promote the use of UPI-Lite wallet in areas where internet connectivity is weak or not available.
- The total limit for offline transactions on a payment instrument, however, remains Rs 2,000.

### **Axis Bank launches 'Infinity' Savings Account**

- A private sector lender, **Axis Bank** has launched its '**Infinity Savings Account**' to offer special features for its customers, including no domestic transaction charges in exchange for monthly fees.
- The move aims to **appeal to those who frequently adopt subscription-based models**.

## **Chapter 15: Committee**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Headed by</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
The Centre has formed a <b>nine-member committee</b>	Prof K Vijay Raghavan	To review the <b>functioning of the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)</b>

## **Chapter 16: Defence News**

### **Bharat Dynamics Limited hands over first Radio Frequency to DRDO**

- The **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)** has handed over the **first Radio Frequency (RF) Seeker of Akash - the Next Generation Weapon System** to Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).
- Seeker is a critical and technology-intensive subsystem used in Surface-to-Air Missiles and Air-to-Air Missiles for target tracking in the terminal phase.

### **India's first long-range revolver "Prabal" launched**

- India's first long-range revolver "Prabal" has been launched.

- The revolver is manufactured by the state-owned enterprise Advanced Weapons and Equipment India (AWEIL), based in Kanpur.
- Distinguished by its .32 bore, the Prabal revolver boasts an impressive firing range of up to 50 meters, more than twice the reach of other revolvers in India

### Guyana to buy Indian Dorniers Aircrafts manufactured by HAL

- **Guyana to the purchase of two Dornier 228 aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).**
- Guyana is also interested in purchasing patrol vessels, a fleet of armoured vehicles, and radar systems.
- Guyana and India will also step-up personnel training to improve military-to-military contacts and Guyana is collaborating with India on cybersecurity and IT operations.

### Indian Army inducts BEL-developed Swathi Mk2 radar

- **Indian Army** inducted the lighter and more compact version of the **developed Weapon Locating Radar (WLR-M) called "Swathi Mountains."**
- Objective - To enhance the Army's battlefield surveillance capabilities, enabling it to effectively monitor and respond to threats in mountainous regions.

### President launches advanced frigate Vindhyagiri in Kolkata

- **President Droupadi Murmu** has launched 'Vindhyagiri', an advanced stealth frigate, at **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd's (GRSE) facility** on the banks of Hooghly River, Kolkata.
- This is the sixth of seven ships built under 'Project 17 Alpha' for the Navy. The first five ships of the project were launched between 2019 and 2022.

### Government approved Rs 20000 crore deal to build five warships

- **The government** has approved a **Rs 20,000 crore deal to manufacture fleet support vessels (FSVs)** which are urgently required by the Indian Navy.
- Vizag-based Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) will manufacture five of the 45,000-tonne warships, the largest ship of its class being built at the defence ministry-owned yard.

Defence Exercise	Between	About
<b>First joint training FALCON Shield-2023</b>	China & UAE	To deepen <b>pragmatic exchanges and cooperation</b> between the two militaries and <b>enhance mutual understanding and trust.</b>
<b>The 31st edition of the Malabar multilateral exercise</b>	India, Australia, Japan, and the U.S	The <b>31st edition</b> of the <b>Malabar multilateral</b> exercise comprising <b>India, Australia, Japan, and the U.S.</b> will be held in <b>Sydney</b> from <b>August 11-21.</b>

<b>Passage Exercise (PASSEX) 2023</b>	INS Chennai with Royal Saudi Navy	<b>INS Chennai</b> also conducted a port call to <b>Jeddah</b> to enhance <b>defense alliances</b> between <b>India and Saudi Arabia</b> .
<b>The 27th edition of the naval exercise Malabar</b>	<b>Indian Navy</b> , Royal <b>Australian Navy (RAN)</b> , <b>Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF)</b> and the <b>US Navy (USN)</b>	<b>The Indian Navy</b> was represented by the indigenously built <b>Destroyer INS Kolkata</b> , <b>Frigate INS Sahyadri</b> and <b>P8I Maritime Patrol Aircraft</b> .
<b>The biennial multilateral tri-services exercise Bright Star-23</b>	<b>The United States</b> , <b>Saudi Arabia</b> , <b>Greece</b> , <b>Qatar</b> , and <b>India</b>	<b>The Indian Air Force (IAF)</b> participated in the biennial multilateral tri-services exercise <b>Bright Star-23</b> held at <b>Cairo Air Base in Egypt</b> .

## Chapter 17: Sports News

### Shooter Aishwarya clinches Gold medal at FISU World University Games 2023

- **Shooter Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar** clinched a **gold medal** for India on the 2nd day of the **FISU World University Games 2023 in Chengdu, China**.
- Olympian Tomar, competing in men's 50 meter rifle three positions, secured the top podium by scoring a total of 461.7 points in the final.

### India won 14 medals in Sri Lanka Athletics National Championships

- **Indian contingent finished their Sri Lanka Athletics National Championships with 14 medals including 9 gold, 4 silvers and 1 bronze**.
- Indian athletes clinched six medals on the final day of the event at the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo.
- The Indian 4×400 meter mixed relay team of Amoj Jacob, Aishwarya Mishra, Muhammed Anas and Himanshi Malik won the first gold medal of the day.
- India's gold medalist javelin thrower Kishore Kumar Jena received the coveted Best Male Thrower trophy

### Hyderabad to host India's first IAU 50 Km World Championships in November

- **Hyderabad** will host **India's first International Athletic Union's Ageas Federation Life Insurance 50 km World championship** on 5 November 2023.
- The competition will feature four categories - men and women in individual and team events - besides the Master's segment.

### England pacer Stuart Broad announced his retirement

- **England pacer Stuart Broad** has announced his **retirement from international cricket**.

- He sits fifth on the all-time list of wicket-takers and is one of only two fast bowlers to take over 600 wickets

### Iga Swiatek defeats Laura Siegemund to win WTA Title

- **Poland's tennis sensation and world No. 1 Iga Swiatek** claimed her **fourth title** of the season with a 6-0, 6-1 win defeating Laura Siegemund in the final of the **BNP Paribas Warsaw Open**.
- Swiatek won the match and added it to her 15th career title.

### Diego Godin announced his retirement from football

- **Former Uruguay captain Diego Godin** announced his **retirement from professional football**.
- The announcement came after Velez Sarsfield's final Argentine league game of the season, a 1-0 loss to Huracan.

### India bags 6 medals at World University Games

- Indian shooters and archers bagged **six medals** including **four golds at the World University Games in Chengdu, China**.
- Shooters Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Divyansh Singh Panwar and Arjun Babuta joined forces to outclass local favourites China to win the 10m air rifle men's team gold.
- Aishwary also secured gold in the 10m air rifle men's individual event.

### Siddhanta Gogoi crowned 61kg junior Asian champion

- India's Siddhanta Gogoi clinched the men's 61kg junior title while Gyaneshwari Yadav and Koyel Bar secured silver medals in the women's 49kg event at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships.
- The 19-year-old Siddhanta lifted 265kg (116kg+149kg) to give hosts India their first gold medal of the ongoing edition.

### 9th edition of Malabar River Festival opens in Kerala

- The **ninth edition of the Malabar River Festival** opens at **Thusharagiri in Kozhikode, Kerala**.
- The three-day event, organised by the Kerala Adventure Tourism Promotion Society and the Kozhikode District Tourism Promotion Council will be held at Iruvanjhipuzha and Chalipuzha rivers at Thusharagiri.

### Indian women's compound team wins historic gold medal

- The **Indian women's compound team** won a **gold medal at the World Archery Championships 2023**.
- The team comprising of Jyoti Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur and Aditi Gopichand Swami secured the nation's first-ever gold medal in this competition.
- The Indian women defeated the Mexican team of Dafne Quintero, Ana Sofia, and Hernandez Jeon by 235-229 in the finals to be crowned as the champions.

### Manoj Tiwary announces retirement from all forms of cricket

- India middle-order batter and Bengal veteran **Manoj Tiwary** announced her **retirement from all forms of cricket**.
- The 37-year-old, who last played for India in 2015, was playing domestic cricket as recently as February 2023.

### SAI launches short movie series 'Halla Bol'

- **Sports Authority of India (SAI)** under the Umbrella Campaign 'Cheer4India' has launched a **short movie series 'Halla Bol' on the journey of Asian Games-bound athletes.**
- Objective - To motivate them for Hangzhou Asian Games and spread awareness about the upcoming Asian Games.

### Aditi Swami becomes 1st Indian to win individual World Title at WAC 2023

- **Indian archer, Aditi Swami** has become the **first-ever Indian** to clinch the individual **World Title at the World Archery Championships final 2023 in Berlin.**
- 17-year-old Aditi, became the senior world champion when she defeated Andrea Becerra of Mexico, 149-147 in the summit clash of the compound women's event.
- **England batsman Alex Hales** has announced **his retirement from international cricket at the age of 34.**

### Savita won gold at World Cadet Wrestling Championship 2023

- **Indian wrestler Savita**, who entered the event as the defending champion, **won the only gold medal for India in the women's 61kg weight division in World Cadet Wrestling Championships 2023.**
- **India bagged a total of 11 medals, including 1 gold, 7 silver, and 3 bronze** at the World Cadet Wrestling Championship 2023 in Istanbul, Turkey.

### 69th edition of Nehru Trophy Boat Race held at Punnamada Lake in Kerala

- The **69th edition of the famous Nehru Trophy Boat Race 2023** is being held at the picturesque **Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha** district of Kerala.
- 72 boats, including 19 Chundan Valloms or Snake Boats vying for the coveted trophy, participated in the boat race, held every year on the second Saturday of August.

### India beat Malaysia clinch fourth Asian Champions Trophy

- **India beat Malaysia 4-3** and clinch a record fourth Asian Champions Trophy title at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium in Chennai.
- With four Asian Champions Trophy titles, India is the most successful team in the history of the tournament. Pakistan, with three titles, is in the second spot now.

### Jannik Sinner clinches maiden Canadian Open title

- **Jannik Sinner** broke new ground in Toronto when he captured his **maiden ATP Masters 1000 title at the Canadian Open, defeating Alex de Minaur** in the summit clash.
- He broke the Australian's serve five times to become only the second Italian Masters 1000 champion since the series began in 1990, joining Fabio Fognini (Monte-Carlo 2019).

### England pacer Steven Finn announces retirement from all forms of Cricket

- **England fast bowler Steven Finn** has announced his **retirement from all forms of cricket.**

- He suffered a knee injury that kept him out of action for most of 2023 and led to him calling time on his 18-year career.

#### Ashleigh Gardner becomes 1st Australian to win consecutive ICC awards

- **Ashleigh Gardner of Australia** has achieved a historic feat by **becoming the first Australian cricketer to secure the ICC Player of the Month Award** in back-to-back months.
- Ashleigh Gardner has become the first-ever Australian cricketer to win the ICC Player of the Month award in consecutive months.

#### Seema Bisla handed 1-year ban for whereabouts failure

- **2021 Asian Wrestling Championships bronze medalist and Olympian, Seema Bisla** has been handed a **year-long ban** for whereabouts failure by the **Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) of the NADA**.
- The athlete's ban began on May 12 of this year, according to the most recent list of athletes sanctioned by the ADPP.

#### Priya Malik wins Gold medal at Under20 World Wrestling Championships

- Indian grappler **Priya Malik** won a **Gold medal** at the **2023 U20 World Wrestling Championships in Jordan**.
- Priya became just the second woman wrestler from India to be crowned U20 world champion. Antim Panghal had been the first woman from India to win a junior world title in wrestling at last year's edition.

#### Spain beat England to become Women's World Cup champions in Football

- **Spain's women's football team** won the **World Cup 2023** for the **first time** after beating England 1-0 in Sydney, Australia.
- With this win, Spain also became only the second nation to clinch both the men's and the women's World Cups after Germany.

#### India's Anahat Singh clinches gold in Asian Junior

- **India's Anahat Singh** clinched the **gold medal in the U-17 category** of the **Asian Junior Squash Individual Championships held in Dalian, China**.
- The 15-year-old Anahat defeated Hong Kong's Ena Kwong 3-1 in the final on 20th August 2023 to win the gold medal.

#### Khelo India Women's League officially be known as Asmita Women's League

- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** has announced that the **Khelo India Women's League** will officially be known as **Asmita Women's League**.
- ASMITA refers to Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action.

#### Mastercard inks brand partnership with ICC for upcoming World Cup

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has a brand **tie-up with Mastercard** for the upcoming **Men's Cricket World Cup 2023** to be held in India between 5 October and 19 November 2023.
- Under this tie-up, Mastercard will be a global partner for the World Cup.
- With this, Mastercard joins ICC's other global partners MRF Tyres, Booking.com, Aramco and Emirates.

### Amanpreet Singh clinches gold in Men's 25 metre at ISSF World Championship

- **Indian shooter Amanpreet Singh** won the **gold medal in the Men's 25-metre standard pistol shooting event at the ISSF World Championship 2023** in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- South Korea's Gunhyeok Lee had to settle for silver while France's Kevin Chapon secured a bronze.

### Novak Djokovic secured the title Cincinnati Open 2023

- **Serbia's Novak Djokovic** secured the title of **Cincinnati Open 2023** after defeating Carlos Alcaraz of Spain.
- The win delivered Djokovic his 95th career title and 39th Masters 1000 crown.
- The Spaniard is currently ranked at number one in the ATP Tour rankings, with Djokovic ranked just behind him at number two.

### Magnus Carlsen wins the Chess World Cup Final 2023

- The **Norwegian chess grandmaster, Magnus Carlsen** won the **Chess World Cup Final 2023 title** for the first time, after **defeating India's chess grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa** in a tie-breaker.
- R Praggnanandhaa (18) was the youngest World Cup finalist ever and the youngest World Cup winner.

### India won 50m pistol women's team gold medal

- The **Indian 50m pistol women's team** containing **Tiyana, Sakshi Suryavanshi, and Kirandeep Kaur** bagged the **gold medal at the ISSF World Championships 2023** in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- The Indian trio shot a composite score of 1573-6x to finish on the top of the podium.

### Indian women's blind cricket team wins gold in IBSA World Games

- **Indian women's blind cricket team** created history as it defeated Australia in the finals by **9 wickets and won the gold medal at the IBSA World Games 2023**.
- The women's cricket team showed exceptional resilience in the rain-spoiled match and ultimately became the first-ever cricket winners at the IBSA World Games.

### Neeraj Chopra becomes first Indian to win gold at World Athletics

- **Neeraj Chopra** achieved another historic feat, becoming the first Indian athlete to win **World Athletics Championships gold medal** during the men's javelin throw final event in Budapest.
- Chopra's second attempt in the final saw him launch the javelin to a distance of 88.17 meters, which remained the highest in the event.

### India's Men's Relay Team Finishes Fifth at World Athletics Championship

- **Indian men's 4x400m relay team** finished **fifth** in their respective **finals at the World Athletics Championships 2023 in Budapest, Hungary**.
- The team of Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Amob Jacob, Muhammed Ajmal and Rajesh Ramesh completed the race with the clock reading 2:59.92.

### HS Prannoy wins bronze at BWF World Championship 2023

- In badminton, India's ace shuttler **HS Prannoy** had to settle for a **bronze medal** as he registered a loss to Kunlavut Vitidsarn in the semifinals of the **Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Championships**.
- Prannoy went down to world number three and three-time Junior champion Vitidsarn by 21-18, 13-21, 14-21.

### Parul breaks national record at World Athletics Championships

- Indian athlete **Parul Chaudhary** finished in the **eleventh position in the 3000 meters steeplechase final** of the **World Athletics Championships 2023 in Budapest Hungary**.
- She broke the national record in the World Athletics Championships and qualified for the Paris Olympics 2024.

### Max Verstappen w Dutch Grand Prix 2023

- **Max Verstappen** has won the **Dutch Grand Prix** for the third consecutive year, once again prevailing at his home race.
- **Fernando Alonso** secured a podium position by coming in **second**.

## Chapter 18: Book and Author

Book	Author
'Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam: Memories Never Die'	Released by <b>Amit Shah</b>
'Monsoon'	Launched by <b>Abhay K</b>
"Kuch Adhure Shabd"	Launched and authored by <b>Ashutosh Agnihotri</b>
'Drunk on Love: The Life, Vision and Songs of Kabir'	Written by <b>Vipul Rikhi</b>
"Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas"	Released by <b>Shivraj Singh &amp; Anurag Thakur</b>

## Chapter 19: Important Day

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
<b>1 August</b>	World Wide Web Day	<b>World Wide Web Day</b> is an annual observance that celebrates the <b>birth of the World Wide Web</b> and its impact on the world.
<b>1 August</b>	Yorkshire Day	Yorkshire Day is an annual celebration that takes place on <b>August 1st</b> to honour

		the <b>historic county of Yorkshire in England.</b>
<b>1 August</b>	National Mountain Climbing Day	The day was established to honour <b>Bobby Matthews and his friend Josh Madigan.</b>
<b>1 August</b>	Muslim Women's Rights Day	<b>Muslim Women's Rights Day</b> is observed every year across the nation on <b>1 August</b> to celebrate enactment of <b>law against instant triple talaq.</b>
<b>1 August</b>	World Lung Cancer Day	Objective - To raise awareness around the <b>deadly disease</b> and encourage more research on it to break the <b>stigma around the disease.</b>
<b>1 - 7 August</b>	World Breastfeeding Week 2023	Theme 2023 - <b>Let's make breastfeeding and work, work!</b>
<b>3 August</b>	National Watermelon Day	On this day, people across the world celebrate the <b>delicious and refreshing fruit</b> that has a long <b>history dating back to Ancient Egypt.</b>
<b>3 August</b>	Cloves Syndrome Awareness Day	The day aims to <b>spread awareness about the rare genetic disorder.</b> Its emphasis is on action to <b>gather community support.</b>
<b>4 August</b>	Assistance Dog Day	<b>Dogs are a man's best friend</b> because of their <b>loyalty and dedication</b> , but assistant <b>dogs</b> take this to a whole new level.
<b>4 August</b>	International Beer Day	The day is celebrated to <b>try, enjoy, and explore</b> the different types of <b>beer</b> available in the world.
<b>6 August</b>	Hiroshima Day	To raise awareness of the <b>catastrophic consequences</b> of the <b>atomic bomb</b> attack on <b>Hiroshima.</b>
<b>6 August</b>	Friendship Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Sharing the Human Spirit through Friendship</b>
<b>7 August</b>	National Handloom Day	The primary goal of celebrating <b>Handloom Day</b> is to promote <b>handloom</b> and to recognize the efforts as well as <b>skills of the community of weavers</b> engaged in the sector.
<b>7 August</b>	Javelin Throw Day	<b>The Athletics Federation of India</b> , the apex body for athletics in India, took the

		decision to celebrate <b>August 7 as the National Javelin Day</b> to commemorate <b>Neeraj Chopra's</b> historic <b>gold medal</b> during the <b>Tokyo Olympics</b> .
<b>8 August</b>	Quit India Movement Day	The day is also an occasion to pay <b>tribute</b> to the <b>freedom fighters</b> who have <b>sacrificed their lives</b> for <b>independence</b> of the country.
<b>9 August</b>	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	Theme 2023 - <b>Indigenous Youth as Agents of Change for Self-determination</b>
<b>9 August</b>	Nagasaki Day	This day plays an important role as it focuses on <b>anti-war and anti-nuclear demonstrations</b> in many countries.
<b>10 August</b>	World Biofuel Day	To <b>create awareness</b> about the importance of <b>non-fossil fuels</b> as an alternative for the <b>energy sector</b> .
<b>10 August</b>	World Lion Day	Objective - To learn about the importance of <b>lions</b> in the <b>natural world and the potential impacts</b> of their <b>extinction on humanity</b> .
<b>10 August</b>	7th Foundation Day of Government e-Marketplace (GeM)	<b>GeM</b> has consistently demonstrated an <b>unwavering commitment</b> to fostering positive change, and its journey over the past seven years has been marked by <b>remarkable achievements</b> that have propelled it to become one of the <b>largest public procurement portal</b> in terms of both <b>transaction value</b> and the <b>breadth of the buyer-seller ecosystem</b>
<b>12 August</b>	International Youth Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World</b>
<b>12 August</b>	World Elephant Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Ending the Illegal Wildlife Trade</b>
<b>13 August</b>	International Lefthanders Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Left Handers in Sports</b>
<b>13 August</b>	World Organ Donation Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Donate Organs, Save Lives</b>
<b>14 August</b>	Partition Horrors Remembrance Day or 'Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti	This day was announced by the Prime Minister in <b>2021</b> to remember all those <b>who lost their lives due to the</b>

		<b>partition of the nation</b> and were <b>uprooted</b> from their origins.
<b>15 August</b>	India's 77th Independence Day	Theme 2023 – <b>Nation First, Always First</b>
<b>16 August</b>	Parsi New Year or Navroz	In 2023, It has observed in India on 16 Aug. This day marks the <b>beginning of the Zoroastrian calendar</b> .
<b>16 August</b>	Bennington Battle Day	This commemorative day honors the <b>valor and determination displayed by American and Vermont</b> forces during the Revolutionary War's Battle of Bennington in <b>1777</b> .
<b>17 August</b>	Indonesia's 78th Independence Day	<b>Indonesia</b> officially declared independence from <b>Dutch rule</b> on 17 August 1945.
<b>17 August</b>	Malayalam New Year Chingam	<b>Chingam 1</b> is the first day of the <b>new year of the traditional Malayalam calendar</b> used in Kerala.
<b>19 August</b>	World Photography Day	Theme 2023 - <b>LANDSCAPES</b>
<b>19 August</b>	World Humanitarian Day	Theme 2023 - <b>No matter what</b>
<b>20 August</b>	Akshay Urja Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness regarding the importance of renewable energy</b> .
<b>20 August</b>	World Mosquito Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Fighting the World's Deadliest killer-the Mosquito</b>
<b>20 August</b>	Sadbhavana Diwas	The birth anniversary of <b>India's sixth Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi</b> is observed as <b>Sadbhavana Diwas</b> on <b>August 20</b> .
<b>22 August</b>	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	<b>International Day</b> for the Remembrance of the <b>Slave Trade</b> and its <b>Abolition</b> is observed annually on <b>August 23</b> .
<b>23 August</b>	National Space Day	<b>Prime Minister Narendra Modi</b> has declared August 23 as the <b>National Space Day</b> to commemorate the remarkable achievement of <b>Chandrayaan-3's landing</b> on the <b>moon</b> .

<b>26 August</b>	Women's Equality Day	The day also aims to bring to the <b>fore the struggles women</b> have faced to win equal rights.
<b>26 August</b>	International Dog Day	This day aims to recognize the important role that <b>a dog plays in our lives</b> .
<b>29 August</b>	National Sports Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Sports are an enabler to an inclusive and fit society</b>
<b>30 August</b>	Small Industry Day	This day honours the <b>invaluable contributions of small industries</b> , often overlooked yet <b>pivotal drivers of global economies</b> .

## Chapter 20: Science & Technology

### India becomes the first country to Land on South Pole of the Moon

- **India** has scripted history with the **successful soft landing** of its lunar mission **Chandrayaan-3 on the south pole region of the Moon**.
- With this achievement, India has become the **first country to land on the Moon's challenging South Pole region**.
- Chandrayaan-3 is India's third lunar mission aimed at studying the Moon's geology, its water resources, and its potential for future human exploration.
- This achievement marks India's entry into an elite group of four nations that have touched the moon's surface. Besides India, US, Russia and China are the only countries to successfully land a spacecraft on the lunar surface.
- Chandrayaan-3 is a follow-on mission to Chandrayaan-2, and its objectives included; demonstrate safe and soft landing on the lunar surface, roving on the Moon, and to conduct in-situ scientific experiments.
- The Rs 615 crore third Moon mission was launched on July 14 onboard Launch Vehicle Mark-III (LVM-3) rocket, for a 41-day voyage to reach near the lunar south pole.

#### Important Facts

- Chandrayaan-3 was launched date - 14 July 2023
- Chandrayaan-3 land on the moon - 23 August 2023
- Chandrayaan-3 has been launched form - Satish Dhawan Space Centre,
- Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh)
- Rocket used by ISRO to launch Chandrayaan-3 - LVM3
- Chandrayaan-3 mission's Lander Name - Vikram
- Chandrayaan-3 mission's Rover Name - Pragyaan
- Wheels are there in the Pragyan rover - 6
- Total weight of Chandrayaan-3 -3,900 kg
- Mission life of the lander module of Chandrayaan-3 - 1 Lunar Day (14 Earth

- Days)
- Chandrayaan-3 aiming to land near - South pole of the Moon
- Budget of Chandrayaan-3 - Approx. Rs. 615 Crore or \$75 Million
- Director of the Chandrayaan-3 mission - Ritu Kharidhal
- Mission Director of ISRO - S. Mohanakumar
- Vehicle director of Chandrayaan3 - Biju C Thomas
- Project Director of Chandrayan 3 - P Veeramuthvel
- Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre - S Unnikrishnana Nair
- Director of UR Rao Satellite Centre - M Sankaran

### ISRO's Next Moon Mission in Collaboration with Japan Gathers Steam

- **With Chandrayaan-3 successfully landing on the Moon's surface**, decks have been cleared for **ISRO to unveil the next stage of its lunar exploration programme.**
- As of now, ISRO is preparing for one more lunar mission, this one in **collaboration with Japanese space agency (JAXA).**
- This mission, **called LUPEX**, or Lunar Polar Exploration, is slated for 2024-25. But there would be more in the Chandrayaan series as well.
- The rover will carry not only the instruments of ISRO and JAXA but also those of US space agency NASA and European Space Agency (ESA).

## Chapter 21: Obituary

Person	About
<b>Congress leader and former Speaker Vakkom Purushothaman</b>	The veteran leader was elected to the <b>Kerala Assembly five times from Attingal assembly constituency</b> and became a minister three, handling portfolios like <b>agriculture, health and tourism.</b>
<b>Brazilian supercentenarian, Jose Paulino Gomes, touted as world's oldest man</b>	<b>Gomes</b> possessed a marriage certificate dating back to <b>1917</b> , which indicated his birth on <b>August 4, 1895</b> , making him a witness to <b>two world wars</b> and three <b>pandemics.</b>
<b>Telangana folk singer Gummadi Vittal Rao 'Gaddar'</b>	He played a significant role in the <b>Telangana statehood</b> movement through his songs highlighting <b>injustices in the region.</b>
<b>Padma Bhushan awardee and IAS officer N Vittal</b>	He was a former <b>Telecom Secretary and Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC).</b>  His experience of more than <b>40 years covered a wide spectrum</b> with focus on

	<b>industrial administration, science and technology, and security.</b>
<b>Prominent filmmaker Siddique</b>	<b>Siddique's journey</b> in the world of <b>Malayalam cinema</b> began with his directorial debut, " <b>Ramji Rao Speaking</b> " along with his friend Lal.
<b>Renowned Nuclear physicist Bikash Sinha</b>	He was the recipient of <b>Padma Shri</b> in <b>2001</b> and <b>Padma Bhusan</b> in <b>2010</b> for his contribution to <b>science &amp; technology</b> .
<b>Renowned author Hari Narke</b>	Narke was the <b>professor of Mahatma Phule chair</b> at <b>Savitribai Phule Pune University</b> and a former member of the <b>Maharashtra Backward Class Commission</b> .
<b>Telugu, Sanskrit scholar Kandlakunta Alaha Singaracharyulu</b>	He was known for <b>his extensive literary works in Telugu and Sanskrit languages</b> . He wrote more than <b>15 books on Telugu and Sanskrit languages</b> including translations, grammar, and speeches.
<b>Former DRDO Director General Dr V.S. Arunachalam</b>	<b>Arunachalam</b> helmed the <b>Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)</b> and was the Scientific Advisor to the <b>Defence Minister</b> from <b>1982-92</b> .
<b>Eminent Statistician CR Rao</b>	He had recently received the prestigious " <b>International Prize in Statistics-2023</b> ", often referred to as the " <b>statistics' equivalent of the Nobel Prize</b> ".
<b>Former WWE Champion Windham Rotunda aka Bray Wyatt</b>	<b>Rotunda</b> was an <b>American professional wrestler</b> . He was best known for his <b>tenure in WWE, where he performed under the ring name Bray Wyatt</b> .
<b>Veteran actor Seema Deo</b>	The senior actor was seen in films like <b>Anand, Koshish and Kora Kagaz</b> . Apart from appearing in several <b>Hindi films, Seema Deo</b> was a renowned <b>actor in Marathi cinema</b> .
<b>Veteran lyricist Dev Kohli</b>	He had penned over a hundred songs for <b>Bollywood films</b> such as <b>Baazigar, Hum</b>

	<b>Aapke Hain Koun, Maine Pyaar Kiya, Shoot Out At Lokhandwala</b> , among many others.
<b>English Poet Jayanta Mahapatra</b>	<p><b>Mahapatra</b> was the first Indian poet to win a <b>Sahitya Akademi</b> award for <b>English poetry</b> in <b>1981</b>.</p> <p>He was also conferred with the <b>Padma Shri</b> award in <b>2009</b>. However, he returned it in <b>2015</b> to protest against “<b>rising intolerance in India</b>”.</p>

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