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Chapter 1: Appointment (National, International)

(National)

| <u>Organization</u> | <u>Person</u> |
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| Appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) | Koppu Sadashiv Murthy (Updated 1 November) |
| Appointed as CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited. | Deepesh Nanda (Updated 4 November) |
| Re-appointed as Chairman of the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT). | Former Delhi High Court Chief Justice Rajendra Menon (Updated 4 November) |
| Re-elected as the chairman of Shree Somnath Trust | Prime Minister Narendra Modi (Updated 6 November) |
| Appointed as Joint Director in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) | Senior IPS officer Pravin Madhukar Pawar (Updated 6 November) |
| Appointed as Executive Director by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) | Manoranjan Mishra (Updated 6 November) |
| Appointed as Executive Director of the Bank of Maharashtra | Rohit Rishi (Updated 6 November) |
| Appointed as Surveyor General of India | Hitesh Kumar S Makwana (Updated 8 November) |
| Sworn in as the Chief Information Commissioner | Heeralal Samariya (Updated 8 November) |
| Set to be next Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL), a PSU under the Ministry of Railways | Santosh Kumar Jha (Updated 9 November) |

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| Appointed as the CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL), a subsidiary of Tata Power | Deepesh Nanda (Updated 9 November) |
| Taken over the charge of the post of Member (Finance) at the Airports Authority of India (AAI) | Pankaj Malhotra (Updated 10 November) |
| NPCI appoints as 'UPI Safety Ambassador' to strengthen safety awareness on digital payment platforms. | Pankaj Tripathi (Updated 10 November) |
| Took over command of the Eastern Fleet, the Sword Arm of the Eastern Naval Command | Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar (Updated 14 November) |
| City gas distribution player Torrent Gas Limited has appointed as its Managing Director | Manoj Jain (Updated 14 November) |
| Appointed as an advisor to the board of the US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF) | Ajay Kumar (Updated 16 November) |
| Appointed the director of the Special Protection Group (SPG) | Alok Sharma (Updated 18 November) |
| Appointed as Indian envoy to the Caribbean Community | Amit S Telang (Updated 18 November) |
| Appointed as MD & CEO of Kotak Bank | Ashok Vaswani (Updated 18 November) |
| The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of as directors of Jio Financial Services | Isha Ambani, Anshuman Thakur, and Hitesh Kumar Sethia (Updated 19 November) |
| Appointed as interim Chief Executive officer of OpenAI | Mira Murati (Updated 21 November) |

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| <p>The Government of India has appointed as the Managing Director of the State Bank of India</p> <p>About State Bank of India (SBI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded - 1 July 1955 • Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra • Chairman - Dinesh Kumar Khara | <p>Vinay M. Tonse (Updated 22 November)</p> |
| <p>Acko appoints as its brand ambassador</p> | <p>R Madhavan (Updated 22 November)</p> |
| <p>Appointed as brand ambassador of West Bengal</p> | <p>Sourav Ganguly (Updated 23 November)</p> |
| <p>The board of directors at Bandhan Bank has reappointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD&CEO).</p> | <p>Chandra Shekhar Ghosh (Updated 24 November)</p> |
| <p>Appointed as president-elect of industry body FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry)</p> | <p>Anish Shah (Updated 25 November)</p> |
| <p>HDFC Bank Appoints As Director</p> | <p>Harsh Kumar Bhanwala (Updated 29 November)</p> |
| <p>Fino Payments Bank has chosen as its non-executive chairman</p> | <p>Rajat Kumar Jain (Updated 29 November)</p> |

(International)

| Organization / Country | Person |
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| <p>Nominated to lead the World Health Organization South-East Asia Region</p> | <p>Saima Wazed (Updated 1 November)</p> |
| <p>Appointed as Nominee Director on the board of South-East Asia Gas Pipeline Company Limited (SEAGP).</p> | <p>Deepak Gupta (Updated 10 November)</p> |

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| <p>Appointed as foreign secretary in a sweeping reshuffle of current Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's cabinet</p> <p>About United Kingdom (UK)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital - London • Currency - Pound sterling • Prime Minister – Rishi Sunak | <p>David Cameron</p> <p>(Updated 14 November)</p> |
| <p>Re-elected as Prime Minister of Spanish</p> | <p>Pedro Sanchez</p> <p>(Updated 17 November)</p> |
| <p>Sworn in as PM of Luxembourg</p> <p>About Luxembourg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital- Luxembourg • Currency- Euro (€) • Official languages- Luxembourgish, French, German • Prime Minister- Luc Frieden | <p>Luc Frieden</p> <p>(Updated 22 November)</p> |
| <p>Elected as vice-chair of UN external auditors' panel</p> | <p>CAG Girish Chandra Murmu</p> <p>(Updated 24 November)</p> |
| <p>Re-elected as the president of Madagascar</p> | <p>Andry Rajoelina</p> <p>(Updated 30 November)</p> |

Chapter 2: Awards (National, International)

(National)

| <u>Award</u> | <u>Person/Organization</u> | <u>Purpose/ Field</u> |
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| The Kerala Jyothi Award 2023 instituted by the Kerala government | Eminent writer T. Padmanabhan | For his contributions in the field of Malayalam literature |
| The Mahatma Awards 2023 | Leading digital transformation solutions company UST | For sustainable and impactful contributions to corporate social responsibility (CSR) |

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| The Businessline's 'Changemaker of the Year' 2023 award | Reserve Bank of India (RBI) | To contribute for the betterment of society , the economy , and the planet |
| Iconic changemaker of the year 2023 award | Amul | To contribute for the betterment of society , the economy , and the planet |
| "Champions of Change Award" | Dr. Somdutta Singh | For her exemplary work in entrepreneurship , innovation , and social development . |
| The 19th 'Kalakar Puraskar' | Apolinaris D'Souza | His passion for Konkani music , combined with his dedication and creativity , paved the way for a remarkable career |
| 'Gansamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award' for 2023 | Suresh Wadkar | The announcement was made by Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar , recognizing Wadkar's remarkable contribution to the world of music . |
| JCB Prize for Literature | Perumal Murugan | For his novel, Fire Bird , an English translation of his Tamil novel Aalanda Patchi |
| 'Best State' award for inland fisheries | Uttar Pradesh | For inland fisheries (plain areas) |
| The Environment Protection trophy at the 22nd Annual Greentech Environment Awards 2023 and the Rural Development trophy at the 10th | NTPC Bongaigaon | These awards acknowledge NTPC's efforts in adopting eco-friendly practices that benefit the environment and society in the long run. |

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| Annual Greentech CSR India Awards. | | |
| (International) | | |
| <u>Award</u> | <u>Person/Organization</u> | <u>Purpose/ Field</u> |
| The men's Ballon d'Or for a record-extending eighth time | Lionel Messi | After fulfilling his life's ambition by leading Argentina to the World Cup title in Qatar last year. |
| The best photographer in his category at the prestigious Wildlife Photographer of the Year | Vihaan Talya Vikas | His photograph rose above 50,000 entries from 95 countries to secure the coveted award in the under-10 category |
| The 2023 British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding | Nandini Das | For her book ' Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire '. |
| Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023 | Kerala | In a major endorsement of the sustainable and women-inclusive initiatives |
| The AFC President's Recognition Bronze medal | All India Football Federation | For its efforts in the grassroots-level development of the sport in the country. |
| Two prestigious awards at the Asian Oil and Gas Awards | GAIL (India) Limited | For the reduction in LNG shipping cost and emissions through Ship-to-Ship (STS) transfer of LNG with backhauling |
| 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award' | Salman Rushdie | This was Rushdie's surprise public appearance since he was stabbed during a literary |

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| | | festival in New York in August 2022 . |
| The 'Order of British Columbia' | Ryan Reynolds | Reynolds was among 14 people appointed to the 'Order of British Columbia' this year. |
| Kenneth Boulding Award in Ecological Economics along with David Barkin in Colombia | Bina Agarwal | For their significant contributions to ecological economics , focusing on environmental governance, agrarian change, and social equity in developing countries |
| Miss Universe 2023 | Nicaragua's Sheynnis Palacios | Marking her country's first win at the international beauty pageant |
| The Dhahan Prize, the largest international literary award | Mohali-based Deepti Babuta | For her short story collection, 'Bhukh Eon Sah Laindi Hai' ('Hunger Breathes Like This') |
| 2023 Booker prize | Irish author Paul Lynch | For his novel 'Prophet Song' |

Awards 2023: Complete winners list

AIFF wins AFC President's Recognition Bronze Award for Grassroots Football

- The **All India Football Federation** was honoured with the **AFC President's Recognition Bronze medal** for its efforts in the grassroots-level development of the sport in the country.
- It was AIFF's second bronze medal in the category, having earned the same recognition back in 2014.
- The accomplishment reflects AIFF's commitment to promoting football at the grassroots level, characterized by several innovative initiatives.
- Others Awards
 Platinum- Uzbekistan Football Association
 Diamond- Lebanese Football Association

Gold- Football Association of Hong Kong

Ruby- Guam Football Association

Chapter 3: Government Scheme/ campaign

| SCHEME | PURPOSE |
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| Dr Puneeth Rajkumar Hrudaya Jyoti Yojana (Karnataka Health Department) | To treat people suffering from sudden heart attacks and cardiac issues |
| Scheme AMA BANK (Odisha) | To offer banking services in all the villages that don't have a single bank. |

Chapter 4: Summit/ Conference

| Summit/Conference | Location | About |
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| 'AI Safety Summit' 2023 | United Kingdom | The summit is organized by the UK Government, and will bring together Ministers and representatives from various countries, including the UK, US, France, Indonesia, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, and South Korea, among others. Centered on the theme of " AI for Good. " |
| The 15th India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue | New Delhi | The dialogue was co-chaired by Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane and Permanent Secretary (Defence), Singapore Chan Heng Kee. During the meeting, both sides reviewed the existing defence cooperation between the two countries and agreed to enhance collaboration in Service-to-Service interactions and bilateral exercises. |
| The 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue | New Delhi | US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin would be traveling to India for the 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue with their Indian counterparts in New Delhi. |

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| <p>The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, and Indian Chemical Council (ICC) has organized the two-day Conclave</p> | <p>New Delhi</p> | <p>The two-day Conclave with the theme of “Integrating Sustainability & Business Strategy for the Chemical Industry- Addressing Challenges and Opportunities”.</p> |
| <p>The First Australia India Education and Skill Council (AIESC) meeting</p> | <p>IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat</p> | <p>This meeting will provide a platform for academic and skill experts to discuss a wide range of mutually agreed priorities, with the ultimate aim of shaping the future of education and skilling in both our nations.</p> |
| <p>The 2nd World Local Production Forum</p> | <p>Hague, Netherlands</p> | <p>Indian delegation led by Union Mos for Chemicals and Fertilizers Bhagwant Khuba participated in the 2nd World Local Production Forum in Hague, Netherlands.</p> |
| <p>The 33rd Conference of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) Regional Commission for Asia and Pacific</p> | <p>New Delhi</p> | <p>The delegates from 36 member countries including India, senior officers from regional and international organizations, and representatives from the private sector and private veterinary organizations will participate in the conference.</p> |
| <p>The annual apex-level international conference of the Indian Navy – the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD)</p> | <p>New Delhi</p> | <p>The overarching theme of IPRD-2023 is “Geopolitical Impacts upon Indo-Pacific Maritime Trade and Connectivity”.</p> |
| <p>The 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus)</p> | <p>Jakarta</p> | <p>On the sidelines of the highest defence consultative and cooperative mechanism in ASEAN, ADMM-Plus, Rajnath Singh will hold bilateral meetings with the Defence Ministers of the participating 18 countries and discuss defence cooperation matters to further strengthen mutually-beneficial engagements.</p> |
| <p>The 6th High-Level Meeting of the India-OPEC Energy Dialogue</p> | <p>Vienna, Austria</p> | <p>The Meeting was co-chaired by HE Haitham Al Ghais, Secretary General of OPEC, and HE Hardeep Singh Puri, Honourable Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of</p> |

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| | | Housing and Urban Affairs of the Republic of India. |
| The second Voice of Global South Summit | Virtual format | The theme of the Inaugural Leaders' Session is Together, for Everyone's Growth, with Everyone's Trust and that of the Concluding Leaders' Session is Global South Together for One Future. |
| The second edition of the Global Media Congress | Abu Dhabi, UAE | Organized by the Emirates News Agency (WAM) , under the patronage of Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President and Deputy Prime Minister of UAE , the three-day event brings together 257 brands, marking a 33 percent increase from last year. |
| The two-day Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 | Ahmedabad | Theme 2023 - Celebrating Fisheries and Aquaculture Wealth |
| The 7th edition of the two-day Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) | Kolkata | The participating countries include the US, UK, Japan, Poland, France, Australia, Germany, Malaysia, Bangladesh, and Fiji to name a few. |
| The World Climate summit (COP 28) | Dubai | Prime minister Narendra Modi will visit Dubai for two days to attend the global summit on climate change which will be based on reducing emissions and supporting developing countries in tackling extreme weather events . At the summit PM Modi will announce Five targets named , ' Panchamrit '. |

Chapter 5: Partnership/ Agreement

| Partnership/ Agreement | Aim |
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| SBI Card and Reliance Retail | To launch the co-branded Reliance SBI Card |
| Jocata has collaborated with SIDBI | To launch a one-of-its-kind MSME Economic Activity Index Sumpoorn . |

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| Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd has signed a Transfer of Technology agreement with CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories | For the manufacturing of BMI Engine Bay Door for the series production of LCA - Tejas Mk1A |
| Indian Railways has collaborated with IRCTC to launch the Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train Departing | In a move to promote Dekho Apna Desh and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiatives |
| The Ministry of Ayush and World Health Organization (WHO) have signed the Traditional and Complementary Medicine 'Project Collaboration Agreement' in Geneva | To standardize Traditional and Complementary Medical Systems , integrate their quality and safety aspects into the National Health System , and disseminate them at the international level . |
| Karnataka Bank has entered into a corporate tie-up with HDFC Life | To offer life insurance products to its customers. |
| Defense ministry has recently contracted with Bharat heavy electricals limited (BHEL) | To get 16 upgraded rapid gun mount and equipment for Indian Navy . It is a medium caliber anti missile and anti aircraft defense weapon system which would help in sustained rate of high accuracy and fire . |

Chapter 6: Ranking Index

| Index | Index released by | India's Rank | 1st Rank |
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| The Fairwork India Report 2023 | Fairwork India 2023 | | Tata-owned BigBasket |
| Global Housing Price Rise | Knight Frank's Prime Global Cities Index for September quarter of 2023 | | Mumbai |
| Global survey has ranked Japan lowest for employees' well-being | McKinsey Health Institute | 2nd | Turkey |

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| Inclusiveness index | Othering and Belonging Institute (OBI) | 117th | New Zealand |
| Global Unicorn Rankings with 72 Unicorns | Journalistic Org. | 3rd | US |
| Women-led startup ecosystems in India | Startup data platform Tracxn | | Karnataka |

Chapter 7: Mergers and Acquisitions

Chapter 8: Loan

| Organization/Bank | Loan Amount | To which country | Purpose |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|--|
| The Asian Development Bank (ADB) | \$400 million | The Indian government | To support its urban reform agenda , which includes building high-quality urban infrastructure, increasing service delivery, and fostering efficient governance systems. |
| Asian Development Bank (ADB) | USD 170 million | The nod | Modernizing water supply services in Kochi , a bustling city in the southern Indian state of Kerala . |
| The Asian Development Bank (ADB) | \$500 million | Maharashtra | To enhance the quality and affordability of tertiary health care and medical education in Maharashtra . |

Chapter 9: App/Website/Portal

| App/ Website/Portal | Company / Department | Purpose |
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| The 'AAINA Dashboard for Cities' portal www.aaina.gov.in | Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs | The primary objectives of the AAINA Dashboard are to help cities to (i) see how they are faring vis-à-vis other cities , (ii) inspire them by pointing to possibilities and areas of improvement and (iii) providing opportunity to learn and engage with frontrunners . |

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| Mobile trading app "HDFC SKY" | HDFC Securities & Amazon Web Services (AWS) | By using AWS, HDFC Securities can cut its yearly IT management expenses to 50% compared to using traditional on-site systems. |
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Chapter 10: Important MoU

| MoU | Between Which Countries |
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| Signed an MoU to strengthen existing educational cooperation between the two countries. | Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and his UAE counterpart Ahmad Al Falasi |
| Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish the Axis Bank Chair for Financial Inclusion at IRMA | Axis Bank with the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) |
| Signed an MoU with the objective of connecting both countries' dynamic startup ecosystems, particularly in critical and emerging technologies (CET) | India and the US |
| Signed an MOU regarding the fostering and sustainable development of the semiconductor ecosystem. | India and the European Union |

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% | 6.7%-2023 6.1% -2024 6.3%-2025 |
| Asian Development Bank (ADB) | 7% | 6.4% (6.7% FY25) |
| World Bank | 6.9% | 6.3% |
| World Economic Outlook released by International Monetary Fund (IMF) | 7.2% | 6.3% (6.3% 2024-25) |
| FICCI | 6.9% | 6% |

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| Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) | 7.2% | 6.3% (FY 25-6%) |
| UNCTAD | 6.6% (2022) | 6% (2023) |
| Goldman Sachs | | 6.3% (2023) |
| CRISIL | 7% | 6% |
| UN (United Nation) | 6.6% (2022) | 5.8%-2023 6.7%-2024 |
| Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) | 7.2% | 6.5-6.7% |
| India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra) | 6.9% | 5.9% |
| Economy Survey | 7% | 6.5% |
| National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) | 7.4% | 6.5% |
| Standard & Poor's (S&P) | 7.2% | 6.4% (6.9% in FY25 and FY26.) |
| ICRA | 6.9% | 6% |
| State Bank of India (SBI) | 7.1% | between 6.2% and 6.3%. |
| Morgan Stanley | 7% | 6.4% |
| CARE Ratings | 7% | 6.5% |
| Normura | | 5.9% |
| UBS | 6.9% | 6.3% (FY25-6.2%) |
| National Statistical Office (NSO) | 7% | |

Chapter 12: Current Affairs (National)

Uttarakhand CM inaugurates 10-day Uttarakhand Mahotsav in UP

- The 10-day Uttarakhand Mahotsav began at Pt Govind Ballabh Pant Parvatiya Sanskritik Upvan at Gomti Bank near Khatu Shyam mandir, Lucknow.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami was the chief guest on the occasion.
- On the first day of the ten-day Uttarakhand Mahotsav, several groups of well-dressed men and women adorned with the traditional costumes and jewellery of Uttarakhand thronged the venue.

PM Modi launched 'Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)'

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the 'Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)' platform for the youth of the country at Kartavya Path on National Unity Day.
- In a momentous decision on October 11, 2023, the Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Modi, gave its approval for the establishment of an autonomous body known as "Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)."

ABOUT MERA YUVA BHARAT (MY BHARAT)

- Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), an autonomous body will benefit the youth in the age group of 15-29 years, in line with the definition of 'Youth' in the National Youth Policy. The beneficiaries will be in the age group of 10-19 years.

OBJECTIVES

- The primary objective of Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) is to make it a whole of Government platform dedicated to the advancement of the youth.

'Run for Unity' event in Lucknow on Birth Anniversary of Sardar Patel

- **Rajnath Singh** presided over 'Run for Unity' event to commemorate the 148th birth anniversary of Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- The event was **organized by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in Lucknow.**
- The 1.5 km run was flagged off by the Raksha Mantri from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Pratima, Hazratganj and it culminated at KD Singh Babu Stadium. Thousands of people, including school children, NCC cadets, sportspersons & running enthusiasts, and HAL personnel participated in the run.

✓ **Kozhikode and Gwalior declared Creative Cities of Literature and Music by UNESCO**

- On World Cities Day, **Kozhikode in Kerala and Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh** became a part of the **prestigious UNESCO Creative Cities Network, adding to the list of 55 new cities.**
- Kozhikode, the venue of choice for the Kerala Literature Festival and several book festivals, was named the 'City of Literature' by the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN), making it the first such city in India.
- Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, was declared the "City of Music" by UNESCO. This is a fitting honor for the city that produced the legendary musician Tansen and where the Scindia Gharana has preserved and propagated music for centuries.

NITI Aayog held Workshop on India-AU Collaboration

- **NITI Aayog** has organized a workshop on **India-AU Collaboration for a Better Inclusive World in partnership with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) at the Taj Palace, New Delhi.**
- The workshop focused on deliberations to implement the commitments laid out in the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (NDLD) which was signed recently concluded G20 Conference.
- The workshop brought together over 50 experts and participants from prominent National and International think tanks, academia, and diplomats from India and the African Union (AU).
- The participants had in-depth discussions on three key themes:
Indo-AU collaboration for an inclusive world
Indo-AU collaboration for sustainable and resilient infrastructure
Managing Migration

NMC to launch "one nation, one registration platform" for doctors

- The **National Medical Commission (NMC)**, the regulatory body for medical education and medical professionals, is all set to launch its **"one nation, one registration platform" for doctors across the country.**

- Objective - **To eliminate duplication, red tape and allow the public to access information on any physician working in India.**
- The commission had earlier this year issued a gazette notification titled "Registration of Medical Practitioners and Licence to Practice Medicine Regulations, 2023" announcing the move.

ECI designed in-house software for election management through ENCORE

- The **Election Commission of India** has designed in-house software for complete Candidate and election management through 'ENCORE' which stands for **Enabling Communications on Real-time Environment.**
- This provides a seamless facility for Returning Officers to process candidate nominations, affidavits, Voter turnout, counting, results, and data management.
- The ENCORE counting application is an end-to-end application for returning officers to digitize the votes polled, tabulate the round-wise data, and then take out various statutory reports of counting.

Rajnath Singh inaugurates 'India Manufacturing Show' in Bengaluru

- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated **the three-day 'India Manufacturing Show' in Bengaluru.**
- The show has been jointly organised by Laghu Udyog Bharti and the IMS Foundation and supported by the Department of Defence Production under the Ministry of Defence.
- The central theme of the event is **'Make in India, Make for the World'.**

PM Modi inaugurated 'World Food India 2023' in New Delhi

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the second edition of the **Mega food event 'World Food India 2023' at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.**
- On the occasion, the Prime Minister disbursed Seed Capital Assistance for over one lakh Self Help Groups SHG members. This support will help SHGs to improve packaging and quality manufacturing and gain better price realization in the market.
- The Prime Minister also inaugurated Food Street, as part of World Food India 2023. It will feature regional cuisines and royal culinary heritage.
- Over 200 chefs will participate and present traditional Indian cuisine, cuisine, making it a unique culinary experience.

NITI Aayog to host state-level innovation workshop in IIM Bangalore

- In a strategic move to foster and nurture innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem throughout India, **Atal Innovation Mission** is set to organize **a peer-to-peer workshop focusing on the development of state-level innovation ecosystems.**
- The event, "Building State-level Innovation Ecosystems" is scheduled to take place from November 6th to 8th at the prestigious Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM Bangalore).

- This three-day gathering will provide a unique platform for states and union territories (UTs) across India to convene, exchange insights, and build strategies to foster innovation and entrepreneurship (I&E) within their respective regions.

CBSE to open new administrative Office in UAE

- In a significant development for the Indian expatriate community in the United Arab Emirates, **Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan** held a meeting with the **Principals of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools in Dubai**.
- One of the significant announcements made during the meeting was the acceptance of a long-standing demand by CBSE schools to open a regional administrative office in UAE, recognizing the country's central role in overseeing CBSE-affiliated schools in the GCC region.

Vibrant Gujarat International Roadshow held in Dubai

- In a bid to showcase the immense potential for business and investment opportunities in **the vibrant state of Gujarat**, the Government of Gujarat hosted the **Vibrant Gujarat International Roadshow in Dubai**.
- The event, a prelude to the upcoming 10th Edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit scheduled for January 10-12, 2024, served as a platform for industry representatives from both Gujarat and the UAE to engage, network, and explore collaborations.

NITI Aayog organized Workshop on "Goa Roadmap for Tourism"

- As a part of its ongoing G20 Think Tank Workshop Series, **NITI Aayog** has organized a workshop on **"Implementing Goa Roadmap for Tourism"** with India Foundation and the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, as its knowledge partners.
- The G20 meeting on tourism was held in Goa on June 21, 2023, culminating in the Goa Declaration.
- The Goa Roadmap for Tourism as a vehicle for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals is a pioneering effort towards harnessing tourism as a driving force to achieve the SDGs.
- The workshop will include four sessions on - 1. Green tourism, 2. Digitization, 3. Strategic management, 4. MSME Tourism.

PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana to be extended for 5 more years

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has announced that the **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana** will be **extended for the next five years**.
- Under this scheme, about 80 crore poor people across the country are being given 5 kg of free food grains every month. This scheme was ending in December this year.
- PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana was launched in April 2020.

L&T to construct greenfield airport in Andhra's Bhogapuram

- **Larsen and Toubro (L&T) Construction** have secured a large order to construct the **greenfield Bhogapuram International Airport project in Andhra Pradesh**.

- The project cost is estimated to be in the Rs 2,500-5,000 crore range.
- The project will initially be developed to handle 6 MPA (million passengers per annum) capacity to be further enhanced to the capacity of 12 MPA.
- The key development works include cut & fill works, terminal works with airport systems, ATC tower, airfield development works (south runway 3,800 m length, apron, taxiways, airfield ground lighting, fuel hydrant works and other facilities), landside facilities (roads, landscapes, etc.), utilities & other support facilities.

Delhi banks on IIT Kanpur's artificial rain to tackle pollution crisis

- In light of the escalating **air pollution dilemmas in Delhi-NCR**, the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur** has brought forth a novel solution.
- With a mission to alleviate the deteriorating air quality, the renowned institute has reportedly designed an approach using 'artificial rain' to cleanse the atmosphere of dust and major pollutants.
- The institute has been relentlessly working on artificial rain for more than five years and successfully executed a test in July.

Jal Diwali - "Water for Women, Women for Water Campaign" launched

- The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** has unveiled a progressive initiative "**Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign**".
- Under its flagship scheme - Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation, in partnership with the Ministry's National Urban Livelihood Mission and Odisha Urban Academy is the knowledge partner.
- This campaign celebrates "Jal Diwali" and commences from, 7th November, 2023. It will continue till 9th November, 2023.

Uttar Pradesh state govt to conduct Cow Census

- The **Uttar Pradesh government** has ordered a **cow census across the state in three categories**, which includes determining the number of destitute animals with **cattle rearers, abandoned cows on the streets, and Kanha Upvans**.
- U.P. CM also ordered implementing of geo-tagging. In the first phase, these cows will be counted. In the next phase, a plan will be formulated and implemented to ensure they are provided with suitable accommodation.
- The figures related to the number of cattle are believed to have changed since the 20th Livestock Census was conducted in 2019 by the Central government. The next census is due in 2024.
- Presently, 11.85 lakh cows are protected in 6,889 destitute cattle breeding sites, while over 1.85 lakh cows have been handed over to gau sevaks under Mukhyamantri Sahbhagita Yojana' for cow protection, according to UP govt.

8th edition of 'Vizag Navy Marathon' held in Visakhapatnam

- The **eighth edition of the 'Vizag Navy Marathon'** has been organized in **Visakhapatnam city**.
- Around 12,000 people took part in the Marathon organized by the Eastern Naval Command (ENC) at RK Beach Road in the city.

- The marathon was flagged off by Vice Adm Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, ENC with more than 500 participants.
- The half-marathon was flagged off by Vice Admiral G Srinivasan, DGNP Vizag, with more than 1,600 runners, and the 10-km run, with more than 2,700 runners, was flagged off by Dr Ravishankar Commissioner of Police.

IIT Madras established first international campus in Zanzibar

- **The Indian Institute of Technology Madras became the first Indian Institute of Technology to set up an international campus, by launching a campus in Zanzibar Tanzania.**
- India and the East African nation had recently signed a MoU.
- The Zanzibar Campus, IIT Madras, will be on Zanzibar Island, off the East African mainland and part of the Tanzanian Republic.
- In the first batch at IITM Zanzibar, students from Zanzibar, mainland Tanzania, Nepal, and India have been admitted, with 40 per cent of the students being women.
- Classes for the first Academic Year (2023-24) commenced in October 2023.

Adani Green crosses 8.4 GW mark, and becomes India's largest RE company

- **Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL)** has become India's largest green energy company as it reached the **8.4 gigawatt (GW)** installed capacity mark.
- Company executives told this paper that AGEL commissioned a **0.15 GW** solar power park in **Rajasthan**, which helped it surpass the **5 GW capacity** for solar and 8.4 GW overall.
- Among its peers, ReNew is closest with 8.3 GW, followed by Tata Power and Greenko Energies with close to 4 GW capacity each. State-owned NTPC has a 3.2 GW green energy capacity.

Mundra becomes India's first port to handle 16.1 million tonnes of Cargo

- **Adani Group's flagship Mundra Port** has set another record by handling **16.1 million tonnes of cargo** in October, the highest-ever volume by any port in India.
- It is the largest port in the country with 102 MMT of cargo handled so far this year with a good 9 percent year-on-year growth. The port crossed the 100 MMT mark in 210 days, surpassing the record of 231 days last year.
- Mundra witnessed double-digit growth on a YoY basis for containers liquids and gas.
- Further, it achieved another milestone of handling 4.2 million twenty-foot equivalents (TEUs) of containers in just 203 days, a feat achieved in 225 days in the previous financial year.

Government launches 'Bharat Atta' Initiative for affordable wheat flour

- **The Central government** has launched a **new wheat flour scheme called 'Bharat Atta'** at a subsidized price of **Rs 27.50 per kg**.
- The scheme is aimed at providing affordable wheat flour to the poor and vulnerable sections of the society.

- Bharat Atta is a fortified wheat flour that is made with a blend of wheat, rice, and pulses. It is a good source of protein, iron, and other essential nutrients.
- The scheme will be implemented through the Public Distribution System (PDS), ensuring easy access to affordable wheat flour for the target population.

10th Kalinga Literary Festival to be held in Bhubaneswar

- The 10th edition of the Kalinga Literary Festival (KLF) with the theme 'Legends of Ancient Bharat and Beyond: Inspiring Lived Experience in the 21st Century', will be kick-started from February 9 in Bhubaneswa, Odisha
- Over 300 esteemed speakers, including poets, musicians, artists, and performers are all set to grace the festival, which will take place till February 11.

THDC India inks pact to develop renewable energy projects in Karnataka

- THDC India Ltd is planning to set up 3,270 megawatts of clean energy projects, including pumped storage and floating solar, in Karnataka.
- In this regard, the Uttarakhand-based company signed two Memorandum of Understanding with Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) and Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) in Bengaluru.
- These collaborative efforts encompass the development of a diverse range of projects, spanning ground-mounted, floating solar projects, and hybrid projects including pumped storage projects (PSPs) with a cumulative capacity of around 3,270 MW.

Uttarakhand to become first state to adopt the Uniform Civil Code

- Uttarakhand is set to become the first state in the country to implement the Uniform Civil Code.
- A committee formed under the leadership of Justice (retired) Ranjana Desai would submit a report to Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in the next couple of days.
- The UCC is a proposal to formulate and implement personal laws that will apply uniformly to all citizens regardless of their religion, gender, or sexual orientation.
- Objective - To strengthen the social fabric, promote gender equality, and help fight economic, social, and religious inequalities.

Ayodhya sets Guinness Record by lighting 22 Lakh Diyas

- Uttar Pradesh has set a new Guinness world record by lighting over 22 lakh Diyas (lamps) in Ayodhya.
- Ayodhya began the Deepotav festival with the formation of the Yogi Adityanath government in 2017. The government lit up around 51,000 diyas in 2017, and then 4.10 lakh Diyas in 2019.
- The number then every year goes up with over 9 lakh diyas illuminated in 2021.

Meghalaya launches 'Food Security' campaign to achieve zero hunger

- Meghalaya has launched the 'Food Security' Campaign, which focuses on sensitizing the public about the National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013 and strives to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 2 – 'Zero Hunger'.

- This campaign has been initiated by the state to sensitize the citizens of Meghalaya regarding the availability of food grains to even the poorest of people.
- It also aims to reach out to key stakeholders, community-based institutions, the general public and other partners regarding the facilities and schemes of the government.

R. K. Singh inaugurates Power Pavilion in New Delhi

- The Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, R. K. Singh has inaugurated a Power Pavilion set up by the Ministry of Power in India International Trade Fair 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- The pavilion aims to present the key initiatives in the power sector before the domestic and international industry and to also improve public awareness and participation in the schemes and policies of the government.

Shital Mahajan became first woman to Skydive from Mt Everest

- Indian skydiver Shital Mahajan has jumped off a helicopter from a height of 21,500 ft in front of the world's highest peak Mt Everest.
- She became the first woman to do so. Mahajan landed at Kalapatthar peak at an altitude 17,444 feet.
- Mahajan is a well-known Indian skydiver who holds several skydiving records and is the recipient of the fourth highest civilian award, the Padma Shri in 2001.

PM Modi launched PVTG Development Mission and Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Pradhan Mantri Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) Development Mission, a 24,000 crore rupees scheme on the occasion of the third Janjaatiya Gaurav Diwas from Khunti district in Jharkhand.
- The mission will benefit 75 PVTGs in 18 states and UTs, living in 22,544 villages in 220 districts having a population of around 28 lakhs.
- Modi has also launched 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' to ensure saturation of flagship government schemes.

Hardeep Singh Puri launched CITIIS 2.0 in New Delhi

- Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri has launched the City Investments to Innovate, Integrate, and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0) challenge in New Delhi.
- CITIIS 2.0 aims to advance climate action through the promotion of a circular economy with a focus on integrated waste management.
- This program has a demonstrative effect which will lay the basis for the commercialization of the technology. He further called on support for innovative, technology-based interventions like CITIIS 2.0.

Delhi Airport launched Sunflower initiative

- Delhi airport operator DIAL has introduced special services to enhance the travel experience for individuals with hidden disabilities.

- Under the **Hidden Disabilities Sunflower** initiative, DIAL has introduced a variety of merchandise options, **including sunflower Lanyards, pin badges, and wristbands.**
- These discreet, yet identifiable items allow passengers to signal their need for assistance from airport staff. The sunflower merchandise is available for collection at the help desks and information counters located within the terminals.

Kochi In Conde Nast List of Best Places To Visit In 2024

- **London-based luxury travel magazine Conde Nast has listed Kochi as one of the best places to visit in Asia in 2024.**
- Heaping praise on the city for its sustainable initiatives and local festivals, the magazine also highlights the city's tourist attractions such as waterways, lagoons and rivers.
- The magazine referred to the renovation that is underway at Kochi's 150-year-old Ernakulam Market.
- The recognition is a nod to the city's commitment to providing enriching experiences for travelers while embracing eco-friendly practices and preserving its cultural heritage.

42nd Edition of India International Trade Fair inaugurated at Pragati Maidan

- The **42nd Edition of India International Trade Fair** has inaugurated in **Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.**
- The fair will remain open for all till the 27th of this month.
- This year, the theme of the fair is based on Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, which emphasizes the significance of interconnectedness and cooperation in trade.
- Representatives of 13 countries are also displaying their products in the fair.

India to become world's third-largest economy by 2027

- **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said India is expected to overtake Japan and Germany to emerge as the third largest economy in the world by 2027.**
- India's economic growth is estimated to be just under 7 per cent during the year, the highest among major economies, despite global headwinds.
- Amidst supply-chain disruptions and economic turbulence due to contemporary conflicts that impact the Indo-Pacific, irrespective of whether they are occurring in relatively distant Ukraine or in relatively-proximate Israel or Yemen, and despite the palpable tensions prevalent in the South-and East China Sea, the Indian economy stands out as a bright spot.

54th International Film Festival of India opens in Goa

- The **54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** begins in Goa. The opening ceremony was held at **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Bambolim.**
- Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has inaugurated the 9-day event, which will showcase 270 films.
- While the British film 'Catching Dust' is the opening movie, 'The Featherweight' from the US will be the closing film of the festival this year.

Ladakh secures 4th GI tag for Sea Buckthorn

- In Ladakh, after GI Tag for Apricot (Raktsey Karpo), Pashmina, and Ladakhi Wood Carving, the Geographical Indication Registry, operating under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, has officially granted the GI tag to the Department of Industries & Commerce, Ladakh and approved it as the Registered Proprietor for 'Ladakh Sea Buckthorn' in Class 31.
- Farmers of Kargil are very excited for this special recognition for Sea Buckthorn, one of the most profitable crop of UT Ladakh having 90 % production from Ladakh in India.

UP govt launched 'Every Right for Every Child' campaign

- The Uttar Pradesh government has launched the 'Every Right for Every Child' campaign to ensure equal opportunities for students.
- Led by Power Angel and Bal Sansad, the campaign, centred around 'equality and inclusion,' includes daily activities in primary, upper primary, and Kasturba Gandhi schools.
- The campaign's theme focuses on 'Gender Equality' and 'Care and Support,' advocating for equal opportunities in families, homes, schools, sports, careers, healthcare, and child protection facilities, as well as in the community and public life.

Dharmendra Pradhan launched 37 PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas and 26 PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Odisha

- Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched 37 PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas and 26 PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Odisha.
- About 800 government schools in Odisha will be developed into PM Shri Schools and more than Rs 1600 crore will come.

Bihar Governor approves Bill raising reservation from 50% to 65%

- Bihar Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar approved the State Government's 'Bihar Reservation Amendment Bill' which was passed unanimously by the State Legislature during the recently concluded winter session.
- It was approved by the State Cabinet on November 7 and raises the reservation quota for Backward, Extremely Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes from 50% to 65%.
- According to the legislation, named the Bihar Reservation Amendment Bill, quota for Extremely Backward Class (EBC) will be raised from the existing 18% to 25%; for Backward Class (BC) from 12% to 18%; for Scheduled Caste (SC) from 16% to 20%; and for Scheduled Tribe (ST), the quota will be doubled, from 1% to 2%. The existing 3% reservation for BC women has been scrapped.

Ministry of Tourism: International Tourism Mart at Shillong

- The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has organized the 11th edition of the International Tourism Mart at Shillong, Meghalaya.

- The International Tourism Mart is an annual event held by the Ministry in one of the North Eastern States on a rotation basis.
- Event to provide a platform to create awareness about tourism potential of North East Region.
- It provides a platform for North Eastern stakeholders to interact with their counterparts from both within the country and overseas markets.

Hornbill Festival Returns To Nagaland In December

- One of the most anticipated festivals of the year, the **Hornbill Festival, is gearing up for its annual return to Nagaland this December.**
- The festival, scheduled from **December 1 to December 10**, celebrates the rich culture and heritage of Nagaland, drawing thousands of visitors each year who come to **savour Nagaland's cuisine, music, handicrafts, and much more.**

Kerala's Responsible Tourism makes it to UNWTO list

- **Kerala's Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission** has made it to the **Global List of Case Studies of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)**, earning yet another laurel for the State's innovative programme for grassroots development.
- The UNWTO cited that Kerala Tourism has succeeded in upholding the world body's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while promoting the travel industry in the State.

Meghalaya's launches 'Water Smart Kid Campaign' to foster water conservation awareness among young minds

- **With the aim to sensitizing the young minds** on the importance of water conservation, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma on Wednesday launched the 'Meghalaya Water Smart Kid Campaign'.
- The campaign is an initiative under **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** to create **awareness about water conservation amongst the children.**

Saffron of Kishtwar district receives GI tag from Geographical Indications Registry

- Jammu and Kashmir, the Saffron of the mountainous Kishtwar district, which is cultivated and harvested in the higher reaches, has been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry.
- The spice is grown in some parts of the Kishtwar region of Jammu, along with parts of Kashmir.

Uttar Pradesh Govt Declares November 25 As 'No Non-Veg Day'

- The Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh government has designated November 25 as a **"No Non-Veg Day"**.
- **The decision is aimed at honouring the birth anniversary of spiritual leader Sadhu TL Vaswani** and entails the closure of all slaughterhouses and meat shops across the state.

Madhya Pradesh gets India's largest tiger reserve in Damoh, to be operational in next two to three months

- The Central government has approved a proposal to merge the **two wildlife sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh to create the largest tiger reserve** in the country spanning 2,300 square kilometres.

Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness center name has been changed

- **Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness centers** across the country are now known by the name of **AYUSHMAN AROGYA MANDIR**.
- A new tagline for **Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness center** has also been launched. This new tagline is **Arogyam Parmam Dhanam**.
- There are a total of 1.61 lacks AB-HWCs functioning across the country.

Ministry of mines is about to launch first ever tranche of strategic minerals auction

- **The Ministry of mines** has decided to launch the first ever tranche of strategic and critical minerals auction. This auction will be scheduled on **29th November 2023**.
- **Shri Prahlad Joshi**, union minister of **Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs** will launch this auction.
- In August 2023, 24 minerals were proved and notified as critical and strategic minerals as per the amendment in the MMDR act.

Inauguration of Hamfest 2023 in Ahmedabad.

- **Devusinh Chauhan**, union minister of state for communications on **24 November** inaugurated the **Hamfest 2023 at science City, Ahmedabad**.
- While giving his speech he praised the role of ham radio in helping people during natural calamities like earthquakes and cyclones.

Department of revenue, ministry of finance is hosting the Asia Pacific workshop for money laundering cases.

- A meeting or workshop related to **Asia Pacific money laundering is being hosted by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue** from 28th November to 1st December, 2023 in New Delhi.
- Every year Asia Pacific group workshops are held to bring delegates together to discuss the cases related to money laundering and terrorist financing trends and the problems emerging from these activities.
- **Shri Vivek Agarwal**, additional secretary (Department of Revenue) and **Head of the delegation to FATF**. This report mainly focuses on virtual asset service providers in recognition of the threat related to money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing.

Viksit Bharat sankalp yatra started in Maharashtra.

- The **Information Education and Communication (IEC) campaign** (Vikait Bharat Sankalp Yatra) started in many **urban centers within municipal corporation areas of the state**.

- In cities like Mumbai, Thane, Nagpur, Pune, Pimpri, Chinchwad, Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Solapur and Nashik municipal corporation the IEC vans have been flagged off.
- Deputy CM Ajit Pawar flagged off one IEC van from Mantralayam from Mumbai. IEC vans are flagged off in many cities by respective CM, Deputy CM, Commissioner etc for spreading awareness about welfare schemes.

Kashi Tamil Sangamam is scheduled to be launched in December 2023.

- By the launching of the registration portal by IIT Madras, all is set for Kashi Tamil Sangamam phase 2 on 27th of November 2023.
- Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat's second edition is going to be held from 17th December to 30th December 2023. By taking inspiration from the first edition, this edition also wants to rejuvenate the bonds between the Tamil and Varanasi culture, these are considered as the two important focus points of the learning and culture in ancient India.
- It is said that around 1400 participants from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry will travel by train to Varanasi for an 8-day immersive tour. They will be divided into 7 groups of 200 each comprising students, teachers, professors, artisans, farmers, religious writers etc.

India's first telecom center of excellence is going to be set up in Uttar Pradesh.

- India is going to have its first Telecom Centre of Excellence in Uttar Pradesh, located at the IIT Roorkee campus in Saharanpur.
- The main aim of this center is to find out how to connect artificial intelligence with 5G and make it easy to bring in 6G in India. This project, which will cost ₹30 crores, wants to boost new ideas and provide job opportunities for young people in Uttar Pradesh.

54th International film festival of India held in Goa between 20th November to 28th November 2023.

- The 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) wrapped up in Goa. The closing ceremony took place at the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Bambolim, Goa.
- Many movie stars and important people attended the closing ceremony. The final closing film of this year's IFFI was 'Featherweight', directed by Robert Kolodny from the United States.

Cabinet grants approval to PM Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN)

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the chairperson of the Union Cabinet, has approved Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) with an approximate outlay of Rs. 24,104 crore. This Abhiyan was announced on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas from Khunti.

- **It will help in enhancing the basic facilities** like sanitation, cleanliness, safe drinking water, health and nutrition, improving education, telecom and read connectivity, and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Center government is going to spend 11.80 lakh crore in next five years under PMGKY.

- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the chairperson** of the union cabinet, on Wednesday has approved that the eligible citizens under the public distribution scheme will get free grains by the **Central Government for another 5 years.**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself mentioned the center's intention to extend the **PM Garib Kalyan Yojana**, during his election release earlier this month.

Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Fast Track Special Courts gets extension till 31st March 2026.

- The **Union Cabinet approved to keep the Fast Track Special Courts** going from April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2026. **This will cost Rs 1952.23 crore, with Rs 1207.24 crore from the central government and Rs 744.99 crore from the state government.** The central government's part will be covered by the Nirbhaya Fund.

Cabinet grants approval to the Central Sector Scheme to provide drones to Women self help groups.

- To grant drones to **women self groups a central center scheme** has been approved by the **union government with an outlay of Rs.1261 crore.**
- This decision was taken by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi under the meeting of the union cabinet. **The plan wants to provide 15,000 chosen groups of women drones from 2023 to 2026.**
- These drones will be used to rent out services to farmers for farming needs, according to an official statement.

MoWCD has launched the Anganwadi Protocol for Divyang Children.

- **Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Minority Affairs** has launched the **Anganwadi Protocol for Divyang Children** at a national outreach Programme organized on 28th November, 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan.
- She mentioned that the Divyang protocol will help each district administration in supporting the special education and nutrition needs.
- They will give **Swavlamban Cards to empower divyang children** and their families.

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Thailand announces Visa-Free Entry for Indians to boost tourism

- In an effort to attract more tourists as the high season approaches, **Thailand** has announced the **temporary removal of visa requirements for travellers from India and Taiwan starting from 10th November 2023 and continuing until 10th May 2024.**
- This decision follows a previous move in September to eliminate visa requirements for Chinese tourists, who were a significant source of visitors before the pandemic, accounting for 11 million out of the record 39 million arrivals in 2019.
- As per the announcement, travelers from India and Taiwan can enjoy a maximum stay of 30 days in Thailand without the need for a visa.

'AI' named Collins Word of the Year for 2023

- The **abbreviation of Artificial Intelligence (AI)** has been named the **Collins Word of the Year for 2023.**
- Lexicographers at Collins Dictionary said use of the term had "accelerated" and that it had become the dominant conversation of 2023.
- We know that AI has been a big focus this year in the way that it has developed and has quickly become as ubiquitous and embedded in our lives as email, streaming or any other once futuristic, now everyday technology," Collins managing director Alex Beecroft said.

India and Sri Lanka re-launched ETCA negotiations

- **India and Sri Lanka held the 12th round of negotiations on the Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement in Colombo, Sri Lanka.**
- The delegations from both sides delved into a spectrum of critical areas, including Trade in Goods, Technical Barriers to Trade, and Trade in Services.
- Both sides acknowledged the potential in India and Sri Lanka trade partnership and possibilities for enhanced economic relations.

Chile becomes 95th member of International Solar Alliance

- **Chile has become the 95th member of the International Solar Alliance ISA.**
- Chile handed over the Instrument of ISA ratification during the meeting of Ambassador Juan Angulo of Chile with Joint Secretary (Economic Diplomacy) in Ministry of External Affairs Abhishek Singh in New Delhi.
- The ISA is an alliance co-founded by India and France, focusing on the large-scale deployment of solar energy as a sustainable intervention to counter climate change. It emphasizes energy access, security, and transition through collaborative efforts among its member nations.

Mika becomes world's first robot CEO

- In the era where many workers are worrying about artificial intelligence (AI) replacing their jobs, one company has announced that it is hiring the first humanoid robot chief executive officer (CEO).
- Dictador, a spirit brand based in Colombia's Cartagena, has gone viral for appointing Mika, who is manifested as a robot.

- Mika is a research project between Hanson Robotics and Dictador. It has been customised to represent company value. Hanson Robotics also created Sophia, the popular humanoid robot.

Japan gets a new Island after an undersea volcano eruption

- The **world's newest island** has been formed off the coast of the Japanese island of Iwo Jima in the Pacific Ocean following an undersea volcanic eruption around 1,200 km south of Tokyo.
- The newly created island has not been named yet. However, as far as its measurement goes, it is approximately around 100 m in diameter, and took shape through phreatomagmatic eruptions. These eruptions are actually triggered when magma reacts with seawater, thereby resulting in explosive releases of ash and steam.

IMF executive board approved a 50% quota increase

- The **executive board** has approved a proposal to make a **50% increase in the quota allocated to members in proportion to their current quotas**.
- The proposal has come after the guidance from the IMF Committee at the 2023 annual meetings.
- Presently, India has a quota of Special Drawing Rights (SDR) of 13,114.4 million. This means India has a share of 2.75%.

"800"- biopic of Sri Lankan cricketer Muttiah Muralitharan released

- **"800"**, the biopic of **Sri Lankan cricket legend Muttiah Muralitharan**, will have its digital premiere on JioCinema on December 2.
- The Tamil film, starring "Slumdog Millionaire" actor Madhurr Mittal in the role of the spinner, was released in theatres on October 6.
- Written and directed by MS Sripathy, the film is titled "800" after the record number of wickets Muralitharan took in Test cricket. It is produced by Movie Train Motion Pictures.

New Zealand launches interactive map for biodiversity restoration

- **New Zealand** launched a **new interactive map to restore a minimum of 15 percent local biodiversity** within every catchment in the next nearly 100 years.
- The interactive map from Eco-index includes information on the type of habitat that existed there historically and targets for restoring 15 per cent of biodiversity in each area.
- The free, open access-resourced tool will help community groups, businesses, government and land managers to set restoration priorities for areas where local biodiversity is most at risk, said Eco-index, a program aiming at tackling the challenge of biodiversity decline in New Zealand.

WHO launches commission to foster social cohesion and loneliness

- The **World Health Organization** has announced a **new Commission on Social Connection, to address loneliness** as a pressing health threat, promote social connection as a priority and accelerate the scaling up of solutions in countries of all incomes.

- The Commission will consider how connection enhances the well-being of our communities and helps foster economic progress and social development.

ASEAN-India Millet Festival 2023 Kicks Off In South Jakarta, Indonesia

- The **Indian Mission to ASEAN in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare is organizing the ASEAN-India Millet Festival 2023**, in Indonesia from 22nd November to 26th November 2023. The inaugural session of the festival took place in the Kota Kasablanka Mall, a prominent shopping destination in South Jakarta, Indonesia.
- A Millet-centric exhibition is being held as part of the festival featuring participation from Millet-based FPOs, start-ups and Indian chefs.

Geert Wilders New PM of Dutch

- Geert Wilders, leader of the Freedom Party (PVV), secured a landmark win in the recent Dutch elections, signaling a growing shift towards far-right ideologies in Europe.
- Wilders, known for his anti-immigration stance and admiration for leaders like Donald Trump and Viktor Orban, is eyeing the position of the Netherlands' next prime minister.

ILO's needed concern for the workers and laborers across the world: Report

- Deaths due to work related factors are increasing so **ILO(International labor organization)** calls a report for the countries that they should concern and strengthen their power related to this serious issue.
- Around the world about **64% of workers' deaths** are caused by work related to **accidents, disease, exposure to fumes, gasses(4.5 lakh deaths)** according to the report released by the **International Labour Organisation (ILO)** and most of the deaths are reported from the **Asia Pacific region**.
- The report also recommended five categories of " **fundamental principles and rights at work**" they are as follows
 - Freedom of association
 - Elimination of forced labor
 - Abolition of child labour
 - Abolition of discrimination
 - Safe environment

Malaysia also joined others in granting visa free entry for Indians.

- Now Indians who are planning for a trip to **Malaysia** can visit without a Visa as on **25 November Malaysia's Prime minister Anwar Ibrahim** announced that they will facilitate Visa free entry to Indians from 1 December onwards.

Now Indians could visit 30 countries including Malaysia without Visa. The countries are as follows-

- Albania
- Mauritius
- Barbados
- Montserrat

- Bhutan
- Nepal
- British Virgin Islands
- Niue
- Cook Islands
- Oman
- Dominica
- Qatar
- El Salvador
- Senegal
- Fiji
- Saint Kitts
- Grenada
- Saint Vincent
- Haiti
- Sri Lanka
- Jamaica
- Trinidad
- Kazakhstan
- Tunisia
- Macao
- Thailand
- Micronesia
- Vanuatu
- Vietnam
- Malaysia

Cambodia Angkor Wat temple makes its place on 'wonder of the world' list

- The famous **Angkor temple in Cambodia** has become the 8th wonder in the world. **Angkor Wat** is also a **UNESCO world heritage site**.
- It is also in the **Guinness world records** as the **largest religious structure** across the world. It is the temple which was originally dedicated to Hindu deity **lord Vishnu** but now it is a **Buddhist site**.
- In the race of becoming the 8th wonder of the world one more participant is Pompeii in Italy. But Angkor temple in Cambodia won the race and became the 8th wonder in the world.
- This temple was built by **King Suryavarman II**.

ASEAN India Grassroots Innovation Forum's 4th edition launched in Langkawi, Malaysia

- **10 ASEAN members and 200 participants with India** participated at **4th edition of annual ASEAN India Grassroots Innovation forum** launched in Langkawi, Malaysia on 28th November.
- **Minister of science, technology and innovation Mr YB Chang Li kang launched the AIGIF 2023**. He noticed that year by year AIGIF serve as a dynamic stage for promoting innovations.

Merriam Webster announced 'Authentic' is the word of 2023.

- The **Word of the Year for 2023, according to Merriam-Webster, is "authentic."** This word is used a lot in what we think, write, aim and judge.
- In 2023, more people looked up this word than usual. It happened because of discussions about AI, celebrities, identity, and social media.
- **"Authentic" means not false or fake**, similar to being real or actual. It can also mean staying true to your own personality and character. Even though being authentic is a good thing, it's challenging to clearly define.

Chapter 14: Banking & Financial

GST collections surge to ₹1.72 lakh in October

- The **government** has collected **Rs 1,72,003 crore** in **October** through **GST**.
- This is the second-highest monthly collection after the Rs 1.87 lakh crore netted in April 2023.
- Gross GST revenue for October is 13 percent higher compared to the same month last year.
- During the month, revenue from domestic transactions (including import of services) is also 13 percent higher than the revenue from these sources during the same month last year. The average gross monthly GST collection in FY 2023-24 now stands at Rs 1.66 lakh crore, which is 11 percent higher compared to the previous financial year.
- October's GST revenues included Central GST (CGST) of ₹30,062 crore, State GST of ₹38,171 crore, and Integrated GST (IGST) of ₹91,315 crore.
- The government settled ₹42,873 crore to CGST and ₹36,614 crore to SGST from IGST, resulting in a total revenue of ₹72,934 crore for CGST and ₹74,785 crore for SGST in October 2023 after regular settlements.

RBI launches two key surveys for monetary policy inputs

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced the introduction of **two crucial surveys, namely the 'Inflation Expectations Survey of Households' and the 'Consumer Confidence Survey'**.

Inflation Expectations Survey of Households

- The 'Inflation Expectations Survey of Households' is designed to capture subjective assessments on price movements and inflation.
- It will gather data based on individual consumption baskets in 19 cities, including Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jammu, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Raipur, Ranchi, and Thiruvananthapuram.

Consumer Confidence Survey

- The 'Consumer Confidence Survey' will seek qualitative feedback from households, focusing on their sentiments concerning the general economic

situation, employment prospects, price levels, household income, and spending patterns.

- This survey, conducted regularly in the same 19 cities mentioned earlier, aims to gauge public sentiment on various economic factors.

Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated SBI's branch in Trincomalee

- **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** has inaugurated the **State Bank of India's branch in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka**.
- Governor of Eastern Province of Sri Lanka Senthil Thondaman, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay, and SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara graced the event.
- Recognizing SBI's 159-year-long presence, Mrs. Sitharaman praised its commitment to growth at home and abroad, especially during the Sri Lankan economic crisis.

Reliance Retail to acquire Arvind Fashions' Beauty Retail Business

- **Reliance Retail Ventures (RRVL)** is buying **Arvind Beauty Brands Retail**, a subsidiary of Arvind Fashions that runs the Sephora India business for **₹99 crore**.
- Reliance Retail has entered into the fast-growing beauty business with Tira, an omnichannel beauty retail platform.
- This acquisition follows earlier reports in local media suggesting that Sephora and Reliance Retail had **terminated discussions** regarding a potential retail partnership in the Indian market.

HSBC India launches e-bank guarantee services for MSMEs

- **Private sector lender HSBC India** has launched electronic bank guarantee services for its **MSMEs and corporate clients in association with National E-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL)** to replace the conventional time-intensive paper-based bank guarantee.
- The move is aimed to digitize trade and ease the guarantee issuance process digitally with the introduction of e-stamping and e-signing. With the new solution, the applicant will be able to instantly view a bank guarantee on the NeSL portal.

SBI authorized to issue & encash Electoral Bonds through 29 branches

- The Government of India has authorized **the State Bank of India, in the 29th Phase of sale, to issue and encash Electoral Bonds through its 29 Authorized Branches with effect from 6th to 20th of this month**.
- The Electoral Bonds shall be valid for 15 calendar days from the date of issue and no payment shall be made to any payee Political Party if the Electoral Bond is deposited after expiry of the validity period.
- The Electoral Bond deposited by an eligible Political Party in its account shall be credited on the same day.

RBI imposes penalties on Punjab National Bank, Federal Bank

- Reserve Bank of India has imposed monetary penalties on Punjab National Bank, Federal Bank, Kosamattam Finance, and Mercedes-Benz Financial Services India for rule violations.
- The central bank has imposed a penalty of Rs 72 lakh on Punjab National Bank, Rs 30 lakh on Federal Bank, Rs 13.38 lakh on Kosamattam Finance, and Rs 10 lakh on Mercedes-Benz Financial Services.
- Punjab National Bank received the penalty due to several violations, including levying SMS charges on certain accounts despite maintaining invalid mobile numbers in the Core Banking Solution (CBS), not strictly adhering to the interest rates as per the pre-disclosed schedule in several term deposit accounts, and failing to specify the interest reset date in MCLR-linked loans.
- Federal Bank was penalized for issuing demand drafts, each valued at rupees fifty thousand and above, without including the name of the purchaser on the face of the drafts.
- Kosamattam Finance was penalized for not maintaining a Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratio of 75 percent in certain loan accounts during the fiscal year 2021-22.
- Mercedes-Benz Financial Services India received a penalty for failing to conduct ongoing due diligence of its customers and for not updating the Know Your Customer (KYC) information of its high-risk customers as of March 31, 2021.

IndiaFirst Life becomes First Life Insurance Company to Obtain GIFT

- India First Life Insurance has received the registration to undertake life insurance business in the Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City-International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).
- The registration will enable India First Life to expand its reach globally. The organization is all geared to embark on the journey, once the necessary formalities are in place.

Nirmala Sitharaman launches 12 GST Seva Kendras in Vapi, Gujarat

- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated 12 Goods and Services Tax (GST) Seva Kendras in Vapi, Gujarat.
- It showcasing the government's commitment to enhancing the Ease of Doing Business in the country.
- Additionally, she recognized and rewarded the participants of the "Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar" (MBMA) scheme, which promotes the culture of generating bills during sales and purchase transactions.

ICICI Bank receives RBI's nod to make Securities a wholly-owned subsidiary

- ICICI Bank has received a green signal from the Reserve Bank to make I-Process Services (India) Private Ltd a wholly-owned subsidiary of the lender.
- The board of the bank had, at its meeting held on February 17-18, 2023, approved a proposal for making I-Process Services (India) Private Limited (iProcess) a wholly-owned subsidiary of the bank, subject to receipt of requisite regulatory and statutory approval.

- Started in 2005, I-Process Services (India) Private Ltd was set up to provide staffing solutions services for some of India's top financial institutions.

India's WPI records 7th consecutive month of deflation in October

- **India's wholesale inflation continued to decline for the seventh consecutive month** in October 2023.
- According to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the wholesale price index (WPI) recorded a 0.52 percent decline in October compared to the same period last year.
- Wholesale inflation recorded a contraction of 0.26 percent in September.
- The negative rate of inflation in October 2023 is primarily due to fall in prices of chemicals and chemical products, electricity, textiles, basic metals, food products, paper and paper products, etc. as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.
- Data showed that retail inflation, based on Consumer Price Index (CPI), eased to 4.87 percent in October compared to 5.02 percent in September this year.

Over 18.88 lakh new workers enrolled under ESI scheme in September

- **Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has added 18.88 lakh new workers under the ESI Scheme in September**, as per the latest payroll data.
- Around 22,544 new establishments were registered and brought under the social security umbrella of the ESIC in September, thereby ensuring more coverage.
- Data revealed that more jobs have been generated for the youth as of the 18.88 lakh employees added during the month, 9.06 lakh employees up to the age group of 25 constitute the majority of new registrations which is 47.98 percent of the total employees.

RBI Imposes ₹90.92 Lakh Monetary Penalty on Axis Bank

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken stringent action against Axis Bank Ltd, imposing a monetary penalty of ₹90.92 lakh.**
- The penalty, issued through an order dated November 2, 2023, is a consequence of Axis Bank's non-compliance with specific directives outlined by the RBI.
- The directives in question pertain to the Reserve Bank of India (Know Your Customer (KYC)) Directions, 2016, Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions, Guidelines on Managing Risks and Code of Conduct in Outsourcing of Financial Services by banks, and Code of Conduct for Opening and Operating Current Accounts.

Federal Bank introduces UPI lite for small-value digital payments

- **Federal Bank has launched UPI Lite to power small-value digital transactions in India.**
- NPCI introduced UPI Lite a simplified version of the Unified Payments Interface system to cater to the growing demand for faster and more efficient small-value payments.

- Benefits of UPI Lite for customers include reduction in transaction time, a ready-to-access bank statement, higher payment success rate and enhanced security.
- UPI lite account can be created within the existing UPI app without downloading a new app.

SEBI unveiled Investor Risk Reduction Access platform

- Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), **Madhabi Puri Buch** has launched the **Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform at the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)**.
- Risk Mitigation in financial markets is an evergreen subject and constant efforts are made by regulators to address risks of various kinds.

RBI extends payments infrastructure scheme by 2 years till Dec 2025

- RBI has extended the **Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF)** scheme by another two years till **December 31, 2025**. It will now include beneficiaries of the **PM Vishwakarma** scheme.
- “The decision to expand the targeted beneficiaries under the PIDF scheme will provide a fillip to the Reserve Bank’s efforts towards promoting digital transactions at the grassroots level.
- **About** - The PIDF Scheme was operationalised in **January 2021** for three years to incentivise the deployment of payment acceptance infrastructure such as physical **Point of Sale (PoS)**, **Quick Response (QR) codes** in **tier-3 to tier-6** centres, the **north-eastern states and Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh**.

RBI Imposes Fine Of ₹10.34 Crore On BoB, Citibank, And IOB

- The Reserve Bank of India, on 24 November, took stringent measures against **Citibank, Bank of Baroda, and Indian Overseas Bank, imposing penalties totaling ₹10.34 crore**.
- **Indian Overseas Bank bore the brunt of a ₹1 crore penalty** for non-compliance with specific directions issued by the RBI on ‘loans and advances – statutory and other restrictions.’
- Citibank, a major player in the banking sector, faced a hefty penalty **of ₹5 crore for failing to comply with various directives**.

RBI added 19 more to its unauthorized forex trading platforms

- RBI has recently updated the unauthorized forex trading list ‘**alert list**’ by adding 19 more unauthorized **forex trading platforms**.
- **After adding 19 more entities**, now there are **75 numbers** of unauthorized forex trading platforms in the list provided by RBI.
- This Alert list contains those trading platforms which are unauthorized under the **Foreign exchange management act 1999** and Electronic trading platforms **RBI directions 2018**.

SBI MF is going to buy a 9.9% stake in Karur Vysya Bank.

- **SBI Mutual Fund got permission from the RBI to buy up to a 9.99% share in Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.**

- The approval was given based on SBI Mutual Fund's request to the Reserve Bank of India. The bank mentioned in a filing that the approval will be canceled if SBI MF doesn't acquire a significant share within a year from the date of the letter.
- SBI Mutual Fund can't own more than 9.99% of the bank's shares altogether. If their ownership goes below 5%, they need approval from the RBI to increase it to 5% for more of the shares.

Chapter 15: Committee

| Committee | Headed by | Purpose |
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| The five-member jury for the best web series (OTT) award | Filmmaker Rajkumar Hirani | Filmmaker Rajkumar Hirani will serve as the head of the five-member jury for the best web series (OTT) award at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) . Actors Divya Dutta, Prosenjit Chatterjee, and filmmakers Krishna DK and Utpal Borpujari are part of the jury panel for the inaugural category. |

Chapter 16: Defence News

Minuteman III missile test-launched by US Air Force

- The **U.S. Air Force** had blown up a **Minuteman III** missile over the **Pacific Ocean** after an anomaly was detected following its launch **from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California**.
- The nuclear-capable **Minuteman III**, made by **Boeing**, is key to the **U.S. military's** strategic arsenal. The missile has a range of **6,000-plus miles (9,660-plus km)** and can travel at a speed of about **15,000 miles per hour (24,000 kph)**.
- About **400** of the missiles are located at **Air Force bases** in **Wyoming, Montana, and North Dakota**.

Russia seals deal to supply Igla anti-aircraft missiles to India

- **Russia** has signed a contract to **supply Igla-S hand-held anti-aircraft missiles** to **India** and **allow production of the Igla** there under licence.

- The Iгла-S is a man-portable air defence system (MANPADS) that can be fired by an individual or crew to bring down an enemy aircraft.
- India is the world's largest arms importer and Russia remains its largest supplier despite the damage to the reputation of its army and weaponry from the war in Ukraine.

IAF to organize air show at Ambala Air Force Station

- **Indian Air Force** will organize an air show on **23-24 November at Air Force Station in Ambala Cantonment**.
- During the air show, Surya Kiran and Akashganga teams will showcase their skills in the sky alongside the aircrafts of the Indian Air Force.
- Ambala Cantonment is a cantonment town in Ambala district in the state of Haryana, India. It is 200 km north of Delhi and 55 km southwest of Chandigarh.

France test-fires long-range ballistic missile 'M51.3'

- **France** has successfully **test-fired an M51.3 long-range ballistic missile**, boosting the credibility of France's nuclear deterrence capabilities.
- The missile, which did not carry a nuclear weapon, was fired from the French army's Biscarosse missile testing site in southwest France and landed in the North Atlantic, "hundreds of kilometres from any coastline.
- The M51.3 missile is an upgraded version of the M51, a three-stage sea-land strategic ballistic missile designed to be launched from French Navy submarines.
- The new M51.3 missile, which is expected to enter service around 2025, is developed by aerospace firm ArianeGroup, a joint venture between Arbus (AIR.PA) and French defence group Safran (SAF.PA)

Indian Navy deploys INS Sumedha in Mozambique to boost interoperability

- Under the ongoing extended operational deployment to Africa, **the Indian naval ship Sumedha reached Maputo, Mozambique on November 21**.
- **Aims-**"The port call is aimed at strengthening long-standing diplomatic relations, reinforce maritime co-operation and boost interoperability between both the navies. Professional interactions, cross-deck visits, planning conferences and joint EEZ surveillance from November 23-25, 2023 are scheduled during the visit."

Indigenous tank Zorawar will begin trials soon.

- **Tackling with the mighty Chinese front India** will begin trials of **the Zorawar light tank developed by DRDO and Larsen and Toubro**.
- First the testing will be done in the desert sector before taking them to high altitudes of **Ladakh**.
- **DRDO** is working with **L&T** to develop a **25 tonne light tank** which would be efficient in moving fast in the high mountainous regions.

The crest of the yard 12706(Imphal) unveiled by the defense ministry in Imphal.

- The crest of the yard 12706 in Imphal unveiled by the defense minister **Rajnath Singh** in the presence of Imphal CM **Shri N Biren Singh** on **28 November 2023 in New Delhi**.
- The design of the crest depicts the kangla sha on right and kangla on the left. Kangla is the important historical site of Manipur and considered as the traditional sign of the before kingdoms existing at that time.

The ship possess many indigenous content of about 75% that are as follows:

- Medium range surface to air missiles
- BrahMos surface to surface missiles
- 75mm super rapid gun mount
- Torpedo tube launchers

| Defence Exercise | Between | About |
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| The ninth edition of the joint military exercise "Mitra Shakti 2023" | India and Sri Lanka | The Indian contingent , of 120 personnel was represented mainly by troops from the Maratha Light Infantry regiment . The Sri Lankan side is being represented by personnel from the 53 Infantry Division . |
| 14th Edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise "VAJRA PRAHAR 2023" | INDIA-USA | Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR is a joint exercise conducted between Indian Army and US Army Special Forces . It aims at sharing best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics . |
| The second edition of the Joint Military Exercise AUSTRALIND-23 | An Indian Armed Forces and Australia | The Ministry of Defence (MoD) highlighted that the joint exercise aims to facilitate the exchange of ideas and the joint rehearsal of tactics, techniques , and |

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| | | procedures for tactical operations. |
| 17th edition of Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN | India- Nepal | Aim of the exercise is to enhance interoperability in jungle warfare , counter terrorism operations in mountainous terrain and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief under United Nations Charter on peace keeping operations. |

Chapter 17: Sports News

Saudi Arabia to host FIFA World Cup 2034

- **Saudi Arabia** was the only football association to present a bid to host the **2034 FIFA World Cup** before the deadline closed, soccer's global governing body FIFA confirmed.
- FIFA had invited bids from Asia and Oceania for the tournament and Saudi Arabia announced it would bid only minutes after the announcement.
- Australia said, it would **not be** presenting a bid to host the tournament, leaving Saudi Arabia as the only candidate.

David Willey to retire from international cricket after World Cup 2023

- **England all-rounder David Willey** has announced that he will retire from international cricket at the end of the **ODI World Cup 2023**.
- The 33-year-old made his debut for England in 2015 and since then he has earned 70 ODI caps and 43 in T20Is.
- He amassed 627 runs in the 50-over format and scalped 94 wickets at an average of 30.3 and an economy of 5.57.

Zahid Hussain clinches Silver at Asian Shooting Championship

- **Zahid Hussain** secured the **silver medal** at the **prestigious Asian Shooting Championship 2023** held in South Korea.
- He would be representing his nation on the international stage at the Paris Olympics.
- India shooter Manu Bhaker secured her Paris 2024 Olympics quota after she finished fifth in the women's 25m pistol final.

Statue of Sachin Tendulkar unveiled at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium

- **Legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar** has unveiled his **life-size statue** at the **Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai**, where India won the 2011 edition of the ICC World Cup.

- The statue was made by Pramod Kamble, who is a painter-sculptor from Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra.
- The statue captures Sachin Tendulkar in the dynamic act of executing a cricket stroke. The legendary cricketer used this shot frequently to smash over 34,000 runs in both Test and One Day International (ODI) matches.

Aishwaryatap Singh Tomar wins Gold in Asian Shooting Championship

- **Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar** won the gold medal in the **men's 50m rifle 3 positions individual event** and helped India grab a team silver at the Asian Shooting Championship in Changwon, South Korea.
- The 22-year-old Tomar shot 463.5 in the final to win the gold. China's Tian Jiaming took the silver with a score of 462.7. Another Chinese, Du Linshu picked up the bronze with 450.3.
- He won the bronze medal at the 2019 Asian Shooting Championships and secured a quota place for India at the 2020 Summer Olympics.
- The Indian trio of Tomar, Swapnil Kusale and Akhil Sheoran won the team silver with a total score of 1764, behind China (1777).

New York city wins first US National Gatka Championship

- The city of New York has been declared the winner of the US National Gatka Championship, the first-ever American national championship of the popular Sikh martial arts.
- Held at a Gurdwara in Queens, New York, over the weekend, the popular Sikh martial arts championship was attended by more than 100 players in different age groups from various parts of the country.
- The championship saw the Kansas Gatka Association securing the runner-up position, while the NJ Gatka Association achieved third place.

Indian Navy Sailing Championship 2023 begins in Mumbai

- The Indian Navy's most awaited and largest sailing regatta, the **Indian Navy Sailing Championship, started in Mumbai.**
- The Championship will hold from 05 Nov to 09 Nov 23.
- The Indian Naval Watermanship Training Centre (INWTC), Mumbai, one of the finest sailing facilities in the country, is geared up to host more than 100 pan-Navy participants who will test their sailing skills in five different classes of boats in three different formats of racing.
- INSC is an annual event conducted under the aegis of the Indian Naval Sailing Association (INSA) based at Naval Headquarters to encourage the participation of naval personnel in competitive sailing.

Sunil Narine announces retirement from international cricket

- **Mystery spinner Sunil Narine** has announced his **retirement from international cricket.**
- The 35-year-old played 6 Tests, 65 ODIs, and 51 T20Is and was part of the T20 World Cup-winning West Indies side in 2012.

- The T20 globetrotter last played for the senior national team in 2019 in T20I cricket. His last Test was in 2013 while he had not played an ODI after 2016.
- Sunil Narine also announced he would retiring from the domestic 50-over competition at the end of the ongoing Super 50 Cup in which he is representing Trinidad and Tobago.

Angelo Mathews becomes 1st to be 'timed out' in international cricket

- **Sri Lanka's Angelo Mathews** was controversially given "timed out" in a World Cup clash against Bangladesh, becoming the first man to suffer the dismissal in the 146-year history of international cricket.
- The former captain took more than two minutes to take strike and opposition skipper Shakib Al Hasan appealed, which was upheld by the on-field umpire.
- Mathews came into bat after the fall of Sadeera Samarawickrama in the 25th over but was unable to secure his helmet strap tightly enough, an action which delayed the resumption of play.
- According to the laws of cricket, after the fall of a wicket or the retirement of a batsman, the incoming player must be ready to receive the ball within two minutes.
- Bangladesh-Sri Lanka ODI World Cup match was held at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi.

Bangladesh to host 24th Asian Archery Championships in 2025

- **Bangladesh** will host the **24th Asian Archery Championships in 2025** after winning by 14-10 votes in the bid at the World Archery Asia Congress held in Bangkok, Thailand.
- A total of twenty-four member countries of the Asian continent participated in the congress.
- Bangladesh and China applied for bids as host countries for the 24th Asian Archery Championship.

India beat Japan 4-0 to win Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Cup

- **India beat Japan 4-0 to win the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy**, with goals from Sangita Kumari, Neha Goyal, Lalremsiami, and Vandana Katariya.
- India won their maiden Asian Champions Trophy title in 2016 in Singapore, while Japan bagged the crown twice, in 2013 and 2021.
- Asian Games champions China beat South Korea to secure third place.

Virat Kohli equals Sachin's record of highest number of ODI centuries

- **India batter Virat Kohli** has equalled **Sachin Tendulkar's record for most centuries in One-Day Internationals—49**.
- Overall, Kohli has now scored 79 international hundreds—one in T20Is and 29 in Tests.
- Virat touched the milestone in 277 innings as against Tendulkar's 452 innings.

Deepika Kumari secured 2 Gold at National Games 2023

- **Former world No. 1 archer Deepika Kumari clinched two gold and a silver medal, while Asian Championships gold medal-winning shooter Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar bagged the top spot in 50m rifle 3-positions event at the National Games.**
- Deepika, representing Jharkhand, began her medal rush with a gold in the women's individual category, and later paired with Mrinal Chauhan to secure the top podium finish in the mixed team category.
- She also helped Jharkhand win silver in the women's team event, where it lost to Haryana in the shootout.

Max Verstappen wins Brazilian Grand Prix 2023

- **Three-time champion Max Verstappen led from the start and won the Brazilian Grand Prix 2023.**
- **Sergio Perez of Red Bull finished in fourth place, distancing himself from Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton in one of the few competitions left this season -- a position for runner-up.**
- Perez nearly took the podium position from third-place Fernando Alonso of Aston Martin, but the Spaniard saw the checkered flag 0.053 seconds before the Mexican.

Meg Lanning retires from international cricket

- **Australian Women's captain Meg Lanning has announced her retirement from international cricket. Meg Lanning quit international cricket after winning seven World Cup titles during a 241-match career.**
- The 31-year-old also led Australia to a Commonwealth Games gold medal last year and is the country's leading run-getter across formats with 8352 runs in 241 games.
- Lanning, with two ICC Women's Cricket World Cup wins and five ICC Women's T20 World Cup victories to her name, retires from cricket at 31. She has scored over 8,000 runs in all formats for her nation.
- Lanning won her first ICC trophy at the T20 World Cup in Sri Lanka in 2012, which was soon succeeded by a victory in the 50-over World Cup in India the following year, 2013

Maharashtra secured top spot in 37th National Games 2023

- **Maharashtra secured the first position in the National Games 2023 and bagged 228 medals including 80 gold.**
- In 228 medals 80 gold, 69 silvers, and 79 bronze – win the Raja Bhalindra Singh Trophy, which is given to the team that wins most number of gold medals at the National Games.
- Maharashtra last topped the National Games medals table back in 1994.
- Athletes from 28 states, eight Union Territories, and Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) competed at the 37th National Games, which was held from October 26 to November 9. Goa hosted the event for the first time in its history.

- Services, who topped the previous four editions of the National Games, finished second with 66 gold, 27 silver, and 33 bronze medals. Haryana were third in the standings with 62 gold, 54 silver and 73 bronze.
- Services Sport Control Board also continued its second position in medal tally with a total of 117 medals including 59 Gold medals.
- Haryana stands at third position with a total of 161 medals including 53 gold medals.
- Over 10,000 athletes - around 3,000 more than the 2022 edition in Gujarat - competed for medals across 43 sports, which included traditional Olympic disciplines as well as indigenous sports like mallakhamb, kho kho and kabaddi, amongst others.

| Rank | State/Union Territory/Team | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
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| 1 | Maharashtra | 80 | 69 | 79 | 228 |
| 2 | Services | 66 | 27 | 33 | 126 |
| 3 | Haryana | 62 | 55 | 75 | 192 |
| 4 | Madhya Pradesh | 37 | 36 | 39 | 112 |
| 5 | Kerala | 36 | 24 | 27 | 87 |
| 6 | Karnataka | 32 | 32 | 37 | 101 |
| 7 | Manipur | 30 | 22 | 30 | 82 |
| 8 | Delhi | 29 | 26 | 67 | 122 |
| 9 | Goa | 27 | 27 | 38 | 92 |
| 10 | Tamil Nadu | 19 | 26 | 32 | 77 |

Novak Djokovic beats Grigor Dimitrov to win 7th Paris Masters title

- **Top-ranked Novak Djokovic won a record-extending seventh title at the Paris Masters with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Grigor Dimitrov in the final.**
- Djokovic, who had been pushed to three sets in his three previous matches, enjoyed a comfortable afternoon under the roof of the Palais Omnisports.
- The 36-year-old surpassed his own record as the tournament's oldest champion, notching his 40th Masters 1000 title and extending his winning streak to 18 matches.

Rachin Ravindra & Hayley Matthews won ICC Player of Month award

- **New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra claimed the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for October 2023.**
- Ravindra, the 23-year-old Blackcaps batter, claimed his first Men's Player of the Month award, showcasing exceptional form in the World Cup 2023 group stages.
- Ravindra beat India's speedster Jasprit Bumrah and South Africa opener Quinton de Kock for the prestigious accolade after a scorching start to the 2023 World Cup, claiming his award.
- His remarkable 406 runs at an average of 81.20 included a superb 123 not out against England and a blazing 116 against Australia.
- **While West Indies captain Hayley Matthews bags ICC Women's Player of the Month award for October 2023.**

ICC suspends Sri Lanka Cricket's membership with immediate effect

- Sri Lanka Cricket's (SLC) membership of the International Cricket Council (ICC) has been suspended with immediate effect for government interference.
- Sri Lanka's Ministry of Sport dismissed SLC's board and replaced it with an interim committee following the country's poor performance at this year's World Cup but the sacking was stayed by Sri Lanka's Court of Appeal.
- ICC said that the SLC had breached its obligations as a member, in particular the requirement to manage its affairs autonomously and without government interference.

Canada won its first Billie Jean King Cup

- Leylah Fernandez and Marina Stakusic won their singles matches as Canada beat Italy 2-0 to claim its first-ever Billie Jean King Cup.
- Stakusic ranked 258th in the world, put Canada ahead by defeating No. 43 Martina Trevisan 7-5, 6-3 for the biggest win of her career, then Fernandez sealed the victory by beating Jasmine Paolini 6-2, 6-3 at La Cartuja Stadium.
- Canada, captained by Heidi El Tabakh, became the 13th nation to win the Billie Jean King cup and the second consecutive new champion after Switzerland won in Glasgow 12 months ago.
- The Canada men's team is the current Davis Cup champion.

Virender Sehwag, Diana Edulji & Aravind D'Silva enter ICC's Hall of Fame

- Three cricketing greats and standout performers in the history of the game - Former Indian legendary opener Virender Sehwag, former Indian Women Test skipper Diana Edulji, and Sri Lanka's iconic star Aravinda de Silva are the latest inductees to be added to the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the name of the three legends of cricket as the latest inductees of the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.
- Sehwag had dynamism a destructive opener of the modern era holds a record that is still hard to match, the first Indian with a Triple century. Sehwag has in fact scored two Triple Hundreds
- During his illustrious career, Sehwag scored 23 Test centuries, the fifth most by an India men's player, and claimed a record of the highest score by an Indian player ever, 319 which was against South Africa in Chennai in 2008. Overall, Sehwag has 8,586 runs to his name at an average of 49.34 in 104 appearances.

India finished Asian Archery Championships in Bangkok with seven medals

- India ended its campaign at the Asian Archery Championships in Bangkok with seven medals comprising three gold, a silver, and three bronze.
- In the Women's team final, Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur, and Aditi Gopichand Swami defeated Chinese Taipei in a thrilling contest to win the yellow metal.
- Kaur also won gold in the women's individual event after beating compatriot Vennam in the final.

- India won their second gold medal of the day after Swami and Priyansh beat Thailand in the final of the Mixed Team event.

Gurkeerat Singh Mann announced retirement from international cricket

- **Gurkeerat Singh Mann**, who played three ODIs on the 2016 tour of Australia, has **announced his retirement from international and Indian cricket**
- Besides batting in the middle-order for India, the 33-year-old also bowled 10 overs of off-spin in the ODI series against Australia.
- He first attracted attention on the domestic circuit in 2011 when his fiery batting helped Punjab win the CK Nayudu Trophy.
- He was also in brilliant form during the Ranji Trophy in 2015-16, when he slammed a double century.

Rohit Sharma Now First Batsman To Hit 50 Sixes In World Cup

- **Rohit Sharma** created a unique record at the semi-final game against New Zealand.
- Rohit Sharma became the first batsman in the **World Cup to hit 50 or more sixes and breaking Chris Gayle's record of hitting 49 sixes.**
- Rohit Sharma has already 51 sixes in this tournament. Rohit Sharma has also got another record to his name for hitting the most number of sixes in a single edition of the World Cup.
- Rohit Sharma has already hit 28 sixes in the 2023 edition of World Cup. Rohit Sharma also completed his 2,000 runs as captain of India in 44 matches.

Virat Kohli breaks Sachin Tendulkar's record for most centuries in an ODI

- **Virat Kohli** becomes first batter in the world to score 50 ODI centuries, breaks iconic **Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 centuries.**
- Virat Kohli breaks the long-standing record of compatriot Sachin Tendulkar for the most ODI hundreds of all-time.
- Kohli took just 279 innings to become the first cricketer to score 50 centuries. Tendulkar, his idol, had scored 49 hundreds in 452 innings.
- Virat Kohli has also goes past Sachin Tendulkar's record for most runs in a single World Cup. He has gone past 673 runs which Tendulkar made in the 2003 World Cup.

Mohammed Shami becomes 1st India bowler to pick up 50 wickets in ODI World Cup

- **Mohammed Shami** has become the **fastest bowler to pick up 50 wickets in the ODI World Cup.**
- The Indian pacer accomplished the milestone in his 17th innings, breaking the record of Australian speedster Mitchell Starc, who had set the record earlier in the 2023 edition in his 19th innings.
- Shami also became the first Indian to pick up 50 wickets in the ODI World Cup. He is also the seventh after Glenn McGrath, Muttiah Muralitharan, Starc, Lasith Malinga, Wasim Akram and Trent Boult to reach the 50-wicket landmark in the history of the mega event.

Virat Kohli earns the "Player of the Tournament" title in the Cricket World Cup 2023

- **Indian star batter Virat Kohli** has been awarded with the "**player of the tournament**" title in the **ICC World Cup 2023** for his exemplary performance.
- Kohli scored a total of 765 runs in 11 innings, the highest-ever runs scored by a batter in a single edition of the World Cup. He averaged at 95.62, and ended up with a strike rate of 90.3
- The former Indian skipper also added 6 fifties & 3 centuries to his name.

Australia won the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023

- **Australia lifted the ICC Men's Cricket world cup** defeating India by six wickets in the final at the **Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad**.
- Chasing a modest target of 241 runs, Australia completed the task in 43 overs for the loss of four wickets with a gritty century knock of Travis Head, after some initial setbacks. He made 137 and was declared Player of the Match.

Max Verstappen won the Las Vegas Grand Prix 2023

- **Max Verstappen** emerged on top at the end of an action-packed **Las Vegas Grand Prix**, beating Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc and Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez.
- Max Emilian Verstappen is a Belgian and Dutch racing driver and the 2021, 2022, and 2023 Formula One World Champion.

Imad Wasim Retires From International Cricket

- Imad Wasim, the **34-year-old all-rounder from Pakistan**, has decided to **retire from all forms of international cricket**. This marks the end of a journey that saw him don the green jersey for 121 appearances across ODIs and T20Is.
- Imad Wasim leaves behind a commendable record, having played in 55 ODIs and 66 T20Is for Pakistan.

Anahat Singh Becomes Second Youngest To Win National Squash Championship Title

- 15-year-old Anahat Singh scripted history by becoming the second youngest title winner in the history of Senior National Squash Championships.
- The young prodigy faced off against Tanvi Khanna in the final, where Khanna was unfortunately forced to retire midway through the match due to a knee injury.
- Anahat's victory marked a historic moment, as she triumphed against her opponent who is 12 years her senior.

Max Verstappen Won Abu Dhabi Grand Prix

- Max Verstappen concluded his exceptional season with a comfortable victory at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, securing his 19th win of the campaign and 54th overall.

This accomplishment propels him to third place on the all-time list of Formula One champ Khelo India Para Games 2023 logo and Mascot Ujjwala launched by Anurag Thakur.

- **Shri Anurag Thakur, Union minister of youth affairs and sports** unveiled the logo and Muscat for the first ever **khelo India paragame 2023**. This event was

graced by the presence of famous **athletes and paraathletes** providing an important step towards inclusivity in Indian sports.

- **Ujjwala, a sparrow**, is the symbol of **pride and determination** is revealed during the occasion. As the sparrow is the state bird of Delhi embodies the spirit of **khelo India 2023** sending a beautiful message that strength manifests in diverse forms.

Vidya Pillai Clinches 6-Red Snooker World Title.

- **Vidya Pillai gained a huge milestone by securing the IBSF 6 Red snooker world championship title in Doha, Qatar**, which added a new feature in her cap.
- Vidya Pillai has won many international medals for India, achieving a **gold medal in the IBSF World Team Snooker Championship in 2013**, secured another gold in the **IBSF Australian Women's Ranking Snooker Championship in 2016**.

Italy Defeat Australia To Win Davis Cup For First Time Since 1976.

- **Italy proved its power as one of the most promising tennis nations in the world by defeating Australia 2-0** to become **Davis Cup champions for the first time since 1976**.
- The player ranked fourth in the world won the second singles match. Matteo Arnaldi worked hard to beat Alexei Popyrin 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 in the first match. Italy reached the Davis Cup 2023 final by defeating Novak Djokovic's Serbia on Saturday. In the final held in Malaga, Spain, Matteo Arnaldi displayed Italy's determination with a 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 victory over Alexei Popyrin.

Chapter 18: Book and Author

| Book | Author |
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| 'Pranab, My Father: A Daughter Remembers' | Authored by Sharmishtha Mukherjee |

Chapter 19: Important Day

| Date | Day | Theme/Importance |
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| 1 November | 7 Indian States & 2 UTs celebrated their Formation Day | The states celebrating the formation day today are Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab. The Union Territories of |

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| | | Lakshadweep and Puducherry are also celebrating their formation day. |
| 1 November | World Vegan Day | Theme 2023 - Celebrating for a Good Cause |
| 3 November | World Jellyfish Day | November is springtime in the southern hemisphere . This is the time of the year when jellyfish migrate to the coastlines of the northern hemisphere . |
| 3 November | International Day for Biosphere Reserve | This occasion provides an opportunity to understand and appreciate Biosphere Reserves (BR) and their significance in preserving the delicate balance between nature and culture . |
| 5 November | World Tsunami Awareness Day | Theme 2023 - Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future |
| 6 November | International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War | Theme 2023: Together for a more sustainable and peaceful future |
| 7 November | National Cancer Awareness Day | Objective - To create more awareness about the disease and how we can detect it early. |
| 7 November | Infant Protection Day | Theme 2023 - Ensuring Every Child's Right to Thrive |
| 8 November | World Radiography Day | Theme 2023 - Celebrating Patient Safety |
| 9 November | World Usability Day | Theme 2023 - Collaboration and Cooperation |
| 9 November | Legal Services Day | The day holds historical importance as it marks the anniversary of the enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act in 1995 . |
| 9 November | 23rd Foundation Day of Uttarakhand | It was on this day in 2000, that Uttarakhand was created by carving out from Uttar Pradesh . |

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| 10 November | World Science Day for Peace and Development | Theme 2023 - Building Trust in Science |
| 11 November | National Education Day | Theme 2023 - Embracing Innovation |
| 12 November | World Pneumonia Day | On this day, health organizations, together with ordinary people , try to educate, raise awareness, and promote advocacy that pneumonia is curable . |
| 13 November | World Kindness Day | Theme 2023 - Be Kind Wherever Possible |
| 14 November | Children's Day or 'Bal Diwas' | The day is celebrated to appreciate and acknowledge children as they are the future of the county . This date also marks the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of the nation Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru , who was adorably referred to as ' Chacha Nehru ' by children. |
| 14 November | World Diabetes Day | Theme 2023 - Access to diabetes care |
| 15 November | Jharkhand Foundation Day | Jharkhand is the 28th state of India . It was formed on November 15, 2000 after a long-standing tribal movement for statehood . |
| 16 November | World Philosophy Day | Theme 2023 - Philosophical Reflection in a Multicultural World |
| 16 November | International Day of Tolerance | International Day of Tolerance is observed annually on November 16 with the primary aim of promoting mutual understanding and respect among all the diverse cultures and communities across the globe . |
| 16 November | National Press Day | The objective behind celebrating the day is to pay tribute to the contributions of the Press Council of India . Everyone should celebrate the day with great enthusiasm . |

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| 17 November | International Students Day | This celebration is particularly significant for those studying abroad, facing the challenges of navigating new cultures, languages, financial hurdles, and homesickness. |
| 17 November | National Epilepsy Day | The day is dedicated to spread awareness and educate people about a brain disorder known as Epilepsy . Characterized by repeated brain seizures, epilepsy is caused due to abnormal activities of the brain. |
| 17 November | World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day | Theme 2023 - Breathing is Life - Act Earlier |
| 17 November | World Prematurity Day | Theme 2023 - Small actions, big impact: Immediate skin-to-skin care for every baby everywhere |
| 19 November | International Men's Day | Theme 2023 - Zero Male Suicide |
| 19 November | World Toilet Day | The main objective of celebrating this day is to make people aware of the cleanliness of toilets. |
| 19 November | Women's Entrepreneurship Day | Women's Entrepreneurship Day was established by the Women's Entrepreneurship Development Organization (WEDO) , an NGO , aimed at alleviating global poverty . |
| 20 November | World Children's Day | Theme 2023 - For Every Child, Every Right |
| 20 November | Africa Industrialization Day | It's a period when governments and organizations in several African countries consider how to accelerate the continent's industrialization. |
| 20 November | World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims | Theme 2023 - Accelerating Change |
| 21 November | World Television Day | Television plays a crucial role in our lives and our homes are incomplete without it. It is a source of |

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| | | entertainment and information that enriches our lives. |
| 24 November | Shaheedi Diwas Or Martyrdom Day Of 'Guru Tegh Bahadur' | November 24 is annually observed as a day of remembrance and reflection on the invaluable contribution of Guru Tegh Bahadur Singh to the Sikh faith and the broader tapestry of Indian history . |
| 25 November | International Day For The Elimination Of Violence Against Women 2023 | Theme-" UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls. " |
| 26 November | World Sustainable Transport Day 2023 | World Sustainable Transport Day 2023 focuses on the theme " Sustainable transport, sustainable development ". |
| 26 November | National Milk Day | Dr. Verghese Kurien also known as the Milkman of India . The White Revolution , also known as Operation Flood was a landmark initiative launched by Dr. Kurien in the 1970s . |
| 26 November | Samvidhan Divas | On November 26 , India commemorates a day of profound significance – Constitution Day , also known as Samvidhan Divas . |
| 27 November | Guru Nanak Jayanti 2023 | Guru Nanak Jayanti , also known as Gurpurab , holds immense significance in the Sikh community as it marks the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the revered founder of the Sikh religion. |
| 29 November | International Day Of Solidarity with the Palestinian People | The United Nations decided that every year on November 29 , we should celebrate the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People . This was decided in 1977 by the General Assembly and it means we show support and unity with the Palestinian People on this day. |

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| 30 November | International ESG day | International ESG Day , celebrated on November 30th . It emphasizes Environmental, Social, and Governance factors in business and investing. |
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Chapter 20: Science & Technology

Aligarh Muslim University to launch Its Own Satellite

- The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), under the Department of Space, the government of India, has approved **Aligarh Muslim University's (AMU) proposal** for the development of the **varsity's first satellite, to be named after its founder Sir Syed Ahmad Khan**.
- The satellite is tentatively scheduled to be launched in 6 months.
- The SS AMU SAT is a nanosatellite project which began in November 2021 under AMU Robo Club.
- A 3U CubeSat is a standardized and relatively small satellite used for various purposes, including research, technology demonstration, and earth observation.

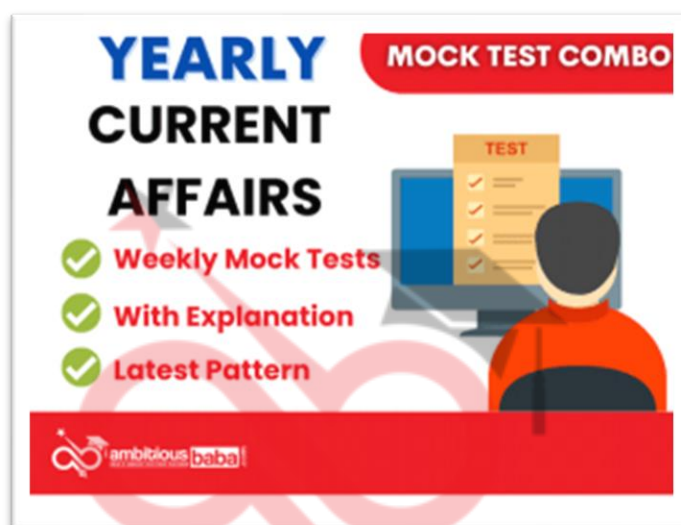
Chapter 21: Obituary

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| Eminent singer, musicologist and writer Leela Omchery | Proficient in Carnatic, Hindustani, Sopanam and folk music , she was honoured her with Padma Shri in 2008 . |
| NASA Apollo astronaut Thomas Kenneth Mattingly II | Mattingly was a pivotal figure in the Apollo Program and played a crucial role in ensuring the safe return of the Apollo 13 crew to Earth after an onboard explosion jeopardized their lunar mission . |
| Former Odisha Assembly speaker Maheswar Mohanty | Mohanty was elected to the Odisha Assembly from Puri constituency five times . Popularly referred to as the "strongman" of Puri , Mohanty was elected as a Janata Dal candidate in 1995 and as a BJD nominee in 2000, 2004, 2009, and 2014 . |

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| <p>Former Karnataka Law minister D. B. Chandregowda</p> | <p>Veteran politician and former minister D B Chandre Gowda, who vacated his Lok Sabha seat for former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi that allowed her to stage a political comeback post Emergency in 1978, passed away at the age of 87.</p> |
| <p>Former Nagaland Governor Padmanabha Acharya</p> | <p>Acharya had served as governor of Nagaland, Tripura, Assam and also handled the responsibilities as the governor of Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh.</p> |
| <p>Prithvi Raj Singh Oberoi, Oberoi Group Chairman</p> | <p>He was the Executive Chairman of EIH Limited, the Flagship Company of The Oberoi Group, and the Chairman of Oberoi Hotels Private Limited, the major shareholder of EIH Limited.</p> |
| <p>Founder of Sahara group, Subrata Roy</p> | <p>Born in Bihar's Araria in 1948, he made a modest start with a capital for only Rs 2,000 to build Sahara India.</p> |
| <p>Indian art historian and a world authority on miniature paintings, Brijinder Nath Goswamy</p> | <p>Best known for his path-breaking work on the Pahari style of paintings, Prof Goswamy is the author of more than 26 books.</p> |
| <p>Former RBI Governor S Venkitaramanan</p> | <p>Venkataraman managed the affairs at the central bank when the country faced two major crisis – balance of payment crisis that led to the pledging of gold and the securities scam triggered by Harshad Mehta – in the 1990-92 period.</p> |
| <p>'Dhoom' Director Sanjay Gadhvi</p> | <p>He was known for directing the 2004 film Dhoom and its 2006 sequel Dhoom 2.</p> <p>Gadhvi made his directorial debut with Tere Liye in 2000.</p> |

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| <p>sFormer Head of 'Soka Gakkai' Daisaku Ikeda</p> | <p>Over several decades, Ikeda developed connections with the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and became an ally of the government. Ikeda increased the organization's global popularity which is based on the teachings of the 13th-century Japanese priest Nichiren.</p> |
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