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## Chapter 1: Appointment (National and International)

## (National)

**September**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Person</u>
<b>The Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) has appointed as its new chairman</b>	Umesh Revankar (Updated 1 September)
<b>Appointed as the first woman CEO and chairperson of the Railway Board.</b>	Jaya Verma Sinha (Updated 1 September)
<b>Industrialist Anand Mahindra appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Swaraj Tractors, a company of Mahindra &amp; Mahindra</b>	Mahendra Singh Dhoni (Updated 2 September)
<b>New Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau (PIB)</b>	Manish Desai (Updated 4 September)
<b>New Secretary of the Ministry of Mines</b>	V.L. Kantha Rao (Updated 4 September)
<b>Resigned as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank.</b>	Uday Kotak (Updated 4 September)
<b>New chairman of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune.</b>	R Madhavan (Updated 5 September)
<b>New Chairperson of the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)</b>	Rajesh Nambiar (Updated 5 September)
<b>New MD in the State Bank of India (SBI)</b>	Vinay Tonse (Updated 7 September)
<b>Appointed as Secretary of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).</b>	Neeraj Mittal (Updated 7 September)
<b>Women's fashion brand W has on-boarded actor and entrepreneur as its brand ambassador</b>	Anushka Sharma (Updated 8 September)
<b>New Principal Chief Operations Manager of Central Railway at Pune.</b>	Shyam Sunder Gupta (Updated 8 September)

<b>Reappointed as the (MD and CEO) of ICICI Bank</b>	Sandeep Bakshi (Updated 13 September)
<b>New Tata Steel global Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the next five years</b>	TV Narendran (Updated 13 September)
<b>New Director (Finance) of the state-owned Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)</b>	Joshit Ranjan Sikidar (Updated 14 September)
<b>New Vice Chairperson of the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)</b>	Sindhu Gangadharan (Updated 17 September)
<b>New interim director of probe agency Enforcement Directorate</b>	Rahul Navin (Updated 17 September)
<b>Appointed as the Chairman of Mastercard India</b>	Rajnish Kumar (Updated 18 September)
<b>Exxon Mobil has signed as the new brand ambassador for its lubrication brand Mobilil</b>	Hrithik Roshan (Updated 18 September)
<b>New Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2023-2024</b>	Srinivasan K Swamy (Updated 19 September)
<b>Become the first woman surgeon to join the elite Para Special Forces of the Indian Army</b>	Major Dr Payal Chhabra (Updated 19 September)
<b>New Chairman of the Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA).</b>	Dhananjay Joshi (Updated 20 September)
<b>Reappointed as HDFC Bank MD and CEO</b>	Sashidhar Jagdishan (Updated 21 September)
<b>The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has appointed as vice-president for Market Solutions</b>	Bhargav Dasgupta (Updated 25 September)
<b>New Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICICI Lombard</b>	Sanjeev Mantri (Updated 26 September)
<b>RBI Deputy Governor gets one-year extension</b> <b>About Reserve Bank of India (RBI)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Founded</b> - 1 April 1935</li> <li>• <b>RBI Nationalized</b> - 1 January 1949</li> </ul>	M. Rajeshwar Rao (Updated 27 September)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Headquarters</b> - Mumbai, Maharashtra</li> <li>• <b>RBI set up</b> - Hilton Young Commission</li> <li>• <b>1st Governor</b> - Sir Osborne Smith (Australia)</li> <li>• <b>1st Indian Governor</b> - CD Deshmukh</li> <li>• <b>25th Governor</b> - Shaktikanta Das</li> </ul>	
<b>Japanese apparel retailer Uniqlo has appointed Bollywood actress as its first brand ambassador in India</b>	Katrina Kaif (Updated 27 September)
<b>New President of Intel India</b>	Gokul Subramaniam (Updated 28 September)

**October**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Person</u>
<b>New Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)</b>	Saugata Gupta (Updated 2 October)
<b>The Printers (Mysore) Pvt. Ltd was elected Chairman of the Press Trust of India's Board of Directors</b>	K.N. Shanth Kumar (Updated 2 October)
<b>28th director general (DG) of the Border Roads Organization (BRO)</b>	Lieutenant General Raghu Srinivasan (Updated 3 October)
<b>The Union government has extended the tenure, the incumbent chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)</b>	Nitin Gupta (Updated 3 October)
<b>Appointed part-time chairman of Dhanalakshmi Bank by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)</b>	KN Madhusudanan (Updated 3 October)
<b>South Indian Bank has appointed as its MD &amp; CEO</b>	P R Seshadri (Updated 3 October)
<b>New Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff (DCNS)</b>	Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti (Updated 5 October)
<b>The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the extension as the CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)</b>	Amit Agrawal (Updated 5 October)
<b>The Reserve Bank of India has appointed as the Executive Director</b>	Muneesh Kapur

	(Updated 6 October)
<b>New Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)</b>	Ramaswamy N (Updated 6 October)
<b>Appointed as Global CEO of PayU</b>	Anirban Mukherjee (Updated 9 October)
<b>The Government of India extended the tenure of SBI Chairman</b>	Dinesh Khara (Updated 10 October)
<b>Reliance Retail's JioMart has signed up as its brand ambassador</b>	Mahendra Singh Dhoni (Updated 11 October)
<b>The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) has elected as its new chairman and vice-chairperson</b>	Navneet Munot and Anthony Heredia (Updated 12 October)
<b>New National President of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC)</b>	Pankaj Bohra (Updated 15 October)
<b>New non-executive part-time chairman of the South Indian Bank</b>	VJ Kurian (Updated 15 October)
<b>New Director of Finance of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)</b>	Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty (Updated 17 October)
<b>New Chairman and Managing Director of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO)</b>	Sanjay Kulshreshtha (Updated 20 October)

### **November**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Person</u>
<b>New Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL)</b>	Koppu Sadashiv Murthy (Updated 1 November)
<b>New CEO &amp; MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited.</b>	Deepesh Nanda (Updated 4 November)
<b>Re-appointed as Chairman of the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT).</b>	Former Delhi High Court Chief Justice Rajendra Menon (Updated 4 November)
<b>Appointed as Joint Director in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)</b>	Senior IPS officer Pravin Madhukar Pawar (Updated 6 November)

<b>Appointed as Executive Director by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)</b>	Manoranjan Mishra (Updated 6 November)
<b>Appointed as Executive Director of the Bank of Maharashtra</b>	Rohit Rishi (Updated 6 November)
<b>Appointed as Surveyor General of India</b>	Hitesh Kumar S Makwana (Updated 8 November)
<b>New Chief Information Commissioner</b>	Heeralal Samariya (Updated 8 November)
<b>NPCI appoints as 'UPI Safety Ambassador' to strengthen safety awareness on digital payment platforms.</b>	Pankaj Tripathi (Updated 10 November)
<b>New Director of the Special Protection Group (SPG)</b>	Alok Sharma (Updated 18 November)
<b>Appointed as MD &amp; CEO of Kotak Bank</b>	Ashok Vaswani (Updated 18 November)
<b>The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of as directors of Jio Financial Services</b>	Isha Ambani, Anshuman Thakur, and Hitesh Kumar Sethia (Updated 19 November)
<b>Appointed as interim Chief Executive officer of OpenAI</b>	Mira Murati (Updated 21 November)
<b>New Managing Director of the State Bank of India</b>	Vinay M. Tonse (Updated 22 November)
<b>Acko appoints as its brand ambassador</b>	R Madhavan (Updated 22 November)
<b>Appointed as brand ambassador of West Bengal</b>	Sourav Ganguly (Updated 23 November)
<b>The board of directors at Bandhan Bank has reappointed as the Managing Director &amp; Chief Executive Officer (MD&amp;CEO).</b>	Chandra Shekhar Ghosh (Updated 24 November)
<b>Appointed as president-elect of industry body FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce &amp; Industry)</b>	Anish Shah (Updated 25 November)
<b>HDFC Bank Appoints As Director</b>	Harsh Kumar Bhanwala (Updated 29 November)



<b>Fino Payments Bank has chosen as its non-executive chairman</b>	Rajat Kumar Jain (Updated 29 November)
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**December**

<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Person</u></b>
<b>New chairman of the India Debt Resolution Co Ltd (IDRCL)</b>	Narayan Seshadri (Updated 3 December)
<b>Become the first woman medical officer in the Indian Army to be deployed at Siachen</b>	Captain Geetika Koul (Updated 7 December)
<b>New Vice Chief of Naval Staff</b>	Dinesh Tripathi (Updated 7 December)
<b>New Executive Director of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)</b>	Jithesh John (Updated 7 December)
<b>Max Life Insurance appoints as Chairman</b>	Rajiv Anand (Updated 8 December)
<b>New Chief Minister of Mizoram</b>	Lalduhoma (Updated 9 December)
<b>New CM of Chhattisgarh</b>	Vishnu Deo Sai (Updated 10 December)
<b>New President of the industry association FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce &amp; Industry).</b>	Anish Shah (Updated 12 December)
<b>New chief minister of Madhya Pradesh</b>	Dr. Mohan Yadav (Updated 12 December)
<b>New Chief Minister of Rajasthan</b>	Bhajan Lal Sharma (Updated 13 December)
<b>Tripura appoints as its tourism brand ambassador</b>	Sourav Ganguly (Updated 14 December)
<b>Appointed as CEO and MD of Stellantis India</b>	Aditya Jairaj (Updated 15 December)
<b>Took charge as Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services</b>	Maheshwar Dayal (Updated 21 December)

<b>Becomes new president Wrestling Federation of India</b>	Sanjay Singh (Updated 24 December)
<b>Named as Health Ambassador for Salaam Bombay Foundation</b>	Amrita Raichand (Updated 24 December)
<b>Appointed as Director (Works) of National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)</b>	Pramod Sharma (Updated 24 December)
<b>Assumed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India arm Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL)</b>	Uday A Kaole (Updated 24 December)
<b>Reappointed as the executive director of ICICI Bank</b>  <b>About Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Founded - 1994</li> <li>• Headquarters - Mumbai</li> <li>• MD &amp; CEO - Sandeep Bakhshi</li> <li>• Tagline - Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka</li> </ul>	Sandeep Batra (Updated 24 December)
<b>The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved the appointment as the new Chairman of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)</b>	Pramod Agrawal (Updated 26 December)
<b>Merger-bound North East Small Finance Bank has appointed as interim MD and CEO</b>	Satish Kumar Kalra (Updated 26 December)
<b>Signed as Brand Ambassador for Football</b>	Kartik Aaryan (Updated 28 December)
<b>Bisleri signed as it's Global Brand Ambassador</b>	Deepika Padukone (Updated 28 December)
<b>The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment Kotak Mahindra Bank as its part-time chairman</b>  <b>About Kotak Mahindra Bank</b>	C S Rajan (Updated 28 December)
<b>Appoints as ambassador of Mumbai Marathon</b>	Katie Moon (Updated 29 December)
<b>Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has appointed as the new Chief Risk Officer (CRO)</b>	S Sunder Krishnan (Updated 29 December)

<b>HDFC Bank approves re-appointed as chairman</b>	Atanu Chakraborty (Updated 31 December)
<b>Becomes first woman to be appointed as DG of CISF</b>	Nina Singh (Updated 31 December)

### **January**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Person</u>
<b>The government has appointed as the Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission</b>	Arvind Panagariya (Updated 1 January)
<b>New Managing Director (MD) and CEO of the Kotak Mahindra Bank</b>	Ashok Vaswani (Updated 2 January)
<b>State-owned Power Grid Corporation has appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)</b>	Ravindra Kumar Tyagi (Updated 2 January)
<b>Became Spokesperson of Ministry of External Affairs</b>	Randhir Jaiswal (Updated 5 January)
<b>New Managing Director of National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL)</b>	P Santhosh (Updated 7 January)
<b>The Indian Olympic Association has appointed as the Chief Executive Officer</b>	Raghuram Iyer (Updated 7 January)
<b>New CEO of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone</b>	Ashwani Gupta (Updated 8 January)
<b>Appointed as ED of Asian Development Bank</b>	Vikas Sheel (Updated 8 January)
<b>The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has appointed as Executive Director (ED) for a period of three years</b>	G Ram Mohan Rao (Updated 9 January)
<b>The Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism &amp; Hospitality (FAITH) has appointed as its Chairman</b>	Puneet Chhatwal (Updated 9 January)
<b>Takes over as Secretary of Railway Board</b>	Aruna Nayar (Updated 9 January)
<b>Walmart-owned fintech firm PhonePe has appointed as chief executive officer of its international payments business.</b>	Ritesh Pai (Updated 10 January)

<b>Appointed as Additional Secretary and Director General (Acquisition) in the Defence Ministry.</b>	Samir Kumar Sinha (Updated 11 January)
<b>Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor, who is in charge of monetary policy and is a member of the monetary policy committee</b>	Michael D. Patra (Updated 15 January)
<b>Took over as Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy</b>	Vineet McCarty (Updated 17 January)
<b>New Director General Naval Operations (DGNO)</b>	AN Pramod (Updated 18 January)
<b>Takes Over as Chief Staff Officer at Eastern Naval Command</b>	Shantanu Jha (Updated 19 January)
<b>RuPay Prime Volleyball powered by A23 has appointed as its brand ambassador</b>	Hrithik Roshan (Updated 19 January)
<b>New Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)</b>	Daljit Singh Chaudhary (Updated 20 January)
<b>New Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of DCB Bank</b>	Praveen Achuthan Kutty (Updated 20 January)
<b>New CEO of Snacks and beverage major 'PepsiCo India'</b>	Jagrut Kotecha (Updated 20 January)
<b>Appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jindal Stainless Ltd.</b>	Tarun Khulbe (Updated 21 January)
<b>Karnataka HC Chief Justice appointed as Supreme Court judge</b>	Prasanna B Varale (Updated 25 January)
<b>Takes oath as Bihar chief minister for record ninth time</b>	Nitish Kumar (Updated 29 January)
<b>Becomes Indian Army's 1st Woman Subedar</b>	Preeti Rajak (Updated 30 January)
<b>New Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)</b>	Anil Kumar Lahoti (Updated 30 January)
<b>New Puducherry's New Chief Secretary</b>	Sharat Chauhan (Updated 30 January)



## (International)

**September**

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
Become first woman to head Indian mission in Pakistan	Geetika Srivastava (Updated 1 September)
New President of Singapore <a href="#">About Singapore</a> Capital-Singapore City Currency – Singapore Dollar	Tharman Shanmugaratnam (Updated 5 September)

**October**

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
Named a Laureus ambassador	Neeraj Chopra (Updated 15 October)
Become Ecuador's youngest-ever president after winning the runoff elections <b>About Ecuador</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital- Quito</li> <li>• Currency- United States Dollar</li> <li>• President- Daniel Noboa</li> <li>• Official language- Spanish</li> </ul>	Daniel Noboa (Updated 18 October)
Elected to the Board of the International Dairy Federation (IDF) during the General Assembly of IDF	Dr. Meenesh Shah (Updated 19 October)
Sports brand Puma has roped in as its brand ambassador	Mohammed Shami (Updated 19 October)
42nd Prime Minister of New Zealand <b>About New Zealand</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital – Wellington</li> <li>• Currency – Dollar</li> <li>• Prime Minister - Christopher Luxon</li> </ul>	Christopher Luxon (Updated 19 October)

**November**

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
Nominated to lead the World Health Organization South-East Asia Region	Saima Wazed

	(Updated 1 November)
<b>Appointed as Nominee Director on the board of South-East Asia Gas Pipeline Company Limited (SEAGP).</b>	Deepak Gupta (Updated 10 November)
<b>Appointed as foreign secretary in a sweeping reshuffle of current Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's cabinet</b> <b>About United Kingdom (UK)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b> - London</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> - Pound sterling</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister</b> – Rishi Sunak</li> </ul>	David Cameron (Updated 14 November)
<b>Re-elected as Prime Minister of Spanish</b> <b>Capital:</b> Madrid <b>Currency:</b> Euro	Pedro Sanchez (Updated 17 November)
<b>New PM of Luxembourg</b> <b>About Luxembourg</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b>- Luxembourg</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b>- Euro (€)</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister</b>- Luc Frieden</li> </ul>	Luc Frieden (Updated 22 November)
<b>Elected as vice-chair of UN external auditors' panel</b>	CAG Girish Chandra Murmu (Updated 24 November)
<b>Re-elected as the president of Madagascar</b> <b>About Madagascar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital:</b> Antananarivo</li> <li>• <b>Currency:</b> Malagasy Ariary</li> <li>• <b>Continent:</b> Africa</li> </ul>	Andry Rajoelina (Updated 30 November)
<b>New PM of Dutch (Netherland)</b> <b>About Dutch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital:</b> Amsterdam</li> <li>• <b>Currency:</b> Euro</li> </ul>	Geert Wilders

**December**

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
<b>Became the first person from the country to operate the Mars rover with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in the United States.</b>	Akshata Krishnamurthy (Updated 7 December)

<p><b>Appoints head of British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Board</b></p>	<p>Samir Shah (Updated 8 December)</p>
<p><b>United Arab Emirates' has been appointed Chairman of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (WRC 23).</b></p>	<p>Mohammed Al Ramsi (Updated 9 December)</p>
<p><b>New Prime Minister of Poland</b> <b>About Poland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b> - Warsaw</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> - Zloty</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister</b> - Donald Tusk</li> </ul>	<p>Donald Tusk (Updated 13 December)</p>
<p><b>Elected for the Governing Council of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) held in Rome, Italy.</b></p> <p><b>About UNIDROIT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UNIDROIT</b>, the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law, functions as an independent intergovernmental organization headquartered in Rome, Italy.</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Uma Sekhar (Updated 16 December)</p>
<p><b>Elected as president of Egypt</b> <b>About Egypt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b>- Cairo</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b>- Egyptian pound</li> <li>• <b>President</b> - Abdel Fattah El-Sisi</li> </ul>	<p>Abdel Fattah El-Sisi (Updated 21 December)</p>
<p><b>UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed as the senior humanitarian and reconstruction coordinator for Gaza</b></p> <p><b>About United Nations (UN)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Founded</b> - 24 October 1945</li> <li>• <b>Headquarters</b> - New York, US</li> <li>• <b>Official languages</b> - Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian &amp; Spanish</li> <li>• <b>Membership</b> - 193 member states</li> <li>• <b>1st Secretary General</b> - Trygve Halvdan Lie (Norway)</li> <li>• <b>9th Secretary-General</b> - António Guterres (Portugal)</li> <li>• <b>Deputy Secretary-General</b> - Amina J. Mohammed (Nigeria)</li> <li>• <b>United Nations Day</b> is celebrated on October 24 every year</li> </ul>	<p>Sigrid Kaag (Updated 29 December)</p>

## January

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Re-elected as president of Congo</b></p> <p><b>About Congo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b>- Kinshasa</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b>- Congolese Franc</li> <li>• <b>Prime minister</b>- Sama Lukonde</li> </ul>	<p>Felix Tshisekedi</p> <p>(Updated 2 January)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Denmark, Europe's longest-serving monarch, would abdicate on January 14 and pass the baton to her son Crown Prince Frederik</b></p> <p><b>About Denmark</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b>- Copenhagen</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b>- Danish krone</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister</b> - Mette Frederik</li> </ul>	<p>Queen Margrethe II</p> <p>(Updated 3 January)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Took over as president of the European Investment Bank, replacing Werner Hoyer</b></p>	<p>Nadia Calviño</p> <p>(Updated 4 January)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Named as a 'Class C' director on the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.</b></p>	<p>Rajiv Shah</p> <p>(Updated 8 January)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Assumed the position of Secretary General (SG) of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) in Dhaka.</b></p> <p><b>About Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Founded</b> - 6 June 1997</li> <li>• <b>Headquarters</b> - Dhaka, Bangladesh</li> <li>• <b>Membership</b> - 7 (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka &amp; Thailand)</li> <li>• <b>Secretary General</b> - Indra Mani Pandey (India)</li> </ul>	<p>Indra Mani Pandey</p> <p>(Updated 8 January)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bangladesh's Prime Minister has been re-elected for a fifth term</b></p> <p><b>About Bangladesh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b>- Dhaka</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> – Taka</li> <li>• <b>President</b> – Mohammed Shahabuddin Chappu</li> </ul>	<p>Sheikh Hasina</p> <p>(Updated 9 January)</p>



<p><b>Becomes France's youngest Prime Minister</b></p> <p><b>About France</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital-</b> Paris</li> <li>• <b>President-</b> Emmanuel Macron</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister-</b> Gabriel Attal (replace Elisabeth Borne)</li> </ul>	<p>Gabriel Attal</p> <p>(Updated 10 January)</p>
<p><b>Reappointed to serve as Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization</b></p>	<p>Vivek Murthy</p> <p>(Updated 14 January)</p>
<p><b>Become Prime Minister of Bhutan for a second time after his party won nearly two-thirds of seats</b></p>	<p>Tshering Tobgay</p> <p>(Updated 14 January)</p>
<p><b>Took the throne after the abdication of his mother Queen Margrethe II.</b></p> <p><b>About Denmark</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital-</b> Copenhagen</li> <li>• <b>Currency-</b> Danish krone</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister -</b> Mette Frederiksen</li> </ul>	<p>Denmark's King Frederik X</p> <p>(Updated 15 January)</p>
<p><b>Elected President Of Taiwan</b></p> <p><b>About Taiwan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital-</b> Taipei City</li> <li>• <b>Currency-</b> New Taiwan dollar</li> </ul>	<p>William Lai, also known as Lai Ching-te</p> <p>(Updated 15 January)</p>
<p><b>Re-elected as President of the Comoros</b></p> <p><b>About Comoros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital-</b> Moroni</li> <li>• <b>Currency-</b> Comorian Franc</li> <li>• <b>Continent-</b> Africa</li> </ul>	<p>Azali Assoumani</p> <p>(Updated 31 January)</p>

### Chiefs and DGS

Department	Chief/DGS
▪ CDS	Lt. General Anil Chauhan
▪ Army Chief	Lt Gen Manoj Pande (29 <sup>th</sup> )
▪ Naval Chief	R Hari Kumar
▪ Air Chief	Vivek Ram Chaudhari
▪ IB	<b>Tapan Kumar Deka</b>
▪ BSF	<b>Nitin Agrawal</b>
▪ CRPF	<b>Sujoy Lal Thaoson</b>
▪ CISF	Sheel Vardhan Singh
▪ ITBP	Anish Dayal Singh
▪ NSG	M. A. Ganapathy
▪ NCB	<b>Satya Narayan Pradhan</b>
▪ NDRF	Atul Karwal
▪ CBI	Praveen Sood

▪ RAW	<b>Ravi Sinha</b>
▪ NIA	Dinkar Gupta
▪ Attorney General	R Venkataramani
▪ SSB	Daljit Singh Chaudhary
▪ Director of the Special Protection Group (SPG)	Alok Sharma

### List of Chairman of Important Organisation

Organisation	Chairman Name
▪ SIDBI	S Ramann
▪ SEBI	Madhabi Puri Buch ( <b>ED</b> - G Ram Mohan Rao)
▪ NABARD	K V Shaji
▪ NHRC	<b>Arun Mishra</b>
▪ NITI Aayog	PM Narendra Modi
▪ ISRO	S Somanath
▪ UIDAI	Amit Agrawal (CEO)
▪ UGC	Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar
▪ DRDO	Dr. Samir V Kamat
▪ Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)	Nitin Gupta
▪ FICCI (President)	Anish Shah
▪ NTPC	Gurdeep Singh
▪ ONGC	Arun Kumar Singh
▪ Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)	Sanjay Kumar Agarwal
▪ IOC	Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
▪ GAIL	Sandeep Kumar Gupta
▪ HPCL	Mr. Pushp Kumar Joshi
▪ BPCL	G. Krishnakuma
▪ SAIL	Amarendu Prakash
▪ Chief Election Commission of India	Rajiv Kumar ( <b>Election Commissioner</b> : Anup Chandra Pandey, Arun Goel)
▪ UPSC chairman	Manoj Soni
▪ RBI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Governor</b>: Shaktikanta Das</li> <li>▪ <b>Deputy Governor</b>: Michael Patra</li> <li>▪ <b>Deputy Governor</b>: Swaminathan Janakiraman</li> <li>▪ <b>Deputy Governor</b>: M Rajeshwar Rao</li> <li>▪ <b>Deputy Governor</b>: T Rabi Sankar</li> <li>▪ <b>Executive director (ED)</b>: Muneesh Kapur, Manoranjan Mishra</li> </ul>
▪ SBI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>SBI New chairman</b>- Dinesh Kumar Khara</li> <li>▪ <b>SBI new chief financial officer (CFO)</b>- Sanjay Raut</li> <li>▪ <b>SBI Cards &amp; Payment Services MD &amp; CEO</b>- Rama Mohan Rao Amara</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>SBI General Insurance MD &amp; CEO</b> -Amit Jhingran</li> <li>▪ <b>SBI Mutual Fund MD &amp; CEO</b>- Shamsheer Singh</li> <li>▪ <b>SBI MD</b> - Shri C.S. Setty, Shri Ashwini Kumar Tewari, Shri Alok Kumar Choudhary, Vinay M Tonse</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>LIC</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairperson:</b> Siddhartha Mohanty</li> <li>▪ <b>Government Nominee Director:</b> Dr.M.P.Tangirala</li> <li>▪ <b>Managing Director:</b> Smt. Mini Ipe</li> <li>▪ <b>Managing Director:</b> Shri. M.Jagannath</li> <li>▪ <b>Managing Director:</b> Shri.Tablesh Pandey</li> <li>▪ <b>Managing Director:</b> Shri. Sat Pal Bhanoo</li> </ul>

## Chapter 2: Awards (National, International)

### Nobel Prize 2023

<b>The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2023</b>	Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman	For their <b>discoveries concerning nucleoside base modifications, enabling effective mRNA vaccines</b> to develop against <b>COVID-19</b>
<b>The 2023 Nobel Prize in Physics</b>	Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier	For experimental methods that <b>generate attosecond pulses of light</b> for the study of <b>electrodynamics in matter</b>
<b>The 2023 Nobel Prize in chemistry</b>	Moungi G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus, and Alexei I. Ekimov	For the <b>discovery and synthesis of quantum dots</b>
<b>The 2023 Nobel Prize in Literature</b>	Norwegian author Jon Fosse	For his <b>innovative plays and prose</b> which give <b>voice to the unsayable</b>
<b>Nobel Peace Prize for 2023</b>	Narges Mohammadi	For her <b>fight</b> against the <b>oppression of women in Iran</b> and her fight to promote <b>human rights and freedom for all</b>
<b>Economics (The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences)</b>	Claudia Goldin	Advanced our understanding of Women's labour market outcomes

### National Sports Awards 2023

<b>Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award for 2023</b>	Chirag Shetty and Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy (badminton).
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<b>Dhyan Chand Award for lifetime achievement</b>	Manjusha Kanwar (badminton), Vineet Kumar Sharma (hockey), Kavitha Selvaraj (kabaddi).
<b>Dronacharya Award (life-time category) for outstanding coaches</b>	Jaskirat Singh Grewal (golf), Bhaskaran E (kabaddi), Jayanta Kumar Pushilal (table tennis).
<b>Dronacharya Award (regular category) for outstanding coaches</b>	Lalit Kumar (wrestling), R.B. Ramesh (chess), Mahaveer Prasad Saini (para-athletics), Shivendra Singh (hockey), Ganesh Prabhakar Devrukhkar (mallakhamb).
<b>Arjuna Awards</b>	Ojas Pravin Deotale (archery), Aditi Gopichand Swami (archery), Murali Sreeshankar (athletics), Parul Chaudhary (athletics), Mohammad Hussamuddin (boxing), R. Vaishali (chess), Mohammed Shami (cricket), Anush Agarwalla (equestrian), Divyakriti Singh (equestrian dressage), Diksha Dagar (golf), Krishan Bahadur Pathak (hockey), Sushila Chanu (hockey), Pawan Kumar (kabaddi), Ritu Negi (kabaddi), Nasreen (kho-kho), Pinki (lawn bowls), Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar (shooting), Esha Singh (shooting), Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (squash), Ayhika Mukherjee (table tennis), Sunil Kumar (wrestling), Antim Panghal (wrestling), Naorem Roshibina Devi (wushu), Sheetal Devi (para archery), Illuri Ajay Kumar Reddy (blind cricket), Prachi Yadav (para canoeing).
<b>Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2023</b>	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (overall winner university); Lovely Professional University, Punjab (1st runner -up), Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra (2nd runner-up).

### **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar**

- **President Droupadi Murmu** has presented the **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 19 children for their exceptional achievements.**
- The children, **comprising 9 boys and 10 girls, hail from 18 States and Union Territories**, including two aspirational districts.



- The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, 2024 will be given in six categories — **art and culture (7), bravery (1), innovation (1), science and technology (1), social service (4), and sports (5)**.
- The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, a government initiative, aims to recognize and celebrate the **exceptional achievements of children aged 5 to 18 years**. Each awardee will receive a medal and a certificate.
- Full List of winners

S. No	Name	State	Category
1	Aaditya Vijay Bramhane (posthumous)	Maharashtra	Bravery
2	Anushka Pathak	Uttar Pradesh	Art & Culture
3	Arijeet Banerjee	West Bengal	Art & Culture
4	Armaan Ubhrani	Chhattisgarh	Art & Culture
5	Hetvi Kantibhai Khimsuriya	Gujarat	Art & Culture
6	Ishfaq Hamid	Jammu & Kashmir	Art & Culture
7	Md Hussain	Bihar	Art & Culture
8	Pendyala Laxmi Priya	Telangana	Art & Culture
9	Suhani Chauhan	Delhi	Innovation
10	Aryan Singh	Rajasthan	Science & Technology
11	Avnish Tiwari	Madhya Pradesh	Social Service
12	Garima	Haryana	Social Service
13	Jyotsna Aktar	Tripura	Social Service
14	Saiyam Mazumder	Assam	Social Service
15	Aaditya Yadav	Uttar Pradesh	Sports
16	Charvi A	Karnataka	Sports
17	Jesicca Neyi Saring	Arunachal Pradesh	Sports
18	Linthoi Chanambam	Manipur	Sports
19	R Surya Prasad	Andhra Pradesh	Sports

### Padma Awards 2024

<b>Padma Bhushan Awards 2024</b>			
S.No.	Awardee Name	Field	State/Country
1.	Ms. M Fathima Beevi	Public Affairs	Kerala
2.	Shri Hormusji N Cama	Literature & Education	Maharashtra
3.	Shri Mithun Chakraborty	Art	West Bengal
4.	Shri Sitaram Jindal	Trade & Industry	Karnataka
5.	Shri Young Liu	Trade & Industry	Taiwan
6.	Shri Ashwin Balachand Mehta	Medicine	Maharashtra
7.	Shri Satyabrata Mookherjee	Public Affairs	West Bengal
8.	Shri Ram Naik	Public Affairs	Maharashtra
9.	Shri Tejas Madhusudan Patel	Medicine	Gujarat
10.	Shri Olanchery Rajagopal	Public Affairs	Kerala
11.	Shri Dattatray Ambadas Mayaloo alias Rajdutt	Art	Maharashtra
12.	Shri Togdan Rinpoche	Others - Spiritualism	Ladakh
13.	Shri Pyarelal Sharma	Art	Maharashtra
14.	Shri Chandreshwar Prasad Thakur	Medicine	Bihar
15.	Ms. Usha Uthup	Art	West Bengal
16.	Shri Vijaykanth	Art	Tamil Nadu
17.	Shri Kundan Vyas	Literature & Education - Journalism	Maharashtra

<b>Padma Shri Awards 2024</b>			
SN	Name	Field	State/Country
1	Shri Khalil Ahamad	Art	Uttar Pradesh
2	Shri Badrappan M	Art	Tamil Nadu
3	Shri Kaluram Bamaniya	Art	Madhya Pradesh
4	Ms. Rezwana Choudhury Bannya	Art	Bangladesh
5	Ms. Naseem Bano	Art	Uttar Pradesh
6	Shri Ramlal Bareth	Art	Chhattisgarh

7	Ms. Gita Roy Barman	Art	West Bengal
8	Ms. Parbati Baruah	Social Work	Assam
9	Shri Sarbeswar Basumatary	Others - Agriculture	Assam
10	Shri Som Datt Battu	Art	Himachal Pradesh
11	Ms. Takdira Begum	Art	West Bengal
12	Shri Sathyanarayana Beleri	Others - Agriculture	Kerala
13	Shri Drona Bhuyan	Art	Assam
14	Shri Ashok Kumar Biswas	Art	Bihar
15	Shri Rohan Machanda Bopanna	Sports	Karnataka
16	Ms. Smriti Rekha Chakma	Art	Tripura
17	Shri Narayan Chakraborty	Science & Engineering	West Bengal
18	Shri A Velu Ananda Chari	Art	Telangana
19	Shri Ram Chet Chaudhary	Science & Engineering	Uttar Pradesh
20	Ms. K Chellammal	Others - Agriculture	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
21	Ms. Joshna Chinappa	Sports	Tamil Nadu
22	Ms. Charlotte Chopin	Others - Yoga	France
23	Shri Raghuv eer Choudhary	Literature & Education	Gujarat
24	Shri Joe D Cruz	Literature & Education	Tamil Nadu
25	Shri Ghulam Nabi Dar	Art	Jammu & Kashmir
26	Shri Chitta Ranjan Debbarma	Others - Spiritualism	Tripura
27	Shri Uday Vishwanath Deshpande	Sports	Maharashtra
28	Ms. Prema Dhanraj	Medicine	Karnataka
29	Shri Radha Krishan Dhiman	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
30	Shri Manohar Krishana Dole	Medicine	Maharashtra
31	Shri Pierre Sylvain Filliozat	Literature & Education	France
32	Shri Mahabir Singh Guddu	Art	Haryana
33	Ms. Anupama Hoskere	Art	Karnataka
34	Shri Yazdi Maneksha Italia	Medicine	Gujarat
35	Shri Rajaram Jain	Literature & Education	Uttar Pradesh
36	Shri Jankilal	Art	Rajasthan

37	Shri Ratan Kahar	Art	West Bengal
38	Shri Yashwant Singh Kathoch	Literature & Education	Uttarakhand
39	Shri Zahir I Kazi	Literature & Education	Maharashtra
40	Shri Gaurav Khanna	Sports	Uttar Pradesh
41	Shri Surendra Kishore	Literature & Education – Journalism	Bihar
42	Shri Dasari Kondappa	Art	Telangana
43	Shri Sridhar Makam Krishnamurthy	Literature & Education	Karnataka
44	Ms. Yanung Jamoh Lego	Others – Agriculture	Arunachal Pradesh
45	Shri Jordan Lepcha	Art	Sikkim
46	Shri Satendra Singh Lohia	Sports	Madhya Pradesh
47	Shri Binod Maharana	Art	Odisha
48	Ms. Purnima Mahato	Sports	Jharkhand
49	Ms. Uma Maheshwari D	Art	Andhra Pradesh
50	Shri Dukhu Majhi	Social Work	West Bengal
51	Shri Ram Kumar Mallick	Art	Bihar
52	Shri Hemchand Manjhi	Medicine	Chhattisgarh
53	Shri Chandrashekhar Mahadeorao Meshram	Medicine	Maharashtra
54	Shri Surendra Mohan Mishra (Posthumous)	Art	Uttar Pradesh
55	Shri Ali Mohammed & Shri Ghani Mohammed* (Duo)	Art	Rajasthan
56	Ms. Kalpana Morparia	Trade & Industry	Maharashtra
57	Ms. Chami Murmu	Social Work	Jharkhand
58	Shri Sasindran Muthuvel	Public Affairs	Papua New Guinea
59	Ms. G Nachiyar	Medicine	Tamil Nadu
60	Ms. Kiran Nadar	Art	Delhi
61	Shri Pakaravur Chithran Namboodiripad (Posthumous)	Literature & Education	Kerala
62	Shri Narayanan E P	Art	Kerala
63	Shri Shailesh Nayak	Science & Engineering	Delhi
64	Shri Harish Nayak (Posthumous)	Literature & Education	Gujarat

65	Shri Fred Negrit	Literature & Education	France
66	Shri Hari Om	Science & Engineering	Haryana
67	Shri Bhagabat Padhan	Art	Odisha
68	Shri Sanatan Rudra Pal	Art	West Bengal
69	Shri Shankar Baba Pundlikrao Papalkar	Social Work	Maharashtra
70	Shri Radhe Shyam Pareek	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
71	Shri Dayal Mavjibhai Parmar	Medicine	Gujarat
72	Shri Binod Kumar Pasayat	Art	Odisha
73	Ms. Silbi Passah	Art	Meghalaya
74	Ms. Shanti Devi Paswan & Shri Shivan Paswan* (Duo)	Art	Bihar
75	Shri Sanjay Anant Patil	Others - Agriculture	Goa
76	Shri Muni Narayana Prasad	Literature & Education	Kerala
77	Shri K S Rajanna	Social Work	Karnataka
78	Shri Chandrashekar Channapatna Rajannachar	Medicine	Karnataka
79	Shri Bhagwatilal Rajpurohit	Literature & Education	Madhya Pradesh
80	Shri Romalo Ram	Art	Jammu & Kashmir
81	Shri Navjivan Rastogi	Literature & Education	Uttar Pradesh
82	Ms. Nirmal Rishi	Art	Punjab
83	Shri Pran Sabharwal	Art	Punjab
84	Shri Gaddam Sammaiah	Art	Telangana
85	Shri Sangthankima	Social Work	Mizoram
86	Shri Machihan Sasa	Art	Manipur
87	Shri Omprakash Sharma	Art	Madhya Pradesh
88	Shri Eklabya Sharma	Science & Engineering	West Bengal
89	Shri Ram Chander Sihag	Science & Engineering	Haryana
90	Shri Harbinder Singh	Sports	Delhi
91	Shri Gurvinder Singh	Social Work	Haryana
92	Shri Godawari Singh	Art	Uttar Pradesh
93	Shri Ravi Prakash Singh	Science & Engineering	Mexico

94	Shri Seshampatti T Sivalingam	Art	Tamil Nadu
95	Shri Somanna	Social Work	Karnataka
96	Shri Kethavath Somlal	Literature & Education	Telangana
97	Ms. Shashi Soni	Trade & Industry	Karnataka
98	Ms. Urmila Srivastava	Art	Uttar Pradesh
99	Shri Nepal Chandra Sutradhar (Posthumous)	Art	West Bengal
100	Shri Gopinath Swain	Art	Odisha
101	Shri Laxman Bhatt Tailang	Art	Rajasthan
102	Ms. Maya Tandon	Social Work	Rajasthan
103	Ms. Aswathi Thirunal Gouri Lakshmi Bayi Thampuratty	Literature & Education	Kerala
104	Shri Jagdish Labhshanker Trivedi	Art	Gujarat
105	Ms. Sano Vamuzo	Social Work	Nagaland
106	Shri Balakrishnan Sadanam Puthiya Veetil	Art	Kerala
107	Shri Kurella Vittalacharya	Literature & Education	Telangana
108	Shri Kiran Vyas	Others - Yoga	France
109	Shri Jageshwar Yadav	Social Work	Chhattisgarh
110	Shri Babu Ram Yadav	Art	Uttar Pradesh

### Padma Vibhushan Awards 2024

Awardee Name	Field	State
Ms. Vyjayantimala Bali	Art	Tamil Nadu
Shri Konidela Chiranjeevi	Art	Andhra Pradesh
Shri M Venkaiah Naidu	Public Affairs	Andhra Pradesh
Shri Bindeshwar Pathak	Social Work	Bihar
Ms. Padma Subrahmanyam	Art	Tamil Nadu

### Sahitya Akademi Awards for 2023

Languages	Title	Author Name
Assamese	Dr. Pranavjyoti Deka Shrestha Galpa (Short Stories)	Pranavjyoti Deka
Bengali	Jabar Pari (Novel)	Swapnamoy Chakraborti
Bodo	Si-Ufari Sarni (Short Stories)	Vinod Sona Minj
Dogri	Daun Sadiyan Ek Seer (Poetry-Ghazal)	Vijay Verma
English	Requiem in Raga Janki (Novel)	Neelum Saran Gour
Gujarati	Sairandhree (Epic Novel)	Sandeep Joshi
Hindi	Mujhe Pahachano (Novel)	Sanjeev
Kannada	Mahabharata Anushandhana Bharata (Poetry)	Lakshmesh Tolpadi



Kashmiri	Yath Wavah Halis Toong Tsolay Zaley (Essay)	Manshoor Banhali
Konkani	Varsal (Short Stories)	Mahabaleshwar Sail
Maithili	Bodha Sanketan (Essays)	Basukinath Jha
Malayalam	Malayala Novelinete Deshakalanga (Literary Study)	E.V. Ramakrishnan
Manipuri	Yangkhoibagi Nanglo Helli (Poetry)	Sorokhaibam Gambhini
Marathi	Ringan (Novel)	Kusumkhatri Rana
Nepali	Nepali Lokshitya Ra Loksanskritiko Pariyocha (Essay)	Juddhar Rana
Odia	Aprastuta Prutyu (Poetry)	Ashutosh Parida
Punjabi	Mann Di Chip (Poetry)	Swarnjit Savi
Rajasthani	Manak Mati (Poetry)	Gaje Singh Rajpurohit
Sanskrit	Shunye Meghghanam (Poetry)	Arun Ranjan Mishra
Santali	Jaba Baha (Short Stories)	Taraceen Baskey (Turia Chand Baskey)
Sindhi	Hathu Hikro Pahinjaro (Ghazal)	Vinod Asudani
Tamil	Neeraviyal (Poetry-Short-Stories)	Rajasekaran (Devibharathi)
Telugu	Rameshwaram Kaakulu Marikonni Kathalu (Short Stories)	T. Pattabhi Satyam
Urdu	Rajdev Ki Amrai (Novel)	Sadiqua Nawab Saher

## September

### National

Award	Person/Organization	Purpose/ Field
<b>Entrepreneur of the Year 2023 award by the renowned Entrepreneur India business magazine.</b>	Manoj Bubna (N7 - The Nitrogen Platform's CEO)	In a remarkable recognition of <b>visionary leadership</b> and <b>outstanding contributions</b> to the e-commerce <b>technology</b> landscape, N7 - <b>The Nitrogen Platform</b>
<b>Dr V G Patel Memorial Award 2023</b>	Satyajit Majumdar	He has played an important role in the <b>development of entrepreneurship</b> , especially in the <b>social sector</b>
<b>Global Fintech Awards (GFA) 2023 'Leading Fintech Personality of the Year'</b>	Adeeb Ahamed	<b>Adeeb</b> has been instrumental in revolutionizing cross-border payments between the <b>GCC and India.</b>
<b>"Dr AM Gokhale Award"</b>	Brig Sanjay Kumar Mishra	<b>Dr AM Gokhale</b> was a renowned teacher of <b>Ophthalmology</b> and his <b>students</b> progressed to become the doyens of <b>Ophthalmology</b> in the country.

<b>The Lifetime Achievement Award-Academia.</b>	Professor Najma Akhtar	For her <b>“great efforts to connect education to employment”</b> .
<b>'Green Railway Station' Certification with the highest rating of Platinum by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)</b>	Vijayawada Railway Station	For its efforts in <b>improving environmental standards</b> and providing <b>eco-friendly services</b> to passengers.
<b>'Safety Innovation Award 2023' in the 'Construction' category</b>	Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES) Limited	<b>RITES is a multi-sector company</b> that consistently <b>prioritizes safety</b> at its workplaces.
<b>Best Tourism Village of India award</b>	Kiriteshwari village in West Bengal's Murshidabad district	Its scenic beauty, the <b>village's big attraction</b> is the <b>Kiriteswari temple</b> , considered one of the <b>51 Shaktipeeths</b> .
<b>Three national awards of the Ayushman Bharat scheme under the 'big states' category</b>	Chhattisgarh	For its outstanding execution of the <b>Ayushman Bharat scheme</b> under the <b>'big states' category</b> , achieving <b>100 percent utilization of allocated funds</b> and ensuring <b>90 percent of families possess an Ayushman card</b> .

### International

<b>Award</b>	<b>Person/Organization</b>	<b>Purpose/ Field</b>
<b>Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023</b>	Ravi Kannan	For <b>revolutionizing the treatment of cancer in Assam</b> through his people-centered and <b>pro-poor programs</b>
<b>The prestigious "Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres" (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) by France Government</b>	Rahul Mishra	For his outstanding achievements in the field of <b>art and design</b> , especially his dedication to promoting <b>Indian craftsmanship and expertise on a global scale</b> .
<b>2023 Ig Nobel prize</b>	Researchers Te Faye Yap, Zhen Liu, Anoop Rajappan, Trevor Shimokusu, and Daniel Preston	For <b>humorous scientific feats</b> , in the <b>mechanical engineering category</b> for its study of <b>repurposing dead spiders</b> to be used in <b>gripping tools</b>

<b>The prestigious Singapore Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellowship</b>	Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma	For his distinguished contribution to <b>public service</b>
<b>World Business Outlook Awards and the International Business Magazine Awards for "Best Trading Platform Global 2023" and "Most Trusted Platform Global 2023"</b>	Binomo	<b>Binomo</b> as the most <b>user-friendly and easiest trading platform</b> to learn. It is constantly introducing <b>new technologies, developing training materials</b> , and expanding its functionality to help users achieve their <b>financial goals</b> and enjoy themselves.

### October

#### National

Award	Person/Organization	Purpose/ Field
<b>The 2023 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize</b>	Ruixiang Zhang Berkeley (USA)	For his <b>outstanding contributions</b> in <b>mathematics</b>

#### International

Award	Person/Organization	Purpose/ Field
<b>The Spinoza Prize</b>	Indian-origin professor Dr Joyeeta Gupta	The highest distinction in <b>Dutch science</b> for her work in the field of <b>climate change</b> at a ceremony in the <b>Netherlands</b>
<b>The 2023 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences</b>	Claudia Goldin	For having <b>advanced our understanding of women's labour market outcomes.</b> "
<b>The Best Asian TV Series at the ongoing Busan International Film Festival (BIFF)</b>	Hansal Mehta's newsroom drama series Scoop	
<b>The prestigious Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award at the 54th International Film Festival of India</b>	Renowned Hollywood actor and producer Michael Douglas	Douglas is known for his films like ' <b>Wall Street</b> ', ' <b>Fatal Attraction</b> ', ' <b>The China Syndrome</b> ', ' <b>The American President</b> ', ' <b>Basic Instinct</b> ', and ' <b>Ant-Man</b> ' among others.
<b>U.S. First Lady Jill Biden</b>	Teenage Indian-American inventor Gitanjali Rao along	For leading a <b>change and shaping a brighter future</b>

	with 14 other young women leaders	in their <b>communities</b> across the nation.
<b>Dalip Singh Saund Award for political leadership</b>	Indian-American Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi	In recognition of his <b>“exemplary commitment to advancing the interests of Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities in Congress.</b>
<b>Awarded for being ranked 'A+' in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023</b>	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das	

### November

#### National

Award	Person/Organization	Purpose/ Field
<b>The Kerala Jyothi Award 2023 instituted by the Kerala government</b>	Eminent writer T. Padmanabhan	For his contributions in the <b>field of Malayalam literature</b>
<b>The Mahatma Awards 2023</b>	Leading digital transformation solutions company UST	For sustainable and impactful contributions to corporate social responsibility (CSR)
<b>The Businessline's 'Changemaker of the Year' 2023 award</b>	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	To contribute for the betterment of <b>society, the economy, and the planet</b>
<b>Iconic changemaker of the year 2023 award</b>	Amul	To contribute for the betterment of <b>society, the economy, and the planet</b>
<b>"Champions of Change Award"</b>	Dr. Somdutta Singh	For her <b>exemplary work in entrepreneurship, innovation, and social development.</b>
<b>The 19th 'Kalakar Puraskar'</b>	Apolinaris D'Souza	His passion for <b>Konkani music, combined</b> with his dedication and <b>creativity, paved the way for a remarkable career</b>
<b>'Gansamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award' for 2023</b>	Suresh Wadkar	The announcement was made by <b>Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar</b> , recognizing <b>Wadkar's remarkable</b>

		<b>contribution to the world of music.</b>
<b>JCB Prize for Literature</b>	Perumal Murugan	For his novel, <b>Fire Bird</b> , an English translation of his <b>Tamil novel Aalanda Patchi</b>
<b>'Best State' award for inland fisheries</b>	Uttar Pradesh	For <b>inland fisheries (plain areas)</b>
<b>The Environment Protection trophy at the 22nd Annual Greentech Environment Awards 2023 and the Rural Development trophy at the 10th Annual Greentech CSR India Awards.</b>	NTPC Bongaigaon	These awards acknowledge <b>NTPC's efforts in adopting eco-friendly practices</b> that benefit the environment and society in the long run.

### International

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

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

### December

### National

Award	Person/Organization	Purpose/ Field
<b>President's color</b>	The Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC)	Recognition for any military unit, and this event is part of <b>AFMC's</b> celebration of its <b>75th year of outstanding service to the nation</b> .
<b>National Award for empowering individual with disabilities</b>	Amazon India	For fostering an inclusive <b>environment for individuals with disabilities</b> awarded by Gol.
<b>The 33rd Vyas Samman 2023 (Selected)</b>	Pushpa Bharati's 2016 memoir, Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein	
<b>The Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award at the Ajanta-Ellora Film Festival.</b>	Javed Akhtar	



<p><b>Telangana Business Awards</b></p> <p><b>Best Girl Child Empowerment Program Initiative of the Year</b></p>	BBG Foundation	For its unwavering dedication to the cause, channeling both life and business profits toward the single-minded purpose of empowering 2,000,000 girls by the year 2040.
<p><b>"Champions of Change Award (Karnataka)" by the Interactive Forum on Indian Economy (IFIE)</b></p>	Esyasoft Technologies' visionary Founder and CEO, Bipin Chandra	For its outstanding leadership and transformative impact.
<p><b>Visionary Leader Icon Award 2023</b></p>	Dr. Srinivas Naik Dharavath	For his unwavering dedication, remarkable achievements, and commitment to excellence in both business and social endeavors.
<p><b>National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) 2023</b></p>	Reliance Nippon Life Insurance	In recognition of the company's efforts towards institutionalizing climate-friendly operations and driving sustainable business growth.
<p><b>The Vir Chakra medal</b></p>	INS Shivaji Awarded to Late Vice Admiral Benoy Roy Chowdhury	
<p><b>11th edition of the FICCI Water Award 2023 under the "Industrial Water Use Efficiency" category.</b></p>	NTPC Kanti	For playing a pivotal role in acknowledging organizations across various sectors for their exemplary efforts in water conservation and management.
<p><b>"CMD of the Year" award under the Mini-Ratna category at the 13th PSE Excellence Awards</b></p>	IREDA CMD Pradip Kumar Das	For his exceptional leadership that has boosted the company's growth, pioneering energy transition initiatives, and outstanding contributions for IREDA and Renewable Energy sector development.
<p><b>National Energy Conservation Award 2023</b></p>	Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd. (CGCEL)	For its storage water heater
<p><b>'Impact Fielder of the Series' medal</b></p>	Sai Sudharsan	Commended for a brilliant catch during the third ODI match, contributing to India's 78-run victory

<b>The sixth edition of the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize</b>	Sukrita Paul Kumar	For her book, 'Salt & Pepper: Selected Poems'
<b>National Energy Conservation Awards - 2023 (NECA 2022)</b> <b>In the State Designated Agency (SDA Group-1) category</b>	Karnataka	For the state's achievement in energy conservation

**International**

<u>Award</u>	<u>Person/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose/ Field</u>
<b>French Civilian Award Legion d'Honneur</b>	V R Lalithambika	She got this honor because of <b>her important work in strengthening space collaboration</b> between France and India
<b>Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters from the French government, a prestigious honor</b>	Famous author and translator Arshia Sattar	She has made important contributions to <b>Indian literature and mythology</b> . She is well-known for <b>translating epics like the Ramayana and the Mahabharata</b>
<b>The 2023 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award Global Laureate</b>	Somali refugee Abdullahi Mire	For <b>helping displaced kids get education</b>
<b>Sharon Stone at the Red Sea International Film Festival</b>	Ranveer Singh	For his <b>contributions towards cinema</b>
<b>Qatar WISE Prize 2023</b>	Safeena Hussain	For mobilizing <b>14 lakh out-of-school girls</b> in Indian villages to get back to <b>mainstream education</b>
<b>"ISSA Vision Zero 2023" Award</b>	The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)	<b>"Vision Zero"</b> is a transformational approach for the <b>prevention of accidents at workplaces</b> integrating the three <b>dimensions</b> of safety, health, and well-being at all levels of work.

<b>Singapore's Highest Arts Award</b>	Meira Chand	In recognition of their <b>artistic excellence and contribution to enriching the country's arts and culture scene.</b>
<b>Time magazine's Athlete of the Year for 2023.</b>	Lionel Messi	<b>Messi won the Ballon d'Or for a record-breaking eighth time</b> and, by moving to Inter Miami, raised <b>awareness of the sport in the US.</b>
<b>CEO of the Year 2023 by TIME magazine</b>	Sam Altman	<b>Sam Altman</b> marked '10-out-of-10 <b>crazy thing to live through</b> ' when he had to spend a rather strange <b>Thanksgiving-</b> losing a company he co-founded, only to be reinstated after <b>five frantic days.</b>
<b>Sahitya Akademi's Premchand Fellowship</b>	Bhutanese author Tshering Tashi	For his works in the <b>field of creative non-fiction.</b>
<b>"Bank of the Year (India)" by Financial Times owned The Banker</b>	Federal Bank	This recognition is a testament to the <b>Bank's unwavering commitment to innovation, customer-centric services,</b> and its outstanding contributions to the <b>banking industry</b> over the past year.
<b>The International Anti-Corruption Champion by the US State Department</b>	Nikhil Dey	For his dedicated efforts against <b>corruption in government welfare programs in India</b>
<b>"Order of Merit of the Italian Republic" (Merito della Repubblica Italiana)</b>	Kabir Bedi	For made outstanding contributions to <b>society, embodying the nation's values of merit and excellence.</b>
<b>International Gender Equality Prize 2023</b>	Afghanistan NGO	To promote and protect the <b>rights of women in Afghanistan</b>

<p><b>The Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2023 Diwali Stamp by the Diwali Foundation USA</b></p>	<p>Former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon</p>	<p>Ban commended the work and "<b>forward-thinking vision</b>" of the Diwali Foundation USA "<b>for advancing vital light in a world of increasing darkness</b>".</p>
<p><b>Karmaveer Chakra Medal and Rex Karmaveer Global Fellowship by ICONGO in collaboration with the United Nations</b></p>	<p>Dr. Hemachandran Ravikumar</p>	<p>For his exceptional contributions to Research &amp; Development in Physical &amp; Bio-Science and Microbiological Studies.</p>
<p><b>The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development for 2023</b></p>	<p>Jointly awarded to Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad</p>	<p>For their efforts in bringing together the youth and peoples of Israel and the Arab World for a non-violent resolution of the Israel-Palestine conflict.</p>
<p><b>Climate Assessment for Financial Institutions (CAFI) Awards</b> <b>Top performer of the 2023</b></p>	<p>Federal Bank</p>	<p>For climate reporting through the CAFI tool.</p>
<p><b>Miss India USA 2023</b></p>	<p>Rijul Maini</p>	
<p><b>Mrs India USA</b></p>	<p>Sneha Nambiar</p>	
<p><b>Miss Teen India USA</b></p>	<p>Saloni Rammohan</p>	

<b>The Best Film award under International Competition in Innovation Moving Images at the 29th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF)</b>	Israeli film 'Children of Nobody'	
<b>An honorary doctorate by a leading International University.</b>	Dr. Nitin Mohan Lal	In recognition of Dr. Lal's exceptional contributions to the field of healing, mentorship, and transformative personal development.
<b>Bhutan's National Order of Merit Gold Medal</b>	Poonam Khetrapal Singh	For help Bhutan excel in COVID-19 vaccination
<b>Leif Erikson Lunar Prize.</b>	Chandrayaan 3, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)	It is for the first soft landing of a spacecraft near the Lunar South Pole and ISRO's indomitable spirit in advancing lunar exploration.
<b>'World Special Prize for an Interior 2023' by the UNESCO's Prix Versailles</b> <b>'World's Most Beautiful Airports'</b>	The Terminal-2 (T2) of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA)	Recognised as one of the 'World's Most Beautiful Airports'
<b>The SASTRA-Ramanujan Awards for 2022 and 2023</b>	Yunqing Tang and Ruixiang Zhang	For outstanding contributions in the field of mathematics
<b>An honorary doctorate by Japan's Koyasan University</b>	Devendra Fadnavis	To recognise his efforts in creating basic civic infrastructure, implementing schemes such as the Jalyukta Shivar Yojana, and his contribution to the industrial development of the state.

## January

### National

Award	Person/Organization	Purpose/ Field
<b>MS Swaminathan Award</b>	Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University's Vice Chancellor <b>Prof. B.R. Kamboj</b>	For his contributions as a <b>scientist and extension specialist</b> in the field of <b>agronomy.</b>
<b>The prestigious Arjuna Award</b>	<b>Divyakriti Singh Rathore</b>	For her remarkably outstanding <b>stint in Equestrian sports</b>
<b>Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023 Cleanest cities' in India</b>	Indore, Surat	This was the <b>seventh time</b> that <b>Indore</b> won the accolade of the <b>cleanest city</b> in <b>India</b>
<b>The Arjuna Award</b>	Sheetal Devi	<b>Sheetal Devi</b> , the teenaged <b>armless archer</b> who has widely earned recognition for <b>India</b> through her performance in <b>para- archery</b> , was conferred with the <b>Arjuna Award</b> , one of the country's top civilian honours by <b>President Droupadi Murmu.</b>
<b>The Cleanest Ganga Town category of Swachh Survekshan 2023</b>	Varanasi	The spiritual city of <b>Varanasi</b> has secured the top spot in the <b>Cleanest Ganga Town category of Swachh Survekshan 2023</b>
<b>Assam Baibhav' Award</b>	Ranjan Gogoi	This is the third year on which the awards will be given. <b>"In the first year, we gave the Assam Baibhav award to Ratan Tata and last year we gave the award to Tapan Saikia.</b>
<b>The prestigious SCOPE Eminence Award in the category of Women Empowerment for the period 2019-20</b>	Engineers India Limited (EIL)	The award recognizes <b>EIL's exemplary commitment to fostering an inclusive &amp; diverse work environment</b> and celebrates the outstanding achievement of its <b>women workforce.</b>



<b>'UP Gaurav Samman'</b>	<b>Dr. Ritu</b> and renowned entrepreneur <b>Naveen</b>	This award highlights the <b>government's commitment to acknowledging excellence and inspiring future generations.</b>
<b>Bharat Ratna Posthumously</b>	Former Bihar CM <b>Karpoori Thakur</b>	Known for his deep connection with the <b>backward classes, Thakur's political journey</b> was marked by his <b>steadfast commitment</b> to social justice.
<b>The Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2024</b>	60 Parachute Field Hospital, Uttar Pradesh	To <b>recognize and honour</b> the <b>invaluable contribution and selfless</b> service rendered by individuals and organizations in India in the field of <b>disaster management.</b>
<b>Padma Bhushan</b>	Foxconn CEO <b>Young Liu</b>	<b>Young Liu</b> , a seasoned <b>entrepreneur and innovator, boasts</b> an impressive career spanning over four decades.
<b>Vayu Sena Medal</b>	Squadron Leader <b>Nikita Malhotra</b>	She was also part of the <b>Tangail formation of fighters</b> during the <b>flypast over the Kartavya Path</b> on Republic Day Parade.
<b>'Best Product Design' at Vishwakarma Awards</b>	<b>Satyam</b> , a PhD Scholar in the department of biosciences and bioengineering at the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT-Guwahati)	<b>Satyam's winning device, R-SAM-PRO</b> , is an <b>IoT-enabled</b> water quality monitoring system that outshines existing devices in terms of <b>cost-effectiveness</b> and integration with the <b>Internet of Things (IoT).</b>
<b>The prestigious Excellence Award by Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI) in the recent National Convention on Quality Concepts 2024</b>	Thiruvananthapuram International Airport	For the recognition based on its continuous <b>improvement initiatives undertaken for airport operations.</b>
<b>The first prize at the Republic Day Celebration Parade 2024</b>	<b>The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)</b> announced that its <b>tableau Bharat: Mother of</b>	The <b>tableau</b> , a stunning blend of <b>tradition and innovation, captivated audiences</b> with its <b>masterful use of the anamorphic technique</b>

	<b>Democracy' of the Ministry of Culture</b>	alongside a rich display of <b>Bharat's cultural heritage</b> , often hailed as the mother of <b>democracy</b> .
<b>Top Employer 2024 in India</b>	NTPC Limited	NTPC completed the following steps in order to qualify for the certification: <b>HR Best Practice Survey, Validation and Audit</b> .

### International

<b>Award</b>	<b>Person/Organization</b>	<b>Purpose/ Field</b>
<b>Female Wushu Athlete of the Year</b>	Naorem Roshibina	<b>The 23-year-old Roshibina</b> , who won a <b>bronze</b> and a <b>silver</b> in the <b>2018</b> and <b>2022 Asian Games</b> respectively, polled <b>93545</b> votes to beat <b>Shahrbano Mansouriyani Semiromi (88179)</b> of Iran and <b>Wu Xiaowei (46753)</b> of China.

## Chapter 3: Government Scheme/ campaign

### September

<b>SCHEME</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
<b>'Gruha Lakshmi' women's financial aid scheme</b> <b>(Karnataka)</b>	Under this scheme, about <b>1.1 crore women</b> heads of family will get <b>Rs 2,000</b> every month.  The <b>Karnataka government</b> has earmarked <b>₹17,500 crore</b> for the <b>'Gruha Lakshmi'</b> programme in the current financial year.
<b>Mukhya Mantri Sporting Abilities, Rebuilding Aspirations and Livelihood Scheme (SABAL)</b> <b>(Himachal Pradesh)</b>	Aimed for the <b>bright future of specially-abled children</b> , this scheme intends to take special care of such children in around <b>400 schools across Hamirpur, Solan, and Shimla districts</b> , said officials.
<b>Mob Lynching Victim Compensation Scheme 2023</b> <b>(Madhya Pradesh)</b>	There will be a provision of compensation of <b>Rs 4 to Rs 6 lakh</b> for the injured.  This will also include all those incidents of <b>mob lynching</b> that occur due to <b>religion, caste, language</b> or any other reason.
<b>Social welfare scheme "Kalaigiar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam"</b> <b>(Tamil Nadu)</b>	Under the scheme, <b>Tamil Nadu</b> government will provide monthly assistance of <b>Rs 1,000</b> to more than <b>1.06 crore female family</b> heads through <b>Kalaigiar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam</b> .

A Cash for Waste scheme for common people	Working on the theme of <b>waste to wealth</b> , the <b>Patna Municipal Corporation</b> has started a <b>Cash for Waste</b> scheme for common people at the recently established <b>Material Recovery Facility (MRF)</b> .  People are being paid for their <b>dry waste under a prescribed price list</b> for each item.
A special Gift Deed Scheme (Uttar Pradesh)	In a bid to foster <b>harmony</b> and <b>alleviate property-related family disputes</b> , the <b>Yogi government</b> initiated a special <b>Gift Deed Scheme</b> which has benefited over <b>43,574 people</b> from <b>5 August 2023, to 12 September 2023</b> .
Mukhyamantri Ladli Bahna Awas Yojana (Madhya Pradesh)	Under the scheme, the families who were left out of getting the benefit of <b>housing facilities</b> in various <b>housing schemes</b> will get their houses under it. Applications will be filled from <b>September 17 to October 5</b> for the scheme.
The Griha Aadhaar scheme (Goa)	The objective of the <b>Griha Aadhaar scheme</b> is to promote the <b>financial independence</b> and well-being of <b>housewives</b> , recognize their contribution, and improve their <b>socio-economic status</b> .
The Mukhyamantri Atmanirbhar Asom Scheme (Assam)	Mukhyamantri Atmanirbhar Asom Scheme aims to provide <b>employment opportunities and financial assistance</b> to the unemployed youth of the state.
"Mukhyamantri Gramin Awas Nyay Yojana" (Chhattisgarh)	The aim of providing <b>assistance for constructing houses to eligible beneficiaries of the scheme across the state</b>

**October**

SCHEME	PURPOSE
'Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas' (SHRESHTA)	The primary goal of this initiative is to extend the impact of <b>government development programmes</b> and <b>bridge service gaps</b> in areas predominantly inhabited by <b>SC communities within the education sector</b> .
'Lek Ladki Yojana' (Dear Daughter Scheme) (Maharashtra)	<b>Maharashtra</b> state cabinet has approved the ' <b>Lek Ladki Yojana' (Dear Daughter Scheme)</b> for families with annual income up to <b>Rs one lakh</b> .  The scheme is meant to promote the <b>birth of a girl child</b> , and <b>her education</b> and to <b>stop child marriage</b> and <b>malnutrition</b> .
The 'Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative (LAccMI)' scheme (Odisha)	To ensure a <b>sustainable, affordable, assured and safe transportation of passengers</b> and commodities across the State.

**November**

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

**December**

SCHEME	PURPOSE
'Maha Lakshmi scheme' (Telangana)	It provides free travel for <b>women, girls, and transgender persons</b>
"Bhagwant Mann Sarkar Tuhade Dwar" scheme (Punjab)	The scheme is aimed to <b>deliver citizen-centric services at people's doorstep.</b>

**January**

SCHEME	PURPOSE
"Ram Lala Darshan" (Ayodhya Dham) Yojana (Chhattisgarh)	Under the scheme, <b>20,000 eligible residents</b> of the State would be taken to the <b>holy city for pilgrimage</b> every year.
Yuva Nidhi scheme (Karnataka)	The scheme offers financial aid to <b>graduates and diploma holders</b> who are yet to get a job, but only for a maximum of <b>two years.</b>

**Chapter 4: Summit/ Conference****September**

Summit/Conference	Location	About
The first edition of the Global India AI 2023 Conference	India	It will provide a unique platform for deliberation on various topics including <b>next-generation learning and foundational artificial intelligence models, AI applications in healthcare, governance, electric vehicles, and computing systems.</b>
The S20 Conference under the aegis of G20	Amity University's Noida campus in Uttar Pradesh	It covers the topics - <b>Clean Energy for Greener Future, Universal Holistic Health, Science for Society &amp; Culture, and Role of Media in Science and Culture.</b>  The conference's theme is <b>disruptive science</b> , which means <b>transformative science.</b>

<b>The first WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023</b>	Gujarat	The declaration <b>reaffirmed global commitments towards indigenous knowledges, biodiversity and traditional, complementary and integrative medicine.</b>
<b>The 18th G20 Summit, a one-day conference</b>	New Delhi	Theme- <b>"Transnational Grid Interconnections for One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG)"</b>
<b>The G20 Technical Workshop on "Climate Resilient Agriculture"</b>	Hyderabad	This three-day workshop aims <b>to facilitate discussions on climate change challenges and foster international cooperation to enhance countries' abilities to address these climate-related agricultural issues.</b>
<b>19th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM)</b>	Istanbul, Türkiye	<b>Indian Coast Guard</b> participated in the 19th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting ( <b>HACGAM</b> ) in <b>Istanbul, Türkiye.</b>  A four-member <b>ICG delegation</b> led by <b>DG Rakesh Pal, Director General of Indian Coast Guard</b> took part in the annual event of the independent forum with <b>23 members of Coast Guard Agencies</b> and <b>02 associate members</b> in the form of <b>ReCAAP and UNODC.</b>
<b>The International Conference on Dam Safety</b>	Jaipur, Rajasthan	The conference aims to provide a major platform for <b>experts to come together and debate cutting-edge topics in dam safety and management.</b>
<b>The 4th G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting</b>	Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh	The <b>two-day meeting under India's G20 Presidency</b> brings together over <b>80 delegates from G20 member countries</b> , special invitee countries, and <b>International Organizations.</b>
<b>The eighth Eastern Economic Forum</b>	Vladivostok	<b>Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal</b> has represented India at the <b>eighth Eastern Economic Forum in the Russian port city of Vladivostok.</b>  The objective of the meeting is to maintain <b>strong ties and foster strategic, trade, and logistical cooperation</b> across various sectors
<b>The Fourth G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPII) Meeting</b>	Mumbai	The <b>Symposium saw panel discussions</b> involving international experts around two key themes <b>"Energizing MSMEs for Higher Economic Growth through Digital Public Infrastructure"</b> and <b>"Credit Guarantees and SME ecosystems"</b> .
<b>The fourth and final G20 Framework Working Group Meeting</b>	Raipur, Chhattisgarh	<b>The FWG facilitates discussions</b> on the latest <b>global economic outlook and policy guidance</b> on key <b>macroeconomic issues.</b>
<b>United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) South Asia conference.</b>	India	Objective - To further India's engagement with <b>UNCITRAL</b> and encourage interaction between <b>UNCITRAL, judiciary, bureaucracy, academia, and the legal fraternity.</b>
<b>The 14th edition of the World Spice Congress (WSC)</b>	Navi Mumbai	Theme - <b>VISION 2030: S-P-I-C-E-S</b>



<b>The fourth International Infrastructure Working Group meeting</b>	Madhya Pradesh	The delegates discussed various aspects of infrastructure <b>investments, including developing infrastructure as an asset class, promoting quality urban infrastructure, Infratech, and identifying innovative instruments</b> for mobilizing financial resources for investment towards <b>resilient, sustainable, and inclusive urban infrastructure.</b>
<b>A two-day International Lawyers Conference</b>	New Delhi	The theme of the Conference is <b>Emerging Challenges in the Justice Delivery System.</b>
<b>The 'India Smart Cities Conclave 2023'</b>	Indore, Madhya Pradesh	The conclave aims to showcase the excellent work done <b>under the Smart Cities Mission and shape the future of urban transformation in India.</b>
<b>The programme marking 20 years of celebration of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit</b>	Ahmedabad	<b>Prime Minister Narendra Modi</b> has addressed the programme marking <b>20 years of celebration</b> of the <b>Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit at Science City in Ahmedabad.</b>
<b>The 9th BRICS Parliamentary Forum</b>	Johannesburg	<b>Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh</b> led a parliamentary delegation to the <b>9th BRICS Parliamentary Forum</b> held in <b>Johannesburg.</b>  Members of the delegation <b>Sumitra Balmik and Indra Hung Subba</b> participated in a debate on the theme <b>"Harnessing Multilateralism and Parliamentary Diplomacy to Deepen BRICS and Africa Partnership for Accelerated Implementation of the Africa Free-Trade Agreement and also in other sessions.</b>
<b>The 31st Meeting of Northern Zonal Council</b>	Amritsar	<b>Home Minister Amit Shah</b> emphasized all the member states to pay special attention to issues like the <b>cooperative movement</b> in the country, the <b>dropout rate of school children, and malnutrition, terming them as a collective priority.</b>

**October**

<b>Summit/Conference</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>About</b>
<b>Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav and Technology &amp; Bharatiya Bhasha Summit</b>	New Delhi	The summit will focus on the integration of technology in promoting <b>Bharatiya Bhasha, including its role in teaching, examination, and translating educational materials.</b>
<b>The 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit, P-20</b>	New Delhi	The main theme of the P20 this year is <b>Parliament for One Earth, One Family, One Future.</b>
<b>The 16th Agricultural Science Congress</b>	Kochi	The primary aim of the meet, organized by the <b>National Academy of Agricultural Sciences</b> , is to generate a scientific discourse around <b>transforming India's agri-food systems into sustainable enterprises, to facilitate its benefits for future generations.</b>
<b>The 23rd Council of Ministers meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)</b>	Colombo	The association's member states will hold discussions on collaboration in various sectors, including <b>trade and investment, maritime safety and security,</b>



		<b>fisheries management, disaster risk management, and the blue economy, among others.</b>
<b>The review meeting on Left Wing Extremism</b>	New Delhi	Chairing a meeting to review the security situation in <b>LWE-affected States</b> , the year 2022 witnessed the lowest number of <b>incidents of violence and deaths</b> in <b>Naxal-hit</b> areas in the last four decades.
<b>The 2023 International Conference on Climate Change and Nuclear Energy</b>	UAE	The UAE has chaired the 2023 International Conference on Climate Change and Nuclear Energy, organized by <b>the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)</b> .  The conference aims to provide a platform for <b>Member States, representatives of low-carbon energy sectors, international organizations</b> , and other relevant bodies to exchange information on the role of <b>nuclear energy</b> in the path to eliminating <b>carbon emissions</b> , in line with the <b>goals of limiting global warming</b> .
<b>The 8th BRICS International Competition Conference</b>	New Delhi	The theme of the conference is <b>new issues in competition law and policy, dimensions, perspectives, and challenges</b> .
<b>The organization of Bihar Business Connect, Investors Summit</b>	Bengaluru	This summit served as a <b>pivotal platform</b> for <b>fostering investment opportunities</b> in the Bihar.
<b>The 26th Energy Technology Meet</b>	New Delhi	Objective - <b>To provide a common forum for refiners and technology service providers for the exposition of recent advances</b> .
<b>The 141st International Olympic Committee (IOC) session</b>	Mumbai	Important decisions regarding the future of Olympic games are made at <b>IOC sessions</b> . <b>India</b> is hosting the <b>IOC session</b> for the second time after a gap of about <b>40 years</b> .
<b>The 5th and concluding event of the 'Women and Water Dialogue Series'</b>	Uttar Pradesh	The <b>'Women and Water Dialogue Series'</b> is a <b>programme</b> started during the <b>Ganga Utsav 2022</b> to highlight the pivotal role of women in the water sector.
<b>The 6th annual technology conference 'INFINITY 2023'</b>	Amity University Noida campus	Theme- <b>'Digital transformation for futuristic businesses: Emerging technologies leading growth and sustainability'</b>
<b>The meeting of the 18th India-Vietnam Joint Commission</b>	Hanoi	External Affairs Minister <b>Dr S Jaishankar</b> has co-chaired the meeting with his <b>Vietnamese counterpart Bui Thanh Son</b> .  <b>India-Vietnam's Comprehensive Strategic Partnership</b> will only further strengthen over the coming years. They also shared perspectives on the <b>Indo-Pacific region</b> , commitment to <b>global issues</b> , and collaboration in various <b>multilateral groupings</b> .
<b>The third edition of the Global Maritime India Summit 2023</b>	Mumbai	The summit provides an <b>excellent platform</b> for attracting <b>investment in the country's maritime sector</b> .

<b>India-UK 2 plus 2 Foreign and Defence Dialogue</b>	New Delhi	The two sides discussed possibilities to boost collaboration, particularly in areas of <b>trade and investment, defence, critical and emerging technologies, civil aviation, health, energy, culture and strengthening people connections.</b>
<b>The 5th edition of India STEM Summit 2023</b>	New Delhi	<b>STEM Summit</b> pertains to integrating in the education sector that results in <b>Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)</b> developing <b>curiosity, inquisitiveness, critical thinking, problem-solving capacities, imagination, questioning and exploration</b> skills among learners.
<b>The Ninth G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20)</b>	New Delhi	During the concluding session of the Summit, <b>Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla</b> handed over the P20 Presidency to the <b>Parliament of Brazil.</b>

### November

Summit/Conference	Location	About
<b>'AI Safety Summit' 2023</b>	United Kingdom	The summit is organized by the <b>UK Government</b> , and <b>will bring together Ministers</b> and representatives from various countries, including the <b>UK, US, France, Indonesia, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, and South Korea, among others.</b>  Centered on the theme of <b>"AI for Good."</b>
<b>The 15th India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue</b>	New Delhi	The dialogue was co-chaired by <b>Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane</b> and <b>Permanent Secretary (Defence), Singapore Chan Heng Kee.</b>  During the meeting, both sides reviewed the existing <b>defence cooperation</b> between the two countries and agreed to <b>enhance collaboration</b> in <b>Service-to-Service interactions</b> and <b>bilateral exercises.</b>
<b>The 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue</b>	New Delhi	<b>US Secretary of State Antony Blinken</b> and <b>Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin</b> would be traveling to <b>India for the 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue</b> with their Indian counterparts in <b>New Delhi.</b>
<b>The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, and Indian Chemical Council (ICC) has organized the two-day Conclave</b>	New Delhi	The two-day Conclave with the theme of <b>"Integrating Sustainability &amp; Business Strategy for the Chemical Industry- Addressing Challenges and Opportunities"</b> .
<b>The First Australia India Education and Skill Council (AIESC) meeting</b>	IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat	This meeting will provide a platform for <b>academic and skill experts</b> to discuss a wide range of <b>mutually agreed priorities</b> , with the ultimate aim of <b>shaping the future of education and skilling</b> in both our nations.
<b>The 2nd World Local Production Forum</b>	Hague, Netherlands	<b>Indian</b> delegation led by <b>Union Mos for Chemicals and Fertilizers Bhagwant Khuba</b> participated in the

		<b>2nd World Local Production Forum in Hague, Netherlands.</b>
<b>The 33rd Conference of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) Regional Commission for Asia and Pacific</b>	New Delhi	The delegates from <b>36 member countries</b> including <b>India</b> , senior officers from <b>regional and international organizations</b> , and representatives from the <b>private sector</b> and <b>private veterinary organizations</b> will participate in the conference.
<b>The annual apex-level international conference of the Indian Navy – the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD)</b>	New Delhi	The overarching theme of IPRD-2023 is " <b>Geopolitical Impacts upon Indo-Pacific Maritime Trade and Connectivity</b> ".
<b>The 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus)</b>	Jakarta	On the sidelines of the highest defence consultative and cooperative mechanism in <b>ASEAN, ADMM-Plus, Rajnath Singh</b> will hold bilateral meetings with the <b>Defence Ministers of the participating 18 countries</b> and discuss defence cooperation matters to further strengthen mutually-beneficial engagements.
<b>The 6th High-Level Meeting of the India-OPEC Energy Dialogue</b>	Vienna, Austria	The Meeting was co-chaired by <b>HE Haitham Al Ghais, Secretary General of OPEC</b> , and <b>HE Hardeep Singh Puri, Honourable Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs of the Republic of India.</b>
<b>The second Voice of Global South Summit</b>	Virtual format	The theme of the <b>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.</b>
<b>The second edition of the Global Media Congress</b>	Abu Dhabi, UAE	Organized by the <b>Emirates News Agency (WAM)</b> , under the patronage of <b>Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President and Deputy Prime Minister of UAE</b> , the three-day event brings together <b>257 brands, marking a 33 percent</b> increase from last year.
<b>The two-day Global Fisheries Conference India 2023</b>	Ahmedabad	Theme 2023 - <b>Celebrating Fisheries and Aquaculture Wealth</b>
<b>The 7th edition of the two-day Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS)</b>	Kolkata	The participating countries include the <b>US, UK, Japan, Poland, France, Australia, Germany, Malaysia, Bangladesh, and Fiji</b> to name a few.
<b>The World Climate summit (COP 28)</b>	Dubai	<b>Prime minister Narendra Modi</b> will visit Dubai for two days to attend the <b>global summit on climate change</b> which will be based on <b>reducing emissions and supporting developing countries</b> in tackling extreme weather events.  At the summit PM Modi will announce Five targets named , ' <b>Panchamrit</b> '.

### December

Summit/Conference	Location	About
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The 40th coast guard commander conference	New Delhi	Defense Minister <b>Rajnath Singh</b> inaugurated the <b>40th coast guard commander conference</b> . He has urged the <b>Indian Coast Guard</b> to keep working hard to strengthen the <b>country's coastal defenses and maritime abilities</b> .
The first edition of high level virtual interaction MAHASAGAR	Virtual interaction	On <b>November 29, 2023</b> , the <b>Indian Navy</b> reached an important achievement by hosting the first <b>MAHASAGAR, Maritime Heads for Active Security And Growth for All in the Region</b> , a virtual meeting to enhance <b>safety and development in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)</b> .
The United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping Ministerial Meeting	Accra Ghana	The <b>UN Peacekeeping Ministerial meeting</b> plans to talk about the problems <b>UN peacekeepers</b> are dealing with.
The INTERPOL General Assembly started its 91st meeting	Vienna	They aim to address the <b>increasing transnational crime happening worldwide</b> .
The third edition of the India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF)	New Delhi	Theme 2023- ' <b>Moving Forward–Calibrating Bharat's Digital Agenda</b> ' Calibrating Bharat's Digital Agenda'
The 37th session of the Asia Pacific Regional Conference (APRC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	Sri Lanka	The conference will enable ministers of <b>agriculture and high officials</b> from <b>46 member</b> countries across the <b>Asia Pacific region</b> to discuss challenges and priorities related to food and <b>agriculture, promoting regional coherence</b> .
The 27th edition of World Investment Conference	New Delhi	<b>Invest India</b> will host the <b>27th edition of World Investment Conference</b> in New Delhi. Theme- " <b>Empowering Investors: IPAs Pioneering Future Growth.</b> "
The 15th edition of the 'Capacity Building Senior Officers' Meeting' (CBSOM-2023)	GIFT City in Gandhinagar	The meeting was held as per the <b>Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia</b> .

### January

Summit/Conference	Location	About
The 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit	Gandhinagar	The Prime Minister of the <b>Czech Republic Petr Fiala</b> is to be the <b>Guest of Honour</b> at the <b>10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit</b> to be held from <b>January 10-12</b> in Gandhinagar.
The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit	Kampala, Uganda	India's External Affairs Minister <b>Dr S Jaishankar</b> will represent India at the upcoming <b>Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit</b> in Uganda's capital <b>Kampala January 2024</b> .

<b>The first Inland Waterways Development Council Meeting</b>	Kolkata	During the meeting, <b>Mr Sonowal</b> unveiled groundbreaking initiatives, including <b>Harit Nauka - Guidelines for Green Transition of Inland Vessels</b> and the <b>River Cruise Tourism Roadmap 2047</b> .
<b>The second International AYUSH Conference and Exhibition was inaugurated at the Dubai World Trade Centre</b>	Dubai	The focal theme of the conference, " <b>Non-Communicable Chronic Diseases – Prevention &amp; Management through AYUSH</b> ," aims to highlight <b>AYUSH</b> as a prevention-oriented and cost-effective approach to creating a disease-free society.
<b>A global peace summit on Ukraine</b>	Switzerland	<b>Switzerland</b> has agreed to host a <b>global peace</b> summit on Ukraine at the request of <b>Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy</b> .
<b>The 12th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace</b>	New Delhi.	<b>Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar</b> has inaugurated the <b>12th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace</b> in New Delhi.
<b>The 63rd gathering of the Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB)</b>	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	The proposed <b>Annual Programme</b> for the ensuing <b>Field Season year 2024-25</b> was placed before the <b>Board for discussion</b> .

## Chapter 5: Ranking Index

### September

Index	Index released by	India's Rank	1st Rank
<b>Global Finance Central Banker Report 2023</b>	US-based Global Finance magazine		Shaktikanta Das (India)
<b>World Best Countries Report 2023</b>	U.S. News & World Report's annual Best Countries rankings	30th	Switzerland
<b>Grassroots crypto adoption</b>	Chainalysis' 2023 Global Crypto Adoption Index		India
<b>The Digital Quality of Life Index</b>	Cybersecurity firm Surfshark	52nd	Denmark
<b>2023 World Talent Ranking</b>	The International Institute for Management Development (IMD)	56th	Switzerland
<b>The Global Innovation Index 2023</b>	The World Intellectual Property Organization	40th	Switzerland

### October

Index	Index released by	India's Rank	1st Rank
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<b>Global Hunger Index 2023</b>	Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe	<b>111th</b>	Belarus
<b>“World’s Best Employers 2023” in the Forbes World’s Best Employers list 2023</b>		<b>NTPC Limited 261st</b>	Bureau Veritas
<b>The 15th annual Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI)</b>		<b>45th</b>	Netherland

**November**

<b>Index</b>	<b>Index released by</b>	<b>India’s Rank</b>	<b>1st Rank</b>
<b>The Fairwork India Report 2023</b>	Fairwork India 2023		Tata-owned BigBasket
<b>Global Housing Price Rise</b>	Knight Frank’s Prime Global Cities Index for September quarter of 2023		Mumbai
<b>Global survey has ranked Japan lowest for employees’ well-being</b>	McKinsey Health Institute	2nd	Turkey
<b>Inclusiveness index</b>	Othering and Belonging Institute (OBI)	117th	New Zealand
<b>Global Unicorn Rankings with 72 Unicorns</b>	Journalistic Org.	3rd	US
<b>Women-led startup ecosystems in India</b>	Startup data platform Tracxn		Karnataka

**December**

<b>Index</b>	<b>Index released by</b>	<b>India’s Rank</b>	<b>1st Rank</b>
<b>2023 World Digital Competitiveness Ranking (WDCR)</b>	The International Institute for Management Development (IMD)	49th	US
<b>Safest city in India</b>	National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)		Kolkata



<b>Climate Change Performance Index 2023 (CCPI)</b>	Germanwatch, the NewClimate Institute, and the Climate Action Network,	7th	--
<b>The first delta rankings of the Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP)</b>	NITI Aayog		Tiriyani Block of Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district, Telangana
<b>The top global large-scale solar developers</b>	The rankings by Mercom Capital	2 <sup>nd</sup> Adani Green Energy Ltd.	France-based Total Energies
<b>Quality of Living City Index 2023</b>	Mercer	Hyderabad- <b>153rd</b> Pune- <b>154th</b> Bengaluru- <b>156th</b>	Vienna (Austria),
<b>The world's largest source of opium in 2023</b>	UNODC's report		Myanmar
<b>Hurun India's list of 'Top 100 under 30</b>	Hurun India		Kaivalya Vohra (21) and Aadit Palicha (22), founders of the Quick Commerce app Zepto
<b>'Top 50 Asian Celebrities in the World'</b>	UK		Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan
<b>Biggest wealth creator during the five-year period from 2018 to 2023</b>	Motilal Oswal Financial Services		Reliance Industries Ltd
<b>Food adulteration cases</b>	National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).		Hyderabad

### January

<b>Index</b>	<b>Index released by</b>	<b>India's Rank</b>	<b>1st Rank</b>
<b>Global annual On-Time Performance (OTP) 2023</b>	By aviation analytics firm Circum	Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	America's Minneapolis' St Paul International Airport
<b>The highest entry rate on the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) platform</b>	conceptualized by the Supreme Court's e-committee and implemented by the		Uttar Pradesh

	Ministry of Home Affairs		
Henley Passport Index 2024	Henley & Partners	80th	France
The second most valuable IT services brand in the world in the 2024 Global 500 IT Services Ranking	Brand Finance		Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

## Chapter 6: Partnership/ Agreement

### September

Partnership/ Agreement	Aim
The Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) and IIT-Guwahati have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)	To develop technology for <b>production of marketable green carbon</b> from <b>bamboo dust</b> .
Truecaller has partnered with Razorpay	To provide a <b>fast and secure online checkout experience</b> for <b>shoppers</b> with its <b>1-Tap, OTP-Less Verification solution</b> .
The Ministry of Education, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has partnered Meta	A 3-year partnership " <b>Education to Entrepreneurship: Empowering a generation of students, educators and entrepreneurs</b> "  <b>Three Letters of Intent (LoI)</b> were exchanged between <b>Meta</b> and <b>NIESBUD, AICTE and CBSE</b> .
The Department of Posts has entered into an agreement with Bigfoot Retail Solution Pvt Ltd (Shiprocket)	The collaboration aims to <b>enhance e-commerce exports</b> by <b>leveraging India Post's extensive presence and shipping solutions</b> .
Indian Bank has partnered with OneCard	To launch a <b>mobile-first premium credit card</b> .
Amazon India has signed a pact with five state governments Haryana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu	To engage with <b>employable Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)</b> and enable their participation in the <b>mainstream workforce</b> .
Tabreed has partnered with Telangana government	To develop <b>cooling infrastructure for industrial and commercial parks</b>

<b>Mastercard has partnered with KredX</b>	This partnership involves Mastercard seamlessly integrating its <b>commercial card services</b> into the <b>KredX</b> platform, effectively streamlining the <b>intricacies commonly associated with B2B payments</b> .
<b>Google Cloud has partnered with the government's computer emergency response unit CERT-In</b>	To train <b>1,000 government officials</b> and provide <b>1 lakh cybersecurity certificate</b> scholarships to learners.
<b>The United States and Vietnam have signed a deal</b>	On <b>semiconductor</b> supply chains to expand the <b>capacity of the semiconductor ecosystem in Hanoi</b> , in support of the <b>US industry</b> .
<b>Uber has partnered with the Indian Navy</b>	To become its exclusive <b>mobility partner to offer transportation solutions</b> for official travel and commute of <b>naval officers, staff, and families</b> across the country.
<b>Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. has partnered with Dassault Systems</b>	This initiative brings together a network of <b>cardiovascular experts, medical professionals, and regulatory bodies, including the US FDA</b> , to develop and <b>validate highly realistic digital simulations</b> of the human heart.
<b>Amazon's cloud computing division Amazon Web Services (AWS) has signed an agreement with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACE)</b>	This will help <b>space startups and research institutes tap cloud technologies</b> and <b>develop talent</b> . Also, it means startups can <b>develop space-tech solutions</b> and improve their <b>research and development using AWS</b> .
<b>Tata Power Solar Systems Limited (TPSSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TREPL) has partnered with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)</b>	To provide loans to <b>MSMEs</b> looking to install <b>rooftop Solar PV plants</b> from <b>Tata Power</b> or its authorized <b>channel partners</b> .
<b>Yes Bank partnered with BriskPe</b>	To introduce <b>BriskPe A2A</b> , a <b>suite of solutions</b> designed to <b>empower exporters and importers</b>
<b>The United Kingdom has signed a joint investment package with Tata Steel</b>	<b>Package worth £1.25 billion (about \$1.55 billion)</b> , including a government grant of <b>£500 million (\$621 million)</b> to secure the future of <b>Port Talbot</b> operations in <b>Wales</b> — the country's largest steelworks.
<b>Yes Bank partners with Juspay</b>	To introduce <b>HyperUPI</b> , the <b>NPCI plug-in SDK</b> that enables <b>in-app UPI payments</b> in merchant apps.
<b>The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed an agreement with the Digital Lenders Association of India (DLAI)</b>	For <b>collaborations with SIDBI</b> to develop <b>standard protocols</b> to expedite the adoption of <b>digital lending</b> partnerships including alliances between <b>banks and Lending Service Providers (LSPs)</b> .
<b>Air India has entered into a codeshare agreement with AIX Connect (formerly known as Air Asia India)</b>	Through this agreement, <b>Air India</b> will add its code to <b>over 100 flights</b> a day operated by <b>AIX Connect</b> on 21 routes. More routes under the codeshare agreement will be added progressively.

The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed an agreement with the Digital Lenders Association of India (DLAI)	To boost the country's <b>fintech sector</b>
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**October**

<b>Partnership/ Agreement</b>	<b>Aim</b>
India and Argentina have signed a Social Security Agreement (SSA)	The agreement would protect the <b>rights of professionals and workers against loss of benefits or contributions</b> made towards social security in both countries and thus facilitate <b>greater movement of professionals and the labour force.</b>
India and Tanzania have agreed on a five-year roadmap	The two countries inked six agreements providing for cooperation in the <b>digital domain, culture, sports, maritime industries and white shipping information sharing.</b>
The International Olympic Committee (IOC) with the Olympic Museum has aligned with Reliance Foundation	To build on the success of the <b>Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP)</b> in India and signed a new cooperation agreement.
Axis Bank and fintech firm Fibe	To launch <b>India's First Numberless Credit Card</b>
SUN Mobility has partnered with electric vehicle fleet operator Bluwheelz	To deploy over <b>16,000 EVs</b> in the next <b>12 months</b>

**November**

<b>Partnership/ Agreement</b>	<b>Aim</b>
SBI Card and Reliance Retail	To launch the <b>co-branded Reliance SBI Card</b>
Jocata has collaborated with SIDBI	To launch a one-of-its-kind <b>MSME Economic Activity Index Sumpoorn.</b>
Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd has signed a Transfer of Technology agreement with CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories	For the manufacturing of <b>BMI Engine Bay Door</b> for the series production of <b>LCA - Tejas Mk1A</b>
Indian Railways has collaborated with IRCTC to launch the Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train Departing	In a move to promote <b>Dekho Apna Desh</b> and <b>Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat</b> initiatives
The Ministry of Ayush and World Health Organization (WHO) have signed the Traditional and Complementary Medicine	To standardize <b>Traditional and Complementary Medical Systems</b> , integrate their quality and safety

'Project Collaboration Agreement' in Geneva	aspects into the <b>National Health System</b> , and <b>disseminate</b> them at the <b>international level</b> .
Karnataka Bank has entered into a corporate tie-up with HDFC Life	To offer <b>life insurance products</b> to its customers.
Defense ministry has recently contracted with Bharat heavy electricals limited (BHEL)	To get <b>16 upgraded rapid gun mount and equipment</b> for Indian Navy. It is a <b>medium caliber anti missile</b> and <b>anti aircraft defense weapon</b> system which would help in sustained rate of <b>high accuracy and fire</b> .

### December

Partnership/ Agreement	Aim
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has partnered with <b>Water.org</b>	It helps people get access to <b>safe water and sanitation</b> through affordable <b>financing</b> , such as small loans.
<b>Kaspersky</b> and <b>IIT Delhi</b> partnered	To jointly work on <b>cybersecurity-related research and educational initiatives</b> at the institute.
The Defense Ministry has collaborated with the prestigious <b>Indian School of Business (ISB)</b>	The initiative focuses on providing <b>scholarships to military personnel transitioning to civilian life after retirement</b> .
<b>EKI Energy Services</b> , a <b>carbon credits developer and supplier</b> , and <b>Indian Oil Corp. Ltd (Indian Oil)</b> have agreed	To jointly promote <b>Surya Nutan, IndianOil's innovative indoor solar cooking system</b> .
<b>Union Bank of India</b> has collaborated with <b>Accenture</b>	To design and develop a <b>scalable and secure enterprise data lake platform</b> to boost its <b>operational efficiency</b> .
<b>U GRO Capital</b> joined hands with <b>Laghu Udyog Bharati</b>	To supporting and promoting <b>micro-enterprises) to empower India's micro-enterprises</b> with knowledge about <b>government schemes</b> , and <b>digital credit</b> .
<b>Intellect Design Arena Ltd</b> has signed a <b>₹80 crore, five-year deal</b> with <b>Indian Bank</b>	To deploy <b>Intellect's eMACH.ai powered Cash Management System</b> .
<b>State-owned RITES Ltd</b> has signed a pact with <b>CFM Mozambique</b>	For the supply of <b>diesel locomotives and incidental services</b> at a total cost of <b>USD 37,680,080 (Rs 314.1 crore)</b> .
<b>NHAI</b> has signed an agreement with <b>M/s DC Multi-Modal Park (Nagpur) Limited</b> , an <b>SPV of M/S DeltaBulk Shipping India Pvt Ltd</b>	To develop a multi-modal logistics park (MMLP) in Nagpur at a cost of <b>Rs 673 crore</b> .
<b>Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)</b> and <b>DBS Bank India</b> have collaborated	To establish a financing programme customized to the requirements of the compressed biogas project initiated by RIL.

<b>ICICI Prudential Life Insurance (ICICI PruLife) and Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (Ujjivan SFB) have entered into a bancassurance partnership</b>	For the distribution of life insurance products.
<b>Kotak Mahindra Bank partners with IIT Kanpur</b>	To launch of Kotak School of Sustainability
<b>Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance and IDFC First Bank have entered into a bancassurance partnership</b>	To offer insurance solutions to the bank's customers
<b>Private sector Karur Vysya Bank and HDFC Life have entered into a corporate agency agreement</b>	To offer life insurance products to their respective customers
<b>Navratna DPSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has signed a contract with the UP Government</b>	For a value of Rs 445 Cr for next generation UP Dial 112 project.
<b>India and Russia have signed some "very important" agreements</b>	Related to the construction of the future power-generating units of the Kudankulam nuclear power plant.
<b>India and Italy signed Mobility and Migration Partnership Agreement</b>	To strengthen ties between both cultures and promote mobility among students, skilled workers, business professionals, and young talent.
<b>India and Russia have signed a Protocol on Consultations for the period of next four years (2024-28)</b>	To make progress in economic cooperation, energy trade, connectivity, military-technical cooperation, and people-to-people exchanges.
<b>The Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati has collaborated with the Government of Assam's flagship Arohan scheme</b>	To motivate meritorious students to pursue STEM subjects in their higher education.

### **January**

<b>Partnership/ Agreement</b>	<b>Aim</b>
<b>Steel giant ArcelorMittal has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras</b>	To build "Asia's first" Hyperloop test track facility in <b>Tamil Nadu</b>
<b>Tata Consumer Products Ltd (TCPL) has signed definitive agreements to fully acquire Capital Foods, owner of Ching's Secret and Smith &amp; Jones, and Organic India, the Fabindia-backed organic teas and health products maker.</b>	To buy Capital <b>Foods, Organic India</b>



The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with Mumbai-based Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL)	For the acquisition of 14 fast patrol vessels (FPVs) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) at a cost of ₹1,070.47 crore
Telecom major Reliance Jio and Chinese smartphone company OnePlus have joined hands	To set up a 5G innovation lab in India.
The Tata Group and European aerospace company Airbus have signed an agreement to	To manufacture H125 civilian helicopters together in India.
The Election Commission of India (ECI) has collaborated with filmmaker Rajkumar Hirani	For a short film to spread awareness about voting.
The 23rd World Sustainable Development Summit	Under the theme 'Leadership for Sustainable Development and Climate Justice', the summit will emphasise the crucial role of visionary leadership in steering the world toward sustainability.
GAIL has signed a deal with UAE's ADNOC Gas	To buy 0.5 million tonnes of liquefied natural gas (LNG) annually for 10 years.

## Chapter 7: Loan

### July

Organization/Bank	Loan Amount	To which country	Purpose
World Bank	\$1.5 billion	India	To accelerate India's development of low-carbon energy.
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	USD 295 million	Indian government	To upgrade around 265-kilometer state highways with climate and disaster-resilient design and road safety elements in Bihar

### August

Organization/Bank	Loan Amount	To which country	Purpose
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	\$200 million	India	As additional financing in Rajasthan. A new feature in ADB's support is the water facility development for urban resilience improvement and heritage-sensitive urban development in eight heritage.

<b>The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)</b>	Rs 1,974.07 crore	Rajasthan government	For three rural drinking <b>water supply projects in Ajmer, Jalore, and Kota</b> districts, for the construction of <b>676 rural roads</b> , for the construction of <b>104 veterinary hospitals</b> and <b>431 sub-centres</b> .
<b>India</b>	INR 450 million	Sri Lanka	To fund its <b>unique digital identity project</b> .
<b>Asian Development Bank (ADB)</b>	USD 40.5 million	Meghalaya	For integrated <b>early childhood development</b> and <b>maternal mental health</b> in the northeastern state of <b>Meghalaya</b>

**September**

Organization/Bank	Loan Amount	To which country	Purpose
<b>The Asian Development Bank (ADB)</b>	Rs 120 crore (about USD 14.7 million)	Fourth Partner Energy Private Limited	To construct and operate a <b>25-megawatt solar photovoltaic-based power plant</b> to increase <b>clean and low-cost energy supply</b> .
<b>The Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)</b>	USD 100 million	REC Ltd	The loan's proceeds will be used towards <b>refinancing for on-lending to REC's borrowers</b> in the <b>power, infrastructure, and logistics sectors</b> for improving <b>capital equipment</b> .

**October**

Organization/Bank	Loan Amount	To which country	Purpose
<b>The Asian Development Bank (ADB)</b>	USD 181 million loan	Gujarat	To build <b>quality infrastructure and services</b> toward <b>improving urban livability and mobility</b> in the peri-urban areas of <b>Ahmedabad, Gujarat</b>

**November**

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

**December**

Organization/Bank	Loan Amount	To which country	Purpose
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<b>India</b>	\$250 million Line of Credit	<b>Kenya</b>	For <b>modernization of agriculture</b> in Kenya.
<b>Asian Development Bank (ADB)</b>	USD 175	<b>The central government of India</b>	To improve the <b>connectivity and resilience of roads</b> in Madhya Pradesh.

## Chapter 8: Mergers and Acquisitions

Merger Company	About
<b>The merger of Tata SIA Airlines into Air India</b>	<b>TSAL (Tata SIA Airlines Limited)</b> is a joint venture between the <b>Tata Group and Singapore Airlines</b> with the former holding <b>51%</b> and the latter <b>49%</b> .
<b>GQG Partners has acquired equity shares of IDFC First Bank</b>	<b>GQG Partners</b> has acquired about <b>5.1 crore equity shares of IDFC First Bank Ltd's MD &amp; CEO</b> in a <b>₹479.50-crore block deal</b> transaction.
<b>Test prep firm Allen Career Institute has acquired AI-led doubt solving platform Doubtnut.</b>	This strategic move reflects Allen's commitment to building technology led learning solution focused on improving students' learning outcome.
<b>State-owned REC Ltd has inked an initial pact with Bank of Baroda</b>	To jointly offer loans for power, infrastructure and logistics projects in India over the next three years.
<b>Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited into and with AU Small Finance Bank</b>	The merger will help the bank expand its reach, diversify its offerings and promote its financial inclusion portfolio. It had also guided that the merged entity should come into effect from February 1, 2024, subject to necessary approvals.
<b>Test prep firm Allen Career Institute has acquired AI-led doubt solving platform Doubtnut.</b>	This strategic move reflects Allen's commitment to building technology led learning solution focused on improving students' learning outcome.
<b>The Indian government is planning to enter into exploration and development agreements with the Argentina government</b>	For five lithium blocks that have been identified by Khanij Bidesh India (KABIL) in Catamarca province.
<b>Reserve Bank of India has given its nod for the reverse merger of IDFC Ltd with its banking subsidiary IDFC First Bank</b>	The scheme remains subject to other statutory and regulatory approvals, including from the National Company Law Tribunal and the respective shareholders and creditors of the companies involved under the applicable laws.
<b>Reliance Jio joins hands with IIT Bombay</b>	To launch 'Bharat GPT', a large language model specifically tailor for India's needs.
<b>ICICI Pru Mutual Fund to acquire 9.95% stake in Federal, RBL Bank</b>	The approval granted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, RBI's Master Direction and

	Guidelines on Acquisition and Holding of Shares or Voting Rights in Banking Companies dated January 16, 2023.
<b>Reliance Retail to acquire Arvind Fashions' Beauty Retail Business</b>	<p>Reliance Retail Ventures (RRVL) is buying Arvind Beauty Brands Retail, a subsidiary of Arvind Fashions that runs the Sephora India business for ₹99 crore.</p> <p>Reliance Retail has entered into the fast-growing beauty business with Tira, an omnichannel beauty retail platform.</p>
<b>SBI MF is going to buy a 9.9% stake in Karur Vysya Bank.</b>	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.
<b>SBI to acquire 20 percent stake in SBI Pension Funds for Rs 230 crore</b>	The Executive Committee of the Central Board (ECCB) of the State Bank of India (SBI) has accorded final approval to the Bank for acquiring 20 percent stake held by SBICAPS (SBI Capital Markets Ltd) in SBIPFPL (SBI Pension Funds Private Ltd).

## Chapter 9: App/Website/Portal

### September

App/ Website/Portal	Company / Department	Purpose
<b>Share. Market app or buying and selling stocks</b>	PhonePe	According to <b>PhonePe</b> , the <b>Share(dot)Market app</b> elevates discount broking by providing <b>market intelligence and quantitative research-based Wealth Baskets</b> , a scalable technology platform.
<b>'Bharat: Mother of Democracy' portal</b>	The Ministry of Culture	The portal is divided into <b>five sections and 22 sub-sections</b> starting from <b>Sindhu-Saraswati Civilisation (6000-2000BCE)</b> , <b>Mahajanapada and Gantantra (7-8 BCE)</b> , <b>Vijaynagar Empire (14-16 century)</b> , and <b>Mughal emperor Akbar reign (1556-1605)</b> to <b>Constitution of India (1947)</b> and <b>Elections in Modern India (1952 onwards)</b> . Each section has a brief with images.

'Sarpanch Samvaad' mobile app	Assam Government	Assam Governor <b>Gulab Chand Kataria</b> unveiled ' <b>Sarpanch Samvaad</b> ', a mobile application app of the <b>Quality Council of India (QCI)</b> in <b>Raj Bhavan</b> .
e-Bhoomi portal	Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar	<b>Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar</b> has launched a new <b>e-Bhoomi portal</b> that promises to further ease the process of purchasing land for the development of <b>government projects</b> with the consent of <b>landowners</b> .

**October**

App/ Website/Portal	Company / Department	Purpose
'Rozgar Prayag Portal'	Integrated Tribal Development Agency	The portal has been opportunities developed by the <b>Uttarakhand</b> government for the youth with the aim of providing employment in the state on a single portal.
Web portal "Apna Chandrayaan"	Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan	The web portal " <b>Apna Chandrayaan</b> " has activity-based support material such as <b>quizzes and puzzles</b> for students.

**November**

App/ Website/Portal	Company / Department	Purpose
The 'AAINA Dashboard for Cities' portal <a href="http://www.aaina.gov.in">www.aaina.gov.in</a>	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs	The primary objectives of the <b>AAINA Dashboard</b> are to help cities to (i) see how they are faring <b>vis-à-vis other cities</b> , (ii) inspire them by <b>pointing to possibilities</b> and areas of improvement and (iii) providing <b>opportunity to learn and engage with frontrunners</b> .
Mobile trading app "HDFC SKY"	HDFC Securities & Amazon Web Services (AWS)	By using <b>AWS</b> , <b>HDFC Securities</b> can cut its yearly <b>IT management expenses to 50%</b> compared to using traditional on-site systems.

**December**

App/ Website/Portal	Company / Department	Purpose
Amplifi 2.0 portal	The Union Ministry of Urban and Housing affairs	The <b>Amplifi portal</b> , which stands for <b>Assessment and Monitoring Platform for Liveable, Inclusive, and Future-Ready Urban India</b> ,

		wants to share <b>information about Indian cities.</b>
<b>The SATHEE (Self-Assessment, Test and Help for Entrance Examination) portal</b>	The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education in collaboration with IIT Kanpur	To provide quality education to every student who intend to participate in competitive Education such as JEE, NEET, and various State level Engineering and other Examinations.
<b>The introduction of the ERS (Emergency Response Support System) mobile application</b>	The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)	This technological advancement aims to revolutionize emergency management on national highways across the country.
<b>'Paat-Mitro' app</b>	The Jute Corporation of India	Aiding jute cultivation and income generation

## Chapter 10- Interim Union Budget 2024-25: Important Point

### Govt's four focus areas

- Welfare of youth,
- Women,
- Farmers,
- and the Poor.

### GDP

- Real GDP recorded a growth of 7.7 per cent in the H1 2023-24
- In Q1 FY24 India's real GDP grew by 7.8%
- In Q2 FY24 GDP grew by 7.6%
- In FY2023, GDP grew year-over-year (YoY) at 7.2%
- According to NSO, India's real GDP growth in **2023-24 is seen as 7.3%**
- IMF projections for India's economy in FY 24 6.7%

### Fiscal Announcements

- Capex outlay of Rs 11.11 lakh crore
- Capex outlay at 3.4 per cent of GDP
- FY24 Fiscal Deficit target revised to 5.8 per cent of GDP from 5.9 per cent.
- **5.1 % Fiscal Deficit target for FY 25**
- Govt plans to reduce fiscal deficit to 4.5 per cent in 2025-26



- FY 25 Gross market borrowing target is Rs 14.13 lakh crore
- Net market borrowing seen at Rs 11.75 lakh crore
- Revised expenditure for FY 24 Rs 44.90 lakh crore
- Total revenue receipts in 2024/25 estimated at Rs 30 lakh crore vs revised estimate of Rs 26.99 lakh crore
- Nominal GDP growth seen at 10.5%
- Food Subsidy 2.12 lakh crore
- FY 24 Divestment Target Cut to Rs 30,000 crore
- FY 25 Divestment Target set at Rs 50,000 crore

### Direct and Indirect Tax

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposes no change in direct and indirect tax including import tax
- Same tax rates for Direct and Indirect tax retained
- Tax break for start-up, investments made by Sovereign wealth funds, extended to March 31, 2025
- Focus on improving taxpayers service
- Tax reforms have widened the tax base and increased tax collections
- Govt to withdraw old disputed direct tax demands of up to Rs 25,000 till FY2009 and Rs 10,000 for 2010-11 to 2014-15. It will benefit 1 crore taxpayers
- FM also proposes some tax benefits for pension funds
- Processing time of tax returns reduced from 93 days in FY14 to 10 days
- Tax base of GST more than doubled
- The number of tax filers swelled by 2.4 times, direct tax collection trebled since 2014
- Tax receipts for 2024-25 are projected at Rs 26.02 lakh crore
- Direct Tax Collections tripled in last 10 years
- Return filing swelled to 2.4 times

### Agriculture

- Promote investment in post-harvest activity by both private and public sector support
- Empower dairy farmers
- More efforts to control Foot and mouth disease
- Application of Nano-DAP to be expanded in all agro-climatic zones
- Crop insurance has been given to 4 crore farmers under PM Fasal Bima Yojana

- Five integrated Aqua Park to be set up
- Govt to launch Blue Economy 2.0 to promote aquaculture
- Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana to be stepped up to enhance aquaculture productivity, double exports and generate more jobs
- Direct financial assistance to 11.8 crore farmers under PM-KISAN

### Nari Shakti in focus

- Nari Shakti found a special place in the Budget 2024; Here are the key points
- 30 crore Mudra Yojana loans disbursed to women entrepreneurs
- Increased female enrolment in higher education by 28 per cent in 10 years
- 43 per cent of female enrolment in STEM courses
- 1 crore women assisted by 83 lakh SHGs to become Lakhpati Didis

### FY25 divestment target at 50,000 cr

- The government has revised FY24's divestment target to Rs 30,000 crore from Rs 51,000 crore budgeted previously.
- The target for FY25 has been set at Rs 50,000 crore.

### Rs 928.46 crore allocated to CBI

- The government has reduced the allocation to the Central Bureau of Investigation by Rs 40.4 crore. This time the probe agency has received Rs 928.46 crore.
- Earlier, it received Rs 946.51 crore to manage its affairs in the Budget Estimates for 2023-24.

### Health budget

- Encourage Cervical Cancer Vaccination for girls (9-14 years)
- Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 to be expedited for improved nutrition delivery, early childhood care and development
- U-WIN platform for immunisation efforts of Mission Indradhanush to be rolled out
- Health cover under Ayushman Bharat scheme to be extended to all ASHA, Angawadi workers and helpers

### Rail

- Allocation Rs 2.55 lakh crore

- Three major economic railway corridors under the PM Gati Shakti to improve logistics efficiency and reduce cost
- Energy, mineral and cement corridors
- Port connectivity corridors
- Decongest high-traffic density corridors
- Promotion of urban transformation via Metro rail and NaMo Bharat
- 40,000 normal train bogies to be converted into high-speed Vande Bharat ones

### Housing

- New housing plan for the middle class
- 2 crore houses to be built under PM Aavas Yojana
- Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Grameen) close to achieving target of 3 crore houses, additional 2 crore targeted for next 5 years

### Renewable energy

- Viability gap funding for wind energy
- Setting up of coal gasification and liquefaction capacity
- Phased mandatory blending of CNG, PNG and compressed biogas
- Financial assistance for procurement of biomass aggregation machinery
- 1 crore households will be enabled to obtain up to 300 units of free electricity per month

### Lokpal gets Rs 33 crore, CVC Rs 51 crore

- Lokpal was given Rs 44.46 crore for 2023-24, which has been revised to Rs 47.73 crore for the ongoing fiscal.
- CVC allocated Rs 51.31 crore for the next financial year.

### Tourism

- Interest-free loans to states to promote tourism
- Funds will be provided for development of tourism in Lakshwadweep

### Air Connectivity

- 517 new routes to be launched under Udan Scheme

## PLI Scheme

- PLI scheme gets Rs 6,200 crore

## Sunrise Tech

- FM Nirmala Sitharaman proposes Rs 1 lakh crore corpus to drive private investment in sunrise technologies

## Top achievements of Modi govt

- Average income of people has increased by 50%
- GST has enabled one nation, one market, one tax
- Infrastructure build-up is being seen in record time
- Direct transfer of Rs 34 lakh cr using PM Jan Dhan scheme has led to savings for government.
- Inflation has been under check and has been within the policy band
- PM SVANIDHI scheme gave credit assistance to 78 lakh street vendors
- Crop insurance given to 4 crore farmers under PM Fasal Bima Yojana
- 34 cr Mudra Yojana loans been given to women entrepreneurs
- Over 22 crore Mudra loans disbursed in the last 10 years
- Jan Dhan accounts have helped government save over Rs 2 lakh crore
- In the last 10 years government has uplifted 25 crore people out of poverty
- Skill India mission has trained over 1.4 crore youth to make them job ready

## Other Important

- Nirmala Sitharaman announced that 7 IITs, 16 IIITs, 7 IIMs, 15 AIIMS, and 319 universities have been set up.
- To achieve its commitment for 'net-zero' by 2070
- On the Capex front, the outlay for next year increased by 11.1% to Rs 11.11 trillion
- No tax changes
- The Budget Contains A Number Of Announcements And Strategies Indicating Directions And Development Approach For **Making India Viksit Bharat By 2047**
- 'Lakshpati Didi' scheme to target 3 crore women
- Rs one trillion corpus for research in technology announced in Interim Budget
- Govt. will borrow Rs 14.13 trillion in FY2024-25

## Chapter 11: Committee

### September

Committee	Headed by	Purpose
<b>The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reconstituted its alternative investment policy advisory committee with 25 members</b>	Infosys co-founder <b>N R Narayana Murthy</b>	To advise on issues impacting the development of the <b>Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) space</b>
<b>The Union government has formed a committee</b>	Former President of India <b>Ram Nath Kovind</b>	To look into the <b>feasibility of simultaneous polls to State Assemblies and the Lok Sabha.</b>

### October

Committee	Headed by	Purpose
<b>28th Meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee</b>	RBI Deputy Governor <b>Swaminathan J</b>	To review the flow of credit to <b>Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises - MSME sector</b>

### November

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

### January

Committee	Headed by	Purpose
<b>UNESCO's World Heritage Committee and host its 46th session</b>	India	<b>The World Heritage Committee</b> , comprising representatives from <b>21 member states</b> , gathers annually to recognize <b>global cultural and natural heritage</b> . Their work contributes to the prestigious

		UNESCO World Heritage Sites list.
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## Chapter 12: Banking & Financial

### GST Collection 2023

- **January 2023** – 1,55,922 crore
- **February 2023** – 1,49,577 crore
- **March 2023** – 1,60,122 crore
- **April 2023** – 1,87,035 crore
- **May 2023** – 1,57,090 crore
- **June 2023** – 1,61,497 crore
- **July 2023** – 1,65,105 crore
- **August 2023**- 1,59,069 crore
- **September 2023**-1,62,712 crore
- **October**- 1,72,003 crore
- **November**- Rs 1.68 lakh cr.
- **December**- Rs 1,64,882 crore
- **January**- ₹1,72,129 crore

### RBI Policy Rate

Policy	Rates
Repo Rate	6.50%
Reverse Repo Rate	3.35%
Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate	6.75%
Bank Rate	6.75%
Cash Reserve Ratio	4.50%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	18%
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	6.25%

### RBI imposes Penalty 2023

Bank	Amount	Reason
<b>Karur Vysya Bank</b>	30 lacs	for non-compliance with certain provisions of the Reserve Bank of India (Frauds-Classification).
<b>HSBC</b>	1.73cr.	for contravention of Credit Information Companies Rules, 2006.



<b>Canara Bank</b>	2.92 Cr.	for violation of various norms, including linking interest rates to external benchmarks and opening savings accounts of ineligible entities
<b>Central Bank of India</b>	84.50 lacs	For non-compliance with certain provisions of norms related to frauds classification and reporting.
<b>Manappuram Finance</b>	20 lacs	for non-compliance with certain provisions of Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).
<b>J&amp;K Bank</b>	2.5 Cr.	for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on 'Creation of a Central Repository of Large Common Exposures-Across Banks.
<b>Bank of Maharashtra</b>	1.45 Cr.	
<b>Axis Bank</b>	30 lacs	
<b>SBI</b>	<b>1.30 crore</b>	for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions'
<b>Punjab &amp; Sind Bank</b>	1 Cr.	for non-compliance with the provisions of sub-section (2) of Section 26A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949
<b>Indian Bank</b>	1.62 Cr.	for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions'
<b>ICICI Bank</b>	₹12.19 crore	related to 'Loans and Advances-Statutory and Other Restrictions' and 'Frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks and select Fls'
<b>Kotak Mahindra Bank</b>	₹3.95 crore	related to "Managing Risks and Code of Conduct in Outsourcing of Financial Services by banks", "Recovery Agents engaged by Banks", "Customer Service in Banks", and "Loans and Advances - Statutory and Other Restrictions".
<b>Punjab National Bank</b>	72 lacs	Due to several violations, including levying SMS charges on certain accounts despite maintaining invalid mobile numbers in the Core Banking Solution (CBS)
<b>Union Bank</b>	1 Cr.	for non-compliance with directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions.
<b>Federal Bank</b>	30 lacs	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.
<b>Axis Bank</b>	₹90.92 Lakh	Imposing a monetary penalty
<b>Citibank</b>	5 cr.	failing to comply with various directives.
<b>Bank of Baroda</b>	4 cr.	

<b>Indian Overseas Bank</b>	1cr.	for non-compliance with specific directions
<b>Dhanlaxmi bank</b>	1.20cr	for non-compliance with certain directions on 'Loans and Advances — Statutory and Other Restrictions', KYC, and certain norms related to interest rate on deposits.
<b>Punjab and Sind Bank</b>	1cr.	for non-compliance with certain directions on 'Loans and Advances — Statutory and Other Restrictions'.
<b>ESAF Small Finance Bank</b>	29.55lacs	For non-compliance with the directions issued by it on 'Customer Service in Banks'.

### **September**

#### **Bajaj Allianz Life launches ULIP fund with dynamic asset allocation**

- **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** has launched a **unique fund proposition in the ULIP segment**.
- Bajaj Allianz Life's Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund offers customers the opportunity to allocate between equity and debt, dynamically.

#### **RBI Governor rated 'A+' in Global Finance Central Banker Report 2023**

- Reserve Bank of India Governor **Shaktikanta Das** has been ranked as the **top central banker globally by US-based Global Finance magazine**.
- Das has been **rated 'A+' in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023**.
- Das is followed by Switzerland Governor **Thomas J Jordan** and central bank chief of Vietnam **Nguyen Thi Hong**.

#### **SBI introduces UPI interoperability in Digital Rupee**

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has introduced **interoperability of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in Digital Rupee**, also known as Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).
- The new 'eRupee by SBI' application will allow SBI CBDC users to easily scan any merchant UPI QR code for quick and secure transactions.

#### **Government approves Rs 3,760 crores for Viability Gap funding Scheme**

- The **Government** has approved the **Scheme for Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for the development of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)**.
- The scheme envisages the development of four thousand Mega Watt hour of BESS projects by 2030-31, with the financial support of up to 40 percent of the capital cost as budgetary support.

#### **IDFC First Bank makes digital rupee app interoperable with UPI QR codes**

- **IDFC FIRST Bank** has unveiled a **new enhancement, the integration of UPI QR Codes** with its Central Bank Digital Currency app, the **IDFC FIRST Bank Digital Rupee** to enhance the adoption of digital rupee and boost its utilization.
- The UPI interoperability feature will dramatically enhance the adoption of CBDC across the country

#### **Mastercard launches ALT ID solution for enhanced online payments**

- **Mastercard**, a global technology company in the payments industry, has **launched an ALT ID solution for guest checkout transactions**.

- ALT ID is a custom-made capability developed by Mastercard to create an alternate identifier for the real card numbers provided by cardholders during guest checkout transactions on e-commerce platforms.

#### ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launches ICICI Pru GIFT Pro

- **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** has launched an **innovative income plan, ICICI Pru GIFT Pro**, which provides customers the option to receive either a year-on-year increasing income or a constant regular income.
- In addition, the life cover component of this non-participating savings product ensures the family has financial security.

#### SBI Life Insurance launches its very first 'LifeVerse Studio' on Meta

- **SBI Life Insurance** has launched its **very first 'LifeVerse Studio'**, on Metaverse to connect with the next generation of internet users.
- The objective behind the move is expected to connect, empower, and engage with the new-age consumers and reshape brand interactions.

#### India launches 'Hello UPI' for conversational payments

- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has launched **two conversational payment initiatives** that are aimed at increasing convenience and accessibility for users.
- **'Hello UPI'** allows users to make payments by engaging in conversations with their smartphones — whether it's splitting a restaurant bill, sending money to a friend, or settling utility bills.

#### SBI Card adds new features to AURUM super premium credit card

- India's largest credit card issuer, **SBI Card** has launched **new features of its super-premium card 'AURUM'**, targeted at the premium section of society, such as high-net-worth individuals.
- With the enhancements, AURUM cardholders will be able to avail benefits worth up to Rs 2 lakh annually, based on their spending.

#### Bank of Baroda enables UPI ATM facility at over 6,000 ATMs

- **State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB)** has enabled the **UPI ATM facility at over 6,000 ATMs** across the country.
- It is the first public sector bank to launch UPI ATMs, **in coordination with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** and powered by NCR Corporation.

#### AU Small Finance launches Zenith Metal credit card

- **AU Small Finance Bank Ltd** has introduced the **Zenith + Super Premium Metal Credit Card**, expanding its range of banking solutions.
- This credit card includes features like premium lounge access, personalized concierge services, and a welcome with Premium Brand vouchers or Reward Points worth Rs 5000.

#### HSBC India became the first foreign bank in India to launch 'ONDC in a Box'

- **Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) India** has launched **'ONDC in a Box'**, a **one-stop-shop proposition for corporates towards seamless enablement on ONDC**.
- With this launch, HSBC India became the first foreign bank in India to offer an ONDC-enabled proposition.

#### Bharti AXA Life introduces "Income Laabh" to simplify insurance

- **Bharti AXA Life Insurance** has launched a **new product "Bharti AXA Life Income Laabh"** with an aim to **simplify insurance and deliver maximum protection to its consumers**.

- The plan provides financial protection and a steady income stream to consumers.

#### RBI issues revised norms for valuation of investment by banks

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has issued **revised classification, valuation and operation guidelines** for the investment portfolio of commercial banks, which **will be effective from April 1, 2024**.
- Banks will have to categorize investments into three categories from the next financial year: available for sale (AFS), held to maturity (HTM), and a new category called 'fair value through profit and loss', or FVTPL.
- The existing held-for-trading (HFT) category will become a sub-category of the FVTPL.

#### Max Life Insurance entered health, wellness segment with new plan SEWA

- **Max Life Insurance**, a private life insurer, has **ventured into the health and wellness segment** with the launch of a **new plan 'SEWA'**.
- The Secure Earnings & Wellness Advantage (SEWA) plan covers hospitalization, ICU stay, surgeries, critical illness, and disability, besides life cover.

#### Indian Bank rolls out IB SAATHI to provide basic banking services

- **Public sector Indian Bank** has rolled out of '**IB SAATHI**' initiative aimed at providing an integrated ecosystem for all stakeholders in the financial sector through the business correspondent route.
- The IB Sustainable Access and Aligning Technology for Holistic Inclusion (SAATHI) offers an enhanced user experience through the simplified delivery of services, encompassing both basic and value-added offerings to customers.

#### SBI introduces digital opening of NRE/NRO account setup through YONO

- **State Bank of India** has introduced a **digital facility for Non-Resident Indians** to effortlessly open **Non-Residential External and Non-Resident Ordinary accounts** through its mobile app YONO.
- This service is designed for NTB or "**new to bank**" customers, providing them with ease and efficiency in the account opening process.

#### Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Introduces Maxima Savings Account

- **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** (Ujjivan SFB) has launched the **Maxima Savings Account and Business Maxima Current Account for the premium customer segment**.
- The annual interest rate on the Maxima Savings Account is up to 7.5 percent and customers can open the account with Rs 1 lakh.

#### EPFO records highest net member addition of 18.75 lakh in July

- Retirement fund body **Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)** has recorded the **highest net member addition of 18.75 lakh in July 2023**.
- The labour ministry in a statement said that the addition of 18.75 lakh during the month is the highest since the first publishing of EPFO payroll data from April 2018 covering the period of September 2017 onwards.

#### African Union to launch own credit ratings agency

- The **African Union** plans to launch a **new African credit rating agency next year** in response to its concerns about **what it views as unfair ratings given to African countries**.
- It will operate within the continent, self-funding its operations, and aims to provide additional context for investors when making decisions about purchasing African bonds or extending private loans to countries.

#### Axis Bank Launched 'NEO For Business' Banking Platform for MSMEs

- **Axis Bank** has launched a **transaction banking platform** for the **Indian Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** called **NEO for Business**.
- It will cater to the "real, current, and emerging" transaction needs of Indian MSMEs.
- The NEO for Business platform offers features like digital self on-boarding, bulk payments, GST compliance invoicing, payment gateway integration, end-to-end transaction tracking, auto reconciliation, cash flow reports, and recurring collections, among others

#### **RBI cancels licence of Mumbai-based 'The Kapol Co-operative Bank'**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has cancelled the licence of **Mumbai-based "The Kapol Co-operative Bank Limited**.
- The bank with its present financial position would be unable to pay its present depositors in full; and public interest would be adversely affected if the bank is allowed to carry on its banking business any further.

#### **Kotak MF launches investor education program in partnership with CBSE**

- **Kotak Mutual Fund** has launched an **investor education and awareness program in partnership with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)**.
- The program '**Seekho Paiso ki Bhasha**' will pave the way for financial literacy aimed at empowering teachers across India.

#### **RBI approved Poonawalla Fincorp to issue credit cards with IndusInd Bank**

- **Reserve Bank of India** has approved **Poonawalla Fincorp**, a **Cyrus Poonawalla group-promoted NBFC**, to issue a **co-branded credit card with IndusInd Bank**.
- The credit card, slated for launch in the next three months, is designed to cater to customers with a favourable credit history.

### **October**

#### **SIDBI to launch app-based 'invoice financing' loans platform**

- With an aim to enhance the economic and financial sustainability of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME), the **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** is in the process of launching an app-based '**invoice financing**' loans platform '**GST Sahay**'.
- The MSMEs are vital for the economic growth and development of India. They (MSMEs) create jobs and contribute enormously to the socio-economic development of the country.

#### **Karnataka Bank launches "Doorstep Gold loan facility" with SahiBandhu**

- **Karnataka Bank** has partnered with **SahiBandhu**, an aggregator platform for gold loans backed by the Manipal Group, to launch a '**doorstep gold loan**' facility named '**KBL-Swarna Bandhu**'.
- The bank will be able to provide gold loan services at the customer's doorstep through this product. Initially, the product will be available to customers in select centres of the bank and will be gradually rolled out to all branches

#### **SBI launches Mobile Device for banking convenience**

- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has launched a '**Mobile Handheld Device**' as part of its financial inclusion drive in a bid to improve accessibility and convenience.
- The drive "aims to empower financial inclusion and extend essential banking services to the masses."

#### **Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector**



- PhonePe launched its own app store platform **Indus Appstore**
- Utkarsh Small Finance Bank launched of **Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) Using UPI on ATMs**
- Axis Bank Launched '**NEO For Business**' Ban Platform for MSMEs

#### **IDFC FIRST Bank and Outlook Group launched "Outlook Money 40After40"**

- **Outlook Group** has launched its highly anticipated retirement planning event "**40After40**" in association with **IDFC FIRST Bank**.
- The plan is to provide invaluable insights and expert guidance to individuals, helping them make informed decisions to secure a prosperous retirement.

#### **SBI Foundation and Villgro Join Forces to Support Entrepreneurship**

- **SBI Foundation**, under its flagship program, **SBIF LEAP (Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Accelerator Program)** has announced the **Innovators for Bharat** initiative to provide support to high-impact incubators.
- This initiative will offer support to startups working to address pressing development challenges in the country.

#### **Yes Bank becomes first lender to offer 'ONDC Network Gift Card'**

- **Yes Bank** has taken a significant leap forward in the **digital commerce space** by **introducing the ONDC Network Gift Card**. This move makes YES Bank the first bank in the country to issue such a card.
- In partnership with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), this initiative aims to transform the shopping experience for Indian consumers.

#### **Indian Navy & SBI launches unique NAV-eCash card for online transactions**

- **Indian Navy and the State Bank of India** have launched the '**Nav-eCash**' card, a unique e-cash card that can work in both online and offline mode.
- India is leading the world with over 100 billion digital financial transactions being recorded annually and the number is steadily growing.

#### **GST Council hikes age limit for Appellate Tribunals' president**

- **The tenure of the president of the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT)** has been increased to **70 years of age from 67 years earlier**, revealed the GST Council in its 52nd meeting.
- The Council also added that the members can hold their post till they attain the age of 67 years as opposed to 65 years earlier.

#### **RBI stops Bank of Baroda from adding new customers on its Mobile App**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has directed the **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** to **stop onboarding new customers into its mobile banking facility - 'bob World'** — with immediate effect.
- The action is based on certain material supervisory concerns observed in the manner of onboarding of their customers onto this mobile application.

#### **RBI raises monetary ceiling of gold loans for UCBs**

- In order to remove difficulties faced by the Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs), the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **increased the monetary ceiling of gold loans under Bullet Repayment Scheme from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 4 lakh for UCBs**.
- The move will strengthen cooperatives and treat them on par with other economic entities.

#### **RBI plan to include PM Vishwakarma Scheme beneficiaries in PIDF Scheme**



- Reserve Bank Governor has decided to include PM Vishwakarma under the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) Scheme as well as extend the tenure of the scheme by another two years.
- It is now proposed to extend the PIDF Scheme by a further period of two years, that is up to December 31, 2025, the RBI said while announcing a bi-monthly monetary policy.

#### Retail inflation eased to 5.02% in September from 6.83% in August

- India's retail inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), declined to a three-month low of 5.02% in September due to easing food prices, according to data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO).
- The inflation has come back to the Reserve Bank of India's comfort level of below 6% after a gap of two months.
- In July 2023, India's CPI stood at 7.44%, while in August 2023, it was at 6.83%.

#### ICICI Bank introduces 'iFinance, a One-Stop Solution

- ICICI Bank has launched 'iFinance', which will enable customers, both retail and sole proprietors, to get a consolidated view of their savings and current accounts in one place.
- 'iFinance' provides a single-view dashboard of all accounts. Users can check account balances, get valuable insights on spending patterns, download statements and more.

#### Rasper.ai Unveils World's First AI Wallet

- Rasper.ai, a pioneering force in the cryptocurrency industry, is thrilled to introduce the world's first AI-integrated crypto wallet, the Rasper Wallet, accompanied by an exclusive RASP token presale.
- The Rasper AI Wallet is an unparalleled fusion of artificial intelligence (AI) and blockchain technology, redefining the very essence of a cryptocurrency wallet.

#### RBI cancels Registration Certificate of Ind Bank Housing Ltd

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the Certificate of Registration of Chennai-based Ind Bank Housing Ltd.
- Indian Bank and HUDCO (Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd) are major shareholders in the housing finance company, holding 51 percent and 25 percent stake, respectively.

#### Federal Bank launched the 'Mookkannoor Mission' initiative at its founder's village

- The Federal Bank has inaugurated the 'Mookkannoor Mission', an initiative under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, on the 106th birth anniversary of its Founder KP Hormis
- Mookkannoor, a village in Ernakulam district, is the birthplace of the Founder.
- The Bank adopted a comprehensive plan of digitizing the entire village as well as a cleanliness drive that includes waste management, tree plantation, community development, renewable energy projects, etc that will be implemented in stages.

### **November**

#### 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 of Netwary'.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

### December

#### SEBI is announced to extend the timeline of implementation for SCORES platforms.

- **SEBI, the market regulator, has extended the deadline for linking the SEBI Complaint Redressal (SCORES) platform** with the online dispute resolution platform. Initially set for December 4, the new deadline is now April 1, 2024.
- **The deadline for applying for SCORES authentication has now been extended to April 1, 2024.**

#### LIC introduces new whole life insurance policy Jeevan Utsav

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has launched a special scheme, **named Jeevan Utsav**.
- LIC’s Jeevan Utsav is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings, whole life insurance plan based on the selected Premium Paying Term (Regular Income to Flexi Income), 10% of the Sum Assured is paid back annually after the specified years.

#### RBI has canceled the license of Sitapur-based Urban Co-operative Bank

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has canceled the **license of Sitapur-based Urban Co-operative Bank in Uttar Pradesh**.
- The bank’s license was canceled due to lack of adequate capital and prospects of earning.
- The RBI has prohibited the bank from any banking, including depositing money and repaying its customers.

#### IDFC FIRST Bank launches “FIRST SWYP” credit card

- **IDFC FIRST Bank** has introduced a youth-centric “**FIRST SWYP**” credit card in partnership with Mastercard.
- This card can be used as a no-interest charge card and has curated features -- flexible bill repayments through EMIs, a benefit-laden referral program, and exclusive and relevant merchant partnerships.

#### Bank of India Unveils Nari Shakti Savings Account

- **Bank of India (BoI)** has launched an **exclusive savings bank product for women (Nari Shakti Savings Account)** with an independent source of income.
- The savings account has features such as personal accident insurance cover of up to ₹1 crore, discounted health insurance and wellness products, and rebates on locker facilities for gold and diamond SB A/C holders, among others.

#### Retail inflation surged to 5.5% in November amid rising food prices

- **India's retail inflation surged** sharply to **5.55 percent in November** after falling to a **four-month low of 4.8 percent in October**, according to data released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.
- The uptick in retail inflation has been attributed to a sharp rise in food prices. Notably, the food inflation for November registered at 8.70 percent.

#### Poonawalla Housing Finance rebrands as Grihum Housing Finance

- **Poonawalla Housing Finance** has been **rebranded as Grihum Housing Finance with global private equity firm TPG** now holding 99.02 percent stake in the housing finance company.
- Before being promoted by Poonawalla Fincorp, the housing financier was a part of the Magma Group.

#### IDFC FIRST Bank, LIC Cards, and Mastercard to co-launch Credit card

- **IDFC First Bank, LIC Cards, and Mastercard** have partnered to **launch an exclusive co-branded credit card to meet the dynamic financial needs of the country.**
- Available in two variants -- LIC Classic and LIC Select -- the credit cards will let more than 27 crore policyholders across the country save in the form of reward points on every LIC insurance premium payment.
- It will also come with other benefits, including up to Rs 50,000 cover for lost card liability and a personal accident insurance cover of up to Rs 5 lakh.

#### WPI inflation in Nov at 0.26%, returns to positive territory after 7 months

- India's wholesale price index (**WPI**)-based inflation came in at **0.26 percent**, according to the data **released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.**
- It has returned to positive territory after seven months. Earlier in March, the WPI-based inflation was 1.34 percent.

#### Canara HSBC Life Insurance launches 'Alpha Wealth' plan with option to alter premiums

- **Canara HSBC Life Insurance** has launched '**Alpha Wealth**' plan with comprehensive features to ensure financial security for the insured and their family.
- It also encourages long-term savings with loyalty additions and wealth boosters. The product offers an array of options by investing in a wide variety of funds - debt/equity/liquid available in the market.

#### RBI authorizes Bandhan Bank to disburse pensions to railway employees

- **Bandhan Bank** has been authorized by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) **for the disbursement of pensions through e-PPOs on behalf of the Ministry of Railways.**
- This authorization enables Bandhan Bank to disburse pensions to all employees of the Ministry of Railways who have retired from their service.

#### IndusInd Bank introduces 'Indus Solitaire Program' for the Diamond Industry

- **IndusInd Bank** has introduced its '**Indus Solitaire Program**,' a community banking initiative meticulously crafted for the diamond industry. This curated banking program

will be offered through the bank's flagship branches in prime locations across various cities with a concentration in Mumbai and Surat.

- It will also provide a range of exclusive benefits along with distinct features and enriched offerings to customers in the diamond industry.

#### Reliance General Insurance unveils 'Reliance Health Global'

- **Reliance General Insurance Company (RGICL)** has introduced "**Reliance Health Global,**" a **healthcare policy** designed to bring global healthcare within reach for Indians.
- The policy extends coverage not only within India but worldwide, providing a seamless experience for individuals accustomed to a global lifestyle and seeking access to top-notch healthcare services and infrastructure.

#### UPI transactions rose by 147 percent in 5 years: Govt to Lok Sabha

- The **Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions** have grown from **92 crore in FY 2017-18 to 8,375 crore in FY 2022-23 at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 147 percent in terms of volume.**
- Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat K Karad, in a written reply to Lok Sabha.
- The UPI transactions have achieved 8,572 crore transactions during the current financial year till December 11.
- The value of UPI transactions has grown from Rs 1 lakh crore in FY 2017-18 to Rs 139 lakh crore in FY 2022-23 at a CAGR of 168 percent.

#### Razorpay, Cashfree secured RBI nod for payment aggregator business

- Digital payment companies **Razorpay and Cashfree Payments** have received **final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as payment aggregators, enabling the fintechs to onboard new merchants** after a nearly one-year-old regulatory ban.
- The company has received the Payment Aggregator (PA) license from the RBI. It will now onboard new merchants on its payment gateway.

#### Government launched Sovereign Gold Bonds 2023-24 with Digital Discount

- **The Government of India** has launched the **Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2023-24 (Series III).**
- Stemming from the inaugural scheme in November 2015 under the Gold Monetization Scheme, this initiative aims to reduce the demand for physical gold.

#### U Gro Capital raises ₹250 crore from Dutch Development Bank

- DataTech NBFC, **U GRO Capital** has raised **₹250 crore** from **the Dutch Entrepreneurial Development Bank FMO through rupee-denominated non-convertible debentures (NCDs).**
- The association will help strengthen the fund's commitment towards greater financial inclusion in India.

#### Unclaimed deposits in Indian banks rose by 28% at Rs 42k crore in 2023

- The **rate of unclaimed deposits in Indian banks has risen by 28%** annual increase in unclaimed deposits with the banks **to Rs 42,272 crore as on March 2023.**
- At the end of March 2023, the amount of unclaimed deposits in Indian banks was recorded at Rs 42,272 crore, while the previous year, there was Rs32,934 crore.

#### RBL Bank Introduces Electronic Bank Guarantee on NeSL Platform

- **RBL Bank** has launched the **Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG),** signalling a significant step forward in trade finance digital transformation.



- The e-BG product builds on the framework enabled by NeSL, incorporating their expertise in e-Stamping and e-Sign.

#### Thakur sets to unveil Khelo India Youth Games logo and mascot

- Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Information & Broadcasting, Sh. **Anurag Singh Thakur** has launched the official logo, jersey, mascot, torch, and theme song for the **Khelo India Youth Games Tamil Nadu in Chennai**.
- The 6th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games is scheduled from January 19 to 31, 2024.

#### SEBI proposes two-phase transition to instant settlement in Indian stock market

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has proposed a **phase-wise transition to instant settlement of trades in the equity cash market**.
- An optional T+0 settlement cycle for trades till 1:30 pm may be introduced in the first phase, with settlement of funds and securities to be completed on the same day by 4:30 p.m.

#### SBI to sign \$165 million LoC with World Bank for rooftop solar projects

- The country's biggest lender, **State Bank of India (SBI)** has signed a **\$165 million Line of Credit (LoC) from the World Bank in Delhi to support grid-connected rooftop solar photovoltaic projects in residential and institutional sectors**.
- In September, SBI said that it plans to make home loans with rooftop solar installations mandatory for residential projects funded from the bank's long-term climate action funds drawn down from multilateral agencies.

#### NABARD and ADB jointly launch climate action initiative

- Agri-lender **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** and **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** have launched an initiative to facilitate climate action in **India's agriculture, natural resources, and rural development sector**.
- Under this initiative, a Technical Support Unit has been set up in Nabard with the partnership of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to enable the agri lender to address the challenges posed by climate change, particularly in the areas of agriculture and rural livelihood sectors in India.

#### Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance introduces the unveiling of T.U.L.I.P.

- **Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company** has introduced a **new insurance product known as T.U.L.I.P – Term with Unit Linked Insurance Plan**.
- This is a unit-linked term insurance plan designed to provide life coverage up to 100 times the annual premium, allowing customers to potentially earn returns similar to a unit-linked insurance plan (ULIP).

#### SoftBank sells shares worth \$310 mn in FirstCry

- **Japanese conglomerate SoftBank** has sold shares **worth \$310 million in omnichannel retailer FirstCry**, which is likely to file a draft paper for IPO this week.
- SoftBank recently sold shares worth Rs 630 crore in FirstCry. It was picked up by a few high-net-worth individuals.

#### Education Loans Experience 20.6% Spike From April To October

- **Education loans** registered a record **year-on-year growth of 20.6 percent at ₹1,10,715 crore in the current financial year** till October compared with ₹96,853 crore in the year-ago period.
- According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, the spurt in education loans was the highest in the last five years.



### IndusInd Bank launches 'eSvarna' credit card

- **IndusInd Bank** has launched the '**IndusInd Bank eSvarna**', India's first Corporate Credit Card on RuPay network.
- This launch positions IndusInd Bank as the first in the country to integrate UPI functionality with a Corporate Credit Card.

### Ola Electric files IPO papers with Sebi; first by auto company in 20 years

- **Electric two-wheeler company Ola Electric** has filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator **SEBI** to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO)- the first issue by an automaker in the country in more than 20 years.
- The proposed IPO is a fresh issue of equity shares up to Rs 5,500 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of 9.52 crore equity shares by promoters and investors, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP).

### World Bank Approves \$100 Mn For Skill Development In Sikkim

- **The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors** has approved a **new project to support the state of Sikkim's efforts to train**, upskill, and provide jobs for 300,500 women and youth in high-growth and priority sectors.
- Sikkim has been one of the fastest-growing states in India. While over 40 percent of youth are currently engaged in agriculture, the state has a growing manufacturing and services industry.

### Muthoot FinCorp raises ₹200 crore from SBI via NCDs

- **Muthoot FinCorp**, the flagship company of the 136-year-old Muthoot Pappachan Group (Muthoot Blue), has **raised ₹200 crore from State Bank of India, via the private placement of non-convertible debentures (NCDs)**.
- The debt securities have a five-year maturity and half-yearly frequency for interest payment. They are rated 'AA' by Crisil with a 'stable' outlook.

### Current account gap narrows to 1% of GDP at \$8.3 bn in Q2FY24: RBI

- **India's current account deficit declined sharply to 1 percent of the GDP** or \$8.3 billion in the second quarter of this financial year, mainly due to lower merchandise trade deficit and growth in services exports, according to RBI data.
- The current account deficit (CAD) was 3.8 percent of GDP or \$30.9 billion in the July-September quarter in 2022-23.

## January

### Sukanya Samriddhi Schemes' interest rates hiked up to 20 bps for Q4FY24

- **The Centre hiked the interest rates** of some of the **small savings schemes**, such as Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme, and 3-year Time Deposit, for the January-March 2024 quarter.
- As per the latest revised list, the interest rate of Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme will be 8.2%, while for 3-year TD it would be 7.1% for the last quarter of the current fiscal.
- Interest rates for Jan-March 2024
  - Savings Deposit- 4 per cent
  - 1-Year Post Office Time Deposits- 6.9 percent
  - 2-Year Post Office Time Deposits- 7.0 percent
  - 3-Year Post Office Time Deposits- 7.1 percent

- 5-Year Post Office Time Deposits- 7.5 percent
- 5-Year Recurring Deposits- 6.7 percent (6.5 percent earlier)
- National Saving Certificates (NSC)- 7.7 percent
- Kisan Vikas Patra- 7.5 percent (will mature in 115 months)
- Public Provident Fund- 7.1 per cent
- Sukanya Samriddhi Account- 8.2 per cent
- Senior Citizens Savings Scheme- 8.2 per cent

#### UPI ends 2023 with record transactions worth ₹18-lakh crore

- **Unified Payments Interface (UPI) ended 2023 at a high**, recording over 1,200 crore transactions worth more than **₹18-lakh crore in December, a peak for both the transaction count and value.**
- Over 11,765 UPI transactions worth ₹182.2-lakh crore were processed in 2023, up 59 percent in terms of volume and 45 percent in terms of value compared with 2022, as per data by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

#### India Ratings revises PNB Housing Finance NCD ratings from AA to AA+

- **PNB Housing Finance**, a housing finance company, said that **India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has upgraded the rating** of the company's non-convertible debentures (NCDs) to **'IND AA+' from 'IND AA' with stable outlook.**
- Further, Ind-Ra said that NCDs limit has been split into bank loans and NCDs and **'IND AA+' rating has been assigned to the bank loans.**

#### Bank of India introduced Super Special Fixed Deposit

- **Bank of India** has introduced **Super Special Fixed Deposit with an incredibly enticing interest rate of 7.50% per annum.**
- This offer is available for both existing customers and the general public, but only for deposits ranging from ₹2 Crores to less than Rs. 50 Crores.

#### Canara Bank to launch Data Analytics center in Bengaluru

- **Public sector banking behemoth Canara Bank** will open a **separate cyber-security wing from April 1** as the bank steps up its investment in cyber security initiatives to prevent customers from falling into the trap of online fraudsters.
- The wing will be headed by a general manager and monitor digital transactions on a real-time basis and trigger alerts if a fraudster is trying to break into a customer's account.

#### SBI raises \$250 mn via Green Bonds to fund sustainable projects

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has raised **USD 250 million through issuance of the Green Notes to fund sustainable projects.**
- The bank has concluded the successful placement of USD 250 million senior unsecured Green floating rate notes, referred to as 'The Green Notes'.

#### Indian economy to grow at 7.3 percent in current financial year; NSO

- **According to the National Statistical Office (NSO)** under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the **Indian economy will grow by a robust 7.3 percent in the Financial Year 2023-24** over and above the provisional growth rate of 7.2 percent during the last financial year.

- NSO in its report based on First Advance Estimates (FAE) of National Income for the financial year 2023-24, said that the construction sector has been estimated to have double-digit growth of 10.7 percent.

#### IndusInd Bank Introduces The 'Samman Rupay Credit Card'

- **IndusInd Bank** has introduced the "**IndusInd Bank Samman RuPay Credit Card**", equipped with UPI functionality, in partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- Tailored for government sector employees, the card is designed to offer a variety of exclusive perks, aiming to elevate their banking experience.

#### Indian Bank Launches 'Indian Bank One Co-Branded Credit Card'

- **Indian Bank** has launched an '**Indian Bank One co-branded credit card**' with **FPL Technologies**.
- Leveraging the Visa and RuPay platforms, these cards will be issued by Indian Bank and managed by FPL Technologies.

#### SBI Launches Green Rupee Term Deposit

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has launched the **SBI Green Rupee Term Deposit (SGRTD)** of 1,111 days, 1,777 days, and 2,222 days tenor for resident individuals, non-individuals, and NRI customers.
- The deposit has been introduced with the aim of mobilizing funds to support environment-friendly initiatives and projects, thereby fostering the growth of a green finance ecosystem in India.

#### DLabs at ISB launches 'Build for Billions' jointly with RBI Innovation Hub, Union Bank of India

- **Hyderabad DLabs at the Indian School of Business (ISB)** has launched '**Build for Billions**', a startup accelerator programme, themed around financial inclusion for the informal economy, in partnership with **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) and Union Bank of India**.
- Gig workers, migrant workers, domestic workers, street vendors, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and construction labourers — representing the informal economy -- face multifaceted challenges.

#### Wholesale inflation rises to 0.73% in December

- The **wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation** rose in December at **0.73%** mainly due to a sharp rise in food prices.
- The WPI inflation was in the negative zone from April to October and had turned positive in November at 0.26%.

#### Yes Bank deploys Veefin's SmartFin supply chain finance solution

- **Yes Bank** has launched **SmartFin**, an end-to-end digital supply chain finance (SCF) platform, **powered by Veefin Solutions**.
- The initiative reflects Yes Bank's commitment to fostering innovation and enhancing its digital offerings, particularly in the realm of working capital efficiencies.

#### IndusInd Bank ties up with EazyDiner to launch credit card

- **IndusInd Bank** has launched the 'EazyDiner IndusInd Bank Platinum Credit Card' in association with EazyDiner.
- The credit card offers an additional discount of ₹500 while paying through the EazyDiner App via PayEazy for both dining and takeaway at select restaurants.

#### LIC overtakes SBI to become the most valuable PSU

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India**, a government-owned insurance giant, has regained its status as the most valued public sector undertaking, **surpassing the market capitalization of State Bank of India**.
- While SBI holds a market value of Rs 5.63 lakh crore, LIC has surpassed it with a market capitalization (MCap) of Rs 5.64 lakh crore.

#### SBI Life Insurance launches two new term plans with return of premium

- **SBI Life Insurance**, a private life insurer, has launched **two products**– 'SBI Life - Saral Swadhan Supreme' and 'SBI Life - Smart Swadhan Supreme'.
- These two new products not only provide a life cover but also benefit of return of premiums at maturity, to fulfill customers' financial objectives.

#### Yes Bank becomes first Indian bank to conduct export finance transactions on RXIL's ITFS

- **Yes Bank** has become the **first Indian bank** to execute an **export finance transaction on the International Trade Financing Services Platform (ITFS)** of RXIL Global IFSC Limited (RXIL), a leading cross-border fintech company registered under the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA).
- This strategic partnership facilitates arranging credit for exporters and importers from both Indian and Global Institutions through Factoring, Forfaiting, and other trade financing services at competitive pricing with quick turnaround using a digital platform.

#### REC to lend 1.2 trillion for solar panels

- State-run REC 'a Maharatna power finance company' will lend up to ₹1.2 trillion for the installation of rooftop solar panels under the Pradhan Mantri Suryoday Yojana.
- The company has been designated as the programme implementation agency for the implementation of the scheme and its board of directors has approved letters of credit of about ₹15,000 crore each for eight central public sector undertakings would set up the rooftop panels across states.

#### HDFC Bank first lender to issue 20 million credit cards

- **HDFC Bank**, India's largest private sector bank, has become the first lender in the country to achieve the milestone of 20 million credit cards in force.
- The lender forayed into the credit card business in 2001 and hit the 10-million mark in 2017. The next 10 million issuances came in a little over six years.

#### LIC gets RBI nod for 9.99% stake buy in HDFC Bank

- The Reserve Bank of India has approved insurance behemoth Life Insurance Corporation of India's (LIC) application to acquire up to 9.99 percent aggregate

holding of paid-up share capital in HDFC Bank, the country's largest private sector bank.

### Zomato receives RBI nod to operate as payment aggregator

- Food delivery major Zomato's subsidiary has received the certificate of authorisation from RBI to operate as a payment aggregator.
- The company's wholly-owned subsidiary Zomato Payments Pvt Ltd (ZPPL) has been incorporated to carry out the business as payment aggregator and issuer of pre-paid payment instruments.

### Bank of Baroda's arm rebranded as 'BOBCARD Limited'

- Bank of Baroda's wholly-owned subsidiary for cards, 'BOB Financial Solutions Limited', has been rebranded as 'BOBCARD Limited' with the tagline "Credit Reimagined".
- The NBFC has also unveiled a new logo called 'Baroda Sun', which comprises dual 'B' letterforms that hold the rays of the rising sun.

### Four companies get SEBI's nod to launch IPOs

- Entero Healthcare Solutions, JNK India, Exicom Tele-Systems and Akme Fintrade (India) have received markets regulator SEBI's approval to raise funds through initial public offerings.
- However, the Securities and Exchange Board of India has returned the IPO papers of Stallion India Fluorochemicals.

### BoB raises Rs 5,000 Crore via 10-year infrastructure bonds

- State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) has raised ₹5,000 crore through the issuance of long-term infrastructure bonds.
- The bank received a total of 128 bids amounting to ₹14,950 crore against the total issue size of ₹5,000 crore (base issue of ₹1,000 crore and greenshoe option to retain oversubscription up to ₹4,000 crore).

### Mahila Samman Savings Certificate collected over ₹14,500 crore in 9 months

- Over 22.5 lakh accounts have been opened under the Mahila Samman Saving Certificate Scheme (MSSCS) in the first nine months of the fiscal with a deposit of over ₹14,500 crore.
- The scheme was announced in the budget 2023. The scheme was notified on March 31 and made available through 1.6 lakh post offices from April 1.

## Chapter 13: Current Affairs (National)

### Recent GI Tag List

Item	State
Kangra Tea	Himachal Pradesh
Nagri Dubraj rice	Chhattisgarh
'Mircha' rice	Bihar's West Champaran
Gond Painting	Madhya Pradesh
'Cumbum' Angoor'	Tamil Nadu
'Amroha Dholak', 'Mahoba Gaura Patthar Hastashlip', 'Mainpuri Tarkashi', 'Sambhal Horn Craft',	UP



'Baghpat Home Furnishings', 'Barabanki Handloom Product' and 'Kalpi Handmade Paper'	
Sea Buckthorn	Ladakh
Saffron	J&K

### List of Changing Name

Old Name	New Name
MCF Raebareli Stadium named	Hockey player Rani Rampal
Sharjah stadium (UAE) stand named	Sachin Tendulkar
Ahmednagar (Maharashtra)	Ahilyabai Holkar
Ayodhya Train Station	Ayodhya Dham

### Indian Govt, target important project list

Aims	Target Time
Indian Railways to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by	2030
Government of India has set a target of building 220 new airports	2025
PM vision of \$ 5 trillion Economy	2025
To Eliminate TB	2025
100 MT coal gasification target	2030
To generate solar Power (500GW)	2030
Har Ghar Jal	2024
Clean Drinking water to all by	2024
Fulfil Jal Jeevan Mission	2024
Railways to run 100% on electricity	2024
zero road accident fatalities	2030
Green Railway'	2030
'Energy independent'	2047
Rice under all scheme to be fortified	2024
Six lakh villages to get internet connectivity by	2024

### Festival

State/UT	City	Festival
Andhra Pradesh		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flamingo Festival</li> </ul>



<b>Assam</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magh Bihu</li> <li>• Rongali or Bohag Bihu</li> <li>• Dwizling Festival</li> <li>• Parag Festival</li> <li>• Ambubachi Mela</li> <li>• Wanchuwa</li> <li>• Baikho</li> <li>• Karbi Youth Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	Raipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Tribal Dance Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Goa</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Film Festival of India (IFFI)</li> <li>• Sao Joao</li> <li>• International Lusophone Festival</li> <li>• Heritage Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Gujarat</b>	Ahmedabad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Kite Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Losar Festival</li> </ul>
<b>J&amp;K</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mela Kheer Bhavani</li> <li>• Jhiri Mela</li> <li>• Bungus Awaam Mela"</li> <li>• "Apple Festival"</li> <li>• 1st ever Aharbal Festival</li> <li>• Kanchoth festival</li> <li>• Herath or the 'Night of Hara (Shiva)',</li> <li>• <b>Lavendar festival'</b></li> <li>• Sinthan Snow Festival</li> <li>• Vitasta Mahotsav</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka</b>	Mangalore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karavali Utsav</li> </ul>
<b>Kerala</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Onam</li> <li>• Dragonfly Festival or Thumbi Mahotsavam (<b>1st-ever of state in 2020</b>)</li> <li>• Pooram Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Ladakh</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naropa Festival</li> <li>• Addi Mahotsav</li> <li>• Hemis</li> <li>• Losar Festival</li> <li>• Spituk Gustor Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	Khajuraho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Film Festival</li> </ul>
	Gwalior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tansen Music Festival or the Tansen Sangeet Sammelan or the Tansen Utsav</li> </ul>
	Mandu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandu festival</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Namaste Orchha festival (<b>1st-ever in 2020</b>)</li> <li>Lokrang Festival</li> <li>'UNMESHA'</li> <li>'UTKARSH'</li> <li>Kuno Forest Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Owl Festival (Pune)</li> <li>Palkhi festival</li> </ul>
	Nagpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Khasdar Mahostav</li> <li>Orange Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Manipur</b>	Imphal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sangai Festival, Nata Sankiratana, <b>Kachai Lemon Festival</b></li> <li>Leela Festival</li> <li>Amur Falcon Festival</li> <li>Yaoshang festival</li> <li>Hun Thadou cultural festival</li> </ul>
	Ukhrul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shirui Lily Festival</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sangai Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Meghalaya</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Behdinkhelam Festival</li> <li>Cherry Blossom Festival</li> <li>Wangala festival</li> <li>Rising Sun Water Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Nagaland</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hornbill Festival</li> <li>Naga Mircha Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Delhi</b>	New Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Tribal Festival – Aadi Mahotsav</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raja Parba festival</li> <li>Konark Festival</li> <li>International Sand Art Festival</li> <li>Nuakhai Juhar harvest</li> <li>'Boita Bandana' Festival</li> <li>Sital Sasthi</li> <li>'Nuakhai'</li> <li>Dhanu Yatra'</li> <li>'Raja' agricultural festival</li> </ul>
	Cuttack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Bali Yatra' festival</li> </ul>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Bikaner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camel Festival</li> <li>Maru Mahotsav or Jaisalmer Desert Festival</li> <li>Gangaur festival</li> </ul>
<b>Telangana</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nagoba Jatara festival</li> <li>Bathukamma Floral</li> <li>'<b>Bonalu</b>'</li> <li>Medaram Jatara</li> <li>'Yoga Festival (Hydrabad)</li> <li>Annual Bonalu Festival (Hydrabad)</li> </ul>
<b>Tripura</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hornbill Festival (<b>1st-ever of state in 2020</b>)</li> <li>Khrachi Puja</li> </ul>

<b>Sikkim</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pang Lhabsol</li> <li>• <b>Losoong (Namsoong)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	Agra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bear Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Uttarakhand</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ganga Kayak Festival</li> <li>• Harela Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Torgya Festival</li> <li>• Chachin Grazing Festival</li> </ul>
<b>West Bengal</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Dol Utsav' or 'Dol Jatra'</li> </ul>
<b>Haryana</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suraj kund mela</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karthigai Deepam Chariot festival</li> </ul>
<b>Jharkhand</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarhul Festival</li> <li>• Shravani Mela (Deoghar)</li> </ul>
<b>Puducherry</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach Festival named I Sea PONDY</li> </ul>

### Note: List of Important Operations (

- **'Operation My Saheli'**: South Eastern Railway launches to enhance security of women passengers
- **Operation Bandar**-Balakot strike
- **Operation Khumaar**- J&k (drug free panchayat)
- **Operation Milap**-by Delhi police to rescue 333 children
- **Operation Sankalp**-Indian navy (in gulf of Oman and Persian gulf)
- **Operation Smile**-Hyderabad police for 325 children rescued.
- **Operation Sudarshan** -BSF (border security force) to secure 100m border from Pakistan
- **Operation Sunrise**-Between the armies of India & Myanmar
- **Operation Support**-By India for people suffering from Idi Strom in Mozambique
- **Operation Swift Retort**-Pakistan strike after operation Bandar
- **Operation Thirst**-RPF To healthy drinking water
- **Operation Sard Hawa**: Operation is to check the instances of infiltration due to dense fog in the region by BSF
- **"Pink Protection"**: Kerala Police lunched for protection of women in public, private and digital spaces
- **"Operation AAHT: Railway Protection Force (RPF)** has launched a nationwide operation to curb human trafficking.
- **"Operation Satark": Railway Protection Force (RPF)** has recently started **"Operation Satark"**. Focused effort under "Operation Satark" was launched from 5<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 of illegal tobacco products were detected with seizure of tobacco products.

- **Operation 'GARUDA'**: CBI launched to dismantle drug networks
- **Operation Devi Shakti was:** Operation of the Indian Armed Forces to evacuate Indian citizens and foreign nationals from Afghanistan after the collapse of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the fall of Kabul.
- **Operation Samudra Setu:** Launched in May 2020 as part of the national effort to repatriate Indian citizens from overseas during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- **Operation Samudra Setu-II:** Indian Navy has launched Operation Samudra Setu-II for shipment of Oxygen-filled containers to India.
- **'Operation Karuna'**: India has launched 'Operation Karuna' to assist Myanmar which has been devastated by Cyclone Mocha.
- **'Operation Conviction'**: UP launches 'Operation Conviction' for cow slaughter, child abuse cases
- **'Operation Broader Sword'**: India and the USA have jointly conducted an 'Operation Broader Sword' to stop the illegal shipment of drugs through the International Mail System.
- **Operation Ajay:** Set to evacuate Indian nationals from Israel

### **September**

#### **UP govt increases amount of Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangla Yojana**

- On the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** announced an increase in the amount of the **Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangla Yojana** from Rs 15,000 to Rs 25,000 from the financial year 2024-2025.
- This will make it easier for the daughters of the state to fulfil their dreams and become self-reliant along with being educated.

#### **Amit Shah launches "Amrit Kalash Yatra" under 'Meri Maati-Mera Desh'**

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** has launched the **Amrit Kalash Yatra** under the '**Meri Mati-Mera Desh**' campaign in New Delhi.
- The campaign aims to connect every citizen emotionally with the idea of creating a greater India.
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#### **President unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and 'Gandhi Vatika' in New Delhi**

- President **Droupadi Murmu** has unveiled a **12 feet high statue of the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi** and a 'Gandhi Vatika' at Gandhi Darshan **near Rajghat in New Delhi**.
- To enhance the visitor experience, a selfie point has been established within Gandhi Vatika.

#### **Delhi Metro starts selling 'Tourist Smart Cards' at selected Metro station**

- **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)** has started selling "Tourist Smart Cards" from its selected Metro stations through dedicated counters.
- These Smart Cards which will be sold till 13th of this month, have been launched to facilitate the G20 delegates and international visitors who might be interested in exploring the prominent tourist places of the capital city as they arrive in Delhi.

#### **Assam Govt to introduce Bill in state assembly to ban polygamy**

- The **Assam government** is likely to introduce a **Bill in the state assembly** in December to **ban polygamy**.
- Polygamy is the practice of marrying more than one person (multiple spouses).

- A legal committee was formed to analyze whether the state government can ban polygamy or not and we have received positive thoughts.

#### World's tallest Nataraja statue installed at G20 summit venue

- The **world's tallest Nataraja statue** has been **installed at Bharat Mandapam**, the venue of the G20 summit in Delhi.
- The statue was built in Ashtadhatu (8 metals) using the traditional casting method.

#### Country's first solar city inaugurated in Sanchi of MP

- **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** has inaugurated the **country's first solar city Sanchi**.
- Roof-top solar panels have been installed in all institutions like railway stations, schools, government offices, street lights, and post offices in Sanchi. Solar study lamps are also being used in homes in the city.

#### Kerala to Host Inaugural Zayed Charity Marathon in 2024

- The **Higher Organizing Committee of the Zayed Charity Marathon** has announced that the inaugural edition of the marathon in India will be **held in Kerala in 2024**.
- The marathon will be held in collaboration with the authorities in Kerala State and the Indian community in the UAE.

#### WB assembly passes resolution to observe April 15 as Bengal Day

- The **West Bengal assembly** has passed a **resolution to observe Bengali New Year's Day**, also known as Polia Baisakh, as the **state's foundation day on April 15**.
- This comes after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee asserted that the day will be observed regardless of the approval of the state's governor.

#### India's first underground transformer unveiled in Bangalore

- The **first underground transformer** in the country was inaugurated at **Malleswaram, Bangalore**.
- The 500 kVA transformer has been commissioned as a joint project between Bescom and BBMP.

#### PM Modi launches global biofuels alliance at G20 summit in New Delhi

- **India** has launched the **Global Biofuel Alliance at a G20 summit** in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the alliance on the sidelines of the summit.
- US President Joe Biden, Argentina President Alberto Fernández, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Brazil President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva among others were present on the occasion.
- The initiative aims to position biofuels as a key to energy transition and contribute to jobs and economic growth. The initiative will benefit India at multiple fronts.

#### Odisha CM flagged off 181 Mobile Veterinary vehicles

- **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** has flagged off **181 Mobile Veterinary vehicles** to provide **healthcare services to livestock in the state**.
- The Mobile Veterinary vehicles were flagged under 'Mukhyamntri Bhramyaman Pranichikitsa Seva.'

#### 'India-Middle East-Europe' economic corridor, a modern-day spice route

- **PM Narendra Modi** announced the project during the **annual Group of 20 summit** of the **world's top economies** to launch the **India-Middle East-Europe economic corridor** including shipping and railway links.

- The first-of-its-kind economic corridor will be an initiative on cooperation on connectivity and infrastructure involving **India, UAE, Saudi Arabia, EU France, Italy, Germany, and the US.**
- The United States, Saudi Arabia, the European Union, the United Arab Emirates and others launched the initiative to link railways, ports, electricity and data networks and hydrogen pipelines on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit in New Delhi.

#### **BRO to construct world's highest fighter airfield in Ladakh's Nyoma**

- The **Border Roads Organization (BRO)** will construct the **world's highest fighter airfield** in the **Nyoma region of Ladakh.**
- The foundation stone of the project will be laid by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh from Devak Bridge.

#### **G20 leaders endorse Goa Roadmap and 'Travel for LIFE' program**

- The G20 Leaders' Summit held in Delhi culminated in a resounding endorsement of the **'Goa Roadmap'** and the **'Travel for LiFE' program**, propelling India to the forefront of sustainable tourism initiatives.
- The **'Goa Roadmap,'** a flagship initiative of India's G20 Tourism Track, serves as a groundbreaking blueprint for global sustainable tourism.

#### **President launched Ayushman Bhav Campaign**

- **President Droupadi Murmu** has launched **Ayushman Bhav campaign** aimed at **achieving Universal Health Coverage and ensuring healthcare for all.**
- She launched the campaign of the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry through video conferencing from Raj Bhawan in Gandhinagar.

#### **Maharashtra Governor inaugurated the 4th Edition of World Trade Expo**

- **Ramesh Bais** inaugurated the **4th edition of the World Trade Expo**, which is India's biggest business platform for aiding global trade linkages, especially for MSMEs.
- The event is organized jointly by the World Trade Center Mumbai and All India Association of Industries (AIAI) with a view to highlight technology as a key driver of trade and tourism.

#### **ICCR organized 'Vaishali Festival of Democracy' at Bihar**

- The **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)** has organized the **"Vaishali Festival of Democracy"** at **Bihar's Nalanda University** exhibiting India's rich democratic traditions.
- The festival - the **'Vaishali Festival of Democracy,'** will be held on Friday (September 15), which is also the International Day of Democracy.

#### **IndiGo becomes official airline for Indian football team**

- **IndiGo** has become **the global partner and official airline for the Indian football team.**
- As the official airline for the Indian football team, IndiGo's network is meticulously designed to cater to the diverse travel requirements of players, officials, and support staff.

#### **Dharmendra Pradhan, Om Birla launch 'Skills on Wheels'**

- Union Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship **Dharmendra Pradhan** and Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** have launched the **'Skills on Wheels' initiative in Delhi.**
- The initiative is aimed at generating awareness around the government's skill development mission, opportunities, and support system available for youths.

#### **Government launches UPag platform**

- The **Centre Government** has launched the **Unified Portal for Agricultural Statistics (UPag)**, an online platform **for the management of agricultural data.**



- The UP Ag, developed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (DA & FW), was launched by NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand.

#### Udhampur railway station renamed after Captain Tushar Mahajan

- **Udhampur Railway Station** was formally rechristened as **Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Railway Station** days after Union minister Jitendra Singh made the announcement.
- The Northern Railway notified the name change in honour of the Army brave heart following the approval by the Jammu and Kashmir administration.

#### Dr. RML Hospital opens India's first dedicated OPD for Transgenders

- The Centre-run **Dr RML Hospital** has inaugurated **India's first dedicated OPD** for the **transgender community** on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday.
- The initiative was started to alleviate the difficulties encountered by members of the transgender community in accessing healthcare services, largely due to discomfort and the fear of discrimination, and social apathy.

#### Government to offer 8% subsidy for loans under Vishwakarma Yojana

- The **government** will offer up to **8 percent subsidy for loans given to artisans** under the **Vishwakarma Yojana** launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The government has already made a provision of Rs 13,000 crore in the Budget 2023-24.

#### Air India starts Project Abhinandan at 16 airports

- In an attempt to elevate the on-ground experience of passengers, **Air India** has launched 'Project Abhinandan'.
- The initiative aims to give the travellers a personalized and hassle-free experience.
- Under the initiative, it has deployed specially trained service assurance officers at 16 major airports across India to offer on-ground assistance.

#### Rabindranath Tagore's Santiniketan gets UNESCO's World Heritage tag

- **Situated in West Bengal's Birbhum district**, the **small town Santiniketan** has been included in the **UNESCO World Heritage List**.
- This is the place where Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore spent much of his life.

#### Women's Reservation Bill passed in Lok Sabha

- A **bill providing 33 percent reservation for women** in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies was cleared in the Lower House of Parliament.
- The bill -- **Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam** -- will be taken up for consideration in the Rajya Sabha.
- The Lok Sabha passed the Constitution (128th Amendment) Bill, with 454 members voting in favour and only two against it after a spirited eight-hour debate in which 60 members participated.
- The Lok Sabha has given its assent to the Constitution (128th Amendment) Bill, commonly known as the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam.

#### PM Modi to lay foundation stone for Lord Shiva-themed Stadium in UP

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will lay **the foundation stone** for an upcoming **international cricket stadium in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**.
- The spiritual city is set to become a cricketing powerhouse with a state-of-the-art stadium, equipped with cutting-edge facilities.

#### Hoysala Temples now India's 42nd UNESCO's World Heritage site

- The Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysala, the famed **Hoysala temples** of Belur, Halebid and Somananthpura in **Karnataka** have been **added to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage list**.
- This inclusion marks the 42nd UNESCO World Heritage Site in India and comes just a day after Rabindranath Tagore's Santiniketan also received this distinguished recognition.

#### Government launched three initiatives for farmers

- **Centre Government** has launched a series of **transformative initiatives**, aimed at revolutionizing agriculture in the country.
- It includes the **Kisan Rin Portal, Door-to-door KCC Campaign, and Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS) Manual**.
- The **Kisan Rin Portal (KRP)**, developed in collaboration with multiple government departments, is poised to revolutionize access to credit services under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC). This digital platform offers a comprehensive view of farmer data, loan disbursement specifics, interest subvention claims, and efficient agriculture credit.
- The **Ghar Ghar Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Abhiyaan** is an ambitious campaign to extend the benefits of the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme to every farmer across India. This campaign aims to achieve universal financial inclusion, ensuring that every farmer has unhindered access to credit facilities.
- The **Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS)** initiative is an instrumental innovation, that leverages advanced weather data analytics to provide stakeholders with actionable insights on weather.

#### PM Modi inaugurated 16 Atal Awasiya Vidyalayas in UP

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **16 Atal Awasiya Vidyalayas built across Uttar Pradesh**.
- These are built at a cost of **over 11 hundred crore rupees** to further enhance access to quality education for children of labourers, construction workers, and orphans due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Cabinet approved the expansion of Ujjwala Yojana

- The **Union Cabinet**, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has **approved the extension of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) for the release of 75 lakh LPG connections** over three years from **Financial Year 2023-24 to 2025-26**.
- Provisioning of 75 lakh additional Ujjwala connections will take total number of PMUY beneficiaries to 10.35 crore.

#### Anurag Thakur inaugurates Synthetic Athletic Tracks

- The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, **Anurag Singh Thakur** has inaugurated the **newly-built 6-lane 200 Metre Synthetic Athletic Track** at the Sports Authority of India High Altitude Training Centre in **Shilaroo, Himachal Pradesh**.
- This is the very first track of the country built at an altitude of 8,000 feet. The SAI centre in Shilaroo also houses the high-altitude Hockey Synthetic Track.

#### Rajya Sabha Chairman set up a panel of vice-chairpersons with 50% Women MPs

- **Rajya Sabha Chairman and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar** has reconstituted a panel of **vice-chairpersons with 50 percent of women parliamentarians** and that the percentage may go higher in future.

- The eight-member panel will now have four women members, including Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MPs Kanta Kardam, Sumitra Balmik, and Geeta alias Chandraprabha; and Biju Janata Dal's Mamata Mohanta

#### Indian banker first to scale world's 8th highest peak this season

- A 32-year-old Indian banker has successfully scaled Mt Manaslu in Nepal, achieving the feat of being the first Indian climber to summit the world's eighth-highest mountain peak in this season.
- Sunil Kumar, who hails from Haryana, reached the peak of Mt Manaslu which stands at 8,163 metres above sea level along with another Nepalese climber and two mountain guides.

#### UP govt launched 'Officer Desk System' to expedite Secretariat work

- The Uttar Pradesh government has launched an Officer Desk System to accelerate secretariat works and ensure prompt and transparent disposal of files.
- The Officer Desk System aims at expeditious file management and curbing corrupt practices while executing government schemes promptly.

#### 4th edition of 'Nadi Utsav' commenced in Delhi

- The 4th edition of Nadi Utsav has started at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) in New Delhi.
- The river-themed event will focus on Yamuna this year.

#### PM Modi flags off 9 new Vande Bharat trains

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off nine new Vande Bharat Express trains via video conferencing, taking the total number of semi-high-speed trains to 34.
- The nine trains will provide faster connectivity across 11 states -- Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, West Bengal, Kerala, Odisha, Jharkhand and Gujarat.

#### MP CM unveils 108-ft statue of Adi Shankaracharya in Omkareshwar

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has unveiled the 108-foot-tall 'Statue of Oneness' of Adi Shankaracharya at Omkareshwar in the poll-bound.
- The statue depicts Shankaracharya as a 12-year-old child when he is said to have visited Omkareshwar.

#### Northeast's Mithun gets 'food animal' tag and its meat a leg-up

- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has recognized Mithun, a semi-domesticated bovine animal as a food animal.
- The recognition of Mithun as a 'food animal' and the efforts to promote its meat as a commercial product can indeed have significant economic and cultural implications for the region.

#### 75 percent Indian villages declared ODF Plus

- According to the Union Government, 75 percent of villages across the country have achieved Open Defecation Free (ODF) plus status under the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen Phase-2.
- An ODF plus is one that has sustained its Open Defecation Free status along with the implementation of Solid and Liquid waste management systems.

#### Hardeep Puri launched India's first green hydrogen fuel cell bus in Delhi

- Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri has flagged off India's first Green Hydrogen fuel cell bus in Delhi.
- The government is planning to roll 15 additional buses soon in the National Capital Region (NCR).

### Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve becomes the 7th tiger reserve of MP

- The **Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** has declared **Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve** as the **7th Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh**.
- There are now a total of 55 designated tiger reserves in India.

### PM Modi lays foundation stone of FM relay station at Dahod

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has laid the **foundation Stone for the Akashvani Dahod FM Relay Station Project in Gujarat**.
- The **Foundation Stone plaque** for the **10 Kilo watt FM Relay Station** was unveiled virtually by the **Prime Minister** along with other projects at an event in **Bodeli** in the state.

### Uttar Pradesh Achieves 100% ODF Plus Coverage

- **Uttar Pradesh** has achieved **100 percent Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus** coverage under the flagship **Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)** programme.
- Henceforth, all the almost **96,000 villages** in **Uttar Pradesh** have been declared **ODF Plus**.

### Malayalam film '2018' selected as India's official entry for Oscars

- The members of **The Film Federation of India** have chosen the **Malayalam survival drama '2018'** as India's selection for the **Best Foreign Language Film category at the 96th Academy Awards**.
- Directed by **Jude Anthany Joseph**, the film with the subtitle "**Everyone Is A Hero**" portrays a survival drama centered on the devastating floods that struck **Kerala** in 2018.

## October

### Bihar to get second tiger reserve in Kaimur district

- After the **Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR)** in **West Champaran district, Bihar is set to get a second tiger reserve in Kaimur district (Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary)** by the end of the year or early 2024.
- The total tiger count in the State currently is 54.

### PM Modi launches Sankalp Saptah

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has launched a week-long program called "**Sankalp Saptah**" for **aspirational blocks in New Delhi**.
- **Sankalp Saptah** is linked to the effective implementation of the **Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP)**.
- The nationwide programme was launched by the PM on **January 7, 2023**. It aims to improve governance at the block level in order to enhance the quality of life of citizens.

### 4th edition of Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival organized by ICCR

- **The fourth edition of Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival** organized by the **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)** began in **New Delhi**.
- Total **34 artists** of three countries - **Colombia, Ecuador and Chile** are participating in the two-day festival.

### India to host PATA Travel Mart 2023 in New Delhi

- **India** will host the **46th edition of the Pacific Asia Travel Association Travel Mart** at **Pragati Maidan** in **Delhi** from **October 4-6**.
- The physical version of the event is being held after a hiatus of three years due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**.

### PM Modi lauds J&K for achieving 100% villages ODF plus status



- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has lauded **Jammu and Kashmir for achieving 100 percent villages** Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus status in the Model category under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) phase-2.
- The Union Territory has attained new heights in development and growth after the abrogation of Article 370. The schemes implemented by the Central Government are now being seamlessly extended to the nook and corners of Jammu and Kashmir.

#### Uber launches 'Uber Sustainovate' Startup Challenge'

- **Uber** has introduced the '**Uber Sustainovate' Startup Challenge**, a dynamic initiative to expedite **the adoption of sustainable mobility in India**.
- In partnership with Startup India and NASSCOM AI, this competition seeks to reward startups with groundbreaking concepts that can accelerate the transition to sustainable transportation within the nation.

#### Rajnath Singh launched Navy's updated indigenous programme Swavalamban 2.0

- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** has launched the **Navy's updated indigenous programme Swavalamban 2.0 in New Delhi**.
- During the event, also released the fifth Positive Indigenisation list of 98 items at the event. It shows the major step in the Indigenisation process of the Armed forces.

#### Rajasthan CM announces three new districts

- **Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot** has announced the **formation of three new districts in the state -- Malpura, Sujangarh, and Kuchman City**. Rajasthan will now have 53 districts.
- The new districts were being created to meet the public demand and in accordance with the recommendations of a high-level committee.
- The state government had formed 17 new districts earlier in August this year.

#### NITI Aayog organized State Workshop on Women-Led Development in Goa

- The **inaugural edition of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)** – NITI Aayog State Workshop Series on Enabling Women-led Development through Entrepreneurship has been organized at **CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) Auditorium, Goa**.

#### Uttar Pradesh declares Dolphin as State Aquatic Animal

- **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** has declared the **Gangetic Dolphin as the state aquatic animal**.
- CM Yogi emphasized the need to maintain the purity of ponds and rivers. These dolphins are found in rivers like Ganga, Yamuna, Chambal, Ghaghra, Rapti, and Gerua.

#### Govt to organize World Food India 2023 in Delhi

- The **Indian government will organize World Food India 2023** from 3-5 November in New Delhi to bring the global food processing industry together.
- World Food India 2023 is an opportunity for global industry leaders to collaborate and innovate in the food processing sector.

#### Nitin Gadkari launches India Jewellery Shopping Festival (IJSF) 2023

- Minister of Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** has launched the **India Jewellery Shopping Festival (IJSF) 2023 in New Delhi**.
- This industry provides employment to lakhs of people and contributes to the nation's growth through exports. He added that there is a bright future for this industry.
- The launch will be held across the country from 15th October to 22nd November.

#### Udaipur set to become India's first Wetland City

- Udaipur, 'City of Lakes' known for its enchanting surroundings, lakes, forts, palaces, and historical significance, is in a race to earn the prestigious title of **India's first-ever wetland city**.
- The city, known for its numerous picturesque lakes, including Lake Pichola, Lake Fateh Sagar, Lake Doodh Talai, Lake Rang Sagar, and Lake Swaroop Sagar, serves as a major tourist attraction.

#### KVIC celebrates nationwide Khadi Mahotsav

- The **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** is celebrating a nationwide **Khadi Mahotsav from the 2nd to the 31st of October**.
- This festival is dedicated to supporting the "Vocal for Local" initiative and the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan'.

#### 16th edition of Landscape and Gardening Expo 2023 in Mumbai

- The **16th edition of Landscape and Gardening Expo 2023** was inaugurated by actress **Varsha Usgaonkar in Mumbai**.
- This is the first time that Mumbai is hosting such an expo that will see participation from firms dealing in horticulture development, Darjeeling orchid plants, bonsai, ornamental flowers, green roof systems, nursery products, soil substitutes, etc.

#### 8th edition of Ladakh Zanskar festival Inaugurated

- Commissioner Secretary Tourism & Culture UT Ladakh, Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan has inaugurated **the 8th edition of the two-day Ladakh Zanskar Festival-2023 at Padum in Zanskar, Kargil**.
- The 8th edition of the Zanskar festival began with people in traditional attire and exhibition stalls displaying traditional cuisine, attire, lifestyle, ethnicity, and unique Zanskar culture.

#### Parshottam Rupala inaugurated 10th phase of Sagar Parikrama from Chennai

- Union Minister for Fisheries **Parshottam Rupala** has begun the **10th phase of Sagar Parikrama from Chennai, Tamil Nadu**.
- Sagar Parikrama is one of the ambitious projects of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This programme was launched with the goal of understanding the needs and the challenges of fishermen.

#### India to push developed nations to become carbon-negative before 2050

- **India wants to push developed nations to become carbon negative rather than carbon neutral by 2050**, arguing that would allow emerging market economies more time to use fossil fuels for development needs.
- India, which is resisting calls to commit to a deadline for phasing out its own use of coal and other fossil fuels, is set to make its proposal at the COP28 climate summit in Dubai later this year.

#### PM Narendra Modi releases new Garba Song "Maadi"

- On the auspicious occasion of Navrati, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has released a new Garba song titled "**Maadi**".
- The song, penned by PM Modi, is sung by **Divya Kumar** and is composed by the **Meet Bros**.

#### UP CM unveils freedom fighter Raja Rao statue in Unnao

- **Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath** has unveiled the **equestrian statue of freedom fighter Raja Rao Rambaksh Singh** in Daundiyakheda village of **UP's Unnao district**.
- He also laid the foundation stone of development projects worth Rs 804 crore in Unnao.



### Bhopal's Mahila Thana became country's first to get ISO certification

- The Mahila thana (women police station) of Bhopal became the first women-centric police station across the entire country to be conferred with the ISO 9001:2015 certificate.
- Bhopal Mahila Thana has been pulling out all the stops to curb women-related crimes. The Mahila thana has improved a lot on its part in registering grievances of the complainants, comforting them, and probing cases.

### Amul's 'Be More Milk' campaign goes global at Time Square

- Amul said its 'Be More Milk' campaign had made a big splash at New York's Time Square, the world-famous intersection that sports massive digital screens.
- The campaign displayed the 'Be More Milk' message in a colourful and animated billboard that grabbed the attention of passersby and lit up the iconic intersection in a unique way.

### PM Modi launched 511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched 511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras in Maharashtra through video conferencing.
- These centers being established across 34 rural districts of the state, will conduct skill development training programs across various sectors to provide employment opportunities to rural youth.

### UP government to organize three-day 'Sri Anna Mahotsav'

- The Uttar Pradesh government will organize Sri Anna Mahotsav in the state capital from October 27 to 29 to promote the use of millet.
- Farmers doing good work for the production of millets would be felicitated on the occasion.

## November

### 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.

### 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.

#### 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**.

#### 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**.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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)**.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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 Bhubaneswar, 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.

#### 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.
- Objective - **To strengthen the social fabric, promote gender equality, and help fight economic, social, and religious inequalities**.

#### 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.

#### 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.



### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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 **Mr Shri Narendra Modi the chairperson** of union cabinet has approved **Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan(PM JANMAN)** with the approx 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 road connectivity, and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

#### 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.

#### 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.

### **December**

#### Bengaluru To Get India's Largest Circular Railway, Spanning 287 Kilometers.

- **A new circular railway expanding 287 kilometers around Bengaluru and connecting major nearby towns**, is set to become India's largest network, as mentioned by **Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav**.
- The goal of this project is to reduce traffic congestion and enhance connectivity in the region.

#### The 5th Global Ayurveda Festival is going to be held in Thiruvananthapuram.

- **Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar will inaugurate the 5th Global Ayurveda Festival in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**. This event, taking place from December 1 to 5, 2023, focuses on the theme '**Emerging Challenges** in Healthcare and a Resurgent Ayurveda'.

- GAF 2023, the biggest Ayurveda meeting ever, will bring together practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and industry leaders from around the world to discuss the influence of Ayurveda in healthcare.

### Cyclone Michaung is going to landfall on coastal Andhra.

- **Cyclone 'Michaung'** is expected to strike the eastern coast of the country. The IMD has given an update on the current situation of the cyclone. **The name Michaung is given by Myanmar.**
- According to MD Sunanda from the Visakhapatnam Cyclone Warning Centre, It is expected to get stronger, turning into a deep depression and eventually a cyclonic storm within the next 48 hours.

### Bihar government launched "Mission Daksh" to minimize school dropout

- **Bihar government** has launched its **ambitious scheme to minimize school dropout.**
- The scheme, called **Mission Daksh (Dynamic Approach for Knowledge and Skill)** aims at offering special Hindi, Mathematics, and English classes to weak students of classes 3-8 across the state.
- A teacher will teach only five students, who cannot read and write Hindi and English fluently and are not good at basic Mathematics.

### World's first portable hospital 'Aarogya Maitri Aid Cube' unveiled in Gurugram

- The **World's first portable hospital, 'Aarogya Maitri Aid Cube'** was unveiled in **Gurugram.**
- Designed indigenously under the Project 'BHISHM', the modular trauma management and aid system is made up of 72 detachable mini-cubes, each being a specialized station for emergency response and humanitarian efforts.

### PM Modi unveiled the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Rajkot Fort

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has unveiled **the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Rajkot Fort in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg district.**
- Mr. Modi paid homage to the rich maritime heritage of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj who constructed several coastal and sea forts, including the Sindhudurg Fort.

### UP Municipality passed proposal to rename Firozabad as Chandra Nagar

- **Firozabad Municipal Corporation in Uttar Pradesh** has approved the proposal to rename **Firozabad as Chandra Nagar.**
- Firozabad is famous for the construction of bangles. It is located 40 kilometres from Agra and 250 km from the capital city on the east side. Uttar Pradesh's capital Lucknow is about 250 km east from here. Two towns come under Tundla and Shikohabad under the Firozabad district.

### Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched "Gram Manchitra"

- **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** has launched the Geographic Information System (GIS) application "**Gram Manchitra**" (<https://grammanchitra.gov.in>).
- This application facilitates and supports Gram Panchayats to perform planning at Gram Panchayat level using geo-spatial technology.

### Garba of Gujarat makes it to UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list

- **Gujarat's traditional dance form 'Garba'** has been **included in the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage** by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**).

- The popular dance form is the 15th cultural item from India to make it to the UNESCO list. Kolkata's Durga Puja was the last one added two years ago.

#### 59th Fertiliser Association of India Annual Seminar 2023 in New Delhi

- **Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya** addresses the inaugural session of the **59th Fertiliser Association of India Annual Seminar 2023 in New Delhi**.
- India is the first nation to introduce Nano fertilizers such as Nano DAP and Nano Urea through the Indian Research ecosystem.

#### Wax statue of Babasaheb Ambedkar installed in Jaipur Wax Museum

- A **wax statue of Constitution architect Baba Saheb Ambedkar** was **installed in Jaipur Wax Museum, Nahargarh Fort** on the occasion of Mahaparinirvan Day.
- The wax statue has been placed in the set of Rashtrapati Bhavan along with the statue of India's second great personality, 'missile man' and Bharat Ratna Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.
- The height of the statue is **5 feet 11 inches**, while the weight is about **38 kg**.

#### UNICEF in collaboration with India to launch "Green Rising" initiative at COP28 Summit in Dubai

- **UNICEF's Generation Unlimited**, in collaboration with **India's Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change** will **unveil the "Green Rising" initiative at COP28 in Dubai**.
- The global "Green Rising" initiative and the "Green Rising India Alliance" marks a collaborative effort involving UNICEF, Generation Unlimited, and a diverse network of public, private, and youth partners.

#### Loans worth Rs 9,790 crore disbursed under PM SVANidhi scheme: Govt

- **A total of Rs 9,790 crore worth of loans** have been disbursed so far to beneficiaries of the **PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme**, according to **government data**.
- The scheme was launched during the **COVID-19** outbreak as a micro-credit scheme for urban street vendors that aims to provide collateral-free working capital loans up to Rs 50,000. This scheme is available pan-India in all urban local bodies.

#### PM launched 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth' Workshop

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has launched the **'Viksit Bharat@2047 - Voice of Youth'** and also addressed the Vice Chancellors and Heads of other Higher Education Institutes including students across the nation virtually.
- Governor of Assam **Gulab Chand Kataria** hosted the programme at IIT Guwahati where around 1000 students, Vice Chancellors and the Heads of Institutions from about 61 Higher Educational Institutions of Assam attended physically. About 45 Higher Educational Institutions and about 600 colleges also participated in the virtual mode.

#### Rays Power Infra to build 500 MW solar park in Uttarakhand

- **Rays Power Infra** has inked an **initial pact with the Uttarakhand government** to build a 500 MW solar park in the state.
- The collaboration underscores the company's dedication to advancing sustainable energy initiatives and aligning with the Uttarakhand government's vision for an environmentally responsible future.

#### Udaiti Foundation launched "Close the Gender Gap" initiative

- **The Udaiti Foundation** launches **"Close the Gender Gap (CGG)" Initiative** to Lead a Shift in Gender Equality and Promote Inclusive Workplace Policies.

- Objective - To drive transformative changes in gender representation and policies within the formal sector.

### Madhya Pradesh govt to set up PM College of Excellence in all districts of the state

- **Madhya Pradesh government** will set up **PM College of Excellence in all districts of the state**.
- The decision to this effect was taken at the first Cabinet meeting chaired by new Chief Minister Mohan Yadav in Bhopal.

### India's e-retail market estimated to reach over \$160 bn by 2028: Report

- **E-retail in India** is expected to **scale beyond \$160 billion in value by 2028**.
- The market has experienced strong growth post-pandemic, with an estimated value of \$57-\$60 billion in 2023, according to the findings from the fourth (2023) edition of 'How India Shops Online', a report released by Bain & Company in collaboration with Flipkart.

### Surat joins the list of international airports

- **The Union Cabinet** has approved the proposal to **declare Surat Airport an international airport**.
- Surat Airport will not only become a gateway for international travellers but will also facilitate seamless export-import operations for the thriving diamond and textile industries.

### Central Tribal University to be set up in Telangana

- **The Parliament passed the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2023** bill to establish a **central tribal university in Telangana**.
- The university will be built at a cost of ₹900 crore. The university is expected to be set up in Mulugu and is named after tribal goddesses Sammakka and Sarakka.

### 58 Airports covered under "Krishi Udan" Scheme: Govt

- The Government has said that **58 Airports in the country** have been covered **under the Krishi Udan Scheme**.
- The Scheme was launched in 2020 on international and national routes to assist farmers in transporting agricultural products to help improve their value realization.

### PM Modi inaugurated Surat Diamond Exchange

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **Surat diamond exchange**, a complex that has overtaken **Pentagon as the world's largest office**.
- It covers a constructed area of 6.7 million square feet and was completed in July at a cost of ₹ 32 billion. The US landmark, which opened in 1943, has an area of 6.5 million square feet.

### Piyush Goyal released Logistics Ease Across Different State (LEADS) 2023

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Textiles, **Piyush Goyal** has released the "**Logistics Ease Across Different State (LEADS) 2023**" report in New Delhi.
- The 5th edition of the LEADS annual exercise - LEADS 2023 report, provides insights into improvement of logistics performance at State/UT level.
- This report, signalling a positive shift in States' performance across the key pillars - Logistics Infrastructure, Logistics Services and Operating and Regulatory Environment, empowers the State/UT Governments by providing region-specific insights for informed decision-making and comprehensive growth.

- This report is based on a pan-India primary survey, conducted between May and July 2023, covering over 7,300 responses across 36 States/UTs.

### Performance highlights from LEADS 2023

#### Coastal Group

- Achievers- Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu
- Fast Movers- Kerala, Maharashtra
- Aspirers- Goa, Odisha, West Bengal

#### Landlocked Group

- Achievers- Haryana, Punjab, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh
- Fast Movers- Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand
- Aspirers- Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand

#### North-East Group

- Achievers- Assam, Sikkim, Tripura
- Fast Movers- Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland
- Aspirers- Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram

#### Union Territories

- Achievers- Chandigarh, Delhi
- Fast Movers- Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep, Puducherry
- Aspirers- Daman & Diu/ Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh
- The latest edition builds strengthening objectivity and precision in assessment by considering a wider spectrum of state initiatives, including the adoption of PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for project planning, aligning State Logistics Policies with National Logistics Policy, besides developing City Logistics plans, etc.
- **Tamil Nadu**

### VP Dhankhar inaugurated Atal Health Fair in Lucknow

- **Vice-President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar** has inaugurated the two-day-long **Atal Health Fair in memory of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee at the PNT Ground in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.**
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee led Lucknow and the country for a long time.

### Accenture opened genAI studio in Bengaluru

- Multinational professional services company **Accenture** has launched a **generative AI studio in India's tech capital Bengaluru.**
- The studio will develop a full stack of genAI capabilities for enterprises to leverage to optimize their business processes.

### Govt to boost nuclear power capacity from 7480 MW to 22480 MW by 2032

- The **Government** has initiated steps to **increase the nuclear power capacity from 7480 MW to 22480 MW by 2031-32.**
- The annual electricity generation from nuclear power plants has increased from 35334 Million Units (including infirm) in 2013-14 to 46982 Million Units (including infirm) in 2022-23.

### Dalai Lama inaugurates first International Sangha Forum in Bodh Gaya

- **Tibetan Spiritual leader Dalai Lama** has inaugurated the **three-day International Sangha Forum 2023 in Bodh Gaya, Bihar**, Gautama Buddha attained enlightenment.



- Organized jointly by the Office of the Dalai Lama and the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), the forum will be held at the International Convention Centre in Bodha Gaya, Bihar.

#### Manipur Initiates "SAANS" Campaign to Counteract Pneumonia

- In Manipur, the State Health and Family Welfare Minister **Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh** has launched the **Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS) Campaign 2023-24 at Imphal.**
- The Minister also inaugurated the State Newborn Resource Centre at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) in Imphal.

#### French President Invited to India's Republic Day 2024

- India has invited **France President Emmanuel Macron as chief guest for the January 26 Republic Day** celebrations.
- Notably, this is the 6th time a French leader will be the Chief guest at Republic Day celebrations in the national capital.

#### Angola to quit OPEC

- Angola is leaving the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) with effect from 1 January 2024, after exits from Ecuador in 2020 and Qatar in 2019.
- Angola, which joined OPEC in 2007, produces about 1.1 million barrels per day, compared with 28 million bpd for the whole group.
- OPEC was founded in 1960 by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Venezuela, Iran and Iraq. Angola joined the group in 2007.

#### NIIF Plans To Invest Up To Rs 675 Crore Bhogapuram airport

- National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)** is planning to invest up to **Rs 675 crore on the upcoming greenfield international airport at Bhogapuram in Andhra Pradesh, which is being developed by the GMR group.**
- This marks NIIF's second airport investment, after the GMR Goa International Airport Ltd, which operates Manohar International Airport in Goa.

#### UP to build India's first AI city in Lucknow

- Uttar Pradesh** is set to establish the **country's first AI city in Lucknow.**
- This initiative aims to create a thriving hub for artificial intelligence, integrating cutting-edge technology, research centers, and educational institutions to foster innovation and nurture the workforce of the future.

#### UP CM inaugurated state's first intra-district chopper service

- Marking the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** has **inaugurated UP's first intra-district helicopter service from Bateshwar in Agra to Goverdhan in Mathura.**

#### Telangana introduced Rs 5 lakh accident insurance for Gig Workers

- Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy** has announced, government will **provide Rs 5 lakh for accident insurance to gig workers such as those involved in food delivery, and driving cabs and autorickshaws.**
- The government would also provide Rs 10 lakh health cover under the 'Rajiv Arogyasri' scheme.

#### Health Minister launched 'MedTech Mitra' to advance health Solution.

- Union Health Minister **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** has virtually launched **MedTech Mitra - a strategic initiative to empower MedTech innovators and advance healthcare solutions.**



- It will be a game-changer for Indian MedTech industry and facilitate indigenous development of affordable, quality MedTech devices and diagnostics.

#### **Bihar Police to launch 'Mission Investigation@75 days'**

- **Bihar Police** will launch a new initiative, "**Mission Investigation@75 days**", making it **mandatory for investigators to complete the investigation of cases within 75 days of FIR registration** starting from January 1 next year.
- The Bihar government is preparing to take several measures from January 1, 2024 to make the state police more people-friendly and accountable. Our main focus is to improve the quality of investigation.

#### **PM Narendra Modi becomes first world leader to have 20 million YouTube subscribers**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's YouTube channel** has achieved a **significant milestone by surpassing 20 million subscriptions**, making it the most subscribed channel among top global leaders.
- The second-ranking leader is former Brazilian President Jair Bolsanora, whose subscriber count stands at a modest 6.4 million, merely a fraction of Modi's.

#### **KSRTC Unveils 'Namma Cargo' Logistics In Karnataka**

- The **Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)** has entered into **logistics business under the brand name "Namma Cargo"** to carry parcels in KSRTC route buses.
- The deployment of 20 cargo trucks to kickstart the 'Namma Cargo' services in various districts across the state.

#### **Gujarat emerged as India's 'Petro Capital'**

- With the world's largest grassroot oil refinery in Jamnagar and OPaL petrochemical complex at Dahej in Bharuch district, **Gujarat is now recognized as the 'petro capital' of India.**
- Reliance Industries Ltd's (RIL) Jamnagar refinery is the largest and most complex single-site refinery in the world with 1.4 million barrels per day (MMBPD) crude processing capacity.

#### **RK Singh inaugurated power grid's Vishram Sadan in Bengaluru**

- Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy **RK Singh** has inaugurated **POWERGRID Vishram Sadan in Bengaluru.**
- Built at a cost of about Rs 23 crore, this 2-storey Vishram Sadan has 270 beds.

### **January**

#### **UAE initiates process of investing \$2 billion in food parks in India**

- The **UAE** has initiated the process of **channelising its long-promised \$2-billion investments into food parks in India, starting with Gujarat**, after the two countries sorted out concerns on curbs imposed by the Essential Commodities Act.
- The investments are being made as part of the four-nation I2U2 (India-Israel-UAE-USA) initiative to develop a series of integrated food parks across India to enhance food security in the Middle East and South Asia.

#### **Gujarat To Unveil India's First Submarine Tourism In Dwarka**

- The **Gujarat government** is set to introduce a **submarine service for tourists in the state**, to help them explore the **marine life in Dwarka**, an ancient city believed to be lost under the sea.

- The state government has **signed a memorandum with Mazgaon Dock shipbuilders for the project** in the city, which holds cultural significance as the 'city of the Hindu God Lord Krishna'.

#### Hardeep Puri inaugurates India's first 'Zero Waste Street Food Festival' in Delhi

- **Hardeep Singh Puri**, Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs and Petroleum & Natural Gas, has **inaugurated the National Street Food Festival 2023** in New Delhi.
- This street food festival was organized by the National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

#### Guinness world record of performing mass Surya Namaskar created in Gujarat on New Year Day

- **Gujarat has set a Guinness record** for performing **mass Surya Namaskar simultaneously at 108 places in the state** on the first day of the new year.
- Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, and Minister for Home Affairs Harsh Sanghavi attended the State level event that took place at the iconic Sun Temple in Modhera in Mahesana district.

#### Reliance Power to sell Kalai II hydropower project to THDC India

- **Reliance Power** has inked an agreement to sell its **1,200 MW Kalai II hydroelectric project in Arunachal Pradesh for Rs 128.39 crore to THDC India**.
- The purpose of entering into the agreement was to monetise the hydroelectric power project.

#### Maharashtra govt to observe 15 January as state sports day

- The **Maharashtra government** will observe **January 15** every year as the **state sports day** to celebrate the **birth anniversary of wrestler Khashaba Jadhav**, the first Indian to win an independent medal in the Olympics in 1952.

#### PM Modi inaugurates new terminal building at Tiruchirappalli airport

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated a new terminal building at **Tiruchirappalli International Airport in Tamil Nadu**.
- The new terminal building has been developed at a cost of more than Rs 1100 crore.

#### Udhampur achieved 100% saturation in 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra'

- Dr. Jitendra Singh commends **Udhampur's success**, nearing full implementation in key schemes and flagship projects.
- PMGSY and RDD departments were lauded for excellence in road connectivity and efficient completion of Area Development Plan.

#### Surat Hosts 12th Divya Kala Mela 2023

- **The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)**, under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, organized **'the 12th edition of Divya Kala Mela'** in Surat, Gujarat.
- The Mela is co-hosted by the National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC).

#### J&K becomes first UT to implement PM Vishwakarma Yojana

- **Jammu and Kashmir** has become the **first Union Territory (UT) to implement the PM Vishwakarma Yojana (PMVY)**.
- It is an initiative that aims to empower and enhance the skills of the craftsman community.

#### Flipkart co-founder launched e-commerce start-up 'OppDoor'

- **Flipkart co-founder Binny Bansal** has launched a **new e-commerce start-up 'OppDoor'**, business-to-business (B2B) platform.
- The software services platform will help emerging e-commerce brands expand globally.

#### **IREDA Declared 2024 as 'Year of HR Development and Discipline'**

- **CMD of IREDA, Pradip Kumar Das** has declared 2024 as the **'Year of Human Resource Development and Discipline'**.
- The CMD praised the efforts of the employees that have propelled IREDA to new heights.
- The year 2024 will be christened as 'Year of Human Resource Development and Discipline' to mark IREDA's future roadmap into new strategic sectors and geographies.

#### **Maharashtra aims to become Global Drone hub**

- The **Maharashtra government** has approved the **Maharashtra Drone Mission (MDM) to harness drone technology**.
- Functions include security surveillance, disaster rescue, delivery of emergency medicines, vaccines to remote areas, infrastructure project monitoring, and traffic management.

#### **PM inaugurates Kochi-Lakshadweep Islands Submarine Optical Fibre Connection**

- **Prime Minister, Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **Kochi-Lakshadweep Islands submarine optical fiber connection (KLI-SOFC) project**.
- He also inaugurated various developmental projects worth more than Rs 1,150 crore covering a wide range of sectors including technology, energy, water resources, healthcare, and education.
- **Total link distance: 1,868 kilometers.**
- **Total cost of project: Rs 1072 crore plus taxes .**

#### **Kerala launches K-Smart tech solution**

- The **Kerala Government** has launched **K-SMART (Kerala Solutions for Managing Administrative Reformation and Transformation)**, which will bring all services of the three-tier local self-government institutions on a unified digital platform.
- This is the first such initiative in the country that the entire bouquet of services of a department is being made available to the public on a digital platform.

#### **Ayodhya to host International Kite Festival ahead of Ram Temple consecration**

- **Ahead of the Ram Temple** consecration ceremony scheduled for **January 22, the Uttar Pradesh government will host an International Kite Festival here**.
- The Ayodhya Development Authority (ADA) has initiated preparations for the festival, which is likely to take place between January 19 and 21, providing renowned kite flyers from both within the country and around the world with an opportunity to showcase their art.

#### **Ayodhya Airport Renamed As 'Maharishi Valmiki International Airport'**

- The **Union Cabinet** recently gave its approval to **declare Ayodhya Airport as an international airport**.
- The airport will be named "**Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhyadham,**" reflecting the historical and cultural significance of the region.
- The airport is paramount for realizing Ayodhya's economic potential and its significance as a global pilgrimage site, opening doors to foreign pilgrims and tourists.

#### **Suchetha Satish sets new world record for singing in most languages during single concert in Dubai**

- In a historic and awe-inspiring event, Suchetha Satish (from Kerala) has etched her name in the annals of music history by setting a new world record for singing in the most languages during a single concert in the UAE.
- The Guinness Book of World Records officially attested to this feat earlier this week.

#### Uttar Pradesh to set up pharma park

- The **Uttar Pradesh government** will set up a **pharma park in Lalitpur, Bundelkhand, covering 1,472-acre across five villages**, according to the Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA).
- The plan will unfold in two phases, with an initial focus on immediate development efforts covering 300 acre of land.

#### Gangasagar Mela begins in West Bengal

- **West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee** has inaugurated the **Gangasagar Mela**.
- The Mela will continue till 17th of January. The 'Shahi Snan' will be held on 15th and 16th January.

#### Dharmendra Pradhan attends inaugural ceremony of Kala Utsav

- Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri **Dharmendra Pradhan** attended the inaugural **ceremony of the Kala Utsav as the Guest of Honour**.
- Minister of State for Education, Annpurna Devi also be present at the function as the Guest of Honour.

#### Parshottam Rupala Lays Foundation Stone For Upgradation Of Paradip Fishing Harbour

- **Union Minister Parshottam Rupala** has laid the foundation stone for the upgradation of the **Paradip Fishing Harbour in Odisha for Rs 108.91 crore**.
- The modernization and upgradation of the Paradip Fishing Harbour (PFH) will improve its hygienic conditions and make it clean, pollution-free, and aesthetically pleasing.

#### West Bengal CM launches 'Yogyasree' for SC/ST students

- **West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee** has launched a **comprehensive social welfare scheme named "Yogyasree."**
- The initiative aims to provide free training modules for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in West Bengal, specifically targeting entrance and competitive examinations.

#### Ujjain Unveils India's First Hygienic Food Street 'Prasadam'

- **Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya** has inaugurated '**Prasadam**,' the nation's first healthy and hygienic food street, in a grand ceremony at Neelkanth Van, Mahakal Lok, **Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh**.
- The 'PRASADAM' initiative aims to connect common citizens across the nation with pure and safe local and traditional food.

#### Wings India To Be Held At Hyderabad's Begumpet Airport

- **Hyderabad's Begumpet Airport** will host the aviation extravaganza, **Wings India 2024 from January 18 to 21**, marking the country's most significant civil aviation event.
- It is organized by the Airports Authority of India in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, this four-day extravaganza is anticipated to be Asia's largest congregation.

#### Maharashtra govt declares new Atpadi Conservation Reserve in Sangli district

- The **Government of Maharashtra** has declared a **new Conservation Reserve in the forest land of Sangli district namely 'Atpadi Conservation Reserve'**.

- The newly formed Atpadi Conservation Reserve connects the Maini Conservation Area in the west with the Maldhok Bird Sanctuary in the northeast.

### Tamil Nadu launched special vehicle to restore coastal ecosystems

- **Tamil Nadu government** has launched the **Tamil Nadu Blue Carbon Agency to preserve and restore coastal ecosystems.**
- This part of the Tamil Nadu Coastal Mission was announced in the 2023-24 state budget, with a Rs 2000 crore cost backed by World Bank funding.

### IIT Madras to open new campus at Kandy in Sri Lanka

- **Sri Lanka's Education minister Dr. Susil Premajayantha** has said that a **new campus of IIT Madras would be started in Kandy in Sri Lanka.**
- The proposal was part of the Budget 2024 presented by Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremasinghe in his capacity as Finance Minister.

### Uttar Pradesh To Welcome 5 New Airports In Expansion Drive

- Civil Aviation Minister **Jyotiraditya Scindia** has announced the inauguration of **five new airports in Uttar Pradesh.**
- New airports in **Azamgarh, Aligarh, Moradabad, Chitrakoot, and Shravasti** aim to improve air connectivity in the state, facilitating greater accessibility and economic development.

### 2024 Is 'Year Of Technology Absorption' For Army

- **The year 2024** will be observed as the "**Year of Technology Absorption**" by the Indian Army.
- This theme underscores our commitment to leverage technology as a catalyst for transformative change, as well as to utilize in-house expertise to innovate solutions to our operational and logistic requirements and give shape to these projects in collaboration with the domestic defence industry.

### International Camel Festival Organized In Bikaner, Rajasthan

- The **three-day International Camel Festival** has organized with great fervor in the culturally rich **district of Bikaner, Rajasthan.**
- The festival commenced with an enthralling Heritage Walk, setting the stage for a celebration of folk culture that captivated both domestic and foreign tourists.

### PM Modi Inaugurates 27th National Youth Festival In Nashik

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **27th National Youth Festival in Nashik, Maharashtra.**
- The festival, coinciding with the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, celebrated youthful talent and skills across the nation.

### Maharashtra's Pench Tiger Reserve becomes India's First Dark Sky Park

- **The Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Maharashtra** has been marked as **India's first Dark Sky Park and the fifth such park in Asia.**
- This prestigious acknowledgment underscores the reserve's unwavering commitment to protecting the sanctity of the night sky and creating an optimal setting for astronomy enthusiasts.

### PM Modi Releases First Instalment of PM-JANMAN Scheme for Pucca Homes

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has released **₹540 crore — the first installment of funding — for pucca homes under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G)** to one lakh Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) beneficiary families



as part of the **recently-launched PM-JANMAN package for the overall development of PVTG habitations.**

- Simultaneously, in 100 districts, officials of both the Centre and the respective State governments will distribute benefits under the package to Gram Panchayats and village chiefs.

#### About Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN)

- PM-JANMAN was launched for the socio-economic welfare of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) on November 15, 2023 on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.
- PM-JANMAN, with a budget of approximately ₹24,000 crore, focuses on 11 critical interventions through nine ministries.

#### MP govt declares January 22 as dry day to mark consecration of Ram temple in Ayodhya

- **Madhya Pradesh government** has **declared January 22 as a dry day**, when liquor shops will remain closed to mark the consecration of Lord Ram's temple in Ayodhya.
- Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said that keeping in view the public sentiments, the state government has decided that all types of shops including liquor and Bhang outlets will remain closed on the 22nd of this month.

#### Boeing opens its first distribution center in India

- **Global aerospace giant Boeing** has opened its **first distribution center in India**, located in **Khurja, Uttar Pradesh**.
- Spanning 36,000 square feet, this parts warehouse aims to assist regional aviation customers in optimizing fleet utilization.

#### L&T wins Rs 10,000 crore electrification order for high-speed rail project

- **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** has secured a **mega contract** from an authorized Japanese agency **to construct an electrification system for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed rail project in India**.
- Valued in the range of Rs 10,000 crore to Rs 15,000 crore, the project, according to company executives, is the largest single rail-electrification order in India.
- This would be the first of its kind railway project in India involving the implementation of Japanese Shinkansen High-Speed Electrification Technology.

#### Haldia Petrochemicals becomes India's first BSI Certified ISO 27001:2022 Petrochemical firm

- **Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd (HPL)**, a leading petrochemicals company in India, has **become the first ISO 27001:2022 certified petrochemical organization in the industry by BSI (British Standards Institution)**, a renowned certification body.
- This milestone showcases HPL's commitment to maintaining a robust and secure information security governance structure throughout its digital transformation journey.

#### About BSI

- British Standards Institution (BSI) is the world's first Standards Body and founding member of ISO from the United Kingdom.
- BSI produces technical standards on various products, services, and supplies certification and standards-related services to businesses.

#### Jyotiraditya Scindia Inaugurates Asia's Largest Aviation Expo Wings India 2024

- Union Minister for Civil Aviation **Jyotiraditya M Scindia** has inaugurated **Wings India 2024**, Asia's largest aviation expo, at Begumpet Airport **in Hyderabad**.

- This event marks a significant milestone in the Indian aviation sector, highlighting its growth and future potential.

### UAE unveils groundbreaking 'EcoMark' green accreditation framework

- UAE has introduced the **world's first sustainability accreditation framework for Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs)**.
- 'EcoMark' Global Accreditation, based on ISO standards, aims to enhance MSMEs' global competitiveness in the green economy.

### Farsi as India's New Classical Language

- In a significant move to deepen cultural ties, External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** announced that the **Government of India** has decided to include **Farsi (Persian) as one of the nine classical languages in India under the New Education Policy**.
- Jaishankar also highlights the cultural, literary, and linguistic connections between Iran and India.

### PM Modi inaugurates Boeing's India Engineering and Technology Center

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **Boeing's new global engineering and technology centre campus near Bengaluru city**.
- Built at a cost of Rs 1,600 crore, the 43-acre Boeing India Engineering and Technology Centre (BIETC) campus is the plane-maker's largest such investment outside the US.

### World's Tallest Ambedkar Statue Unveiled In Andhra Pradesh

- **World's tallest statue of Dr BR Ambedkar**, who is known as the architect and developer of the Indian Constitution, was **unveiled in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh by the state government**.
- It is going to be the tallest statue of Ambedkar. One of the tallest Ambedkar statues outside India is situated in Maryland, US.

### IICF To Build 'Masjid Muhammed Bin Abdullah' Mosque In Ayodhya

- **The Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation (IICF)** has announced the commencement of the **construction of a grand mosque in Ayodhya**, starting this May.
- Haji Arfat Shaikh, the **head of the development committee of the Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation (IICF)** that is overseeing the mosque project.
- The mosque, named "Masjid Muhammed bin Abdullah" after Prophet Muhammad, aims to foster unity and goodwill among people, transcending religious differences.

### PM Modi Launched 'PM Suryodaya Yojana'

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has launched the **'Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana'**, a government scheme under which one crore households will get rooftop solar power systems.
- According to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy's website, solar power installed capacity in India has reached around 73.31 GW as of December 2023. Meanwhile, rooftop solar installed capacity is around 11.08 GW as of December 2023.

### What is 'Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana'?

- **'Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana'**, a government scheme under which **one crore households will get rooftop solar power systems**.
- The scheme aims to equip one crore poor to middle-class households with rooftop solar panels in a bit to provide electricity from solar energy.

### Vice-President inaugurated 'Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman' campaign

- The Vice-President, **Jagdeep Dhankhar** has inaugurated a year-long pan-India campaign '**Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman**' to commemorate the 75th Year of India as Republic at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre.
- The campaign aims to reaffirm our collective commitment to the principles enshrined in the Constitution of India and celebrate the shared values that bind our nation.

### **PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries invited as “special guests” to witness the Republic Day Parade 2024**

- The beneficiaries under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme have been invited by the Ministry of Defence as “Special Guests” to witness the Republic Day Parade, 2024 at Kartavya Path, New Delhi.
- The PM Vishwakarma Scheme was launched on 17.09.2023 by the Prime Minister of India.
- There are 108 female artisans and 148 male artisans, who represent the trades covered under the scheme.

### **Nirmala Sitharaman To Become 2nd FM To Present 6 Consecutive Union Budgets**

- **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** will set a record by presenting the **sixth Budget in a row -- five annual Budgets and one interim** -- a feat achieved so far only by former Prime Minister Morarji Desai.
- With the presentation of the interim Budget on February 1, Ms Sitharaman will surpass the records of her predecessors like Manmohan Singh, Arun Jaitley, P. Chidambaram, and Yashwant Sinha, who had presented five budgets in a row.

### **IREDA releases vigilance journal 'Pahal'**

- **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)**, GoI enterprise under the administrative control of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, has unveiled released '**Pahal**'- the insightful house journal of its Vigilance Department.
- The initiative marks a significant step towards transparency, accountability, and the promotion of renewable energy initiatives by IREDA.

### **PM Modi inaugurates Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Supreme Court**

- The **Prime Minister, Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Supreme Court of India on 28 January** at the Supreme Court auditorium in Delhi.
- He also launched citizen-centric information and technology initiatives that include Digital Supreme Court Reports (Digi SCR), Digital Courts 2.0 and a new website of the Supreme Court.

### **Odisha CM inaugurates 4th National Chilika Birds Festival**

- **Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik** has inaugurated the **3-day 4th National Chilika Birds Festival**.
- The festival, jointly organised by the Department of Tourism, the Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change and the Chilika Development Authority, kicked off with a captivating photo exhibition.

## Chapter 14-Current Affairs (International)

### September

#### African Union becomes Permanent Member of G20 Under India's Presidency

- During the **inaugural session of the two-day G20 Summit**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that the **African Union (AU)** had been **granted permanent membership in the Group of 20** largest economies (G20) worldwide.
- The African Union (AU) is a **significant organization consisting of 55 member states**, collectively representing the nations across the African continent.

#### Bhutan introduces self-sovereign national digital ID for all citizens

- **Bhutan** has introduced a **self-sovereign national digital ID** for all its citizens, powered by blockchain technology.
- The innovative national digital identity system was created by Druk Holding and Investments, the commercial and investment arm of the Bhutanese government.

#### WTO to have a fully functional dispute settlement system by 2024

- The **G20 leadership summit** has declared it **will work towards having in place a fully functional dispute settlement system at WTO by 2024**.
- It has been almost four years since the World Trade Organization's Appellate Body, which is the dispute-settlement arm of the WTO, became defunct, thus affecting developing countries adversely.

#### Singapore Overtakes Hong Kong as World's Freest Economy

- **Singapore** has dethroned **Hong Kong to become the world's freest economy in 2023**, according to a report released by Canadian think tank Fraser Institute.
- Singapore is now the **world's freest economy**, displacing Hong Kong after 53 years.
- For the first time since the Economic Freedom of the World Index started in 1970, Hong Kong slipped to second place from the number one spot — and its score is about to drop even further.
- **Switzerland, New Zealand, and the U.S.** occupy the **third, fourth and fifth positions** respectively.

#### 'Free From Food' Dubai event concluded

- The **'Free From Food'** Dubai event **concluded at the Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre**.
- Organized by Expo Business Communications in partnership with the UAE Food & Beverage Business Group, this edition of the event left a lasting mark on the Middle East's Healthy, Organic, Vegan, Plant-Based, Functional, and Free-From food sectors.

#### World's oldest wooden structure discovered in Zambia

- **Archaeologists** have discovered what is thought to be the **world's oldest known wooden structure near the border of Zambia and Tanzania**.
- Found along a riverbank in Zambia, the simple structure consists of two interlocking logs of a large-fruited willow tree. One log lies on top of the other and is held in place by a notch in its underside.

#### World's largest Hindu temple outside India to be inaugurated on 8 Oct

- The **world's largest Hindu temple constructed outside India** in the modern era will be **inaugurated in New Jersey** on October 8.
- The temple was built by an army of over 12500 volunteers from across the US over a period of 12 years from 2011 to 2023.

#### Indian elderly to make up 20% of population by 2050: UNFPA report

- The **elderly population in India** is likely to **double by 2050**, according to the India Ageing Report 2023 published by the **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**.
- According to the report, the share of older persons (over the age of 60 years) in India will double — from 10.5 percent as of July 2022 to 20.8 percent in 2050 — with the absolute number at 347 million.

### **October**

#### **India to unveil largest BR Ambedkar statue in Maryland, USA**

- **India** will unveil the **largest statue of BR Ambedkar outside India in Maryland**, North America on October 14.
- According to the Ambedkar International Center (AIC) who is the organizer of the project informed that the 19-foot statue, named Statue of Equality has been made by renowned artist and sculptor Ram Sutar.

#### **Israel launches operation 'Iron Swords' after Hamas' surprise attack**

- **The Israel Defence Forces** has launched **Operation 'Iron Swords'** in response to **Hamas's surprise attack on Israel**.
- IDF is striking Hamas targets in Gaza. "In response to the barrages of rockets launched by Hamas from Gaza at Israel, the IDF is currently striking Hamas targets in Gaza.

#### **S Jaishankar unveils bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Tao Dan Park in Vietnam**

- External Affairs Minister, **Dr. S Jaishankar** unveiled the bust of **Mahatma Gandhi in Tao Dan Park in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**.
- The unveiling of the bust is a symbolic moment for the friendship between India and Vietnam and underlines the message of independence, self-reliance, and human dignity.

### **November**

#### **'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.

#### **Chile becomes 95th member of International Solar Alliance**

- **Chile** has become **the 95th member of the International Solar Alliance ISA**.
- 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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### "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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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' word of is the 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.

### December

#### Nepal is the first country in South Asia to register same sex marriage.

- **Nepal has witnessed its initial same-sex marriage, as a trans-woman and a gay man** legally tied the knot in the Lamjung district.
- **Nepal has officially documented its first same-sex marriage,** and this comes five months after the Supreme Court legalized it.

#### ALTERRA Fund for climate investment is launched by the UAE.

- **The United Arab Emirates announced its commitment to contribute \$30 billion to a new fund focused on addressing climate issues.** This fund, called Alterra, has influential partners like BlackRock, Brookfield, and TPG joining in as initial supporters.
- **Alterra aims to attract \$250 billion in investments by 2030. Its main focus is to enhance access to funding,** particularly for developing nations in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Oceania, collectively known as the Global South.

#### India re-elected to International Maritime Organization

- India was re-elected to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council with the highest tally and the term of council will be for the biennium 2024-25.
- India's re-election falls under the category of 10 states with "the largest interest in international seaborne trade", alongside Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

#### The word "Rizz" chosen as the Oxford Word of the Year 2023

- Often associated with celebrities and other famous figures, "Rizz" has been chosen by the **Oxford University Press as its word of the year 2023.**
- It's a term Gen Z has mainly embraced, and it beat out words such as "prompt," "situationship" and "Swiftie" that were considered by Oxford University Press, which publishes the Oxford English Dictionary.

#### World's biggest experimental nuclear fusion reactor JT-60SA inaugurated in Japan

- The **world's largest and most advanced nuclear fusion reactor 'JT-60SA' started its official operations in Japan's Ibaraki Prefecture.**
- JT-60SA is a joint initiative between the European Union and Japan

#### Nirmala Sitharaman & 3 other Indians among Forbes list of 'World's 100 Most Powerful Women' of 2023

- Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**, HCL Corporation Chairperson **Roshni Nadar Malhotra**, Steel Authority of India Chairperson **Soma Mondal** and Biocon

Executive Chairperson **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw** are the four Indians among the 100 named in Forbes' annual list of "The World's Most Powerful Women of 2023.

- Sitharaman has made it to the list for the fifth year in a row, ranking at number 32. This is the 64-year-old BJP leader's best ranking so far — in 2022, she had ranked at 36, while she was 37 in 2021, 41 in 2020 and 34 in 2019.
- While Malhotra was ranked 60th, Mondal took the 70th spot and Mazumdar-Shaw the 76th. They had made it to the prestigious list last year also at 53rd, 67th and 72nd spots respectively.
- Politicians topped the list, occupying the first four spots, with **Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, at the number 1 position. She is followed by European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde, US Vice President Kamala Harris and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.**

#### Indonesia's Ibu volcano erupts, ash up to 1,200m

- The **Ibu volcano on Halmahera Island** in the eastern Indonesian province of North Maluku erupted.
- Local time for about 90 seconds, throwing ash up to 1,200 metre above its peak, according to the country's Center for Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation (PVMBG).

#### SBI Card joins Bharat BillPay in the credit card category

- **NPCI Bharat BillPay (NBBL)**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), **has successfully integrated SBI Card**, one of India's leading credit card issuers, **into the credit card category of Bharat BillPay.**
- This integration marks a significant advancement, streamlining the credit card bill payment process for millions of customers.

#### LIC fourth largest insurer in the world based on reserves: S&P Global study

- Insurance behemoth **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** is **the fourth largest insurer in the world**, according to a ranking based on life and accident & health reserves of companies in 2022 by S&P Global Market Intelligence.
- The state-owned insurer is ranked after Allianz SE, China Life Insurance Company, and Nippon Life Insurance Company.
- According to the report, LIC's reserves stood at \$503.7 billion. Germany's Allianz SE (\$750.20 billion), China Life Insurance Company (\$616.90 billion), and Nippon Life Insurance Company (\$536.80 billion) are the top three insurance companies in the world.

#### China launched the deepest lab on Earth

- **The world's deepest and largest underground laboratory** became operational in **China.**
- The 2,400-metre-deep physics laboratory is located in southwest China's Sichuan Province.

#### Germany to give €500 mn for Bengaluru Metro expansion

- The **payment security mechanism**, established with **\$150 million from the US government** and philanthropic groups, and \$240 million from the Indian government, is the bedrock of risk management for building out the financial system for electric mobility at scale in India.

- **KfW, Germany's state-owned investment and development bank**, is set to sign an agreement to provide **€500 million (around ₹4,500 crore) in financial assistance for the expansion of the Bengaluru Metro.**

#### Denmark introduces green tax on air passengers from 2025

- **Denmark** has agreed to **impose a tax on air passengers to help finance** the airline industry's transition to greener practices, which will be gradually phased in from 2025.
- The government in November proposed imposing an average tax of 100 Danish crowns (\$14.35) on air travel to help finance the industry's green transition, which aims to enable all domestic flights to use 100% sustainable fuels by 2030.

#### World Bank sets up task force to act on MDB reform plan

- The **World Bank** has set up a **task force to study the recommendations** made by the Independent Experts Group, formed under India's G20 Presidency, **for strengthening multilateral development banks (MDBs).**
- The World Bank, which other MDBs looked up to, must take the lead in carrying forward the reform roadmap for MDBs so as to make these global institutions bigger, better, and bolder.

#### UN announces 2024 as International Year of Camelids

- The **United Nations** has declared **2024 the International Year Of Camelids.**
- The decision has been taken to highlight the significant importance of camelids in the lives of people across the world.

#### UK to introduce carbon import levy on certain products by 2027

- **United Kingdom** will implement a **new carbon import levy on some products from 2027** to help to protect businesses against cheaper imports from countries with less strict climate policies.
- The planned carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) will apply to carbon-intensive products in the iron, steel, aluminium, fertiliser, hydrogen, ceramics, glass and cement sectors.

#### PPP nominated first Hindu woman for elections in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

- **Pakistan People's Party nominates Dr Saveera Parkash**, to contest from **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Buner district in the General Elections.**
- The decision comes following the Pakistan Electoral Commission's mandate of having at least 5% women candidates on general seats.

### January

#### Argentina Rejects BRICS Membership Under President Javier Milei

- **Argentine President Javier Milei** has officially **declined the invitation to join the BRICS** (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) grouping of major emerging economies.
- The bloc — made up of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa — in August announced it was admitting six new members in a bid to counter the Western-led global order.
- The membership of Argentina, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and the United Arab Emirates was due to take effect from January 1, 2024.

#### Francoise Bettencourt Meyers becomes first woman with a \$100 billion



- **Françoise Bettencourt Meyers**, heiress to the L'Oréal beauty empire, has **made history as the world's first woman to surpass a net worth of \$100 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.**
- This milestone was achieved through the surge in L'Oréal S.A. stock. As of that day, her net worth stood at \$100.1 billion, shows Bloomberg's data.

#### Russia takes over the BRICS chairmanship

- **Russia has taken over the BRICS chairmanship** as of January 1, following the decision made during **the 15th BRICS Summit in August 2022.**
- Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates have joined BRICS as new full members which is a strong indication of the growing authority of the association and its role in international affairs.

#### France becomes first European country to issue digital Schengen visas

- **France will become the first European country to issue digital Schengen visas to visitors for the upcoming Paris Olympics.**
- France has announced plans to shift entirely to online procedures for 70,000 French Schengen Visas, in a move that aligns with the EU's digitalization plans.

#### Kyrgyzstan Declares Snow Leopard As National Symbol

- **Kyrgyzstan has officially declared the snow leopard as its national symbol,** underscoring its commitment to **conservation and ecological balance.**
- The snow leopard is not only a symbol of natural wealth and cultural prosperity, but also an indicator of the stability and health of the mountain ecosystem, which occupies 1/3 of the global territory.

#### 2023 Recorded Hottest Year Ever As Earth Nears Critical 1.5C Limit

- **Last year was the planet's hottest on record by a substantial margin and likely the world's warmest in the last 100,000 years,** according to the **European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S).**
- Scientists had widely expected the milestone after climate records were repeatedly broken. Since June, every month has been the world's hottest on record compared with the corresponding month in previous years.

#### Denmark introduced green fuels alliance in India

- **Denmark has launched the Green Fuels Alliance India (GFAI) initiative to boost collaborative efforts between the two countries** in the sustainable energy solutions sector and advance their joint global goal towards carbon neutrality.
- The new alliance is a strategic initiative poised to play a pivotal role in advancing the green fuels sector, including green hydrogen, by fostering innovation, collaboration, and partnerships between Danish industries and their counterparts in India.

#### India, France to jointly fund science research projects

- **India and France have agreed to jointly fund scientific research projects in the fields of health, decarbonized hydrogen, marine sciences, and applied mathematics.**
- The decision was taken during a meeting of the Indo-French Joint Committee on Science and Technology (JCST) in the India International Science Festival.

#### Ministry of Tourism to organize "Bharat Parv" from 23-31 January

- The **nine-day extravaganza, part of the Republic Day celebrations,** is set to unfold **from January 23rd to January 31,** at the Lawns and Gyan Path in front of the historic Red Fort in Delhi.

- Since its inception in 2016, Bharat Parv has evolved into a grand celebration, bringing together the rich tapestry of India's cultural heritage, citizen-centric initiatives, and vibrant traditions.

#### WHO certifies Cabo Verde as malaria-free

- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has certified **Cabo Verde as a malaria-free country**, marking a significant achievement in global health.
- With this announcement, **Cabo Verde joins the ranks of 43 countries and 1 territory** that WHO has awarded this certification.

#### North Korea conducts test of underwater nuclear weapons system

- **North Korea** has conducted a **test of its underwater nuclear weapons system** in a protest against joint military drills by South Korea, the United States, and Japan.
- **The test of the "Haeil-5-23" system**, a name North Korea has given to its nuclear-capable underwater attack drones, was carried out by the defence ministry's think tank in the waters off its east coast.

#### Saudi Arabia to Open First Alcohol Store for Diplomats

- Saudi Arabia will open its first alcohol store in the capital Riyadh which will serve exclusively non-Muslim diplomats.
- Customers will have to register via a mobile app, get a clearance code from the foreign ministry, and respect monthly quotas with their purchases.

## Chapter 15: Defence News

### Launch Missile with range by DRDO IN NEWS

- "Prithvi II"-350 Km
- "Brahmos"-400Km
- "Shaurya"-1000Km
- "Pranash"-200Km
- "K-4 nuclear"-3500Km
- "Nirbhay": 1500Km
- 'Akash-NG': 60 KM
- Agni-5: 5000 KM
- Pinaka ER: 70 Km
- Stand-off Anti-tank (SANT) Missile: 10 KM
- Agni P Ballistic Missile: 1000 to 2000KM
- Pralay: 150-500 km
- Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM): minimum range is 200-300 metres. Maximum range, is **4000 metres**
- Agni-4 ballistic: 4000km

### September

#### North Korea launches new 'tactical nuclear attack submarine'

- **North Korea** has launched its first operational **"tactical nuclear attack submarine"**, a key part of leader Kim Jong Un's plan to develop a nuclear-armed navy to counter the United States and its Asian allies.

- Submarine No 841 – named Hero Kim Kun Ok after a prominent North Korean historical figure – was launched on Wednesday with Kim overseeing the event.

#### Naval Ship 'Nireekshak' successfully conducted Diving training sessions

- Indian Naval Ship 'Nireekshak' has successfully conducted vital **Mixed Gas Diving training sessions as part of IN-SLN Divex 23.**
- The Indian Navy's diving support vessel initiated the sea dive and after a successful diving exercise, returned with the Sri Lanka Navy divers.

#### Defence Ministry clears proposal to buy 'Pralay' ballistic missiles

- The **Defence Ministry** has cleared the proposal of buying a regiment of **Pralay tactical ballistic missiles for the Indian Army which can strike targets at 150–500 km.**
- It is the first time that a ballistic missile will be inducted into the services for conventional operations.

### October

#### Indian Army wins gold medal in Cambrian Patrol 2023 military exercise

- **The Indian Army** has won a gold medal at the **Cambrian Patrol Competition 2023 International Military Exercise in Wales, UK.**
- A team from 3/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force) represented the Indian Army at the prestigious Cambrian Patrol Exercise in Wales, UK, the Army said.

#### Pakistan successfully tests medium-range 'Ababeel Weapon System'

- **Pakistan** has successfully conducted the flight test of the '**Ababeel Weapon System**' to **further strengthen its deterrence.**
- The latest test of the ballistic missile system was aimed at “re-validating various design, technical parameters, and performance evaluation of different sub-systems.

### November

#### 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).

#### 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 Igla-S is a man-portable air defence system (MANPADS) that can be fired by an individual or crew to bring down an enemy aircraft.

#### 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."

#### 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

### **December**

#### Amritsar To Host Military Literature Festival Next Year.

- **The Military Literature Festival is coming back for its second district-level edition in Amritsar.** This event is organized by the Military Literature Festival Association and led by Lt. Gen TS Shergill (retd.).
- It aims to raise awareness about the important role of the armed forces and inspire the youth.

#### Gen. Anil Chauhan inaugurated Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. Avionics Expo

- **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Anil Chauhan** has inaugurated the **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Avionics Expo 2023 in New Delhi.**
- Chauhan said the aviation sector needs to keep up with a rapidly changing world and new technological innovations.

#### Defence Ministry signs deal for 6 next-gen OPVs for Coast Guard

- The Defence Ministry has signed a ₹1,614.89 crore contract with Mazagon Dockyard Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai for the procurement of six next-generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPV) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
- Out of the six vessels being procured, four would replace the existing ageing OPVs and the other two would augment the ICG fleet.

#### Iran's navy adds sophisticated cruise missiles 'Talaeieh and Nasir' to its armoury

- Iran's navy has added domestically produced sophisticated cruise missiles to its arsenal.
- Both Talaeieh and Nasir cruise missiles have arrived at a naval base near the Indian Ocean in the southern Iranian port of Konarak, some 1,400 kilometers (850 miles) southeast of the capital, Tehran.

#### INS Imphal, India's first warship named after a northeastern state, commissioned

- INS Imphal (Pennant D68), the third of four warships of Project 15B that together form the Visakhapatnam class stealth-guided missile destroyers, is set to be commissioned into the Indian Navy in Mumbai.
- The move aimed at boosting its maritime capability amid China's increasing forays into the Indian Ocean region.

#### Pakistan successfully tests Fatah-II guided multi-launch rocket system

- Pakistan has conducted a successful flight test of indigenously developed guided multi-launch rocket system 'Fatah-II', which is capable of engaging targets with high precision up to a range of 400 kilometres.
- The 'Fatah-II' is "equipped with state-of-the-art avionics, sophisticated navigation system and unique flight trajectory," the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the media wing of the military.

### January

#### Defence Secretary Opens HAL's Aero Engine R&D Facility In Bengaluru

- Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane has inaugurated a new design and test facility at Aero Engine Research and Development Centre (AERDC) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The newly inaugurated facility, spanning over 10,000 sq. meters, is poised to be a hub of innovation in the field of aerospace engineering.

#### DRDO Launches 'Ugram' Assault Rifle For Armed Forces

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has launched Ugram, a state-of-the-art assault rifle of the 7.62 x 51 mm calibre.
- It has been indigenously designed, developed and manufactured in collaboration with a private industry partner.

#### Adani Group Unveils India's First Medium Altitude, Long Endurance Drone

- Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar has flagged off the first indigenously manufactured "Drishti 10 Starliner" Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) for the Navy.
- Drishti 10 'Starliner' is an advanced Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) platform with 36 hours endurance, 450 kgs payload capacity, the only all-weather military platform with STANAG 4671 certification, and clear to fly in both segregated and unsegregated airspace.

Defence Exercise	Between	About
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<b>International Maritime Exercise/ Cutlass Express 2023 (IMX/CE-23)</b>	Participants from over <b>50 nations</b> and <b>international maritime agencies</b>	<b>INS Trikand</b> is participating in the <b>International Maritime Exercise/ Cutlass Express 2023 (IMX/CE-23)</b> being held in the <b>Gulf region</b> .
<b>The first Joint Military Exercise FRINJEX-23</b>	<b>Indian Army and French Army</b>	The first Joint Military Exercise <b>FRINJEX-23</b> between <b>Indian Army and French Army</b> has been conducted at <b>Pangode Military Stations, Thiruvananthapuram</b> in Kerala.
<b>Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) in the Arabian Sea.</b>	India & France	<b>Indian Navy's</b> indigenously built Guided <b>Missile Frigate, INS Sahyadri</b> participated in the <b>Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)</b> with <b>French Navy (FN) ships</b> in the <b>Arabian Sea</b> .
<b>The third edition of the multilateral exercise 'La Perouse'</b>	Between navies of <b>India, US, Japan, France, UK and Australia</b>	The <b>third edition</b> of the multilateral exercise ' <b>La Perouse</b> ' was held in the <b>Indian Ocean Region</b> .
<b>The 3rd edition of the Sea Dragon exercises</b>	USA	It is a <b>coordinated multilateral anti-submarine warfare (ASW)</b> exercise for long-range <b>maritime reconnaissance aircraft</b> .
<b>The 13th edition of a bilateral armour exercise, EX Bold Kurukshetra</b>	<b>India and Singapore</b>	The ten-day-long joint training that commenced fostered a common understanding of <b>mechanized warfare</b> in <b>emerging threats</b> and <b>evolving technologies</b> .
<b>The 10-day Africa-India Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX 2023)</b>	<b>Africa and India</b>	The focus of the event will be on joint training and strengthening of existing <b>defence ties</b> among various nations and to evolve an institutionalised framework for better and <b>efficient military-to-military cooperation</b> to address emerging <b>global challenges</b> .
<b>The annual bilateral maritime exercise 'Konkan'</b>	<b>The Indian Navy and UK's Royal Navy</b>	The joint drill by the two navies demonstrated <b>operational readiness</b> , enhancing <b>interoperability</b> and improving the ability to <b>conduct joint operations</b> .
<b>The 10th Edition of the annual Indian - Sri Lanka</b>	Indian and Sri Lanka	SLINEX-2023 will aim to enhance inter-operability, improve mutual understanding and exchange best practices and

<b>Bilateral Maritime exercise, SLINEX-2023</b>		procedures in multi-faceted Maritime operations between both Navies.
<b>The Cope India exercise</b>	The Air Forces of India and the U.S.	The 'Cope India' exercise will "further enhance operational capability and interoperability between the two air forces".
<b>joint military exercise 'Ex Kavach'</b>	The large-scale joint exercise saw the involvement of the 'Shatrujeet Brigade' of the Army, Armed Forces Special Operations Division (AFSOD), Special Forces of the Navy and Amphibious troops of the Andaman and Nicobar Command.	Exercise KAVACH was structured to enhance the joint warfare capabilities and the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of the Armed Forces.
<b>Exercise INIOCHOS-23</b>	The Indian Air Force (IAF)	The Indian Air Force (IAF) will be participating in Exercise INIOCHOS-23, a multi-national air exercise hosted by the Hellenic Air Force, the air force of Greece.
<b>"Locked Shields" cyber-defense exercise 2023</b>	More than 3000 participants from 38 countries including NATO allies and partners took part in the exercise.	The 2023 edition of the annual exercise "Locked Shields" hosted by the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence in Tallinn (Estonia).
<b>7th edition of bilateral training exercise 'Ajeya Warrior 2023</b>	India and the United Kingdom	The exercise is being conducted at Salisbury Plains, UK, from 27 April to 11 May.
<b>Edition of the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise</b>	India	The harbor phase of the exercise is scheduled to be held at the Changi Naval Base (Singapore) from May 2-4, while the sea phase will be conducted from May 7-8 in the South China Sea.
<b>The 4th edition of India-Indonesia Bilateral exercise Samudra Shakti-23</b>	India & Indonesia	Samudra Shakti-23 will showcase the high degree of interoperability between the two navies and their shared commitment to peace and stability in the region.
<b>A Joint Flood Relief 'Exercise Jal Rahat'</b>	Indian Army	Gajraj Corps of the Indian Army conducted a Joint Flood Relief 'Exercise Jal Rahat' at Hagrama Bridge on Manas River, Assam.
<b>The fourth edition of the Indo-Indonesia bilateral exercise Samudra Shakti-23</b>	India and Indonesia	KRI Sultan Iskandar Muda with an integral helicopter Panther and a CN 235 Maritime Patrol Aircraft participated in the

		exercise from the Indonesian Navy.
<b>AL MOHED AL HINDI 2023 naval exercise</b>	India & Saudi Arabia	INS TARKASH and INS SUBHADRA have arrived in Saudi Arabia to participate in the AL MOHED AL HINDI 2023 naval exercise.  The exercise will involve the participation of naval forces from both countries and focus on joint operations and training.
<b>The 12th edition of the joint military exercise "Ex Ekuverin"</b>	Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force	The 12th edition of the joint military exercise "Ex Ekuverin" between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force has commenced at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.
<b>Joint Exercise Ex Khaan Quest 2023</b>	Indian Army	Indian Army is participating in the multinational peacekeeping Joint Exercise Ex Khaan Quest 2023 in Mongolia.
<b>The bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2023 (JIMEX 23)</b>	Japan and India	<b>The seventh edition of the bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2023 (JIMEX 23)</b> hosted by the <b>Indian Navy</b> , is being conducted at <b>Visakhapatnam</b> .
<b>7th edition of SALVEX exercise</b>	Indian Navy – US Navy (IN – USN)	Objective - To enhance the <b>skill sets of the Diving teams</b> in a number of <b>diverse disciplines</b> such as <b>mine detection and neutralization, wreck location, and salvage</b> .
<b>The 15th edition of the joint military exercise, 'Nomadic Elephant 2023'</b>	India and Mongolia	The <b>15th edition of the joint military exercise</b> between <b>India and Mongolia, 'Nomadic Elephant 2023'</b> , begins at <b>Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 17 to 31 July 2023</b> .
<b>First joint training FALCON Shield-2023</b>	China & UAE	To deepen pragmatic exchanges and cooperation between the two militaries and enhance mutual understanding and trust.
<b>The 31st edition of the Malabar multilateral exercise</b>	India, Australia, Japan, and the U.S	The 31st edition of the Malabar multilateral exercise comprising India, Australia, Japan, and the U.S. will be held in Sydney from August 11-21.
<b>Passage Exercise (PASSEX) 2023</b>	INS Chennai with Royal Saudi Navy	INS Chennai also conducted a port call to Jeddah to enhance

		defense alliances between India and Saudi Arabia.
<b>'Exercise BRIGHT STAR-23.'</b>	Middle East and North Africa region	INS Sumedha arrived at Port Alexandria, Egypt to participate in 'Exercise BRIGHT STAR-23.'  This edition of the multinational Tri-Services military exercise will see participation from 34 countries. It is the largest-ever joint military exercise in the Middle East & North Africa region.
<b>Phase II of the 21st edition of the Varuna (Varuna-23) bilateral exercise</b>	The Indian and French Navy	Phase II of the 21st edition of the Varuna (Varuna-23) exercise was conducted in the Arabian Sea.  The exercise witnessed the participation of guided missile frigates, tanker, Maritime Patrol Aircraft and integral helicopters from the two sides.
<b>The 30th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)</b>	The Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN)	The 30th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) has commenced, marking another milestone in the strong and enduring partnership between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN).
<b>The 30th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)</b>	Singapore-India	The exercise witnessed the signing of a Joint Standard Operating Procedure on Submarine Rescue between India and Singapore in the presence of the High Commissioner of India to Singapore and the Singapore Navy Fleet Commander.
<b>Indo-Bangla joint exercise SAMPRITI-XI</b>	India and Bangladesh	The exercise -- "SAMPRITI-XI" -- promises to further enhance the defence cooperation between India and Bangladesh, fostering deeper bilateral relations, cultural understanding and mutual benefits from shared experiences.
<b>The annual Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief 'Chakrawat' exercise</b>	The Indian Navy	The 'CHAKRAVAT' 9 exercise involves the participation of the three-armed forces, paramilitary forces and several disaster response organizations.

<b>A two-day comprehensive Coastal Security Exercise 'Sagar Kavach' involving all maritime security agencies</b>	The Indian Navy in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry	The exercise aimed to assess the efficacy and robustness of the coastal security mechanism while dealing with an "asymmetric threat" emanating from the sea.
<b>The ninth edition of the joint military exercise "Mitra Shakti 2023"</b>	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.
<b>14th Edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise "VAJRA PRAHAR 2023"</b>	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.
<b>The second edition of the Joint Military Exercise AUSTRALIND-23</b>	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 procedures for tactical operations.
<b>17th edition of Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN</b>	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.
<b>The Mitra Shakti 2023 joint military exercise</b>	The Indian and Sri Lankan Armies	The 12-day exercise aimed to help both armies understand each other's strategies and tactics better.
<b>Indian Army conducted a Table-Top Exercise (TTX)</b>	Indian Army conducted for the Women Officers of Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)	The Exercise is part of ongoing efforts of Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping (CUNPK) to strengthen international cooperation and capacity-building in peacekeeping missions, with specific focus on empowering women in the field.
<b>A two-phased exercise 'Prasthan'</b>	The Indian Navy, along with other defence state and civil agencies	The 'Prasthan' is conducted to validate measures and procedures to address various contingencies that may arise in the oil production platforms.



<b>4th edition of the Joint Military Exercise VINBAX-2023</b>	India and Vietnam	A contingent of 45 personnel from the Indian Armed Forces has arrived in Hanoi, Vietnam, to participate in the fourth edition of the Joint Military Exercise VINBAX-2023.
<b>The Inaugural edition of Joint Military Exercise Desert Cyclone</b>	India & UAE	The joint manoeuvres during 'Desert Cyclone 2024' aim to boost interoperability through the exchange of knowledge and best practices in urban operations.
<b>The 12th edition of the multi-national exercise MILAN 24</b>	India and four foreign countries (Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand)	In a move to strengthen maritime cooperation and security in the Indian Ocean region, the Indian Navy will host the 12th edition of the multi-national exercise MILAN 24 in Visakhapatnam from February 19 to 27.
<b>First bilateral exercise "Ex-Ayutthaya"</b>	The Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy (RTN)	The Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy (RTN) conducted a maiden bilateral exercise, named 'Ex-Ayutthaya', which symbolizes the significance of 'Ayodhya' in India and Ayutthaya in Thailand, which holds historic legacies and has rich cultural ties.
<b>The 2nd edition of a joint exercise called 'Cyclone'</b>	India, Egypt	The Indian Army contingent comprising 25 personnel reached Egypt to take part in the 2nd edition of a joint exercise called 'Cyclone' between special forces of India and Egypt.
<b>The 11th edition of India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise Khanjar</b>	India-Kyrgyzstan	The 11th edition of India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise Khanjar started at the Special Forces Training School in Himachal Pradesh's Bakloh.
<b>A mega air exercise</b>	India, France, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)	The 'Desert Knight' exercise featured several frontline aerial assets and combat jets of the air forces of the three countries.
<b>Joint military exercise - SADA TANSEEQ</b>	India and Saudi Arabia	The exercise aims to enhance synergy, interoperability and jointmanship by learning and sharing best practices between the Armies of both nations.

## Chapter 16: Sports News

### F1 2023

Grand Prix	Winning driver	Winning constructor
<b>Bahrain F1</b>	Max Verstappen	Red Bull's
<b>Saudi Arabian F1</b>	Sergio Perez	Red Bull
<b>Australian F1</b>	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
<b>Monaco Grand Prix</b>	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
<b>Azerbaijan Grand Prix</b>	Sergio Pérez	Red Bull
<b>Austrian GP</b>	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
<b>British Grand Prix</b>	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
<b>Hungarian Grand Prix</b>	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
<b>Miami Grand Prix</b>	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
<b>Dutch Grand Prix</b>	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
<b>Brazilian Grand Prix</b>	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
<b>Las Vegas Grand Prix</b>	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
<b>Abu Dhabi Grand Prix</b>	Max Verstappen	Red Bull

### ICC men's & women's player of the Month 2023

**September-** Shubman Gill (India), Chamari Athapaththu (Srilanka)

**October-** Rachin Ravindra (New Zealand) & Hayley Matthews (West Indies)

**November-** Travis Head (Australia), Nahida Akter (Bangladesh)

**December-** Pat Cummins (Australia) and Deepti Sharma (India)

**January 2024-** West Indies' Shamar Joseph and Ireland's Amy Hunter

### Recent Grand Masters of India

- 84th-Vaishali Rameshbabu
- 83rd – Aditya S Samant (Maharashtra)
- 82nd – Vuppala Prraneeth (Telangana)
- 81st – Sayantan Das (West Bengal)
- 80th – Vignesh N R (Tamil Nadu)
- 79th – Pranesh M (Tamil Nadu)
- 78th – Koustav Chatterjee (West Bengal)

### Recent Retire Players

- England captain Alastair Cook announces retirement (Cricket)
- Australian cricketer Shaun Marsh announces retirement (Cricket)
- Thailand Sorannarin Tippoch retires (Cricket)
- England All rounder David Willey to retire (Cricket)
- West-Indies Sunil Narine announces retirement (Cricket)
- Australian Women's captain Meg Lanning retires (Cricket)
- India's Gurkeerat Singh announces retirement (Cricket)
- Pakistani Imad Wasim announces retirement (Cricket)
- West Indies' Dowrich announces retirement (Cricket)
- Pakistani Asad Shafiq announces retirement (Cricket)
- Indian women's hockey player Deep Grace Ekka announces

### **September**

#### **McGahey to become first transgender to play international cricket**

- **Danielle McGahey of Canada** will become the **first transgender cricketer** to play in an **international match** when she represents her adopted country next month in a regional qualifying tournament for the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup in Bangladesh.
- The 29-year-old McGahey, an opening batter, has been selected in Canada's women's squad for the qualifying tournament after she fulfilled ICC's eligibility criteria for male-to-female transgender players.

#### **India beats Pakistan to win Men's Hockey 5s Asia Cup 2023**

- **In Hockey, India beat Pakistan** in the penalty shootout in the final to **win the inaugural Men's Hockey 5s Asia Cup 2023 in Salalah, Oman**.
- The win also served as Asia's qualifying tournament for the FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024.
- Subsequently, India qualified for the FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024.

#### **Max Verstappen's historic 10th consecutive race win at the Italian GP 2023**

- **Max Verstappen** made history at the **2023 Italian Grand Prix**, scoring his **10th consecutive Formula 1 victory** and setting a remarkable new record.
- Max Verstappen achieved a remarkable feat in one season in Formula One, surpassing Sebastian Vettel's previous record of nine consecutive wins a decade ago.

#### **Mohun Bagan SG defeats East Bengal 1-0 at Durand Cup finals**

- **Mohun Bagal Super Giant** clinched the **Durand Cup 2023 trophy** beating **East Bengal 1-0** at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- With this victory, Mohun Bagan SG became the first team in Durand Cup history to win 17 titles.
- Golden Ball Award - Nandhakumar Sekar (East Bengal)
- Golden Boot Award - David Lalhlansanga (Mohammedan Sporting)
- Golden Glove Award - Vishal Kaith (Mohun Bagan Super Giant)

#### **Mahindra to sponsor ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023**

- **Mahindra & Mahindra** will be an **associate sponsor with Star Sports for the ICC Cricket World Cup** which starts next month.
- As the broadcast associate sponsor for Star Sports and co-powered sponsor for Disney+Hotstar during the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, the auto major aims to

reach vast audience across its key target markets, solidifying its visibility throughout the cricketing season.

### Amul to sponsor Indian Contingent at Hangzhou Asian Games 2023

- **Amul** is named as the official sponsor of the **Indian Contingent for the 19th Asian Games 2022 to be held in Hangzhou, China from September 23 to October 8, 2023.**
- Amul has partnered with Indian sportspersons through the Indian Olympic Association since the London 2012 Olympics for all Indian contingents to Olympics, Commonwealth Game.

### ICC & IndusInd to ink multi-year sponsorship deal

- **IndusInd Bank** has agreed to a **multi-year sponsorship deal with the International Cricket Council (ICC)**, beginning with the men's Cricket World Cup in India.
- The deal is set to be valued at \$20-24 million (approximately Rs 160-200 crore). The multi-year deal would kick off with the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, being held in India.

### Indian men's team finishes with bronze medal at Asian TTC

- In Table Tennis, the **Indian men's team finished with a bronze medal** at the **Asian Table Tennis Championships 2023** following a semi-final defeat to Chinese Taipei in Pyeongchang, the Republic of Korea.
- The Indian men's table tennis team comprising Sharath Kamal, Harmeet Desai, and Sathiyar Gnanasekaran lost 0-3 in their final four match.

### Goa Governor launches 'Mashaal' For 37th National Games

- **Goa Governor P.S. Sreedharan Pillai** has launched '**Mashaal**' for the **37th National Games 2023** at a program held in Durbar Hall Raj Bhavan, Donapaula.
- The 37th National Games will be held in Goa from 25 October to 9 November 2023.

### Praggnanandhaa secures third place in Tata Steel Chess India 2023 Open Blitz

- World Cup runner-up **R Praggnanandhaa** has finished **third at the Tata Steel Chess India 2023** Open Blitz tournament.
- World Champion Alexander Grischuk clinched the Open Blitz title of Tata Steel Chess India 2023 in Kolkata.
- Praggnanandhaa initially led the competition by remaining unbeaten in four games.

### India's Kiran George clinches Indonesia Badminton Masters title

- **Young Indian shuttler Kiran George** won the **Indonesia Masters Super 100 men's singles title** defeating **Japan's Koo Takahashi** in two straight sets.
- Ranked No. 50, the Indian shuttler defeated Takahashi, ranked 82, with a scoreline of 21-19, 22-20. Earlier, Kiran also won the Odisha Open in 2022 for his maiden Super 100 title.

### Prathamesh Jawkar wins silver in men's Archery World Cup

- **Indian archer Prathamesh Jawkar** won **silver in the Archery World Cup Final 2023** in Hermosillo, Mexico.
- World No. 14 Jawkar was facing a major challenge against the 10th-ranked Mathias Fullerton of Denmark in the gold medal clash.

### Germany beat Serbia to win Basketball World Cup for first time

- **Germany** won their first-ever **men's FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 title** by **beating Serbia** in Manila.
- The 19th edition of FIBA's flagship event, co-hosted by the Philippines, Indonesia, and Japan.

- Germany became the first team to win a FIBA World Cup crown in their final debut since Spain in 2006.

#### 62nd edition of Subroto Cup will be held from Delhi and Gurugram

- The **62nd edition of the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament** will be held from **19th September this year**.
- A total of 109 teams from 27 States and Union Territories will participate in the tournament.
- Under - 17 Junior Boys and Girls** tournaments will be held in **Delhi and Gurugram**, While **Under-14 Sub Junior Boys Competition** will be held in **Bengaluru**.

#### FIH withdraws Olympic qualifiers hosting rights from Pakistan

- The **International Hockey Federation (FIH)** has withdrawn the **hosting rights of the Olympic Qualifiers from Pakistan**, slated to be held in **January 2024**.
- The FIH decision came as a result of the infighting between the Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) and the state-owned Pakistan Sports Board (PSB).

#### India Crowned Champions After Beating Bangladesh In SAFF U16 Final

- India secured the championship** title by triumphing over Bangladesh with a 2-0 victory in the final match of the **SAFF U-16 Championship 2023** at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan.
- Bharat Lairenjam scored a goal in the first half, while Levis Zangminlun secured the winning goal in the second half, leading to a convincing victory for India.

#### Maharashtra wins 5th National Wheelchair Rugby Championship 2023

- Maharashtra clinched** the title of champions in the **5th National Wheelchair Rugby Championship 2023** by securing a convincing victory over Karnataka.
- It was organized by The Indian Rugby Football Union (Rugby India), the governing body for rugby in India.

#### India won Asia Cup for record-extending 8th time

- India won the Asia Cup 2023** after beating **Sri Lanka in the final by 10 wickets**.
- This victory marked India's first Asia Cup win since 2018.
- India reached their target in just 6.1 overs, winning the final with 263 balls to spare and all 10 wickets intact.

#### Ferrari's Carlos Sainz Wins Singapore Grand Prix 2023

- Ferrari's Carlos Sainz** has won the **Singapore Grand Prix** to end Formula 1 leader Max Verstappen's record run of 10 wins in a row and shatter Red Bull's dream of going through the season unbeaten.
- McLaren's Lando Norris finished a close second and Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton took third place as Red Bull ended up off the podium for the first time since last November's Brazilian Grand Prix.

#### Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan wins gold medal in ISSF World Cup 2023

- Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan** has won the **gold medal in the women's 10-metre air rifle** event at the **ISSF World Cup 2023 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**.
- Olympian Elavenil Valarivan shot 252.2 from her series of 24 shots in the final and narrowly beat France's Oceanne Muller.

#### Neeraj Chopra to finish second at the Diamond League finals in Eugene

- The Olympic and world champion javelin thrower, **Neeraj Chopra** finished second in the **men's event at the Diamond League Final 2023 in Eugene, USA**.

#### Indian Oil becomes MotoGP Bharat's title sponsor



- **MotoGP Bharat** has roped in **Indian Oil as the title sponsor** for the event scheduled to take place at the **Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida** from September 22 to 24.
- 42 teams and 84 riders will compete in the MotoGP, Moto2, and Moto3 categories at the MotoGP Bharat, which is being staged by Fair Street Sports in collaboration with Dorna Sports.

#### **BCCI signs SBI Life as 'Official Partner' for a three-year period**

- The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has announced **SBI Life as one of the official partners** for the BCCI Domestic and International Season 2023-2026.
- SBI Life has signed a 3-year deal with the BCCI and their partnership will begin with the upcoming three-match ODI series against Australia, starting September 22.

#### **Pakistan captain Babar Azam wins ICC Men's Player of Month Award for August**

- **Pakistan captain Babar Azam** won the **ICC Men's Player of the Month Award for August 2023** for his exceptional showing in ODIs against Afghanistan and Nepal.
- Babar won the honour for the 3rd time in his career as the World No. 1 batter continued to dominate the 50-over format of the game.

#### **Arlene Kelly won ICC Women's Player of the Month award for August 2023**

- **Ireland seamer Arlene Kelly** has won the **ICC Women's Player of the Month award for August 2023 for her excellent recent form.**
- Kelly beat Netherlands youngster Iris Zwilling and Malaysia all-rounder Ainna Hamizah Hashim for the coveted monthly award, following impressive individual efforts with the ball during the month.

#### **Nischal wins silver with new national record at Shooting World Cup in Rio**

- **Young Indian shooter Nischal** has won the silver in the **women's 50m rifle 3 Positions at the ISSF World Cup in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.**
- She finished behind Norwegian rifle ace Jeanette Hegg Duestad with a score of 458.0 in the final.

#### **ICC releases official Anthem 'Dil Jashn Bole' for Men's Cricket World Cup**

- **International Cricket Council** has released the **official Anthem for the Men's Cricket World Cup beginning on the 5 October.**
- The theme of the anthem is Dil Jashn Bole and it features Bollywood superstar Ranveer Singh and other popular social media influencers.

#### **Antim Panghal wins bronze medal at World Championships**

- **Young Indian wrestler Antim Panghal** won a **bronze medal in the women's 53 kg category at the World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia.**
- Panghal's victory also secured a quota for India in the 2024 Paris Olympics.

#### **ICC confirms venues of 2024 Men's T20 World Cup to be co-hosted by USA**

- The **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024** will be co-hosted **by the USA and West Indies**, with matches taking place in major cities like Dallas, Florida, and New York.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has confirmed as many as 10 venues in the West Indies and the USA between June 4 and 30.
- The West Indies will have 7 venues while the USA will have 3 for the showpiece T20 international tournament.

#### **Redfern became first woman to stand as an umpire**

- **Sue Redfern** became the **first woman to stand as an umpire in a men's first-class cricket match** in England and Wales.

- Redfern, who played 21 times for England from 1995-99, has been appointed for the County Championship fixture between Glamorgan and Derbyshire.

### Harmanpreet, Lovlina Borgohain become flag-bearers at Asian Games 2023

- Led by their flag bearers in Hockey men's team player **Harmanpreet Singh** and boxer **Lovlina Borgohain**, the **Indian contingent walked into** loud cheers at the **opening ceremony of the 2023 Asian Games at Hangzhou Olympics Sports Centre Stadium.**

### India women's cricket team wins Gold after beating Sri Lanka

- **India women's cricket team defeated Sri Lanka** by 19 runs in the final to win a gold medal in the ongoing Asian Games 2023.
- This was **India's second gold medal** at the 2023 Asian Games.
- Harmanpreet Kaur won the toss for India and opted to bat first in the final.

### India bags gold medal in Men's 10-meter air rifle event at Asian Game 2023

- **India's Men's 10m Air Rifle Team** has broken the **World Record to win the first gold medal** for the nation in the **ongoing Asian Games 2023.**
- The team, consisting of Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil, Divyansh Singh Panwar, and Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, not only clinched India's first gold medal of the games but also shattered the world record in the process.

### Italy's Marco Bezzecchi wins MotoGP Bharat 2023

- **Marco Bezzecchi** won the maiden **Indian GP at the Buddh International Circuit in Noida.**
- While, Spain's Jorge Martin and France's Fabio Quartararo finished second and third, respectively.

### Sift Kaur Samra won gold medal in shooting at Asian Games 2023

- **Indian shooter Sift Kaur Samra** created history by smashing every record possible on her way to **winning gold in the women's 50m rifle 3 position event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou.**
- This was India's first individual gold at this Games and the fifth top finish overall.

### Nepal creates history with the highest-ever T20I score of 314

- **Nepal batters** smashed **three world records to become the first team to amass a 300-plus total in T20Is, in men's cricket event** in the Asian Games 2023.
- Nepal wrote the history T20 Internationals record books by posting the highest-ever total with Kushal Malla scoring the fastest hundred and Dipendra Singh Airee hitting the fastest fifty in the format's history.

### Leander Paes, 1st Asian man nominated as player to Tennis Hall of Fame

- Multiple Grand Slam winner **Leander Paes** has emerged as the **first Asian man to be nominated for the International Tennis Hall of Fame in the player category.**
- The 50-year-old Paes was one of the six nominees announced for the Class of 2024. He will be competing with Cara Black, Ana Ivanovic, Carlos Moya, Daniel Nestor and Flavia Pennetta in the Player Category.

### India won gold in 10m Air Pistol Team event in Asian game 2023

- **India won a gold medal in the Men's 10m Air Pistol team** event at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou.
- India players team - **Sarabjot Singh, Arjun Singh Cheema, and Shiva Narwal**

### Roshibina Devi Naorem clinches silver medal in Wushu

- In the Asian Games at Hangzhou, **India's Roshibina Devi Naorem** clinched the **silver medal in the Women's 60 kg category in Wushu.**

- Devi brings home a silver medal which is a first for the country in Wushu.

#### India wins gold in tennis mixed doubles

- The mixed doubles pair of **Rohan Bopanna and Rutuja Bhosale** beat Chinese Taipei pair En-shuo Liang and Tsung-hao Huang in the finals to **clinch gold at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.**
- The pair won India's ninth gold in this Asiads.
- Earlier, Ramanathan Ramkumar and Saket Myneni bag silver in the men's doubles.

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#### India wins gold medal in women's 25m pistol team event

- The **Indian women's 25m pistol team** consisting of **Manu Bhaker, Esha Singh, and Rhythm Sangwan** secured a **gold medal at the Asian Games.**
- The trio achieved a total score of 1759, claiming the top spot of the podium.

#### ICC announces official mascots for Cricket World Cup 2023

- ICC After fans around the globe participated in voting, the names of the **two official ICC mascots have been revealed, ahead of the 2023 Cricket World Cup in India.**
- The ICC has announced that '**Blaze**' and '**Tonk**' have been unanimously chosen as the names of the mascot duo.

#### India bagged gold medal by Men's Team in 50m Rifle 3P event

- **Shooters Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar, Swapnil Kusale, and Akhil Sheoran** clinched **gold in the men's 50m rifle 3P team event in the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.**
- With a score of 1769 points, Team India secured the gold.

#### Murali Sreeshankar wins silver medal in men's long jump at Asian Games 2023

- **India's Murali Sreeshankar** won a **silver medal in the men's long jump event** at the Hangzhou Asian Games with a best jump of 8.19 meters.
- Wang Jianan of China won the gold medal with a jump of 8.22 meters.

#### Indian men's, women's teams bag bronze in roller skating

- **Indian roller skaters** clinched two bronze medals **in men's and women's 3000m team** relay events to match their best ever performance **at the Asian Games 2023.**
- The women's team of **Sanjana Bathula, Karthika Jagadeeswaran, Heeral Sadhu and Aarathy Kasturi Raj** opened India's account on the ninth day of competitions, finishing with a timing of 4:34.861s.

#### Tajinderpal Singh Toor wins Gold in Shotput

- **India's Tajinderpal Singh Toor** has won **gold in men's shot put at the Hangzhou Asian Games.** Toor won India its second track and field gold in the event.
- Toor got started with a monster first throw which landed around the 20m mark, but it deemed a no-throw. His second throw was also ruled out. Toor managed his first legal throw in his third attempt, registering 19.51m, by which time Saudi Arabia's Mohamed Daouda Tolo was leading the field with a best throw of 19.93m.

#### Aditi Ashok clinches historic silver in individual Golf event

- **India's star golfer Aditi Ashok** has created **history by clinching a first-ever medal in the women's individual event at the 19th Asian Games.**
- Aditi won a silver medal with -17 at Par. Indian women's golfers had never won a medal in Asian Games before

#### Avinash Sable wins gold in men's 3000m steeplechase

- **India's Avinash Sable** has won the **gold medal in the men's 3000m steeplechase at the Hangzhou Asian Games.**
- He took top honours with a timing of 8:19:50s, breaking the Games record along the way.

#### India win gold in Trap men's team event

- The Indian men's team comprising of **Kynan Chenai, Zoravar Singh Sandhu and Prithviraj Tondaiman** has claimed gold in the Trap event.
- The Indian trio secured 361 points in total as compared to Kuwait's 352 and China's 346.
- This was India's 21st medal in shooting at the Asian Games 2023.

#### Indian-origin Pereira wins Singapore's 1st Athletics Asian Games Gold

- **Shanti Pereira** has won **Singapore's first Asian Games athletics gold medal** for almost 50 years in the **women's 200m final in Hangzhou.**
- Indians have been bringing a rich medal haul in athletics at the Asian Games, but there has not been success in the sprints - the 100m and 200m races.

#### Parul Chaudhary wins gold in women's 5000m race

- **India's Parul Chaudhary** made history as she became the **first woman from her country to win the 5000m race at the Asian Games 2023.**
- This is Chaudhary's second medal at this Asiad after her silver in the women's 3000m steeplechase race.

#### ICC names Sachin Tendulkar as 'Global Ambassador' for ODI World Cup

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has named legendary cricketer **Sachin Tendulkar** as the **'Global Ambassador' for the Cricket World Cup 2023.**
- Sachin, who has participated in a record six 50-over World Cups, will unveil the World Cup trophy before the inaugural match between England and New Zealand, thereby officially opening the tournament

#### Annu Rani wins gold in women's javelin throw

- **India's Annu Rani** has won the gold medal in the **women's javelin throw with a 69.92m throw at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.**
- She became the first Indian woman to win a javelin gold in Asian Games history.

#### Jyothi-Ojas pair wins compound mixed team gold

- **Indian players Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Pravin Ojas Deotale** have won **gold in the Compound Archery Mixed Team** event in the Asian Games 2023.
- Jyothi-Pravin defeated the South Korean pair in a close encounter by one point 159-158. This is the first gold for Archery in the ongoing Asian Games.

#### Rest of India won the 2023 Irani Cup by 175 runs

- **Rest of India has won the Irani Cup 2023** by defeating **Saurashtra by 175 runs.** This was Rest of India's 30th Irani Cup title.
- The match took place at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot, Gujarat.
- The Irani Cup marks the beginning of the Indian domestic cricket season.

#### Neeraj Chopra wins Gold, Jena Silver at Asian Games 2023

- **India** celebrated a remarkable 1-2 finish in the **Men's Javelin Throw competition** at the Asian Games 2023, held at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Park Main Stadium in the People's Republic of China.
- Neeraj Chopra secured the gold medal, while Kishore Kumar Jena clinched the silver, showcasing their exceptional talent on the grand continental stage.

### India wins gold in Trap men's team event

- **Indian shooters wrapped up** their historic campaign at the **Asian Games 2023 with gold and silver medal in the men's and women's trap shooting team events**, respectively, in Hangzhou.
- **Kynan Chenai, Zoravar Singh Sandhu and Prithviraj Toindaman** won the gold medal for India in the men's trap team with an Asian Games record of 361.

### Boxer Preeti Pawar settles for bronze in 54kg Weight Category

- **India's Preeti Pawar** won the **bronze medal in the women's 54kg category** in boxing at the **Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou**.
- She lost to China's Yuan Chang 0-5 on points in the semi-final at the Hangzhou Gymnasium.

### Indian men's football team wins SAFF Under-19 Championship

- **In Football, India** won the **South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-19 Championship** after **defeating Pakistan 3-0** in a dominating display in the finals at the Dashrath Rangasala Stadium in Kathmandu.
- Manglenthang Kipgen and Gwngwmsar Goyary scored for India.

### Table Tennis players won bronze medal in women's doubles tournament

- **Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee** have won the **bronze medal in the women's doubles in table tennis** in the ongoing **Asian Games in Hangzhou**.
- The Indian duo lost to the North Korean pair of Sugyong Pak and Suyong Cha 11-7, 8-11, 11-7, 8-11, 9-11, 11-5, 2-11 in the semi-final at the Gongshu Canal Sports Park Gymnasium Table 1.

### Athlete walks 100 m on slackline in less than two minutes, sets world record

- **An athlete from China** broke the world record for the **'fastest 100 metres slackline walk'**.
- **Shi Hailin** accomplished this **feat by walking on a slackline suspended 100 metres** above the ground between two hills in only 1 minute 14.198 seconds.

### Arjun Singh and Sunil Singh Salam win bronze in Asian Games 2023

- **India** won the **bronze medal in the men's canoe double 1000m** event at the Asian Games.
- The India duo of Arjun Singh and Sunil Singh finished third with a timing of 3:53.329.
- **Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan won gold and silver respectively.**

### Indian men's hockey team Clinches Gold at Asian Games 2023

- **Indian men's hockey team** dished out a clinical **performance to reclaim the Asian Games gold medal after a nine-year wait** as they **thumped Japan 5-1 in the final in Hangzhou**.
- Indian captain Harmanpreet Singh scored twice in the final, converting two penalty corners after Manpreet Singh had given India the lead with a bullet reverse strike in the second quarter.

### Dipika Pallikal, and Harinder Pal Sandhu clinch gold in Squash Mixed

- **Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Sandhu** won **gold medal in Mixed Doubles Squash event defeating Malaysian pair by 2-0 in the final**.
- Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Sandhu defeated Malaysia's Aifa Azman-Mohd Syafiq Kamal 2-0 (11-10, 11-10) in the mixed doubles final.

### Indian team wins gold in men's 4x400m relay in Asian Games 2023



- **The Indian quartet won the gold medal in the men's 4x400m relay at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.**
- The team comprising of Amoj Jacob, Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Rajesh Ramesh and Muhammad Ajmal Variyathodi finished with a time of 3:01.58.

#### **Jyothi Surekha Vennam wins Gold in Women's Archery at Asian Games 2023**

- **India's Jyothi Surekha Vennam won the gold medal in the women's individual compound archery event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.**
- Jyothi defeated So Chaewon of South Korea 149-145 in the final to complete a hatr trick of gold medals, having already won titles in the women's and mixed team events.

#### **Sonam Malik bags bronze in women's freestyle 62kg category**

- **Indian grappler Sonam Malik took home a bronze medal in women's freestyle 62kg category by China's Long Jia at the ongoing 19th Asian Games.**
- This achievement marks India's third wrestling bronze medal in this edition of the Asian Games.

#### **Indian Women's Kabaddi Team Clinches Gold at Asian Games 2023**

- **India achieved the magical figure of 100 medals** at the ongoing Asian Games after the women's kabaddi team defeated Chinese Taipei 26-25 in a thrilling final to clinch gold in Hangzhou, China.
- India was held to a 34-34 draw by the same opponent in the group stage but the women in blue managed to run down the clock with a one-point lead at the end in the summit clash.

#### **Ojas Deotale is Nagpur's First Asian Games Gold Medalist**

- India's first world champion in an individual archery event, **Ojas Pravin Deotale**, is now **Nagpur's first sportsperson to win an Asian Games medal after he created history by clinching a gold in the mixed team compound event at Hangzhou.**
- The 21-year-old city boy paired up with Jyothi Vennam Surekha and surprised archery powerhouse South Korea to win the first archery gold for India in the 19th edition of the Games.

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#### **Aditi Swami bags bronze in compound archery women's individual event**

- **India's Aditi Swami has won the bronze medal in the women's individual compound archery event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.**
- Aditi, who is the reigning world champion, defeated Ratih Zilizati Fadhly of Indonesia 146-140 in the bronze medal playoff.

#### **Aman Sehrawat won bronze medal in men's 57kg category**

- **Aman Sehrawat secured a bronze medal for India in the men's freestyle wrestling 57kg category at the Asian Games 2023.**
- Sehrawat beat local favorite Liu Minghu by 11-0.

#### **Prannoy wins bronze in men's singles badminton**

- **India's H.S. Prannoy clinched bronze after going down against China's Li Shifeng in the badminton men's singles semifinal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou.**

- After going into the first game break trailing 10-11, World No.1 Shifeng cruised through the contest as he won 21-16. 21-9 in just over 45 minutes.

### India won Asian Games cricket gold without having to bat

- **India** was crowned **Asian Games men's cricket champions** without needing to bat in an anti-climactic finish.

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Shooting	7	9	6	22
Athletics	6	14	9	29
Archery	5	2	2	9
Squash	2	1	2	5
Cricket	2	0	0	2
Kabaddi	2	0	0	2
Badminton	1	1	1	3
Tennis	1	1	0	2
Equestrian	1	0	1	2
Hockey	1	0	1	2
Rowing	0	2	3	5
Chess	0	2	0	2
Wrestling	0	1	5	6
Boxing	0	1	4	5
Sailing	0	1	2	3
Bridge	0	1	0	1
Golf	0	1	0	1
Wushu	0	1	0	1
Roller skating	0	0	2	2
Canoe	0	0	1	1
Sepaktakraw	0	0	1	1
Table tennis	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>107</b>

- India was declared winners of the final under an Asian Games-specific rule where the higher-ranked team takes the honours if the match cannot be finished, in this case due to rain.

### Satwiksairaj-Chirag duo win India's first-ever gold medal in badminton

- The **Indian men's doubles badminton duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** made history by securing **India's first-ever gold medal in badminton at the Asian Games**.
- The dynamic pair emerged victorious after defeating the formidable Korean duo with a scoreline of 21-18, 21-16 in a breathtaking final match.

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<b>Rank</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	China	201	111	71	383
2	Japan	52	67	69	188
3	South Korea	42	59	89	190
4	India	28	38	41	107
5	Uzbekistan	22	18	31	71
6	Chinese Taipei	19	20	28	67
7	Iran	13	21	20	54
8	Thailand	12	14	32	58

9	Bahrain	12	3	5	20
7	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	11	18	10	39
8	Kazakhstan	10	22	48	80
9	Hong Kong China	8	16	29	53
10	Indonesia	7	11	18	36

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### Ayodhya to host National Archery Championship in November 2023

- The Senior National Archery Championship will be held in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh from 25 to 30 November 2023.
- The championship will feature individual, team, and mixed team events under Indian, recurve, and compound rounds.

### Iran's Shadloui becomes costliest player in Pro Kabaddi League auction at ₹2.35 Crore

- Iran's Mohammadreza Shadloui Chiyaneh emerged as the costliest player in the history of the Pro Kabaddi League auction after he was bought for Rs 2.35 crore by Puneri Paltan. This made him the league's most expensive foreign player, overtaking Fazel Atrachali's previous price of ₹1.38 crore last year with Puneri Paltan.
- While India's Maninder Singh was roped in by Bengal Warriors for Rs 2.12 crore.

### Shubhi Gupta wins U-19 Girls National Chess Championship

- Shubhi Gupta has won the U-19 Girls' National Chess Championship 2023 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Shubhi is an integral member of the Cohort sponsored and supported by the esteemed Pravaha Foundation as part of their laudable Initiative, "64 Squares."

### National Games 2023 to be held in Goa

- The 37th edition of the National Games 2023 will be held in Goa from October 26 to November 9.
- This will be the first time Goa will host the National Games.
- The National Games are India's homespun Olympic-style multi-sport event where athletes from the various states and Union Territories compete for medals.

### Ayush Shetty wins bronze medal at BWF World Junior Championships 2023

- India's Ayush Shetty has won a bronze medal at the BWF World Junior Championships held in Spokane, USA.
- The 23rd edition of the BWF World Junior Championships was held in Spokane, United States of America (USA).

### IOC suspends Russian Olympic Committee for 'breach of charter'

- After nearly 20 months of waging war in Ukraine, Russia was suspended by the International Olympic Council (IOC) for a land grab in sports administration.

- The International Olympic Committee's executive board imposed the suspension on the Russian Olympic Committee for a breach of the Olympic Charter — a book of rules and principles for international sports bodies — by incorporating sports councils in four regions in eastern Ukraine.

### 11th Sultan of Johor Cup to be held in Johor, Malaysia

- The **11th edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup 2023** will be held in **Johor, Malaysia from October 27 to November 4**.
- The Sultan of Johor Cup is an annual under-21 men's field hockey event held in Malaysia.

### IOC apex body accepts a proposal to include cricket in the 2028 Olympics

- The **International Olympic Committee (IOC) executive board** has accepted a proposal to include **T20I Cricket along with squash, lacrosse, flag football, and baseball/softball in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics**.
- Calling cricket a sport with great potential, IOC President Thomas Bach said that it did not take much thinking to include it in the Games programme.
- Organizers of the 2028 Games had recommended a package of five sports, including cricket to be “potential inclusions” in the Games programme last week.
- Even if cricket gets the final seal of approval in the IOC session vote, its participation will be confined to the 2028 Olympics.
- The sport will have to be reconsidered for the 2032 Brisbane Olympics in Australia.

### Raunak Sadhwani won FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship

- **17-year-old Raunak Sadhwani** has won the **U-20 World Junior Rapid Chess Championship in Sardinia, Italy**.
- Raunak scored 8.5 over 11 rounds to win the Championship ahead of Arseniy Nesterov of Russia, who scored 8.

### Ashutosh Sharma Breaks Yuvi's Record for Fastest 50 in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy

- **Railways' middle-order batter, Ashutosh Sharma** broke former India batter **Yuvraj Singh's 16-year-old record for the fastest fifty by an Indian**.
- Ashutosh smashed his half-century in 11 balls in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament, in a Group C clash against Arunachal Pradesh in Ranchi.

## **November**

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.**

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

Rank	State/Union Territory/Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### **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.

#### **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

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

### **December**

#### **Amazon acquires ICC cricket rights for Australia till 2027**

- E-commerce giant Amazon's streaming service **Prime Video** has signed a **four-year deal with the International Cricket Council (ICC)** to provide **exclusive live broadcast rights in Australia for ICC cricket**, which will be available on Prime Video Australia.

#### India bags 3 gold, 5 silver, and 1 bronze medals in IBA Junior World Boxing

- India bagged **three gold, five silver, and one bronze medals at the IBA Junior World Boxing Championship 2023** in Yerevan, Armenia.
- Akansha won gold in 70 kg category, Pari clinched gold medal in 48 kg weight category, while Nisha won gold in 52 kg category.

#### China's Ningbo to host World Weightlifting Championships 2026

- The **Chinese city of Ningbo** will **host the 2026 World Weightlifting championships**, following the 2024 edition in Manama (Bahrain) and the 2025 edition in Forde (Norway).
- The International Weightlifting Federation announced in a statement after a vote by the IWF Executive Board, meeting in Doha, Qatar, that Ningbo has experience in successfully staging international sports events.

#### ICC launches new vibrant logo for Men's and Women's T20 World Cup 2024

- **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has unveiled the logo for the **upcoming T20 World Cup in Men's and Women's cricket next year**.
- While the **men's event** is set to take place from June 4 to June 30, 2024 in the **West Indies and USA**.

#### Italy won Admiral's Cup 2023 held at Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala

- The **12th edition of 'Admiral's Cup' Sailing Regatta** concluded with a glittering closing ceremony at **Ettikulam Beach at Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala**.
- Team Italy represented by Midshipman Avallone Antonio & Midshipman Creati Carlo Leonardo won the Admiral's Cup 23.

#### Kashvi Gautam became most expensive uncapped star of all time in WPL auction

- **India's young player Kashvee Gautam** has bagged a huge profit in the **star auction ahead of the 2024** season of Women's Premier League (WPL 2024).
- Kashvi became the **most valuable uncapped player of all time in the Women's Premier League**. The young star, who had a base price of Rs 10 lakh, was **acquired by Gujarat Giants for Rs 2 crore**.

#### Ashwini-Tanisha duo clinches women's doubles title in Guwahati Masters 2023

- **Indian women's doubles pair of Tanisha Crasto and Ashwini Ponnappa** have secured their second **Super 100 title** with a straight-game win over Chinese Taipei's Sung Shuo Yun and Yu Chien Hui **at the Guwahati Masters 2023**.
- The second-seeded Indian combination, which finished runners-up at the Syed Modi International Super 300 tournament in Lucknow, beat the world no. 81 combination 21-13 21-19 in a 40-minute final.

#### Leander and Vijay Amritraj make it to the Tennis Hall of Fame

- Olympic medallist and multiple Grand Slam champion **Leander Paes**, along with two-time Davis Cup finalist **Vijay Amritraj**, has made it into the **International Tennis Hall of Fame**.
- Leander makes it in the player category and Vijay in the contributor category for his multi-faceted role in the game.

#### Sourav Kothari clinched maiden Senior National Snooker title

- **Sourav Kothari** of Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) won his **maiden Senior National 15-Red snooker title, beating Paras Gupta of Uttar Pradesh 6-2 in the final.**
- Kothari beat Md Hussain Khan (RSPB) 5-0 in the semifinals and prevailed over Gupta 58-46, 72-34, 0-64, 59-25, 61-54, 21-57, 64-8, 64-25 in the final.

#### **Haryana emerges best as Khelo India Para Games end with a bang**

- The **first edition of the Khelo India Para Games concluded at New Delhi.**
- **Haryana bagged top honours with a total of 105 medals** including 40 gold, 39 silver and 26 bronze medals.

#### **Bangladesh won the Under-19 Asia Cup 2023**

- **Bangladesh won the Under-19 Asia Cup 2023** after defeating the UAE by 195 runs in **Dubai.**
- Wicketkeeper-batter Ashiqur Rahman Shibli continued his splendid run with a second century in five matches.

#### **Haryana beats Rajasthan to win Vijay Hazare Trophy 2023**

- **Haryana** has emerged victorious in the **2023 Vijay Hazare Trophy at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot**, securing their first-ever title with a 30-run triumph over Rajasthan.
- Haryana, posting a total of 287/8 in 50 overs, faced a formidable challenge from Rajasthan.

#### **Sandeep Kumar claimed MRF Formula 2000 crown**

- **Sandeep Kumar** won the **MRF Formula 2000 title in the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship 2023 at the Madras International Circuit.**
- While Chetan Surnineni won the MRF Formula 1600 title

#### **Mitchell Starc becomes most expensive player in IPL Auction 2024**

- **Mitchell Starc of Australia** has emerged as the **most expensive player in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL) at the auction in Dubai.**
- He was bought by Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) for ₹24.75 crore.

#### **FIFA's 32-team World Cup for clubs could change the face of football**

- **FIFA announced** that its revamped **Club World Cup, to be held for the first time in 2025, will feature 32 teams and will be played from mid-June to mid-July.**
- The United States will host the 2025 edition of the expanded event, which will be held every four years thereafter.

#### **India's Hardik and Savita win accolades in FIH Annual awards**

- Indian men's hockey team **midfielder Hardik Singh** and women's side captain **Savita** have won the **FIH Player of the Year and Goalkeeper of the Year (women) awards respectively.**
- The awards were declared following a vote by an expert panel, National Associations -- represented by their respective national teams' captains and coaches, fans, and media.

#### **Chirag Shetty and Satwik Sai Raj Rankireddy to get Khel Ratna Award**

- The Government of India has announced the National Sports Awards 2023.
- Badminton players **Chirag C Shetty and Satwik Sai Raj Rankireddy** will be honoured with the **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.**

#### **Natasha Chethan won sub-junior snooker title**



- **Karnataka's Natasha Chethan** won the **sub-junior girls' snooker title** to record a double in the ongoing 90th National Billiards & Snooker Championships at the Nehru Indoor Stadium.
- The Bengaluru teenager rallied to beat Gujarat's Aanya Patel 3-1 (35-57, 57-43, 55-42, 41-29) in the snooker final after defeating her for the sub-junior girls' billiards crown last week.

#### Former South Africa captain Dean Elgar announces retirement from international cricket

- **Former South Africa captain Dean Elgar** has announced **his retirement from international cricket** after a test series against India concludes early next month.
- Elgar, who has scored more than 5,000 runs with 13 centuries in his 84 tests, will play his final test at Newlands in Cape Town starting January 3.

#### Indian women records maiden historic Test win over Australia

- **India** recorded their **maiden victory against Australia in a women's test match** at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai with their comprehensive eight-wicket win in the one-off contest.
- India had taken control of the match with a commanding 187-run lead in the first innings. They needed just 75 runs to win the match after bowling Australia out for 261 in the second innings. India reached the target just after lunch losing two wickets.

#### Coca-Cola extends partnership with ICC till 2031

- **Beverage major Coca-Cola** has extended its **partnership with the International Cricket Council (ICC) for eight years**, encompassing ICC World events across all three formats, **up until the end of 2031**.
- This eight-year partnership as a Global Partner of the ICC confirmed the collaboration as one of the longest-ever associations formed by the ICC with a single brand, spanning a total timeline of 13 years (2019-2031).

#### Sharvaanica becomes champion in two formats at Asian Youth Chess

- **Eight-year-old A.S. Sharvaanica** has become the champion in two formats of the **Asian Youth Chess Championships at Al Ain in the UAE**.
- She secured gold in the U-8 rapid and blitz categories, and silver in the U-8 classical category.

#### Indian Olympic Association forms three-member ad hoc committee to run affairs of suspended WFI

- The **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** has constituted a **three-member ad hoc committee to run the day-to-day affairs of the WFI** after the Sports Ministry suspended the wrestling national body for not following the provisions of its own constitution while taking decisions.

#### Wrestler Pooja Dhanda handed one-year ban by NADA

- **Indian wrestler Pooja Dhanda**, who won the bronze medal at the 2018 World Championships in the 57kg, was handed a **one-year ban by India's National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) due to three whereabouts failures**.
- NADA, formed in 2005, is India's central anti-doping agency and authorized to conduct 'in competition' and 'out of competition' testing of Indian athletes. It operates under the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) regulations.

#### Suriya acquired ownership of Chennai in Indian Street Premier League

- **National Award winner Suriya** has joined the **Indian Street Premier League (ISPL) as the owner of team Chennai**.

- The ISPL is India's first tennis ball T10 cricket tournament that will be played inside a stadium.

### PV Sindhu makes it into Forbes list of highest-paid women athletes in 2023

- **Badminton star PV Sindhu** has made it into the list of **2023's highest-paid women athletes by Forbes** where she **finished at the 16th spot alongside gymnast Simone Biles with her \$7.1 million earnings.**
- Last year Sindhu was placed 12th with her \$7.1 million earnings in a list which was led by Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka. Sindhu had broken into the top 10 in the 2018 list with \$8.5 million which placed her at 7th.

## January

### Anahat wins U-19 girls' title at Scottish Junior Open squash

- **Delhi's Talented Indian teenager Anahat Singh** produced a dominant performance, **bagging the girls' under-19 title at the 2023 Scottish Junior Open squash held in Edinburgh.**
- Anahat claimed a 11-6, 11-1, 11-5 victory over home favourite Robyn McAlpine in the final.

### Beatrice Chebet breaks 5 km world record in Barcelona event

- **Kenya's Beatrice Chebet** smashed the **women's world 5km record in Barcelona.**
- The 23-year-old's time of 14min 13sec **improved** on the previous women-only world record of 14:29 set by Ethiopia's Senbere Teferi in September 2021.
- Her performance also **bettered** the women's world record set in a mixed race of 14:19, achieved by Ethiopia's Ejegayehu Taye at the same Barcelona meet in 2021.

### Zverev-Led Germany Beat Swiatek's Poland To Win United Cup

- **Germany defeated Poland 2-1** in a gripping **United Cup final in Sydney.** Alexander Zverev emerged as the hero for Germany, as his performance saved two championship points against Poland's Hubert Hurkacz.
- Zverev and Laura Siegemund defeated Hurkacz and Iga Swiatek 6-4, 5-7, 10-4 in a crucial mixed-doubles match at the Ken Rosewall Arena, guiding Germany to the United Cup title.

### FIH and Viacom18 Ink Four-Year Media Rights Deal

- The **International Hockey Federation (FIH)** has signed a **major media rights agreement with Viacom18.**
- This agreement runs for a four-year cycle (2023-2027) and includes all FIH events, except the FIH Nations Cup.

### MP emerges overall Champion of first ever Beach Games held in Diu

- **Madhya Pradesh** has emerged as the **overall champion at the inaugural Beach Games 2024**, held at the pristine **blue flag-certified Ghoghla Beach in Diu.**
- The landlocked state secured a staggering total of 18 medals, including an impressive haul of 7 golds, highlighting the depth of talent within its contingent.

### Indian President Inaugurated 5th Meghalaya Games

- **President of India, Droupadi Murmu** has inaugurated the **5th Edition of the Meghalaya Games in Tura, Meghalaya**.
- The President highlighted the tremendous potential for the development of sports and sportspersons in the North East region, citing its rich tradition of a strong sports culture.

#### **Yogesh Singh wins gold medal in men's 25m centre fire pistol**

- **Yogesh Singh** won the **gold medal in the men's 25m centre fire pistol** competition in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- Yogesh claimed the individual gold medal after shooting 573, finishing ahead of silver winner Muad Al Balushi of Oman (570) and Indonesia's Anang Yulianto (567).
- The other two Indian participants in the event, Pankaj Yadav (567) and Akshay Jain (564), ended fourth and sixth.

#### **Praggnanandhaa Surpasses Viswanathan Anand to Become India's No.1 Chess Player**

- **Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa**, an 18-year-old chess prodigy from Chennai, achieved a **historic milestone in his career by defeating World Champion Ding Liren from China**.
- This significant victory occurred during the fourth round of the 2024 Tata Steel Chess Tournament held in Wijk aan Zee.

#### **South Africa host ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2024**

- **South Africa** is hosting the **ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2024**. The World Cup started on **19 January and will conclude on 11 February**.
- This 50-over tournament will feature **16 teams**, with a total of 41 matches scheduled to be played.

#### **Ravi Shastri received lifetime achievement award**

- World Cup-winning former India all-rounder and ex-head coach **Ravi Shastri** has received the **prestigious lifetime achievement award** in the Indian Cricket Board (BCCI) Awards in Hyderabad.
- While **Shubman Gill** received the **Polly Umrigar Award** for the best men's cricketer of the year for 2023. Jasprit Bumrah won the honour in 2019, a year after making his Test debut.

#### **Tai Tzu Ying clinches first women's singles title at India Open**

- **Tai Tzu Ying (Taiwan)** secures her maiden **women's singles India Open title**, defeating Chen Yu Fei in a dominant straight-game victory.
- The former world number one from Chinese Taipei is set to retire after this season.

#### **Madrid to host Spanish F1 GP from 2026**

- **Madrid** will become the new host of the **Spanish Grand Prix starting from 2026**.
- This decade-long commitment will see the heart of Spain's capital transformed into a thrilling F1 racing venue, with the action set to unfold around IFEMA Madrid's exhibition center.

#### **Virat Kohli wins ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year Award 2023**

- Indian batting maestro **Virat Kohli** was crowned **the ICC men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023** for his excellent run in the format last year headlined by a phenomenal outing in the World Cup at home.
- This is the fourth such award for Kohli, who was the second most prolific run-scorer in ODIs last year behind compatriot Shubman Gill.

### England to host 2027 World Test Championship Final

- **England** will host the **2027 World Test Championship (WTC) final in June, marking the fourth consecutive time.**
- The ICC issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Social Responsibility Provider for the period 2024-2027.

### Indian pair of Rhythm Sangwan and Ujjwal Malik claim 1st gold at ISSF Shooting World Cup

- The Indian pair of **Rhythm Sangwan and Ujjwal Malik** won India's first gold medal at the **ISSF Shooting World Cup 2024 in Cairo.**
- They defeated the Armenian pair of Elmira Karapetyan and Benik Khlghatyan 17-7 in the 10m air pistol mixed team event.

### Australian Open 2024: Rohan Bopanna wins men's doubles final

#### Men's Singles

- Winner – Jannik Sinner (Italy)
- Runner Up - Daniil Medvedev (Russia)

#### Women's Singles

- Winner - Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
- Runner Up - Zheng Qinwen (China)

#### Men's Doubles

- Winner - Rohan Bopanna (India) & Matthew Ebden (Australia)
- Runner Up - Simone Bolelli (Italy) and Andrea Vavassori (Italy)

#### Women's Doubles

- Winner - Hsieh Su-Wei (Taiwan) & Elise Mertens (Belgium)
- Runner Up - Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia) and Lyudmyla Kichenok (Ukraine)

#### Mixed Doubles title

- Winner - Hsieh Su-wei (Taiwan) & Jan Zielinski (Poland)
- Runner Up - Desirae Krawczyk (USA) & Neal Skupski (Britain)

### Netherlands won FIH Hockey5s Women's World Cup

- **India finished as runner-up** at the inaugural edition of the **FIH Hockey 5s Women's World Cup after a 7-2 loss to the Netherlands** in the final in Muscat.
- India tried to make a comeback and scored twice – Jyoti Chhatri (20th minute) and Rutaja Dadaso Pisal (23rd minute) – but could not catch the Dutch team which added one more goal courtesy of Kalse before the full-time hooter.

#### Tournament Awards and Accolades

- Gold Medalists- Netherlands
- Silver Medalists- India
- Bronze Medalists- Poland

- Best Player- Noor De Baat (Netherlands)
- Best Goalkeeper- Marta Kucharska (Poland)
- Best Junior Player- Deepika Soreng (India)
- Top Scorer- Teresa Viana (Uruguay) with 19 goals
- Women's Challenger Trophy Winner- United States
- Women's Challenger Trophy Runner-Up- Namibia

### Tanmay Agarwal's Record-Breaking Triple Century Sets the Ranji Trophy

- Hyderabad batter **Tanmay Agarwal** bashed an unbeaten 323 off just 147 balls against Arunachal Pradesh during their Plate Group game in the Ranji Trophy 2023-24 at the NexGen Cricket Ground in Hyderabad.
- His innings included 33 fours and 21 sixes, showcasing his aggressive batting style. As a result, the hosts smashed 529 in just 48 overs, at a run rate of 11.02.

### Indian boxer Mandeep Jangra wins intercontinental title in U.S.

- Indian boxer Mandeep Jangra has won the U.S.-based National Boxing Association's intercontinental super featherweight title after defeating American Gerardo Esquivel at Toppenish City, Washington.
- Undefeated in his professional career so far the 30-year-old, who trains under former Olympic silver-medallist Roy Jones Jr, dropped down from his previous 75kg weight class to compete for this title.

### Divyansh Singh Panwar Clinches ISSF World Cup Gold In 10m Air Rifle Event

- 21 years old, Divyansh Singh Panwar has securing his fourth World Cup gold in the 10m air rifle event.
- This latest triumph adds to his impressive collection, which includes victories in Munich, Beijing, and Delhi since 2019.

## •Chapter 17: Book and Author

### •September

Book	Author
The comic book 'Let's Move Forward'	Launched by Union Education Minister <b>Dharmendra Pradhan</b>
A book titled "Fire on the Ganges: Life Among the Dead in Banaras"	Authored by <b>Radhika Iyengar</b> and released by <b>Harper Collins</b> .
"Chacha Chaudhary aur Chunavi Dangal" comic book	Launched by the <b>Election Commission of India (ECI) &amp; Pran Comics</b> to inspire youth

### •October

Book	Author
The Book of Life: My Dance with Buddha for Success"	Launched by <b>Vivek Agnihotri</b>

### •November



Book	Author
'Pranab, My Father: A Daughter Remembers'	Authored by <b>Sharmishtha Mukherjee</b>

### •December

Book	Author
"Welcome to Paradise" book	Written and launched by Twinkle Khanna
'Zeba: An Accidental Superhero'	Written by Huma Qureshi
"Naye Bharat ka Samveda"	Launched by Former President Ram Nath Kovind

### •January

Book	Author
'Fertilising the Future: Bharat's March Towards Fertilizer Self-Sufficiency'	Vice President <b>Jagdeep Dhankhar</b>
"Conversations with Aurangzeb"	Translated by Nandini Krishnan

## Chapter 18: Important Day

### February

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
1 February	Indian Coast Guard Day	<b>The Indian Coast Guard Day</b> is celebrated on <b>February 1</b> every year to honour organizations that look after <b>maritime security</b> . This year, India will be celebrating the <b>47th Coast Guard Day</b> .
1-7 February	World Interfaith Harmony Week	<b>The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)</b> designated the first seven days of February as <b>World Interfaith Harmony Week</b> in 2010.
2 February	World Wetlands Day	Theme 2023- <b>It's Time for Wetlands Restoration</b> .
4 February	International Day of Human Fraternity	Motto: <b>Harmony in difference</b>
4 February	World Cancer Day	Theme 2023- <b>Close The Care Gap</b>
6 February	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)	Theme 2023 - <b>Partnership with Men and Boys to transform Social and gender Norms to End FGM</b> .

7 February	Safer Internet Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the importance of using the Internet in a safe way.</b>
10 February	World Pulses Day	Theme 2023- <b>Pulses for a sustainable future</b>
11 February	World Unani Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Unani Medicine for Public Health</b>
11 February	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	Theme 2023 - <b>IDEAS (Innovate, Demonstrate, Elevate, Advance, Sustain)</b>
12 February	International Darwin Day	International Darwin Day is observed every year on <b>12 February</b> to commemorate the birthday of <b>Charles Darwin</b> .
12 February	National Productivity Day	Theme 2022 - <b>A chance to set goals</b>
13 February	World Radio Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Radio and Peace</b>
13 February	International Epilepsy Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness of Epilepsy and its impact on individuals &amp; communities around the world.</b>
13 - 17 February 2023	RBI's Financial Literacy Week	Theme - <b>"Good Financial Behaviour, Your Saviour"</b> .
15 February	International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD)	Theme 2023 - <b>Better Survival</b>
19 February	World Whale Day	Objective - <b>To increase public knowledge of these amazing creatures, their beauty, and the ecological importance of what they contribute to the earth.</b>
20 February	Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b> became the 24th state of India and is also known as the ' <b>land of the rising sun</b> '.  Mizoram was declared a UT in 1972 under the <b>Northeast Areas (Reorganisation) Act of 1971</b> .
19 February	Soil Health Card Day	Objective - <b>To remember the beginning of the Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme and to raise awareness of its advantages.</b>
20 February	World Day of Social Justice	Theme 2023 - <b>Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice</b>
21 February	International Mother Language Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Multilingual Education – a necessity to transform education</b>
22 February	World Scout Day	The day is also celebrated as <b>World Thinking Day</b> across the world by <b>Boy Scouts and Girl Guides/Girl Scouts</b> and the <b>World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)</b> .

24 February	Central Excise Day	<b>Central Excise Day</b> is celebrated in India every year on February 24 to commemorate the establishment of the <b>Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC)</b> .
27 February	World NGO Day	Theme 2023 - <b>The role and influence of NGOs in advancing human rights</b>
27 February	National Protein Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Easy Access to Protein for All</b>
28 February	National Science Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Global Science for Global Wellbeing</b>

### March

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

21 March	International Day of Forests	Theme 2023 - <b>Forests and health</b>
22 March	World Water Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Accelerating the change to solve the water and sanitation crisis</b>
22 March	Bihar's 111th foundation day	Theme 2023 - " <b>Yuva Shakti Bihar ki Pragati</b> "
23 March	Shaheed Diwas	<b>Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas</b> is observed on <b>March 23</b> to commemorate the martyrdom of <b>Bhagat Singh, Shivram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar</b> who were hanged to death by the Britishers.
23 March	World Meteorological Day	Theme 2023 - <b>The Future of Weather, Climate and Water across Generations.</b>
24 March	World Tuberculosis Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Yes! We can end TB!</b>
25 March	International Day of Unborn Child	Theme 2023- <b>The dignity and value of children yet-to-be-born.</b>
25 March	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery	Theme 2023 - <b>Fighting Slavery's Legacy of Racism Through Transformative Education</b>
27 March	World Theatre Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Theatre and a Culture of Peace</b>
29 March	World Piano Day	This annual event takes place on <b>March 29</b> in <b>non-leap years</b> and <b>March 28</b> in leap years.
30 March	Rajasthan Day	March 30 is celebrated across the state to mark the <b>formation of the state of Rajasthan.</b>
31 March	World Backup Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the importance of data backup and protection.</b>
31 March	International Drug Checking Day	To promote harm reduction initiatives to reduce the risks associated with drug use and educate people about drugs and their effects.

### April

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
1 April	Odisha Day or Utkal Day	This day is significant for the people of <b>Odisha</b> as it marks the formation of the state on <b>1st April, 1936.</b>
1 April	Foundation Day of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	<b>RBI</b> was established on <b>1 April 1935</b> as per the provisions of the <b>Reserve Bank of India Act 1934.</b> It started functioning from <b>1 April 1935.</b>
2 April	World Autism Awareness Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Transforming the narrative: Contributions at home, at work, in the arts and in policymaking</b>

1-7 April	Prevention of Blindness Week 2023	Objective - <b>To support individuals with visual impairments, and to promote access to eye care services.</b>
4 April	International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action	Theme 20223 - <b>Mine Action Cannot Wait</b>
5 April	National Maritime Day	<b>National Maritime Day</b> is meant to appreciate the contribution of maritime trade to the growth of the <b>Indian economy</b> and the significance of <b>India's strategic location</b> in <b>international trade</b> .
5 April	International Day of Conscience	Theme 2023 - <b>Building a Culture of Peace</b>
6 April	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP)	Theme 2023 - <b>Scoring for People and the Planet</b>
7 April	World Health Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Health For All</b>
10 April	World Homeopathy Day	Theme 2023 - <b>One Health, One Family</b>
11 April	National Safe Motherhood Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness of good healthcare and safety of all mothers or expecting mothers.</b>
11 April	World Parkinson's Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness of this chronic, progressive disease that affects over 10 million people worldwide.</b>
12 April	International Day of Human Space Flight	<b>The United Nations General Assembly</b> in its resolution on <b>April 7, 2011</b> , okayed <b>April 12</b> as the <b>International Day of Human Space Flight</b> .
13 April	Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day	On <b>13 April 1919</b> , a large crowd gathered peacefully at <b>Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar, Punjab</b> to protest the arrest of <b>Dr. Satyapal &amp; Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew</b> .
13 April	39th Siachen Day	This year marks the <b>39th anniversary</b> of <b>Operation Meghdoot</b> , launched by the <b>Indian Army</b> on <b>April 13, 1984</b> , to secure the <b>Siachen Glacier</b> , which was important from a strategic point of view since the <b>glacier shares boundaries with Pakistan and China</b> .
14 April	World Chagas Disease Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about a life-threatening disease that can cause serious heart and digestive issues.</b>
14 April	132nd Ambedkar Jayanti	<b>Ambedkar Jayanti</b> is celebrated on <b>April 14</b> to mark the <b>birth anniversary</b> of <b>Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar</b> .
15 April	World Art Day	Objective - <b>To commemorate Leonardo da Vinci's birthday, recognizing the importance</b>



		<b>of art in promoting creativity, cultural diversity, and information exchange.</b>
16 April	World Voice Day	Objective - <b>To promote the proper care and training of the human voice, particularly among those who use their voice for professional or recreational purposes</b>
16 April	Save The Elephant Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Protecting Elephant Habitats for a Sustainable Tomorrow</b>
17 April	World Hemophilia Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Access for All: Prevention of Bleeds as the Global Standard of Care</b>
18 April	World Heritage Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Heritage and Climate</b>
19 April	World Liver Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Be vigilant, do a regular liver check-up, fatty liver can affect anyone.</b>
20 April	Chinese Language Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Chinese Wisdom for a Green World</b>
21 April	National Civil Services Day	Objective- <b>To recognize and appreciate the vital role played by civil servants in the advancement and betterment of the nation.</b>
21 April	World Creativity and Innovation Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the role of innovation and creativity in each aspect of human development.</b>
22 April	Earth Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Invest in our Planet</b>
23 April	World Book and Copyright Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Indigenous Languages</b>
23 April	National Panchayati Raj Diwas	<b>The Panchayati Raj Day commemorates the 73rd Amendment Act, 1992 of the Constitution coming into effect in the year 1993.</b>
23 April	Khongjom Day	The observance of <b>Khongjom Day</b> commemorates the <b>sacrifices</b> made by the <b>people of Manipur</b> in the fight for <b>freedom and independence.</b>
24 to 30 April	World Immunization Week	Theme 2023 - <b>The Big Catch-Up</b>
25 April	World Malaria Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Time to deliver zero malaria: invest, innovate, implement</b>
25 April	World English Day	Theme 2023 - <b>English as a Global Language</b>
26 April	World Intellectual Property Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Accelerating Innovation and Creativity: Women and IP</b>
27 April	International Girls in ICT Day	Theme 2023- <b>"Digital Skills for Life"</b>

28 April	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	Theme 2023 - <b>A safe and healthy working environment as a fundamental principle and right at work</b>
29 April	World Dance Day	Objective - <b>To promote the art of dance and raise awareness of its importance in the world</b>
29 April	World Veterinary Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness in the Veterinary Profession</b>
30 April	International Jazz Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the virtues of jazz as an educational tool, and a force for empathy, dialogue, and enhanced cooperation among people.</b>

**May**

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
30 April	Ayushman Bharat Diwas	<b>Ayushman Bharat Diwas</b> is a day dedicated to celebrating the success and achievements of the <b>Ayushman Bharat scheme</b> , which is also known as the <b>Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)</b> .
1 May	International Labour Day	It is celebrated to highlight the importance of <b>workers and their contribution to building society</b> .
1 May	Maharashtra Day and Gujarat Day	The day marks the formation of the state of <b>Maharashtra</b> , which occurred on <b>May 1, 1960</b> , following the partition of the <b>Bombay State</b> into the <b>linguistic states of Maharashtra and Gujarat</b> .
2 May	World Tuna Day	Theme 2023 - <b>The Global Tuna Industry: Trailblazing through Tough Times</b>
2 May	World Asthma Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Asthma care for all.</b>
3 May	World Press Freedom Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for All Other Human Rights</b>
4 May	Coal Miners Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the importance of mine safety and the need to ensure safe working conditions for miners.</b>
4 May	International Firefighters' Day	Objective - <b>To honour and pay tribute to the great work done by the firefighters while protecting the life and property of people.</b>
5 May	International Day of the Midwife	Theme 2023 - <b>Together Again: From Evidence to Reality</b>

6 May	International No Diet Day	The day aims to promote <b>body positivity and encourage people</b> to embrace their <b>physical appearance</b> .
7 May	World Athletics Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Athletics for All – A New Beginning</b>
7 May	64th Raising Day of Border Roads Organization (BRO)	<b>Border Roads Organization (BRO)</b> celebrated its <b>64th Raising Day</b> on 7 May 2023 at all its detachments across the country.
8 May	World Red Cross Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Everything we do comes from the heart</b>
8 May	World Thalassaemia Day	Theme 2023- <b>Strengthening Education to Bridge the Thalassaemia Care Gap,</b>
10 May	International Day of Argania	Objective - <b>To promote awareness and understanding of the argan tree's environmental importance worldwide.</b>
10 May	World Lupus Day	Objective - To raise <b>awareness</b> about this <b>critical condition</b> ; that calls for an <b>in-depth understanding</b> and support for each <b>individual</b> who has been impacted in <b>addition to increase</b> the funds for more research.
11 May	National Technology Day	Theme 2023 – <b>Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future</b>
12 May	International Day of Plant Health	Theme 2023 - <b>Plant Health for Environmental Protection</b>
12 May	International Nurses Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Our Nurses, Our Future</b>
13 May	World Migratory Bird Day	Objective -To raise awareness about the importance of <b>migratory birds and the need to conserve them.</b>
15 May	International Day of Families	Theme 2023 - <b>Demographic Trends and Families</b>
15 - 21 May	UN Global Road Safety Week	Objective - To raise awareness about <b>road safety</b> and the importance of taking steps to <b>prevent accidents.</b>
16 May	International Day of Living Together in Peace	To promote <b>peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding, and solidarity</b> among individuals and communities worldwide.
16 May	National Dengue Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Fight Dengue, Save Live</b>
16 May	International Day of Light	Objective - <b>To highlight the importance of light and its role in science, culture, art, education, and sustainable development.</b>
17 May	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Empowering the least developed countries through information and communication technologies</b>
17 May	World Hypertension Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer</b>

18 May	International Museum Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Museums, Sustainability, and Well-being</b>
18 May	World AIDS Vaccine Day	Objective - <b>To create awareness about the importance of HIV vaccination in preventing HIV infection and AIDS.</b>
18 May	Global Accessibility Awareness Day	The purpose of <b>Global Accessibility Awareness Day</b> is to get everyone <b>talking, thinking and learning</b> about <b>digital, web, software, mobile among others</b> , and help ensure access to these technologies for <b>people with disabilities</b> .
18 May	International Museum Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Museums, Sustainability, and Well-being.</b>
19 May	National Endangered Species Day	Objective - <b>To spread awareness on the importance of protecting endangered species, their habitats, and the efforts needed to do so.</b>
20 May	World Bee Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Bee engaged in pollinator-friendly agricultural production</b>
20 May	World Metrology Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Measurements supporting the global food system.</b>
21 May	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	Objective - <b>To raise awareness of the importance of cultural diversity for peace and sustainable development.</b>
21 May	International Tea Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness of the importance of tea in fighting hunger and poverty, as well as the sustainable production and consumption of tea</b>
21 May	National Anti-Terrorism Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the importance of combating terrorism and promoting peace and harmony in society.</b>
22 May	International Day for Biological Diversity	Theme 2023 - <b>From Agreement to Action: Building Back Biodiversity</b>
23 May	World Turtle Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the need to protect turtles and tortoises and their nesting sites around the world.</b>
23 May	International Day to End Obstetric Fistula	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about this preventable and treatable condition and to mobilize support for affected women.</b>
24 May	Commonwealth Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Forging a Sustainable and Peaceful Common Future.</b>
25 May	International Missing Children's Day	<b>Missing Children's Day</b> began as an observance in the <b>USA in 1983</b> .
25 May	World Thyroid Day	Objective - <b>To educate people on thyroid diseases and be aware of the symptoms</b>

28 May	International Day of Action for Women's Health	Theme 2023 - <b>Our Voices, Our Actions, Our Demand: Uphold Women's Health and Rights Now</b>
28 May	Menstrual Hygiene Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Making menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030</b>
28 May	World Hunger Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Celebrating sustainable solutions to hunger and poverty</b>
29 May	International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers	Theme 2023 - <b>Peace begins with me</b>
29 May	World Digestive Health Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Your Digestive Health: A Healthy Gut From the Start</b>
29 May	International Everest Day	<b>International Everest Day</b> commemorates the 1953 summit of <b>Mount Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa of Nepal.</b>
30 May	Goa Statehood Day	<b>Goa Statehood Day</b> is celebrated every year on <b>30 May</b> . Goa received <b>statehood on May 30, 1987.</b>
31 May	World No Tobacco Day	Theme 2023 - <b>We need food, not tobacco</b>

### June

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
1 June	Global Day of Parents	It aims to <b>honour parents</b> and their vital role in <b>nurturing and caring</b> for their children. It recognizes the important contributions parents make to the <b>well-being and development of their families.</b>
1 June	World Milk Day	Theme - <b>Enjoy Dairy</b>
2 June	International Sex Workers' Day	This day is dedicated to all sex workers, and it aims to raise <b>awareness of the exploited working conditions of sex workers globally.</b>
2 June	Telangana Formation Day	<b>The Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act 2014 bill</b> was passed in the Parliament in <b>February 2014</b> for the formation of the <b>Telangana</b> state.
3 June	World Bicycle Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Riding Together for a Sustainable Future</b>
4 June	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	Objective - To raise awareness about the children who have suffered a lot throughout the <b>world</b> and are victims of <b>physical, mental, and emotional abuse.</b>
5 June	World Environment Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Beat Plastic Pollution</b>
5 June	International Day Against Illegal Fishing	Objective - To promote awareness of <b>the threats posed by illegal, unreported, and unregulated</b>



		<b>fishing activities</b> to the sustainability of <b>fisheries resources</b> .
<b>5 June</b>	World Hydrography Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Hydrography - underpinning the digital twin of the ocean</b>
<b>7 June</b>	World Food Safety Day	Theme 2023- <b>Food Standards Save Lives</b>
<b>8 June</b>	World Brain Tumour Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Protect yourself- keep away from stress</b>
<b>8 June</b>	World Oceans Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Planet Ocean: The Tides are Changing</b>
<b>9 June</b>	World Accreditation Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Accreditation: Supporting the Future of Global Trade</b>
<b>12 June</b>	World Day Against Child Labour	Theme 2023 - <b>Week of Action against Child Labour</b>
<b>13 June</b>	International Albinism Awareness Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Inclusion Is Strength</b>
<b>14 June</b>	World Blood Donor Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often</b>
<b>15 June</b>	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)	Theme 2023 - <b>Closing the Circle: Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Older Age - Policy, Law and Evidence-based Responses</b>
<b>15 June</b>	Global Wind Day	This <b>special day</b> serves as a reminder of the <b>incredible potential</b> and significance of <b>wind power</b> in addressing <b>climate change</b> and promoting <b>sustainable energy solutions</b> .
<b>16 June</b>	International Day of Family Remittances	Theme 2023 - <b>Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction</b>
<b>17 June</b>	World Day to combat desertification and drought	Theme 2023 - <b>Her Land. Her Rights</b>
<b>18 June</b>	International Father's Day	<b>International Father's Day</b> is celebrated every year on third Sunday of June.
<b>18 June</b>	Autistic Pride Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about autism, a complex developmental disorder that affects communication and social interaction.</b>
<b>18 June</b>	International Picnic Day	The term " <b>picnic</b> " finds its roots in the French word " <b>pique-nique</b> ," and its popularity surged in France after the revolution, providing an opportunity to enjoy informal outdoor meals in the country's royal parks.
<b>19 June</b>	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	Theme 2023 - <b>Bridging the gender digital divide to prevent, address and respond to conflict-related sexual violence</b>
<b>20 June</b>	World Refugee Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Hope away from home</b>

21 June	International Yoga Day	Theme 2023 - Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
21 June	World Music Day 2023	Theme 2023 -Music on the Intersections
22 June	World Rainforest Day	Theme 2023 - Conserve Restore Regenerate.
23 June	United Nations Public Service Day	Commemorated on <b>June 23</b> , this special occasion aims to shine a <b>spotlight</b> on the vital role played by <b>public servants</b> .
23 June	International Olympic Day	The day is celebrated to commemorate the founding of the <b>International Olympic Committee (IOC)</b> and promote the values of the <b>Olympic Movement</b> .
23 June	International Widows Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the plight of widows worldwide and to advocate for their rights and well-being.</b>
24 June	International Day of Women in Diplomacy	Theme 2023 - <b>Breaking Barriers, Shaping the Future: Women in Diplomacy for Sustainable Development</b>
25 June	International Day of the Seafarer	Theme 2023 - <b>MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on</b>
26 June	World Drug Day	Theme 2023 - <b>People first: stop stigma and discrimination, strengthen prevention</b>
26 June	UN International Day In Support Of Victims Of Torture	According to the <b>United Nations</b> , <b>torture</b> exists in all parts of the world, despite the total ban under <b>international law</b> .
27 June	World MSME Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Future-ready MSMEs for India@100</b>
29 June	National Statistics Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring Sustainable Development Goals</b>
29 June	International Day of the Tropic	Objective - <b>To spread awareness about conservation strategies and promote tropical regions on Earth.</b>
30 June	International Asteroid Day	Objective - <b>To spread awareness about asteroids and the possible hazards they can cause during an impact.</b>
30 June	International Day of Parliamentarism	Theme 2023 - <b>Strengthening Democracy and Governance.</b>

### July

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
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1 July	National Postal Worker Day	They brave various <b>weather conditions, gruelling schedules, and challenging circumstances</b> to deliver mail to homes and <b>businesses</b> , keeping the communication <b>channels open and operational</b> .
1 July	Canada Day	The day is celebrated with excitement and joy on <b>1 July</b> as on this date <b>Canada</b> became a <b>self-governing nation</b> and a <b>constitution</b> was enacted.
1 July	National Doctors' Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Celebrating Resilience and Healing Hands</b>
1 July	GST Day	<b>Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day</b> is observed every year on <b>1 July</b> to commemorate the implementation of the <b>GST regime</b> in the country.
1 July	National Chartered Accountants Day	The day recognizes the contribution of <b>India's oldest</b> and most professional financial and accounting organization - the <b>ICAI</b> . This year <b>ICAI</b> celebrates its <b>75th year</b> of existence.
2 July	World Sports Journalists Day	The purpose of the occasion is <b>to support those who promote different forms of sports, spreading the culture among the general masses</b> .
2 July	World UFO Day	It aims <b>to promote the gathering of people who are interested in observing the skies for unidentified flying objects (UFOs)</b> .
3 July	International Plastic Bag Free Day	To increase public awareness of the damaging effects <b>that single-use plastic bags have on the environment</b> .
4 July	USA Independence Day	According to the <b>Library of Congress</b> , on <b>July 4, 1776</b> , the Declaration of Independence was officially adopted by the <b>Second Continental Congress</b> , signifying the colonies' decision to break away from the <b>Kingdom of Great Britain</b> .
6 July	World Zoonoses Day	Objective - <b>To increase awareness about zoonotic diseases and their effects on both human and animal health</b> .
7 July	World Chocolate Day	On this day, <b>chocolate</b> enthusiasts of all ages come together to relish their favorite treats, be it a <b>plain chocolate bar, a decadent truffle, or a delectable chocolate cake</b> .
10 July	National Fish Farmer's Day	<b>National Fish Farmer's Day 2023</b> is an opportunity for the entire nation to recognize <b>the immense contributions of fish farmers</b> and their commitment toward <b>sustainable aquaculture</b> .
11 July	World Population Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Unleashing the power of gender Equality: Uplifting the voices of women and</b>

		<b>girls to unlock our world's infinite possibilities.</b>
<b>12 July</b>	International Malala Day	<b>Malala is known for her advocacy of girls' education and her courageous stand</b> against the <b>Taliban</b> , who had banned girls from attending school in her hometown of <b>Mingora</b> in the <b>Swat Valley of Pakistan</b> .
<b>12 July</b>	Paper Bag Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the harmful effects of plastic on the environment and promote the use of sustainable alternatives like paper bags.</b>
<b>17 July</b>	World Emoji Day	<b>Emojis</b> have significantly transformed the way internet users across the world communicate and <b>express themselves in the digital world.</b>
<b>17 July</b>	International Justice Day	The day is observed to commemorate the significant role played by the <b>International Criminal Court (ICC) and other organizations in providing justice to victims of injustice, including people affected by war crimes, genocide, terrorism, and more.</b>
<b>18 July</b>	Nelson Mandela International Day	Theme 2023 - <b>The Legacy Lives on Through You: Climate, Food, and Solidarity.</b>
<b>20 July</b>	National Moon Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Lunar Exploration, Coordination and Sustainability</b>
<b>20 July</b>	World Chess Day	<b>International Chess Day</b> was announced in <b>1996</b> by <b>UNESCO</b> to commemorate the establishment of the <b>International Chess Federation</b> , commonly known as <b>FIDE</b> by its <b>French acronym.</b>
<b>22 July</b>	Pi Approximation Day	There is an interesting fact why <b>Pi Approximation Day</b> is celebrated on this date. When placed in the date/month format, <b>July 22</b> looks like <b>22/7</b> - this is an approximate value of Pi.
<b>22 July</b>	National Mango Day	According to several sources, the <b>mango</b> was first cultivated more than <b>4,000 years ago</b> in <b>India</b> . <b>Mango</b> is a stone fruit that grows on a <b>tropical tree</b> called the <b>Mangifera indica.</b>
<b>22 July</b>	World Brain Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Brain Health and Disability: Leave No One Behind</b>
<b>23 July</b>	Parents' Day	<b>Parents' Day</b> is celebrated on the <b>fourth Sunday of July</b> every year in the <b>United States</b> and other parts of the world. This year the day will be celebrated on <b>July 23.</b>
<b>24 July</b>	National Thermal Engineer Day	Objective - <b>To create awareness among people about the contributions of thermal engineers in society.</b>

24 July	National Broadcasting Day	The day aims to <b>remind us</b> about the impact of <b>radio</b> on our lives.
25 July	World Embryologist Day	<b>Embryologists</b> play an important role in treating <b>infertility</b> and help couples have <b>babies through in vitro fertilization</b> or the <b>IVF process</b> .
25 July	World Drowning Prevention Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Anyone can drown, no one should</b>
26 July	Kargil Vijay Diwas	<b>July 26</b> to mark <b>India's triumph</b> in the <b>1999</b> conflict with <b>Pakistan</b> .
26 July	International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem	Objective - <b>To raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as "a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem"</b> .
27 July	National Refreshment Day	<b>National Refreshment Day</b> is observed every year on the fourth <b>Thursday</b> of <b>July</b> and this year celebrated on <b>July 27</b> .
28 July	World Hepatitis Day	Theme 2023 - <b>We're not waiting</b>
28 July	World Nature Conservation Day	The main purpose of celebrating this day is to <b>create awareness</b> among people about the importance of the <b>natural environment and its resources</b> .
29 July	International Tiger Day	The day marks the <b>13th International Tiger Day</b> is celebrated worldwide to promote comprehensive efforts in <b>safeguarding tigers</b> and their natural <b>habitats, fostering harmonious coexistence</b> between <b>humans and these magnificent creatures</b> .
29 July	World Day against Trafficking in Persons	Theme 2023 - <b>Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind</b>
30 July	International Friendship Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Sharing the human spirit through friendship</b>
31 July	World Ranger Day	Theme 2023 - <b>30 by 30</b>

### August

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



<b>1 August</b>	National Mountain Climbing Day	The day was established to honour <b>Bobby Matthews and his friend Josh Madigan</b> .
<b>1 August</b>	Muslim Women's Rights Day	<b>Muslim Women's Rights Day</b> is observed every year across the nation on <b>1 August</b> to celebrate enactment of <b>law against instant triple talaq</b> .
<b>1 August</b>	World Lung Cancer Day	Objective - To raise awareness around the <b>deadly disease</b> and encourage more research on it to break the <b>stigma around the disease</b> .
<b>1 - 7 August</b>	World Breastfeeding Week 2023	Theme 2023 - <b>Let's make breastfeeding and work, work!</b>
<b>3 August</b>	National Watermelon Day	On this day, people across the world celebrate the <b>delicious and refreshing fruit</b> that has a long <b>history dating back to Ancient Egypt</b> .
<b>3 August</b>	Cloves Syndrome Awareness Day	The day aims to <b>spread awareness about the rare genetic disorder</b> . Its emphasis is on action to <b>gather community support</b> .
<b>4 August</b>	Assistance Dog Day	<b>Dogs</b> are a <b>man's best friend</b> because of their <b>loyalty and dedication</b> , but assistant <b>dogs</b> take this to a whole new level.
<b>4 August</b>	International Beer Day	The day is celebrated to <b>try, enjoy, and explore</b> the different types of <b>beer</b> available in the world.
<b>6 August</b>	Hiroshima Day	To raise awareness of the <b>catastrophic consequences</b> of the <b>atomic bomb</b> attack on <b>Hiroshima</b> .
<b>6 August</b>	Friendship Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Sharing the Human Spirit through Friendship</b>
<b>7 August</b>	National Handloom Day	The primary goal of celebrating <b>Handloom Day</b> is to promote <b>handloom</b> and to recognize the efforts as well as <b>skills of the community of weavers</b> engaged in the sector.
<b>7 August</b>	Javelin Throw Day	<b>The Athletics Federation of India</b> , the apex body for athletics in India, took the decision to celebrate <b>August 7 as the National Javelin Day</b> to commemorate <b>Neeraj Chopra's historic gold medal</b> during the <b>Tokyo Olympics</b> .
<b>8 August</b>	Quit India Movement Day	The day is also an occasion to pay <b>tribute</b> to the <b>freedom fighters</b> who have <b>sacrificed their lives for independence</b> of the country.
<b>9 August</b>	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	Theme 2023 - <b>Indigenous Youth as Agents of Change for Self-determination</b>
<b>9 August</b>	Nagasaki Day	This day plays an important role as it focuses on <b>anti-war and anti-nuclear demonstrations</b> in many countries.
<b>10 August</b>	World Biofuel Day	To <b>create awareness</b> about the importance of <b>non-fossil fuels</b> as an alternative for the <b>energy sector</b> .

10 August	World Lion Day	Objective - To learn about the importance of <b>lions</b> in the <b>natural world and the potential impacts</b> of their <b>extinction on humanity</b> .
10 August	7th Foundation Day of Government e-Marketplace (GeM)	<b>GeM</b> has consistently demonstrated an <b>unwavering commitment</b> to fostering positive change, and its journey over the past seven years has been marked by <b>remarkable achievements</b> that have propelled it to become one of the <b>largest public procurement portal</b> in terms of both <b>transaction value</b> and the <b>breadth of the buyer-seller ecosystem</b>
12 August	International Youth Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World</b>
12 August	World Elephant Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Ending the Illegal Wildlife Trade</b>
13 August	International Lefthanders Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Left Handers in Sports</b>
13 August	World Organ Donation Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Donate Organs, Save Lives</b>
14 August	Partition Horrors Remembrance Day or 'Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti	This day was announced by the Prime Minister in <b>2021</b> to remember all those <b>who lost their lives due to the partition of the nation</b> and were <b>uprooted</b> from their origins.
15 August	India's 77th Independence Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Nation First, Always First</b>
16 August	Parsi New Year or Navroz	In 2023, It has observed in India on 16 Aug. This day marks the <b>beginning of the Zoroastrian calendar</b> .
16 August	Bennington Battle Day	This commemorative day honors the <b>valor and determination displayed by American and Vermont</b> forces during the Revolutionary War's Battle of Bennington in <b>1777</b> .
17 August	Indonesia's 78th Independence Day	<b>Indonesia</b> officially declared independence from <b>Dutch rule</b> on 17 August 1945.
17 August	Malayalam New Year Chingam	<b>Chingam 1</b> is the first day of the <b>new year of the traditional Malayalam calendar</b> used in <b>Kerala</b> .
19 August	World Photography Day	Theme 2023 - <b>LANDSCAPES</b>
19 August	World Humanitarian Day	Theme 2023 - <b>No matter what</b>
20 August	Akshay Urja Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness regarding the importance of renewable energy</b> .
20 August	World Mosquito Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Fighting the World's Deadliest killer-the Mosquito</b>

20 August	Sadbhavana Diwas	The birth anniversary of <b>India's sixth Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi</b> is observed as <b>Sadbhavana Diwas</b> on <b>August 20</b> .
22 August	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	<b>International Day</b> for the Remembrance of the <b>Slave Trade</b> and its <b>Abolition</b> is observed annually on <b>August 23</b> .
23 August	National Space Day	<b>Prime Minister Narendra Modi</b> has declared August 23 as the <b>National Space Day</b> to commemorate the remarkable achievement of <b>Chandrayaan-3's landing</b> on the <b>moon</b> .
26 August	Women's Equality Day	The day also aims to bring to the <b>fore the struggles women</b> have faced to win equal rights.
26 August	International Dog Day	This day aims to recognize the important role that <b>a dog plays in our lives</b> .
29 August	National Sports Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Sports are an enabler to an inclusive and fit society</b>
30 August	Small Industry Day	This day honours the <b>invaluable contributions of small industries</b> , often overlooked yet <b>pivotal drivers of global economies</b> .

### September

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
31 August	World Sanskrit Day	In a bid to honour one of the <b>world's oldest</b> known languages, every year <b>World Sanskrit Day</b> is celebrated on the full moon day of the <b>Hindu calendar month of Shravan or Sawan</b> month.
1 to 7 September	National Nutrition Week (NNW)	The theme of Nutrition Month 2023, according to UNICEF, is " <b>Healthy Diet Going Affordable for All</b> ".
2 September	World Coconut Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Coconuts: Transforming Lives</b>
September 2023	6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah	The <b>Ministry of Women and Child Development</b> is celebrating the <b>6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah</b> throughout September 2023.  The aim is to <b>foster nutritional understanding across India</b> through a theme centered on " <b>Suposhit Bharat, Sakshar Bharat, Sashakt Bharat</b> " ( <b>Nutrition-rich India, Educated India, Empowered India</b> ).
1st September to 8th	A literacy week	The week-long <b>literacy campaign</b> shall enable mass participation to inculcate a <b>sense of Kartavyabodh and Janbhagidari</b> in each and <b>every citizen</b> of the nation.

5 September	National Teachers' Day	It is a day to <b>honour</b> and <b>celebrate</b> the <b>contributions of teachers to the society</b> .
7 September	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies	Theme 2023 - <b>Together for Clean Air</b>
8 September	International Literacy Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies</b>
8 September	World Physiotherapy Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Prevention and management of arthritis</b>
10 September	World Suicide Prevention Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Creating Hope Through Action</b>
11 September	National Forest Martyrs Day	This day honours <b>the sacrifices</b> made by <b>individuals</b> for the <b>preservation of forests and wildlife</b> . It also aims to <b>raise awareness</b> about the importance of <b>conserving our forests, wildlife, and natural resources</b> .
14 September	National 'Hindi Diwas'	Written in the <b>Devanagari</b> script, the Constitution of <b>India</b> accepted <b>Hindi language</b> as the <b>official language of India</b> on <b>14 September 1949</b> . And, on <b>14 September 1953</b> , India celebrated the <b>first Hindi day (Hindi Diwas)</b> .
15 September	Engineer's Day	<b>Engineer's Day</b> in <b>India</b> is celebrated on <b>September 15</b> every year to commemorate <b>the birth anniversary of one of India's greatest engineering visionaries, Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya</b> .
15 September	International Day of Democracy	Theme 2023 - <b>Empowering the next generation</b>
15 September	World Lymphoma Awareness Day	Theme 2023 - <b>We Can't Wait to Focus on Our Feelings</b>
16 September	World Ozone Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Montreal Protocol: Recovering the ozone layer and mitigating climate change</b>
17 September	World Patient Safety Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Engaging patients for patient safety</b>
18 September	World Bamboo Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the myriad benefits of bamboo and its role in addressing pressing global challenges</b> .
18 September	International Equal Pay Day 2023	This day underscores the commitment of the <b>United Nations to uphold human rights and combat all forms of discrimination, particularly discrimination against women and girls</b> .
21 September	International Day of Peace	Theme 2023 - <b>Action for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals</b>

21 September	World Alzheimer's Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Never too early, never too late</b>
22 September	World Rose Day	World Rose Day, also known as <b>The Welfare of Cancer Patients Day</b> , is an annual observance held on September 22nd.  The day is dedicated to creating awareness about <b>cancer, and honouring cancer patients</b> who are <b>fighting a tough battle between life and death</b> .
22 September	World Rhino Day	This special day serves as a platform to <b>highlight</b> the challenges <b>these magnificent creatures face</b> and the urgent need for <b>conservation efforts to prevent their extinction</b> .
23 September	International Day of Sign Languages	Theme 2023 - <b>A World Where Deaf People Everywhere Can Sign Anywhere</b>
24 September	World Day of the Deaf	This day is dedicated to recognizing their <b>linguistic and cultural diversity</b> , promoting <b>sign language as a crucial means of communication</b> , and advocating for their <b>inclusion and equal opportunities</b> in society.
24 September	World Rivers Day	This annual event also <b>advocates for the conservation and sustainable management</b> of these <b>vital natural resources</b> .
25 September	World Pharmacist Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Pharmacy Strengthening Health Systems</b>
25 September	Antyodaya Diwas	<b>Antyodaya Diwas</b> is celebrated annually in <b>India</b> to mark the <b>birth anniversary of Indian leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya</b>
26 September	World Environmental Health Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Global Environmental Public Health: Standing up to protect everyone's Health each and every day</b>
28 September	World Rabies Day	Theme 2023 - <b>All for 1, One Health for All</b>
28 September	World Maritime Day	Theme 2023 - <b>MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on</b>
28 September	International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI)	Theme 2023 - <b>The importance of the online space for access to information</b> .
29 September	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste	Theme 2023 - <b>Reducing food loss and waste: Taking Action to Transform Food Systems</b>
29 September	World Heart Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Use Heart, Know Heart</b>
30 September	International Translation Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Translation Unveils the Many Faces of Humanity</b>
1 October	International Day of Older Persons	Theme 2023 - <b>Fulfilling the Promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Older Persons: Across Generations</b>



**October**

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
2 October	World Habitat Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Resilient Urban Economies: Cities as Drivers of Growth and Recovery</b>
2 October	International Day of Non-Violence	The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on <b>October 2</b> every year, and is dedicated to <b>honouring Gandhian principles</b> .
3 October	World Nature Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the challenges our environment faces, particularly due to climate change.</b>
4 October	World Animal Welfare Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Great or Small, Love Them All</b>
5 October	World Teachers Day	Theme 2023 - <b>The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage</b>
6 October	World Cerebral Palsy Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Together Stronger.</b>
6 October	World Smile Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Radiate Joy</b>
7 October	World Cotton Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Making cotton fair and sustainable for all, from farm to fashion</b>
9 October	World Post Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Together for trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future</b>
10 October	World Mental Health Day	The theme of World Mental Health Day 2023 is " <b>Mental health is a universal human right.</b> "
10 October	National Current Good Manufacturing Practice Day (cGMP Day)	This day shall be dedicated to <b>entire pharmaceutical industry to create awareness on the cGMP guidelines.</b>
11 October	International Day of the Girl Child	Theme 2023 - <b>Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being</b>
12 October	World Sight Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Love your eyes at work</b>
12 October	World Arthritis Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Living with an RMD at all stages of life.</b>
13 October	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	Theme 2023 - <b>Fighting inequality for a resilient future.</b>
13 October	National Cinema Day	<b>National Cinema Day</b> aims to celebrate the <b>magic of the big screen</b> and applaud the <b>success of recent blockbusters.</b>
14 October	World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)	Theme 2023 - <b>Water: Sustaining Bird Life</b>
15 October	World Students Day	This day is a tribute to his remarkable contributions to <b>education and his unwavering</b>

		<b>commitment</b> to the welfare of children and students across India and the world.
15 October	International Day of Rural Women	Theme 2023 - <b>Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All</b>
16 October	World Food Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave No One Behind</b>
16 October	World Anaesthesia Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Anaesthesia and Cancer Care</b>
17 October	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Theme 2023 - <b>Decent Work and Social Protection: Putting Dignity in Practice for All</b>
17 October	World Trauma Day	Objective - <b>To raising awareness about trauma, its causes, symptoms, and prevention.</b>
20 October	World Statistics Day	The day is dedicated to create awareness about the <b>significant role of advanced, reliable, and good-quality statistics in the development of global nations.</b>
20 October	World Osteoporosis Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Build Better Bones</b>

### **November**

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
1 November	7 Indian States & 2 UTs celebrated their Formation Day	The states celebrating the formation day today are <b>Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab. The Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Puducherry</b> are also celebrating their formation day.
1 November	World Vegan Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Celebrating for a Good Cause</b>
3 November	World Jellyfish Day	November is springtime in the <b>southern hemisphere</b> . This is the time of the year when <b>jellyfish migrate to the coastlines of the northern hemisphere.</b>
3 November	International Day for Biosphere Reserve	This occasion provides an opportunity to <b>understand and appreciate Biosphere Reserves (BR)</b> and their significance in <b>preserving the delicate balance between nature and culture.</b>
5 November	World Tsunami Awareness Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future</b>
6 November	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War	Theme 2023: <b>Together for a more sustainable and peaceful future</b>
7 November	National Cancer Awareness Day	Objective - <b>To create more awareness about the disease and how we can detect it early.</b>

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 <b>historical importance</b> as it marks the anniversary of the <b>enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act in 1995</b> .
9 November	23rd Foundation Day of Uttarakhand	It was on this day in 2000, that <b>Uttarakhand</b> was created by carving out from <b>Uttar Pradesh</b> .
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, <b>health organizations, together with ordinary people</b> , try to educate, raise awareness, and promote advocacy that <b>pneumonia is curable</b> .
13 November	World Kindness Day	Theme 2023 - Be Kind Wherever Possible
14 November	Children's Day or 'Bal Diwas'	The day is celebrated to <b>appreciate and acknowledge children</b> as they are the <b>future of the county</b> . This date also marks the <b>birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister</b> of the nation <b>Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru</b> , who was adorably referred to as ' <b>Chacha Nehru</b> ' by children.
14 November	World Diabetes Day	Theme 2023 - Access to diabetes care
15 November	Jharkhand Foundation Day	Jharkhand is the <b>28th state of India</b> . It was formed on <b>November 15, 2000</b> after a long-standing <b>tribal movement for statehood</b> .
16 November	World Philosophy Day	Theme 2023 - Philosophical Reflection in a Multicultural World
16 November	International Day of Tolerance	<b>International Day of Tolerance</b> is observed annually on <b>November 16</b> with the primary aim of promoting <b>mutual understanding</b> and respect among all the <b>diverse cultures and communities across the globe</b> .
16 November	National Press Day	The objective behind celebrating the day is to pay <b>tribute to the contributions of the Press Council of India</b> . Everyone should <b>celebrate the day with great enthusiasm</b> .
17 November	International Students Day	This celebration is particularly significant for those studying abroad, <b>facing the challenges of</b>

		navigating new cultures, languages, financial hurdles, and homesickness.
17 November	National Epilepsy Day	The day is dedicated to spread <b>awareness and educate people</b> about a brain disorder known as <b>Epilepsy</b> . Characterized by repeated brain <b>seizures, epilepsy</b> is caused due to <b>abnormal activities</b> of the brain.
17 November	World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Breathing is Life - Act Earlier</b>
17 November	World Prematurity Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Small actions, big impact: Immediate skin-to-skin care for every baby everywhere</b>
19 November	International Men's Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Zero Male Suicide</b>
19 November	World Toilet Day	The main objective of celebrating this day is to <b>make people aware of the cleanliness of toilets</b> .
19 November	Women's Entrepreneurship Day	<b>Women's Entrepreneurship Day</b> was established by the <b>Women's Entrepreneurship Development Organization (WEDO)</b> , an NGO, aimed at alleviating <b>global poverty</b> .
20 November	World Children's Day	Theme 2023 - <b>For Every Child, Every Right</b>
20 November	Africa Industrialization Day	It's a period when governments and organizations in <b>several African countries consider</b> how to accelerate the <b>continent's industrialization</b> .
20 November	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	Theme 2023 - <b>Accelerating Change</b>
21 November	World Television Day	<b>Television</b> plays a crucial role in our <b>lives and our homes</b> are incomplete without it. It is a source of <b>entertainment and information</b> that enriches our lives.
24 November	Shaheedi Diwas Or Martyrdom Day Of 'Guru Tegh Bahadur'	<b>November 24</b> is annually observed as a day of remembrance and reflection on the <b>invaluable contribution of Guru Tegh Bahadur Singh</b> to the <b>Sikh faith and the broader tapestry of Indian history</b> .
25 November	International Day For The Elimination Of Violence Against Women 2023	Theme- " <b>UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls.</b> "
26 November	World Sustainable Transport Day 2023	World Sustainable Transport Day 2023 focuses on the theme " <b>Sustainable transport, sustainable development</b> ".
26 November	National Milk Day	<b>Dr. Verghese Kurien</b> also known as the <b>Milkman of India</b> .

		<b>The White Revolution</b> , also known as <b>Operation Flood</b> was a landmark initiative launched by <b>Dr. Kurien</b> in the <b>1970s</b> .
<b>26 November</b>	Samvidhan Divas	<b>On November 26</b> , India commemorates a day of <b>profound</b> significance – <b>Constitution Day</b> , also known as <b>Samvidhan Divas</b> .
<b>27 November</b>	Guru Nanak Jayanti 2023	<b>Guru Nanak Jayanti</b> , also known as <b>Gurpurab</b> , holds immense significance in the <b>Sikh community</b> as it marks the birth anniversary of <b>Guru Nanak Dev</b> , the revered founder of the Sikh religion.
<b>29 November</b>	International Day Of Solidarity with the Palestinian People	<b>The United Nations</b> decided that every year on <b>November 29</b> , we should celebrate the <b>International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People</b> . This was decided in <b>1977</b> by the <b>General Assembly</b> and it means we show support and unity with the <b>Palestinian People</b> on this day.
<b>30 November</b>	International ESG day	<b>International ESG Day</b> , celebrated on <b>November 30th</b> . It emphasizes <b>Environmental, Social, and Governance</b> factors in business and investing.

### December

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Theme/Importance</b>
<b>1 December</b>	World's AIDS day	Theme 2023- " <b>Let communities lead</b> "
<b>1 December</b>	Nagaland statehood day	<b>Nagaland</b> as it celebrates its <b>61st Statehood Day</b> . Back on <b>December 1, 1963</b> , Nagaland became the <b>16th state of India</b> .
<b>1 December</b>	Border Security Force raising day	This day marks the creation of <b>BSF</b> , which is India's main border- <b>guarding organization established on December 1, 1965</b> .
<b>2 December</b>	World Computer Literacy Day	The theme for 2023 is believed to be: <b>Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies</b> .
<b>2 December</b>	National Pollution Control Day	The theme for National Pollution Control Day 2023 is " <b>Sustainable Development for a Clean and Healthy Planet</b> "
<b>2 December</b>	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	Theme 2023 - <b>Fighting Slavery's Legacy of Racism through Transformative Education</b>
<b>4 December</b>	Indian Navy Day	The Indian Navy celebrates Navy Day on December 4, in memory of " <b>Operation Trident</b> " launched by the <b>Indian Navy against Karachi</b>



		<b>Harbour</b> during the <b>India-Pakistan war in 1971</b> .
<b>5 December</b>	World Soil Day	Theme for 2023 - <b>Soil and water, a source of life</b>
<b>5 December</b>	International Volunteer Day	Theme 2023 - <b>The Power of Collective</b>
<b>7 December</b>	International Civil Aviation Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development</b>
<b>9 December</b>	International Anti-Corruption Day	Theme 2023 - <b>UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption</b>
<b>9 December</b>	International Day of Commemoration of the Victims of Crime of Genocide	Theme 2023 - <b>A Living Force in World Society: The Legacy of the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.</b>
<b>10 December</b>	Human Rights Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Freedom, Equality and Justice for All</b>
<b>11 December</b>	International Mountain Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Restoring Mountain Ecosystems</b>
<b>11 December</b>	UNICEF Day	UNICEF aims to <b>“protect the rights of every child, everywhere”</b> .
<b>12 December</b>	Universal Health Coverage Day	Theme for 2023 - <b>Health For All: Time for Action</b>
<b>12 December</b>	International Day of Neutrality	Objective - To raise awareness regarding the importance of <b>neutrality in intergovernmental relations</b> and to <b>strengthen peace and security</b> at the global level.
<b>14 December</b>	National Energy Conservation Day	Objective - <b>To raise public awareness about the value of energy efficiency and conservation.</b>
<b>17 December</b>	Goa Liberation Day	The 'Goa Liberation Day' is celebrated every year to commemorate the liberation of the coastal state from Portuguese rule in the year 1961.
<b>18 December</b>	Minorities Rights Day	Theme for 2023 - <b>Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion</b>
<b>18 December</b>	International Migrants Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Act Today for a Better Tomorrow for All: Improving the Health of migrants to Unleash the Power of Migration</b>
<b>20 December</b>	International Human Solidarity Day	Objective - <b>To raise public awareness regarding the importance of solidarity.</b>
<b>21 December</b>	World Basketball Day	Objective - <b>To honour the development of a sport that has inspired millions of people worldwide with its athleticism, joy, and companionship.</b>
<b>22 December</b>	National Mathematics Day	National Mathematics Day is celebrated annually on <b>December 22</b> to honour the birth

		anniversary of the renowned <b>Indian mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan.</b>
<b>23 December</b>	National Farmers Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Delivering Smart Solutions for Sustainable Food Security and Resilience</b>
<b>24 December</b>	National Consumer Rights Day	It is also referred to as <b>Bhartiya Grahak Diwas.</b> While the market runs on certain <b>ethics and values</b> , sometimes people can exploit us if we do not know our rights well enough.
<b>25 December</b>	Good Governance Day	The day is celebrated to create awareness about <b>government accountability and administration among the people.</b>
<b>27 December</b>	International Day of Epidemic Preparedness	It emphasizes how crucial it is to prevent, <b>prepare for and work together against outbreaks like diseases.</b>

### January 2024

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
<b>1 January</b>	Global Family Day	The day aims at commencing the new year with peace, <b>unity and brotherhood among people</b> and across <b>nations and cultures.</b>
<b>1 January</b>	World Day of Peace	<b>World Day of Peace</b> is celebrated on January 1 every year, is primarily a <b>Catholic feast day</b> dedicated to <b>universal peace</b> on the <b>Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.</b>
<b>1 January</b>	Copyright Law Day	<b>Copyright Law Day</b> is celebrated every year on 1 January to emphasize on the need to give <b>credit where it is due.</b>
<b>1 January</b>	DRDO's Foundation Day	To commemorate the <b>excellent work of the organisation</b> in making the <b>nation strong and self-reliant</b> in terms of <b>science and technology</b> and especially <b>military technologies.</b>
<b>2 January</b>	World Introvert Day	World Introvert Day was started from a blog post by psychologist and author <b>Felicitas Heyne</b> named, " <b>Here's Why We Need a World Introvert Day</b> " on her site "iPersonic".
<b>4 January</b>	World Braille Day	The primary objective of recognising <b>World Braille Day</b> is to promote <b>Braille literacy and raise awareness</b> among people about its importance.
<b>5 January</b>	Former India defender Prabir Majumdar	A stylish wing-back of the <b>1960s and 1970s</b> , <b>Majumdar</b> was a member of the Indian team in the <b>1974 Asian Games.</b>
<b>5 January</b>	National Birds Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Right To Fight</b>

6 January	World Day of War Orphans	The day aims to raise awareness about the trauma experienced by <b>orphans and the social, psychological and physical obstacles</b> they often need to overcome to lead a normal life.
8 January	Earth's Rotation Day	<b>Earth's Rotation Day</b> is celebrated to mark the experiment by <b>Leon Foucault</b> to demonstrate the <b>rotation of earth</b> , and this is given importance over other different experiments that were conducted to prove the <b>earth's rotation</b> around its axis.
8 January	South African Native National Congress (SANNK) Day	<b>South Africa's governing party</b> is the <b>African National Congress</b> and has been in power since the transition to democracy in <b>April 1994</b> .
9 January	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas	The day commemorates the return of <b>Mahatma Gandhi</b> , the greatest <b>Pravasi from South Africa</b> to <b>India</b> in <b>1915</b> for the struggle of Independence.
10 January	World Hindi Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Hindi-Bridging Traditional Knowledge and Artificial Intelligence</b>
10 January to 18 January	The Startup India Innovation Week 2024	<b>This week-long initiative</b> seeks to unite startups, entrepreneurs, investors, policymakers, and stakeholders to celebrate and advance the <b>Indian Startup Ecosystem, culminating in the National Startup Day on January 16th, 2024</b> .
12 January	National Youth Day	<b>Rashtriya Yuva Diwas</b> , commonly known as <b>National Youth Day</b> , is observed on <b>Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary</b> .  This day serves to raise awareness and impart knowledge about the rights of individuals in <b>India</b> , emphasizing the importance of proper conduct within the nation.
11 to 17 January	National Road Safety Week	<b>National Road Safety Week</b> aims to educate the public about the <b>perils of reckless or irresponsible driving</b> .
14 January	7th Armed Forces Veterans Day	The <b>14th of January</b> is commemorated as <b>Armed Forces Veterans Day</b> as a mark of respect and recognition for the services rendered by <b>Field Marshall KM Cariappa</b> .
14 January	International Kite Day	<b>Benjamin Franklin</b> , an <b>American scientist and author</b> , stated that <b>lightning</b> is <b>electricity</b> with the help of a kite.
15 January	Indian Army Day	In <b>2024</b> , <b>Startup India</b> recognized 10-18 January as <b>Innovation Week 2024</b> with the theme, " <b>Celebrating 8 Years of Innovation</b> ."
18 January	Women's Healthy Weight Day	The day aims at <b>spreading awareness</b> around the concept of <b>healthy weight</b> and steps to achieve the <b>ideal weight</b> .

24 January	National Girl Child Day	Objective- <b>To raise awareness of the difficulties that girls in Indian society endure.</b>
24 January	International Day of Education	Theme 2024 - <b>Learning for lasting peace</b>
25 January	National Voters Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Nothing Like Voting, I Vote For sure</b>
26 January	International Day of Clean Energy	This day serves as a <b>reminder</b> of the critical role <b>clean energy</b> plays in <b>combating climate change, reducing carbon emissions</b> , and ensuring a <b>healthier planet for future generations.</b>
27 January	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	This day serves as a <b>poignant reminder</b> of the horrors of the <b>Holocaust</b> and the enduring need to fight against <b>hatred, bigotry, and racism</b> in all its forms.
28 January	Indian Newspaper Day	The occasion is observed to commemorate the day on which <b>Irishman James Augustus Hicky</b> launched the first printed newspaper in India.
28 January	World Leprosy Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Beat Leprosy</b>
30 January	Martyrs Day or Shaheed Diwas	<b>Mahatma Gandhi</b> is known as the ' <b>Father of the Nation</b> '. He led the freedom movement in <b>India</b> and emphasised the use of <b>non-violent</b> and peaceful methods to fight the <b>British rule.</b>
31 January	International Zebra Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the conservation of zebras.</b>

## Chapter 19: Obituary

September

Person	About
<b>Former Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak</b>	<b>Streak</b> has played <b>65 Tests</b> and <b>189 ODIs</b> for <b>Zimbabwe</b> between <b>1993</b> and <b>2005</b> . He ended with <b>216 wickets</b> in Tests and <b>239</b> in ODIs.
<b>N Valarmathi, the voice behind ISRO mission</b>	She was a part of the <b>Range Operations Programme Office</b> at the <b>Satish Dhawan Space Centre</b> where she used to announce the countdown on all launches.
<b>SPG Chief Arun Kumar Sinha</b>	He, <b>director of the Special Protection Group (SPG)</b> , responsible for the security of <b>Prime Minister Modi</b> , passed away at the age of <b>61</b> in <b>Gurugram</b> .  <b>Sinha</b> was an <b>Indian Police Service (IPS)</b> officer of the <b>1987 Kerala cadre</b> .

<p><b>Dennis Austin, co-creator of Microsoft PowerPoint</b></p>	<p><b>Dennis Austin</b>, along with <b>Robert Gaskins</b>, developed <b>PowerPoint</b> and introduced it in <b>1987</b>.</p> <p><b>Austin and Gaskins</b> were both part of the software company <b>Forethought</b>, which was later acquired by <b>Microsoft</b> for <b>\$14 million</b> shortly after the launch of <b>PowerPoint</b>, which was originally named <b>Presenter</b>.</p>
<p><b>Former President of Italy, Giorgio Napolitano</b></p>	<p><b>Former Italian President Giorgio Napolitano</b> passed away at the age of 98.</p> <p>His passing marks the end of an era in <b>Italian politics</b>, as he was not only the <b>longest-serving president</b> but also a central figure in <b>shaping the country's post-war history</b>.</p>
<p><b>Father of India's Green Revolution, MS Swaminathan</b></p>	<p>Known as the "<b>Father of Economic Ecology</b>" by the <b>United Nations Environment Programme</b>, <b>Swaminathan's</b> groundbreaking work in the <b>1960s and 1970s</b> revolutionized Indian agriculture, helping the country to stave off <b>widespread famine and achieve self-sufficiency in food production</b>.</p>

### October

<b>Person</b>	<b>About</b>
<p><b>Film producer PV Gangadharan</b></p>	<p><b>Popular Malayalam film producer and director</b> of the <b>Mathrubhumi</b> group of publications, <b>PV Gangadharan</b> passed away at the age of <b>80</b>.</p>
<p><b>Padma Shri awardee, Dahyabhai Shastri</b></p>	<p><b>Padma Shri awardee, Dahyabhai Shastri</b>, an Indian scholar of <b>Sanskrit</b> and the founder of <b>Brahmarshi Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Nadiad</b>, passed away.</p> <p>He is also a <b>former president of the Gujarat state unit of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad</b>.</p>

### November

<b>Person</b>	<b>About</b>
<p><b>Eminent singer, musicologist and writer Leela Omchery</b></p>	<p>Proficient in <b>Carnatic, Hindustani, Sopanam and folk music</b>, she was honoured her with <b>Padma Shri in 2008</b>.</p>
<p><b>NASA Apollo astronaut Thomas Kenneth Mattingly II</b></p>	<p>Mattingly was a <b>pivotal figure</b> in the <b>Apollo Program</b> and played a crucial role in ensuring the <b>safe return of the Apollo 13 crew to</b></p>



	<b>Earth</b> after an onboard <b>explosion</b> <b>jeopardized</b> their <b>lunar mission</b> .
<b>Former Odisha Assembly speaker</b> <b>Maheswar Mohanty</b>	Mohanty was elected to the <b>Odisha Assembly</b> <b>from Puri constituency</b> <b>five times</b> .  Popularly referred to as the " <b>strongman</b> " of <b>Puri</b> , <b>Mohanty</b> was elected as a <b>Janata Dal candidate</b> in <b>1995</b> and as a <b>BJD nominee</b> in <b>2000, 2004, 2009, and 2014</b> .
<b>Former Karnataka Law minister D. B. Chandregowda</b>	Veteran politician and former minister <b>D B Chandre Gowda</b> , who vacated his <b>Lok Sabha seat</b> for <b>former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi</b> that allowed her to stage a <b>political comeback post Emergency</b> in <b>1978</b> , passed away at the age of <b>87</b> .
<b>Former Nagaland Governor Padmanabha Acharya</b>	<b>Acharya</b> had served as <b>governor</b> of <b>Nagaland, Tripura, Assam</b> and also handled the responsibilities as the <b>governor of Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh</b> .
<b>Prithvi Raj Singh Oberoi, Oberoi Group Chairman</b>	He was the <b>Executive Chairman of EIH Limited, the Flagship Company of The Oberoi Group</b> , and the <b>Chairman of Oberoi Hotels Private Limited</b> , the major <b>shareholder of EIH Limited</b> .
<b>Founder of Sahara group, Subrata Roy</b>	Born in <b>Bihar's Araria</b> in <b>1948</b> , he made a <b>modest start</b> with a capital for only <b>Rs 2,000</b> to <b>build Sahara India</b> .
<b>Indian art historian and a world authority on miniature paintings, Brijinder Nath Goswamy</b>	Best known for his <b>path-breaking work on the Pahari style of paintings</b> , <b>Prof Goswamy</b> is the author of more than <b>26 books</b> .
<b>Former RBI Governor S Venkitaramanan</b>	<b>Venkataraman</b> managed the affairs at the <b>central bank</b> when the country faced two <b>major crisis - balance of payment crisis</b> that led to the <b>pledging of gold</b> and the <b>securities scam</b> triggered by <b>Harshad Mehta</b> - in the <b>1990-92 period</b> .
<b>'Dhoom' Director Sanjay Gadhvi</b>	He was known for <b>directing the 2004 film Dhoom</b> and its <b>2006 sequel Dhoom 2</b> .  Gadhvi made his directorial debut with <b>Tere Liye</b> in <b>2000</b> .
<b>Former Head of 'Soka Gakkai' Daisaku Ikeda</b>	Over several decades, <b>Ikeda</b> developed connections with the <b>ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)</b> and became an <b>ally of the government</b> . <b>Ikeda</b> increased the

	organization's global popularity which is based on the teachings of the <b>13th-century Japanese priest Nichiren</b> .
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### **December**

<b>Person</b>	<b>About</b>
<b>Henry Kissinger, Nobel Peace Prize Winner</b>	He played an important role in <b>improving relations with China</b> , making <b>arms control agreements</b> with the <b>Soviet Union</b> , and <b>concluding the Vietnam War</b> .
<b>Former IAS officer Christy Fernandez</b>	A Gujarat cadre IAS officer, Dr. Fernandez, served as the <b>Principal Secretary of Urban Development</b> , at the <b>Government of Gujarat</b> , <b>Special Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce</b> and <b>Secretary, of the Ministry of Tourism</b> .
<b>Former Mr. Universe Shaun Davis</b>	In his <b>bodybuilding career</b> , he won a string of titles including <b>Mr. Britain</b> and <b>Mr. Europe</b> before being named Mr. Universe in 1996.
<b>Naeem Sayyed aka Junior Mehmood</b>	He also known as <b>Junior Mahmood</b> by fans, had a <b>prolific career</b> that included many <b>critically acclaimed films</b> .
<b>Former West Indies batter Joe Solomon</b>	<b>Solomon</b> played <b>27 Tests for West Indies</b> between <b>1958 and 1965</b> , scoring <b>1326 runs</b> at an average of <b>34</b> .
<b>Exposed AIDS epidemic, Dr. Gao Yaojie</b>	<b>Yaojie</b> was a <b>gynecologist</b> by training and was one of the first doctors who <b>spearheaded the campaign against the AIDS epidemic in China</b> .
<b>Singham actor Ravindra Berde</b>	He was the brother of <b>late actor Laxmikant Berde</b> , who was a popular face in both <b>Hindi and Marathi cinema</b> , and appeared in films such as <b>Maine Pyar Kiya</b> and <b>Hum Aapke Hain Koun</b> .
<b>Kuwait Emir, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Sabah</b>	<b>Kuwait's crown prince, Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad al-Jaber Al-Sabah</b> , was named the <b>oil-rich country's new emir</b> .
<b>Padma Bhushan awardee Mohini Giri</b>	She started the War Widows Association in <b>1972</b> , after the <b>Indo-Pak war of 1971</b> . An institution builder, her life was dedicated to <b>women's rights, human rights and particularly the rights of widows</b> .  <b>Dr. Giri</b> was awarded the <b>Padma Bhushan</b> for <b>her work</b> in <b>2007</b> .

<b>Sculptor Dr. Uttam Pacharne</b>	He bagged the <b>National Lalit Kala Akademi Award and Maharashtra Gaurav Puraskar (1985), Junior National Award in memory of the late PM Indira Gandhi (1986)</b> , medals, honours and other accolades during his career of over four decades.
<b>Former EU Commission President Jacques Delors</b>	<b>Delors, a Socialist</b> , had a high-profile political career in <b>France</b> , where he served as <b>finance minister under president Francois Mitterrand</b> from 1981 to 1984.
<b>Actor-turned-politician Vijayakanth</b>	He was a successful actor earning the <b>'Captain'</b> title after his <b>100th film 'Captain Prabhakaran'</b> became a hit.

**January**

<b>Person</b>	<b>About</b>
<b>Legal scholar Professor Ved Prakash Nanda</b>	<b>Professor Nanda</b> was a distinguished academic whose contributions to the <b>legal field</b> are invaluable and his work highlights his strong commitment to <b>legal education</b> .
<b>Music Maestro Ustad Rashid Khan</b>	The vocalist won several awards including <b>Padma Shri and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award</b> in 2006. In 2022, he was honoured with the <b>Padma Bhushan, the third-highest civilian award</b> of the country.
<b>Football Player Franz Beckenbauer</b>	Known in football-obsessed <b>Germany</b> as <b>"the Kaiser"</b> meaning <b>"the Emperor"</b> , <b>Beckenbauer</b> played a central role in some of the country's greatest <b>sporting achievements</b> .
<b>Urdu poet Munawwar Rana</b>	Born in <b>1952</b> in <b>Rae Bareli, Munawwar Rana</b> was awarded the <b>Gyanpeeth Award</b> in 2014 for <b>'Shahdaba'</b> .
<b>Renowned classical singer Prabha Atre</b>	<b>Legendary classical singer and Padma Vibhushan</b> recipient <b>Prabha Atre</b> passed away at the age of <b>92</b> .
<b>First hockey Olympian of Chandigarh</b>	<b>Sukhbir Singh Gill</b> , who represented the <b>Indian men's hockey</b> team at the <b>Sydney 2000 Olympics</b> and the <b>2002 Hockey World Cup</b> in <b>Kuala Lumpur</b> .
<b>Dr. Nitya Anand</b>	Dr Nitya Anand, who discovered India's first oral contraceptive pill <b>'Saheli'</b> , passed away at the age of <b>99</b> .

<b>Rana Talwar</b>	Veteran banker Rana Talwar, who was the first Indian to head a global bank -- Standard Chartered, died at the age of 76 years.
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## Chapter 20: Science & Technology

### August

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

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

#### Important Facts

- Chandrayaan-3 was launched date - 14 July 2023
- Chandrayaan-3 land on the moon - 23 August 2023
- Chandrayaan-3 has been launched form - Satish Dhawan Space Centre,
- Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh)
- Rocket used by ISRO to launch Chandrayaan-3 - LVM3
- Chandrayaan-3 mission's Lander Name - Vikram
- Chandrayaan-3 mission's Rover Name - Pragyaan
- Wheels are there in the Pragyan rover - 6
- Total weight of Chandrayaan-3 -3,900 kg
- Mission life of the lander module of Chandrayaan-3 - 1 Lunar Day (14 Earth Days)
- Chandrayaan-3 aiming to land near - South pole of the Moon
- Budget of Chandrayaan-3 - Approx. Rs. 615 Crore or \$75 Million
- Director of the Chandrayaan-3 mission - Ritu Kharidhal
- Mission Director of ISRO - S. Mohanakumar
- Vehicle director of Chandrayaan3 - Biju C Thomas
- Project Director of Chandrayan 3 - P Veeramuthvel
- Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre - S Unnikrishnana Nair
- Director of UR Rao Satellite Centre - M Sankaran

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

- **With Chandrayaan-3 successfully** landing on the **Moon's surface**, decks have been cleared for **ISRO to unveil the next stage of its lunar exploration programme**.
- As of now, ISRO is preparing for one more lunar mission, this one in **collaboration with Japanese space agency (JAXA)**.
- This mission, **called LUPEX**, or Lunar Polar Exploration, is slated for 2024-25. But there would be more in the Chandrayaan series as well.

### **September**

#### **ISRO-developed device for fishers' safety successfully tested at Neendakara**

- **Nabhmitra'**, a device **developed by ISRO-Space Applications Centre (Ahmedabad)** for the safety of fishermen, was successfully tested at Neendakara.
- The satellite-based communication system enables two-way messaging services from and to the sea.

#### **ISRO successfully launched Aditya L1 Mission**

- **ISRO has successfully launched the Aditya L1 mission** from the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, India**.
- It is India's first solar space observatory mission that was launched on the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) XL.

#### **IIT Jodhpur scientists develop 'CODE' device for good air quality**

- **Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur** researchers have **developed a novel Cold-plasma Detergent in Environment (CODE) device** for good indoor air quality.
- The CODE device consumes **less power**, **deactivates** bacteria, moulds and viruses, captures dust and pollen, and also removes odours.

#### **Japan's 'Moon Sniper' lander SLIM launched successfully**

- **Japan** has successfully launched its **lunar exploration spacecraft, known as the "Moon Sniper"**, using the domestically developed H-IIA rocket.
- The achievement puts Japan in contention to become the world's fifth country to land on the moon, with the landing planned for early next year.

#### **Japan successfully launches XRISM research satellite**

- **Japan** has successfully launched a **rocket carrying a new research satellite** to unravel the evolution of the universe and space-time.
- The H2A rocket carrying the **X-Ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission (XRISM)** satellite and the **Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM)** was launched at the Tanegashima Space Center in Kagoshima.

#### **IIT Guwahati researchers develop pharmaceutical and food products**

- **Researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati** have developed **pharmaceutical and food products from tea factory waste**.
- As per a recent study, tea is one of the most widely consumed beverages worldwide with world tea consumption reaching 6.3 million tonnes and is expected to rise to 7.4 million tonnes by 2025.

### **October**

#### **Iran launched Noor 3 satellite into orbit**

- **Iran** has successfully launched an imaging satellite **'Noor 3'** into space,
- The Noor-3 satellite had been put in an orbit 450km above the Earth's surface.
- The aerospace arm of Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, which has had success in launching satellites in the past, had carried out the most recent launch.



### China launches Yaogan-33 04 new remote-sensing satellite

- **China** sent its **latest remote-sensing satellite into space** from the **Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China**.
- The satellite, Yaogan-33 04, was launched on a Long March-4C carrier rocket and has entered its planned orbit successfully.
- Objective - To be used for scientific experiments, land resource surveys, crop yield estimates, and disaster prevention and relief work.
- The launch was the 489th flight mission of the Long March carrier rocket series.

### Nokia launches first-of-its-kind 6G Lab in Bengaluru

- **Nokia** has launched a **first-of-its-kind 6G Lab in Bengaluru** to contribute to the **'Bharat 6G Vision'**.
- The lab is expected to accelerate the development of fundamental technologies and innovative use cases underpinned by 6G technology that will address the future needs of both industry and society.

### ISRO in collaboration with VIBHA organizes exhibition Space on Wheels

- **Indian Space Research Organization** in collaboration with **Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA)** is organizing an exhibition called **"Space on Wheels" program in Arunachal Pradesh**.
- The programme features a mobile exhibition vehicle showcasing models of satellites, launching vehicles, and communication systems.

### NASA has launched a spacecraft called 'Psyche'

- **NASA** has launched a **spacecraft called 'Psyche'** on a six-year mission to study a unique metal-rich asteroid also named 'Psyche.'
- It is the largest of the several metal-rich asteroids known in our solar system and is believed by scientists to be the remnant core of an ancient protoplanet, offering clues about Earth's formation.

**November/December**

### 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**.

### ISRO to launch 'XPoSats' Satellite

- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** is all set to launch its **first X-Ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSats); the mission aims to explore the polarization of powerful X-ray sources**.
- The primary payload Polarimeter Instrument in X-rays (POLIX) developed by Raman Research Institute in Bengaluru (RRI).

### Meta and IBM launched 'AI Alliance' to promote open-source AI development

- **Facebook's parent company, Meta, and IBM** have launched a **new group called the AI Alliance advocating for an "open-science" approach** to AI development that puts them at odds with rivals Google, Microsoft and ChatGPT-maker OpenAI.
- These two diverging camps – the open and the closed – disagree about whether to build AI in a way that makes the underlying technology widely accessible.

### Google launches its largest and 'most capable' AI model, Gemini

- **Google** has introduced to **the world its newest language model (LLM) called Gemini**.

- This new LLM can seamlessly understand, operate across, and combine different types of information, including text, code, audio, images, and video.

### China launched the world's first Methane powered rocket "Zhuque 2"

- A Chinese company LandSpace Technology became **the first in the world to launch satellites with rockets fuelled by methane and liquid oxygen.**
- The Zhuque 2 Y-3 blasted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China.
- from a company named Hongqing.

### First Indian astronaut on moon by 2040: ISRO

- **The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is planning to send Indian astronauts to the moon for the first time by 2040.**
- Four test pilots from the Indian Air Force have been selected as astronaut designates for the mission.
- ISRO aims to take the next step in space exploration with the Gaganyaan programme, planning to launch a crew of 2 to 3 Indian astronauts into Low Earth Orbit (LEO) for up to three days before safely returning them to a predefined site in Indian waters.

### China launches a Long March-11 carrier rocket into space

- **China** has successfully launched a **Long March-11 carrier rocket** into space, sending three satellites into planned orbit.
- The Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center launched the rocket from waters off the coast of Yangjiang, south China's Guangdong Province.

### ISRO launched FEAST software and book to guide faculty and students

- The Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) of the **Indian space agency ISRO**, has developed an **analysis software that is used to perform Finite Element Analysis (FEA) of various types of structures** including rockets, aircraft, satellites, buildings, etc.
- FEA is a computerised method for predicting how a component or a structure reacts to real-world forces- like various types of structural loads, thermal conditions and other physical effects that a structure experiences while in operation.

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### ISRO launched XPoSat aboard PSLV-C58

- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** has launched the **PSLV-C58 X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat).**
- The PSLV, in its 60th mission, lifted off at 9.10 a.m. on 1 Jan, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, and 22 minutes later launched the XPoSat into an eastward low inclination orbit.
- The PSLV-C58 has placed the primary satellite at the XPoSat in the desired orbit of 650 km with six-degree inclination.

### Google DeepMind Introduces Mobile ALOHA Humanoid Technology

- **Researchers at Google DeepMind and Stanford University** has introduced **Mobile ALOHA**, a low-cost open-source hardware system for bimanual teleoperation.
- It is a humanoid robot that can be remote operated by a user and perform autonomously by imitation learning.

### Microsoft launches AI Odyssey to skill 1 lakh developers in India

- **Microsoft** has launched an initiative that aims **to skill one lakh developers in India in the latest AI technologies and tools.**
- The program offers a comprehensive learning experience that helps developers acquire and demonstrate relevant skills needed to execute critical projects using AI technologies that align with business goals and outcomes.

#### **LG Unveils World's 1st Wireless Transparent OLED TV**

- **LG Electronics** has unveiled the **world's first wireless transparent TV.**
- Called LG Signature OLED T, the TV has a glass for a display that looks as if it disappears when turned off.
- The TV combines transparent OLED technology with wireless AV transmission and reception for viewers to "see beyond the screen and eliminating the need for visible wires around the screen"

#### **Pixxel opens new spacecraft manufacturing facility in Bengaluru**

- **Bengaluru-based space data company Pixxel** has inaugurated its **first spacecraft manufacturing facility in Bengaluru.**
- The new facility holds significance as it targets to launch six satellites this year and 18 more by 2025, further advancing its mission of building a "health monitor" for the planet.

#### **Japan achieved a historic soft moon landing with SLIM Mission**

- **Japan** has become the **5th country to achieve a soft moon landing with the successful deployment of the Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM) spacecraft.**
- The mission, led by Japan's space agency JAXA, marks a significant leap in precision landing technology with potential applications for future lunar exploration.

## **Chapter 21-List of Bank CEO, Headquarters and Tagline**

- **Total PSBs: 12**
- **Total Pvt. Bank: 21**
- **Total RRBs: 43**
- **Foreign Banks: 46**
- **Payment & Small Financial Banks: 9**

### **PSU Banks**

<b>Bank Name</b>	<b>CEO of Bank</b>	<b>Headquarter</b>	<b>Tagline</b>
<b>Bank of Baroda</b>	Debadatta Chand	Vadodara	India's International Bank
<b>Bank of India</b>	Rajneesh Karnatak (MD & CEO)	Mumbai	Relationships beyond Banking

<b>Bank of Maharashtra</b>	S. Rajeev <b>ED- Rohit Rishi</b>	Pune	One Family One Bank/ Ek Parivar Ek Bank
<b>Canara Bank</b>	K. Satyanarayana Raju	Bangalore	Together we can
<b>Central Bank of India</b>	Shri M. V. Rao	Mumbai	Central To you Since 1911
<b>Indian Bank</b>	Shanti Lal Jain	Chennai	Your Own Bank,
<b>Indian Overseas Bank</b>	Ajay Kumar Srivastava	Chennai	Good people to grow with
<b>Punjab &amp; Sind Bank</b>	Swarup Kumar Saha	New Delhi	Where Service Is A Way Of Life
<b>Punjab National Bank</b>	Atul Kumar Goel	New Delhi	The Name you can Bank Upon
<b>State Bank of India</b>	Dinesh kumar khara (Chairman)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C.S. Setty (MD)</li> <li>• Vinay M Tonse (MD)</li> <li>• Ashwini Kumar Tewari (MD)</li> <li>• Alok Kumar Choudhary (MD)</li> </ul>	Mumbai	With you all the way, Pure Banking Nothing Else, The Nation's banks on us, The Banker To Every Indian You Can Always Bank On Us
<b>UCO Bank</b>	Ashwani Kumar	Kolkata	Honors Your Trust
<b>Union Bank of India</b>	Manimekhalai	Mumbai	Good people to bank with

### Private & foreign Bank

Bank name	Headquarter	Head/ CEO/ MD	Tagline
<b>Axis Bank</b>	Mumbai	Mr Amitabh Choudhary	Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi
<b>Bandhan Bank</b>	Kolkata	Mr Chandra Shekhar Ghosh	Aapka Bhala, Sabki Bhalai
<b>Catholic Syrian Bank</b>	Thrissur, Kerala	Pralay Mondal	Support All the Way
<b>City Union Bank</b>	Tamil Nadu	Dr.N Kamakodi	Trust and Excellence
<b>Corporation Bank</b>	Mangalore	P.V. Bharathi	Prosperity for All, A Premier Public Sector Bank

<b>Development Credit Bank</b>	Mumbai	Murali M Natarajan	We value you
<b>Dhanlaxmi Bank</b>	Thrissur, Kerala	JK Sivan	Tann. Mann. Dhan
<b>ECGC Bank</b>	Mumbai	M. Senthilnathan	You focus on exports. We cover the risks.
<b>Federal Bank</b>	Kerala	Shri Shyam Srinivasan	Your Perfect Banking Partner
<b>HDFC bank</b>	Mumbai	Mr Sashidhar Jagdishan	We Understand Your World
<b>HSBC</b>	London	Noel Quinn	Together We Thrive
<b>ICICI Bank</b>	Mumbai	Mr Sandeep Bakshi	Khayal Apka
<b>IDBI Bank</b>	Mumbai	Rakesh Sharma	Banking For All, "Aao Sochein Bada", Bank Aisa Dost Jaisa
<b>IDFC First Bank</b>	Mumbai	Mr.V.Vaidyanathan	Always You First
<b>IndusInd Bank</b>	Maharashtra	Shri Sumant Kathpalia	We Care Dil Se, We Make You Feel Richer
<b>ING Vysya Bank</b>	Banglore	Uday Sareen (MD & CEO)	Jiyo Easy
<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir Bank</b>	Sri Nagar	Baldev Prakash	Serving To Empower
<b>Karnataka Bank</b>	Mangaluru, Karnataka	Shri Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma	Your Family Bank Across India
<b>Karur Vysya Bank</b>	Karur, Tamil Nadu	Shri Ramesh Bobu	Smart Way to Bank
<b>Kotak Mahindra Bank</b>	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Ashok Vaswani	Let's Make Money Simple, Ab Kona Kona Kotak
<b>Lakshmi Vilas Bank is now DBS Bank</b>	Singapore	Surojit Shome (MD & CEO)	Live more, Bank less
<b>Nanital Bank</b>	Nanital, Utrakhand	Nikhil Mohan (MD and CEO)	Banking With Personal Touch
<b>Ratnakar Bank (Now RBL Bank)</b>	Mumbai, Maharashtra	R Subramaniakumar	Apno ka Bank
<b>South Indian Bank</b>	Thrissur, Kerala	P R Seshadri	Experience Next Generation Banking
<b>Vijaya Bank</b>	Bangalore	Shri R.A. Sankara Narayanan	A Friend You Can Bank upon
<b>Yes Bank Ltd</b>	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Prashant kumar	Experience Our Expertise
<b>DCB Bank</b>	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Praveen Achuthan Kutty	We value You



## Chapter 22- List of Chief Minister and Governor

State and U.T.	Chief Minister	Governor
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	Jagan Reddy	S. Abdul Nazeer
<b>Andaman &amp; Nicobar (UT)</b>	U.T	Admiral (Retd) Devendra Kumar Joshi
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	Shri Pema Khandu	Lt. General Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik
<b>Assam</b>	Sri Himanta Biswa Sarma	Gulab Chand Kataria
<b>Bihar</b>	Shri Nitish Kumar	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
<b>Chandigarh (UT)</b>	U.T	Banwarilal Purohit
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	Vishnu Deo Sai	Justice (Retd) Biswa Bhusan Harichandan
<b>Dadra and Nagar Haveli (UT) and Daman and Diu (UT)</b>	U.T	Shri Praful Patel
<b>Delhi (NCT)</b>	Shri Arvind Kejriwal	Vinai Kumar Saxena (LG)
<b>Goa</b>	Shri Pramod Sawant	PS Sreedharan Pillai
<b>Gujarat</b>	Bhupendra Patel	Acharya Dev Vrat
<b>Haryana</b>	Shri Manohar Lal	Bandaru Dattatraya
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu	Shiv Pratap Shukla
<b>Jammu and Kashmir (UT)</b>		Manoj Sinha (Lt. governor)
<b>Jharkhand</b>	Hemant Soren	C P Radhakrishnan
<b>Kerala</b>	Shri Pinarayi Vijayan	Aarif Muhammad
<b>Lakshadweep (UT)</b>	U.T	Praful patel
<b>Madhya pradesh</b>	Dr. Mohan Yadav	Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
<b>Maharashtra</b>	Eknath Shinde	Ramesh Bais

<b>Manipur</b>	Shri Nongthombam Biren Singh	<b>Anusuiya Uikye</b>
<b>Laddak (UT)</b>		Brig (Dr) B D Mishra (Retd)
<b>Meghalya</b>	Conrad Sangma	Phagu Chauhan
<b>Mizoram</b>	Lalduhoma	Hari Babu Kambhampati ,
<b>Nagaland</b>	Shri. Neiphiu Rio	La. Ganesan
<b>Odisha</b>	Shri Naveen Patnaik	<b>Raghubar Das</b>
<b>Puducherry (UT)</b>	<b>N Rangasamy</b>	Tamilisai Soundararajan (additional charge)
<b>Punjab</b>	Bhagwant Mann	Banwarilal Purohit
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Bhajan Lal Sharma	Kalraj Mishra
<b>Sikkim</b>	Prem Singh Tamang	Lakshman Prasad Acharya
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>MK Stalin</b>	R.N Ravi
<b>Telangana</b>	Shri K Chandrasekhar Rao	Tamilisai Soundararajan
<b>Tripura</b>	Manik Saha	<b>Indra Sena Reddy Nallu</b>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	Shri Yogi Aadityanath	Anandiben Patel
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>Pushkar Singh Dhami</b>	Gurmit Singh
<b>West Bengal</b>	Km. Mamata Banerjee	<b>C V Ananda Bose</b>
<b>Karnataka</b>	Siddaramaiah	Thawarchand Gehlot

## Chapter 23- List of Cabinet ministers and Constituency

<b>Shri Narendra Modi</b>  <b>Constituency:</b> Varanasi, UP	<b>Prime Minister</b> and also in-charge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions;</li> <li>• Department of Atomic Energy;</li> <li>• Department of Space;</li> <li>• All important policy issues; and</li> </ul>
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- All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister

## Cabinet Ministers 2023

<b>Shri Raj Nath Singh</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Lucknow, UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Defence</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Amit Shah</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Gandhi Nagar, GUJARAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Home Affairs; and Minister of Cooperation</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Nagpur, MAHARASHTRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Road Transport and Highways</li> </ul>
<b>Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Rajya Sabha (Karnataka)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Finance; and Minister of Corporate Affairs</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Narendra Singh Tomar</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Morena, MP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare</li> </ul>
<b>Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Rajya Sabha, Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of External Affairs</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Arjun Munda</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Khunti (Jharkhand)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Tribal Affairs</li> </ul>
<b>Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Amethi, UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Women and Child Development</li> <li>• Minister of Minority Affairs</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Piyush Goyal</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Rajya Sabha, MAHARASHTRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Commerce and Industry;</li> <li>• Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of Textiles</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Dharmendra Pradhan</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Rajya Sabha, MP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Education</li> <li>• Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Prahlad Joshi</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Dharwad, KARNATKA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Parliamentary Affairs;</li> <li>• Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Narayan Tatu Rane</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Rajya Sabha, Maharashtra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Sarbananda Sonowal</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Majuli, Assam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; and</li> <li>• Minister of AYUSH</li> </ul>

<b>Dr. Virendra Kumar</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Tikamgarh, MP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Social Justice and empowerment</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Giriraj Singh</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Begusarai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Rural Development; and</li> <li>• Minister of Panchayati Raj</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Rajya Sabha Guna(MP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Civil Aviation</li> <li>• Minister of Steel</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Rajya Sabha, Odisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Railways;</li> <li>• Minister of Communications; and</li> <li>• Minister of Electronics and Information Technology</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Pashu Pati Kumar Paras</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Hajipur (Bihar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Food Processing Industries</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Jodhpur,Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Jal Shakti</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Kiren Rijiju</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Arunachal West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Earth Sciences</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Raj Kumar Singh</b> <b>Constituency :</b> Arrah (Bihar )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Power; and</li> <li>• Minister of New and Renewable Energy</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Hardeep Singh Puri</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Rajya Sabha from UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and</li> <li>• Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Mansukh Mandaviya</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Rajya Sabha (Gujarat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Health and Family Welfare; and</li> <li>• Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Bhupender Yadav</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Rajya Sabha (Rajasthan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and</li> <li>• Minister of Labour and Employment</li> </ul>
<b>Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Chandauli (UP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Heavy Industries</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Parshottam Rupala</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Rajya Sabha (Gujarat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying</li> </ul>
<b>Shri G. Kishan Reddy</b> <b>Constituency:</b> Secunderabad (AP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Culture;</li> <li>• Minister of Tourism; and</li> <li>• Minister of Development of North Eastern Region</li> </ul>
<b>Shri Anurag Singh Thakur</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Information and Broadcasting; and</li> <li>• Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports</li> </ul>

Constituency: Hamirpur (HP)	
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### Ministers of State (Independent Charge)

<b>Rao Inderjit Singh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation;</li> <li>Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning; and</li> <li>Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs</li> </ul>
<b>Dr. Jitendra Singh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences;</li> <li>Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office;</li> <li>Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions;</li> <li>Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and</li> <li>Minister of State in the Department of Space</li> </ul>

### Ministers of State

<b>Shri Shripad Yesso Naik</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; and  Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism
<b>Shri Faggansingh Kulaste</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development
<b>Shri Prahalad Singh Patel</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries
<b>Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
<b>General (Retd.) V. K. Singh</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation
<b>Shri Krishan Pal</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Power; and



	Minister of State in the Ministry of Heavy Industries
<b>Shri Danve Raosaheb Dadarao</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways; Minister of State in the Ministry of Coal; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Mines
<b>Shri Ramdas Athawale</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
<b>Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development
<b>Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
<b>Shri Nityanand Rai</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs
<b>Shri Pankaj Chaowdhary</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance
<b>Smt. Anupriya Singh Patel</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry
<b>Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice
<b>Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
<b>Sushri Shobha Karandlaje</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
<b>Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
<b>Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Textiles; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways
<b>Shri V. Muraleedharan</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
<b>Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture
<b>Shri Som Parkash</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry
<b>Smt. Renuka Singh Saruta</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs
<b>Shri Rameswar Teli</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Employment
<b>Shri Kailash Choudhary</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
<b>Smt. Annpurna Devi</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Education
<b>Shri A. Narayanaswamy</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
<b>Shri Kaushal Kishore</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
<b>Shri Ajay Bhatt</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism
<b>Shri B. L. Verma</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Cooperation
<b>Shri Ajay Kumar</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs
<b>Shri Devusinh Chauhan</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications

<b>Shri Bhagwanth Khuba</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
<b>Shri Kapil Moreshwar Patil</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj
<b>Sushri Pratima Bhoumik</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
<b>Dr. Subhas Sarkar</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Education
<b>Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance
<b>Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Education
<b>Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
<b>Shri Bishweswar Tudu</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti
<b>Shri Shantanu Thakur</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
<b>Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Women and Child Development; and Minister of State in the Ministry of AYUSH
<b>Shri John Barla</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs
<b>Dr. L. Murugan</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
<b>Shri Nisith Pramanik</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

## Chapter 24-List of Indian Union Secretaries

- Defence Secretary- **Giridhar Aramane**
- Home secretary-**Ajay Kumar Bhalla**
- Revenue secretary- **Sanjay Malhotra**
- Cabinet secretary- **Rajiv Gauba**
- Principal Secretary to PM- **Dr. P. K. Mishra**
- Power Secretary of India — **Shri Pankaj Agarwal**
- Health Secretary of India — **Sudhansh Pant**
- Corporate Affairs Secretary — **Rajesh Verma**
- Joint Secretary of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy — **Dinesh Dayanand Jagdale**
- Expenditure Secretary of India — **T. V. Somanathan**
- Foreign Secretary of India —**Vinay Mohan Kwatra**
- Economic Affairs Secretary — **Ajay Seth**
- Secretary of Parliamentary Affairs — **Shri Gudey Srinivas**
- Secretary of Department of Public Enterprises — **Ali Raza Rizvi**
- Secretary in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs — **Anil Kumar Jha**
- Ministry of Mines- **V.L. Kantha Rao**
- Secretary of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT)-**Neeraj Mittal**

## • Chapter 25: GDP Forecasting (India)

Organization	FY23 (2022-23)	FY24 (2023-24)
Fitch	7.2%	6.5%-FY24 6.9%-FY25
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%	6.7% (6.7% FY25)
World Bank	6.9%	6.3% (FY24) 6.4%(FY25) 6.5%(FY26)
World Economic Outlook released by International Monetary Fund (IMF)	7.2%	6.7% (6.5% FY 25 and 26)
FICCI	6.9%	6%
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..8%(FY24) 7% (FY 25)
India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra)	6.9%	6.7%
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%	6.5%
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%	
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## Chapter 26: Important MoU

### September

MoU	Between Which Countries
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to boost cooperation in civil aviation.	India and New Zealand
Signed an MoU to formalize a cooperative framework to fast-track India's pursuit to achieve its sustainable development goals (SDGs)	NITI Aayog and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Signed an MoU to enhance the socio-economic upliftment of Safai Karamcharis, Manual Scavengers, Waste Pickers and their dependants.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC)
Signed a MoU to finance renewable energy projects.	Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) with India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to co-finance renewable energy (RE) projects.	Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) with the Union Bank of India and Bank of Baroda
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to encourage bilateral investment in the fields of renewable energy, electricity, hydrogen and storage and oil & gas, as well as create an enabling environment for circular economy and technologies to reduce the effects of climate change through carbon capture, utilization, and storage.	India and Saudi Arabia
Signed an MoU to explore opportunities in the green hydrogen and green energy space	NTPC Green Energy (NGEL) with Nayara Energy
Signed a MoU to co-create data-driven innovations in agriculture and food systems to support smallholder farmers	The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
Signing of an MoU on Cooperation in the field of sharing successful Digital Solutions implemented at the Population Scale for Digital Transformation.	The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of India and the Ministry of High-Tech Industry of Armenia
Signed an MoU for providing banking services in all unbanked gram panchayats (GPs) of the state through customer service point (CSP) Plus banking outlets.	The Odisha government with six public sector banks- the State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India, UCO Bank, Bank of India and Bank of Baroda
Signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to set up an integrated commercial vehicle bus plant focused on green mobility in Uttar Pradesh.	Ashok Leyland with the government of Uttar Pradesh
Signed an MoU to develop an indigenous Communication Based Train Control system.	Delhi Metro Rail Corporation and Bharat Electronics Limited
Signed an MoU to support the startup ecosystem in the institute.	The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur with private lender ICICI Bank

Signed an MoU to promote renewable energy adoption in India	<b>IREDA (Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency) with the Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)</b>
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop an Emerging Economies Programme	<b>India Global Forum (IGF) and the World Governments Summit</b>
Signed an MoU for the solarization of residential units at Ayodhya and for bio-energy and renewable project financing.	<b>Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)</b>
Signed an MoU to explore funding possibilities in the Power Infrastructure and logistics sectors.	<b>State-run REC Limited and Punjab National Bank</b>

**October**

<b>MoU</b>	<b>Between Which Countries</b>
Signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on securing a green hydrogen supply chain and cooperation on power grid interconnection.	<b>India and Saudi Arabia</b>
Signed three pacts in areas of semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence and quantum computing.	<b>US multinational technology giant IBM with IT Ministry</b>

**November**

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

**December**

<b>MoU</b>	<b>Between Which Countries</b>
Signed a MoU (Memorandum of understanding) to provide job-oriented skill development training to 540 young individuals from families affected by NLC India Limited's projects in Neyveli	<b>NLC India Limited, with Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC) and Nettur Technical Training Foundation (NTTF)</b>
Signed an MoU for a powerful resolution to the devastating water crises	<b>The Art of Living with the Govt of Maharashtra</b>

Signed an MoU to install over 500 electric vehicle (EV) charging points across the country.	Tata Power EV Charging Solutions Ltd (TPEVCSL) with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
Signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur to promote technology development, innovative solutions and joint R&D.	Indian Navy with Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
Signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to enhance the outreach of the products of self-help groups (SHGs) of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)	The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) with Reliance Retail's JioMart
Signed an MoU/Agreement to strengthen the cooperation in the field of broadcasting, exchange of news, and audio-visual programmes as well as significantly augment India's friendly relations with Malaysia.	India and Malaysia
Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on decarbonizing Flipkart's supply chain.	Adani Total Gas Ltd (ATGL) and Flipkart

**January**

MoU	Between Which Countries
Inked a MoU to develop and report a 'Green Cover Index' for the extensive network of the Indian National Highways.	The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) with ISRO's National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)
Signed a MoU to extend financial support of up to Rs. 35,000 crore for infrastructure projects over the next five years	REC Limited, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Power with Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)
The signing of MoU to support Indian Railways in achieving 'net zero carbon emission' by 2030.	India and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID/India)
The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), on cooperation in the hydrocarbon sector	The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, India and the Ministry of Natural Resources, Guyana
The MoU is set to establish a robust framework for cooperation, leveraging the MRIC's Ground Station and involving the participation of Indian industries in the development of some of the satellite's subsystems.	The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (MRIC).
Signed an MoU to facilitate enterprise financing for rural self-help groups (SHG)	The Rural Development Ministry and the State Bank of India
Signed an MoU to set up its plant in Sanand at a cost of Rs1,250 crore as part of creating a semiconductor ecosystem in the state.	South Korean firm Simmtech has signed an MoU with the Gujarat government
Signed an MoU w to invest over Rs 2,000 crore in the state.	India's leading developer and owner of Grade A industrial real estate, IndoSpace with the government of Tamil Nadu



The MoU, inked on December 15 last year, aims to foster collaboration and cooperation in the field of Information Technology (IT)

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of India and the Ministry of Transport, Communications, and Information Technology of Oman

## February first Week One Liner Current Affairs

### National News

- India home to 718 snow leopards: Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India (SPAI) report
- Punjab CM Flagged Off Sadak Suraksha Force
- Toyota keeps crown as world's top-selling automaker in 2023
- Five more Indian wetlands added to Ramsar list
- Dharmendra Pradhan launches MoE - AICTE Investor Network
- BHU gets automated DNA extractor machine
- SARVATRA: A Multispan Mobile Bridging System Developed by DRDO
- Indian Navy Declares 2024 As 'Year of Naval Civilians'
- Annual Mass Drug Administration Campaign to Eradicate Filariasis by UP
- 40,000 rail bogies to be converted to Vande Bharat standards
- PM SVANIDHI provided credit assistance to 78 lakh street vendors
- Record Rs 6.21 lakh crore allocation to Defence in Interim Budget 2024-25
- India, Oman ink pact for collaboration in defence sector
- Govt to focus on vaccination against cervical cancer
- Tamil Superstar Vijay launches his political party "Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam"
- President Murmu inaugurated 37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2024
- Uttarakhand Police Adopt Self-Balancing e-scooters For Smart Patrols
- PM Modi inaugurates Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) - Commonwealth Attorneys and Solicitors General Conference (CASGC) 2024 Conference in New Delhi
- India launches UPI Payments at Eiffel Tower in Paris
- Chhattisgarh govt launched Mahtari Vandan Yojana
- PM Narendra Modi Unveils Projects Worth ₹1330 crore In Goa
- Dr Jitendra Singh launches the theme for National Science Day 'Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat'

- **Maharashtra Govt** decides to introduce 'Chief Minister Vayoshree Yojana'
- **Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet** Approves 2 new district; Keyi Panyor & Bichom
- **Govt** plans to have 25,000 Janaushadhi Kendras by March 2026
- **Dharmendra Pradhan** launches EdCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme
- **Anurag Singh Thakur** kicks off 1st BIMSTEC Aquatics Championships
- **Iran** announces visa-free travel for Indian nationals
- **Aether Industries** to commission 15 MW solar power plant in Gujarat
- **India** to be world's biggest oil demand growth driver through 2030: IEA
- **India** Decided to Fence its Border with Myanmar
- **Bihar govt** launched Device '(Novel Initiative Technological Intervention for Safety of Humanlives)' for farmers

### International News

- **India** slips 8 places on Transparency International's corruption perception index
- **WHO** awards countries for progress in eliminating industrially produced trans fats for first time
- **Mukesh Ambani** tops Brand Guardianship Index 2024 among Indians

### Banking and Financial

- **RBI** Imposes Major Restrictions on Paytm Payments Bank
- **GST** collections rise 10% to ₹1.72 lakh crore in January
- **Saudi Arabia, UAE, Ethiopia, Iran, Egypt** confirmed they are joining BRICS
- **Government** allocates 3.4% of GDP for Capital Expenditure Boost
- **Govt** revised the fiscal deficit estimates at 5.8% in FY24
- 97.50% of Rs 2,000 Notes Returned to System: RBI
- **ESAF Small Finance Bank** and Edelweiss Insurance partner to offer Life Insurance
- **UPI transactions** reach a record Rs 18.41 trillion in January: NPCI
- **Government** Boosts Sovereign Gold Bond Issuance to 3,500 Crore in FY 25
- **Digital payments** rise 10.94 pc annually at September-end 2023: RBI
- **SBI's Q3FY24 net profit** drops 35.5% due to one-time provisions
- **CCI** approves acquisition of 70% stake by Zurich Insurance Company in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance
- **HDFC Bank** rolls out 4 SME credit cards for entrepreneurs, freelancers
- **Max Financial** gets IRDAI nod for capital infusion of Rs 1,612 cr by Axis Bank into Max Life Insurance

## Appointment and Resignation

- **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** approves **Sanjay Mudaliar** as **ED of Bank of Baroda**
- **Champai Soren** to be **next Jharkhand CM**
- **Jay Shah** reappointed as **chairman** of **Asian Cricket Council**
- **AU SFB** appoints former RBI deputy gov **Harun Rashid Khan** as **non-executive chairman**
- **Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar** sworn in as **Malaysia's 17th king**
- **Sanjay Verma** takes the oath of **Office and Secrecy** as **Member, UPSC**
- **Bandhan Bank** appoints **Santosh Nair** as its **consumer lending and mortgages head**
- **Apurva Chandra** appointed as **Health Secretary**
- **Ritu Bahri** Took Oath as the **First Woman Chief Justice** of **Uttarakhand HC**
- **ADB** Appoints **Mio Oka** as **New Country Director** for **India**
- **El Salvador's Bukele** re-elected as **president**
- **Yemen** Appoints **Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak** as **New Prime Minister**

## Awards

- **Best Republic Day tableaux: Odisha** wins **1st prize**
- **Three Indian Scientists, Rahul R Nair, Mehul Malik, and Tanmay Bharat** To Be Honored With **Prestigious UK Prize** In **London**
- **Filmfare Awards 2024** announced; [ReadMore...](#)
- **LK Advani** to be awarded **Bharat Ratna**
- **Maha Gaurav 2024 award** presented to **Nikhil Wagh** by **Maharashtra govt**
- **Bina Modi** selected as '**Outstanding Business Woman of the Year 2023**'
- **PT Usha** honoured with **lifetime award** by **Sports Journalists Federation of India** and **Delhi Sports Journalists Association**

## Defence

- **US State Department** approves **31 armed drones** to **India**
- **Indian Air Force** to conduct **Exercise Vayu Shakti-2024**
- **IIT Madras** to create **India's first 155mm smart ammunition**

## Science

- **Russian cosmonaut sets world record for most cumulative time spent in space**
- **IIT Kanpur develops India's first hypervelocity expansion tunnel test facility**

### Sports

- **Khelo India Winter Games 2024 mascot, snow leopard 'Sheen-e She' (Shan) reveals**
- **Abhinav Bindra selected as torchbearer for the 2024 Paris Olympics**
- **India finished fifth at FIH Hockey5s World Cup**

### Book and Author

- **'Ek Samandar, Mere Andar' book written by Sanjeev Joshi**
- **Jagdeep Dhankhar Released the book titled '9 Incredible Years of Haryana Government**

### Important day

- **1 February – Indian Coast Guard Day**
- **1-7 February – World Interfaith Harmony Week**
- **2 February – Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day**
- **2 February – World Wetlands Day** (Theme 2024 – Wetlands and Human Wellbeing)
- **4 February – International Day of Human Fraternity**
- **4 February – World Cancer Day** (Theme 2024 – Close the Care Gap: Everyone Deserves Access To Cancer Care")
- **6 February – Safer Internet Day** (Theme 2024 – Inspiring Change. Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online)
- **6 February – International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation** (Theme 2024 – Her Voice Her Future)
- **7 February – National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day** (Theme 2024- Engage, Educate, Empower: Uniting to End HIV/AIDS in Black Communities)

### Obituary

- **Namibia's President Hage Geingob passes away**
- **Veteran journalist Farooq Nazki dies**

## Part 2- Static GK

### Chapter 1: Dams in India

State	DAM and Location
Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RanapratapSagar Dam</b>(Chambal River), at Rawatbhata</li> <li>• <b>Mahi Bajaj Sagar Dam</b> (Mahi River) at Banswara district</li> <li>• <b>Bisalpur Dam</b> (Banas River), At Tonk district</li> </ul>
Andhra Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Srisailem Dam</b>(Krishna River), at Kurnool district</li> <li>• <b>Somasila Dam</b> (Penna River), at Nellore district</li> <li>• <b>Prakasam Barrage</b> (Krishna River), at Krishna and Guntur</li> <li>• <b>Tatipudi Reservoir</b>(River Gosthani ), at Tatipudi, Vizianagaram</li> <li>• <b>Gandipalem Reservoir</b> (River Penner)</li> <li>• <b>Dummaguden Dam</b> (river Godavari)</li> </ul>
Telangana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nagarjuna Sagar Dam</b> (Krishna river), at Nagarjuna Sagar Nalgonda</li> <li>• <b>Sri Ram Sagar</b> (River Godavari)</li> <li>• <b>Nizam Sagar Dam</b> (Manjira River)</li> <li>• <b>Ramagundam dam</b> (Godavari), in KarimnagarR</li> <li>• <b>Dindi Reservoir</b> (River Krishna), at Dindi, Mahabubnagar town</li> <li>• <b>Lower Manair Dam</b> (Manair River)</li> <li>• <b>Singur Dam</b> (river Manjira)</li> </ul>
Bihar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kohira Dam</b> (Kohira River), at Kaimur district</li> <li>• <b>Nagi Dam</b> (Nagi River), in Jamui District</li> </ul>
Chhattisgarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HasdeoBango Dam</b> (Hasdeo River), at Korba district</li> </ul>
Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SardarSarovar Dam</b>(Narmada river), at Navagam</li> <li>• <b>Ukai Dam</b>(Tapti River), at Ukai in Tapi district</li> <li>• <b>Kadana Dam</b>( Mahi River), at Panchmahal district</li> <li>• <b>Karjan Reservoir</b> (Karjan river), at Jitgadh village of Nanded Taluka, Dist. Narmada</li> </ul>
Himachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bhakra Dam</b> (Sutlej River) in Bilaspur</li> <li>• <b>The Pong Dam</b> (Beas River )</li> <li>• <b>The Chamera Dam</b> (River Ravi) at Chamba district</li> </ul>
J & K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Salal Dam</b> (Chenab River) at Reasi district</li> <li>• <b>Baglihar Dam</b> (Chenab River) at Doda district</li> </ul>
Jharkhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Maithon Dam</b> (Barakar River) at Dhanbad</li> <li>• <b>Panchet Dam</b> (Damodar River) at Panchet in Dhanbad</li> <li>• <b>Tenughat Dam</b> (Damodar River) at Bokaro district</li> </ul>
Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Krishna Raja Sagara Dam</b> at Mandya</li> <li>• <b>Tungabhadra Dam</b> (Tungabhadra River) near the town of Hospet</li> <li>• <b>Bhadra Dam</b> (Bhadra River) at border of Bhadravathi and Tarikere</li> <li>• <b>Linganamakki dam</b> (Sharavathi river) at Kargal village of Sagara taluk</li> <li>• <b>Malaprabha dam</b> (Malaprabha river) at Belgaum</li> <li>• <b>Raja Lakhamagouda dam</b> (Ghataprabha River) at Belagavi district</li> <li>• <b>Hemavathy Dam</b> (river Hemavathy) at Gorur, near the city of Hassan</li> <li>• <b>Supa Dam</b> (Kali river) at Uttara Kannada district</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lakya Dam</b> (river Lakhya)</li> <li>• <b>Almatti Dam</b> (Krishna River) at Bijapur district</li> </ul>
<b>Kerala</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kakki Reservoir</b> (Pamba River) at Pathanamthitta district</li> <li>• <b>The Idukki Dam</b> (Periyar River) at Kuravan and Kuravathi</li> <li>• <b>Cheruthoni Dam</b> (Periyar River) at Idukki District</li> <li>• <b>Kulamavu Dam</b> (Periyar river) Kulamavu, Idukki District</li> <li>• <b>Idamalayar Dam</b> (Idamalayar River) At Ernakulam District</li> </ul>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gandhi Sagar Dam</b>(Chambal River) at Mandsaur District</li> <li>• <b>Tawa Reservoir</b>(Tawa Reservoir) at Hoshangabad District</li> <li>• <b>Indira Sagar Dam</b>(Narmada River) at Narmada Nagar</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Koyna Dam</b>(Koyna River) at Koyna Nagar</li> <li>• <b>Jayakwadi Dam</b> (Godavari River) at Aurangabad district</li> <li>• <b>Isapur Dam</b> (Penganga river) at Pusad</li> <li>• <b>Totladoh dam</b> (Pench river) at Nagpur</li> <li>• <b>Warna Dam</b> (Warna River) at Kolhapur District</li> <li>• <b>Bhatsa Dam</b> (Bhatsa river) at Shahapur, Thane district</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hirakud Dam</b> (Mahanadi River) at Sambalpur District</li> <li>• <b>Rengali Dam</b>(Brahmani River) at Angul district</li> <li>• <b>Indravati Dam</b>(Indravati River) at Nabarangpur</li> <li>• <b>The Jalaput Dam</b>(Machkund River) at boundary between the states of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh</li> <li>• <b>Mandira dam</b>(Sankh river) at Kansbahal in Sundergarh district</li> </ul>
<b>Punjab</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Ranjit Sagar Dam (Ravi River)</b> at Border of two states of India Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab.</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mettur Dam</b> (river Cauvery) at Mettur, Salem District</li> <li>• <b>Solaiyar Dam</b> at Coimbatore district</li> <li>• <b>Bhavanisagar Dam</b> (Bhavani river) at Erode district</li> </ul>
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ramganga Dam</b> (Ramganga River) at Pauri Garhwal district</li> <li>• <b>Jamrani Dam</b>(Gola River) at Nainital District</li> <li>• <b>The Tehri Dam</b>(Bhagirathi River) at Tehri</li> </ul>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rihand Dam or GovindBallabh Pant Sagar</b> (Rihand River) at Pipri in Sonbhadra District</li> <li>• <b>Matatila Dam</b> (River Betwa) at Lalitpur District</li> <li>• <b>The Rajghat Dam</b> (Betwa River) at Lalitpur</li> </ul>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Mukutmanipur Dam</b> (Kansabati River ) at Bankura district</li> </ul>



## Chapter 2: FOLK DANCE

States/UT	Folk Dance
<b>Jharkhand</b>	Chhanu, Sarahul, Jat-Jatin, Karma, Danga, Bidesia, Sohrai.
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	Gadhwali, Kumayuni, Kajari, Jhora, Raslila, Chappeli.
<b>Andra Pradesh</b>	Kuchipudi (Classical), Ghantamardala, (Ottam Thedal, Mohiniattam, Kummi, Siddhi, Madhuri, Chhadi.
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	Goudi, Karma, Jhumar, Dagla, Pali, Tapali, Navrani, Diwari, Mundari.
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	Mask dance (Mukhauta Nritya), War dance.
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	Jhora, Jhali, Chharhi, Dhaman, Chhapeli, Mahasu, Nati, Dangi, Chamba, Thali, Jhainta, Daf, Stick dance etc.
<b>Goa</b>	Mandi, Jhagor, Khol, Dakni etc.
<b>Assam</b>	Bihu, Bichhua, Natpuja, Maharas, Kaligopal, Bagurumba, Naga dance, Khel Gopal, Tabal Chongli, Canoe, Jhumura Hobjanai, Sattriya Dance etc.
<b>West Bengal</b>	Kathi, Gambhira, Dhali, Jatra, Baul, Marasia, Mahal, Keertan etc.
<b>Kerala</b>	Kathakali (Classical), Ottam Thulal, Mohini-attam, Kaikottikali, Tappatikali, Kali Auttam, Kutiyattam (Koodiyattam)
<b>Meghalaya</b>	Laho, Baala etc.
<b>Manipur</b>	Manipuri (Classical), Rakhal, Nat Rash, Maha Rash, Raukhat etc.
<b>Nagaland</b>	Chong, Khaiva, Lim, Nuralim etc.
<b>Orissa</b>	Odissi (Classical), Savari, Ghumara, Painka, Munari, Chhau, Chadya Dandanata etc.
<b>Maharashtra</b>	Lavani, Nakata, Koli, Lezim, Gafa, Dahikala Dasavtar or Bohada, Tamasha, Mauni, Powara, Gouricha etc.
<b>Karnataka</b>	Yakshagan, huttar, Suggi, Kunitha, Karga, Lambi
<b>Gujarat</b>	Garba, Dandiya Ras, Tippani Juriun, Bhavai.
<b>Punjab</b>	Bhagra, Giddha, Daff, Dhaman etc.
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Ghumar, Chakri, Ganagor, Jhulan Leela, Jhuma, Suisini, Ghapal, Panihari, Ginad etc.
<b>Mizoram</b>	Khanatm, Pakhupila, Cherokan etc.
<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	Rauf, Hikar, Mandjas, kud Dandi nach, Damali.
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	Bharatnatyam, Kumi, Kolattam, Kavadi,
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	Nautanki, Raslila, Kajri, Jhora, Chappeli, Jaita.
<b>Bihar</b>	Jata-Jatin, Bakho-Bakhain, Panwariya, Sama-Chakwa, Bidesia, Jatra etc.
<b>Haryana</b>	Jhumar, Phag Dance, Daph, Dhamal, Loor, Gugga, Khor, Gagor etc.

## Chapter 3: List of International & Domestic Airport: State wise

State	Airport
New Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport</b></li> </ul>

<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaja International Airport</b> (Mumbai)</li> <li>• <b>Pune Airport</b> (Pune)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport</b> (Nagpur)</li> <li>• <b>Akola Airport</b> (Akola)</li> <li>• <b>Aurangabad Airport</b> (Aurangabad)</li> <li>• <b>Jalgaon Airport</b> (Nashik)</li> <li>• <b>Chhatrapati Rajaram Maharaj Airport</b> (Kolhapur)</li> <li>• <b>Gandhinagar Airport</b> (Nashik)</li> <li>• <b>Solapur Airport</b> (Solapur)</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kempegowda International Airport</b> (Bengaluru)</li> <li>• <b>Mangalore Airport</b> (Mangaluru)</li> <li>• <b>Belgaum Airport</b> (Belgaum)</li> <li>• <b>Hubli Airport</b> (Hubli and Dharwad)</li> <li>• <b>Mysore Airport/ Mandakalli airport</b> (Mysore)</li> <li>• <b>Jindal Vijaynagar Airport</b> (Toranagallu)</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chennai International Airport</b> (Chennai)</li> <li>• <b>Tiruchirappalli International Airport</b> (Tiruchirappalli)</li> <li>• <b>Coimbatore International Airport</b> (Coimbatore)</li> </ul>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport</b> (Ahmedabad, Hansol)</li> <li>• <b>Vadodara Airport</b> (Vadodara)</li> <li>• <b>Kandla Airport</b> (Kandla and Anjar)</li> <li>• <b>Porbandar Airport</b> (Rajkot)</li> <li>• <b>Surat Airport</b> (Surat)</li> </ul>
<b>Kerala</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cochin International Airport</b> (Kochi)</li> <li>• <b>Calicut International Airport</b> (Karipur)</li> <li>• <b>Trivandrum International Airport</b> (Trivandrum, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari and Kollam)</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Biju Patnaik International Airport</b> (Bhubaneswar Airport)</li> <li>• <b>Jharsuguda Airport</b> Also known as <b>Veer Surendra Sai Airport</b> (Durlaga)</li> </ul>
<b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sheikh ul-Alam International Airport</b> (Srinagar)</li> <li>• <b>The Jammu Airport</b>, officially known as Jammu Civil Enclave (Jammu)</li> </ul>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia Air Terminal</b> (Maharajpur Air Force Station Gwalior)</li> <li>• <b>Dumna Airport</b> (Jabalpur)</li> <li>• <b>The Khajuraho Airport</b> (Chhattarpur district)</li> <li>• <b>Khandwa Airport</b> (Khandwa)</li> <li>• <b>Raja Bhoj Airport</b> (Bhopal)</li> </ul>
<b>Jharkhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Birsa Munda Airport</b> (Ranchi)</li> <li>• <b>Dhanbad Airport</b> (Dhanbad)</li> <li>• <b>Sonari Airport</b> (in Jamshedpur)</li> <li>• <b>Atal Bihari Vajpayee Airport</b> (at Deoghar)</li> </ul>

<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kangra Airport (Gaggal near Kangra)</li> <li>• Shimla Airport (Shimla)</li> <li>• Kullu–Manali Airport (Bhuntar)</li> </ul>
<b>Daman and Diu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diu Airport (Union Territory of Daman and Diu.)</li> </ul>
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jagdalpur Airport (Jagdalpur)</li> <li>• Swami Vivekananda Airport (Raipur)</li> </ul>
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tezu Airport (Tezu)</li> <li>• Daporijo Airport (Daporijo)</li> </ul>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visakhapatnam Airport (Visakhapatnam)</li> <li>• Vijayawada Airport</li> <li>• Kadapa (Cuddapah) Airport (Kadapa)</li> </ul>
<b>Assam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (Guwahati)</li> <li>• Dibrugarh Airport (Dibrugarh)</li> <li>• Rupsi Airport (Dhubri town)</li> </ul>
<b>Punjab</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chandigarh International Airport (Mohali)</li> <li>• Sri Guru Ram Das Ji International Airport (Amritsar)</li> </ul>
<b>Bihar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jay Prakash Narayana International Airport (At PATNA)\</li> <li>• Gaya Airport (at Gaya)</li> </ul>
<b>Andaman and Nicobar Islands</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veer Savarkar International Airport (Port Blair)</li> </ul>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport (Varanasi)</li> <li>• Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport (Lucknow)</li> </ul>
<b>Goa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goa International Airport also known as the Dabolim airport (at Vasco da Gama)</li> </ul>
<b>Telangana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (Hyderabad)</li> </ul>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport (Kolkata)</li> </ul>
<b>Uttrakhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atal Bihari Vajpayee Airport (at Dehradun)</li> </ul>

### Chapter 4: International borders / Boundary lines

<b>Borders/Boundary Lines</b>	<b>Between two Countries</b>
<b>Durand Line</b>	Afghanistan & Pakistan

<b>Hindenburg Line</b>	Germany & Poland.
<b>Mason-dixon Line</b>	Line of demarcation between four states in the United States.
<b>Mannerheim Line</b>	Russia-Finland border.
<b>Macmahon Line</b>	India & China
<b>Medicine Line</b>	Canada & the United States
<b>Order-neisse Line</b>	Poland & Germany
<b>Radcliffe Line</b>	India & Pakistan.
<b>Siegfried Line</b>	Germany on its border with France.
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Parallel</b>	North Vietnam & South Vietnam
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Parallel south</b>	Africa, Australia & South America
<b>30<sup>TH</sup> PARALLEL</b>	Equator & the North Pole
<b>38<sup>th</sup> Parallel</b>	Separates North Korea&South Korea.
<b>42<sup>nd</sup> Parallel north</b>	New York - Pennsylvania Border.
<b>49<sup>th</sup> Parallel</b>	USA&Canada

### Chapter 5: International Organizations & Headquarter

Headquarter	International Organizations (Establishment)
New York, US	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>United Nations Organization (UN)</b>, 24 October 1945</li> <li>• <b>United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</b>, 11 December 1946</li> <li>• <b>United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA)</b>, 1969</li> </ul>
Geneva, Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>United Nations Conference on Trade &amp; Development (UNCTAD)</b>, 30 December 1964</li> <li>• <b>World Health Organization (WHO)</b>, 7 April 1948</li> <li>• <b>World Economic Forum</b>, January 1971</li> <li>• <b>International Labour Organisation (ILO)</b>, 29 October 1919</li> <li>• <b>World Trade Organisation</b>, 1 January 1995</li> <li>• <b>World Meteorological Organisation</b>, 23 March 1950</li> <li>• <b>World Intellectual Property Organisation</b>, 14 July 1967</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>International Committee of the Red Cross</b>, 17 February 1863</li> </ul>
Paris, France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>United Nations Education Scientific &amp; Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)</b>, 16 November 1945</li> <li>• <b>Organisation for Economic Cooperation &amp; Development (OECD)</b>, 30 September 1961</li> </ul>
Vienna, Austria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)</b>, 17 November 1966</li> <li>• <b>International Atomic Agency</b>, 29 July 1957</li> <li>• <b>Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)</b>, September 1960</li> </ul>
London, UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Amnesty International</b>, July 1961</li> <li>• <b>International Maritime Organisation</b>, 17 March 1948</li> <li>• <b>Commonwealth of Nations</b>, 11 December 1931</li> </ul>
Washington DC, US	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>International Monetary Fund (IMF)</b>, 27 December 1945</li> <li>• <b>World Bank</b>, July 1944</li> </ul>
Shanghai, China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New Development Bank (BRICS Development Bank)</b>, 15 July 2014</li> </ul>
Beijing, China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)</b>, 16 January 2016</li> </ul>
Manila, Philippines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Asian Development Bank (ADB)</b>, 19 December 1966</li> </ul>
Kathmandu, Nepal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)</b>, 8 December 1985</li> </ul>
Jakarta, Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Association of South East Nations (ASEAN)</b>, 8 August 1967</li> </ul>
Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)</b>, November 1989</li> </ul>
Brussels, Belgium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)</b>, 4 April 1949</li> </ul>
Dubai, UAE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>International Cricket Council (ICC)</b>, 15 June 1909</li> </ul>
Rome, Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Food &amp; Agricultural Organisation (FAO)</b>, 16 October 1945</li> </ul>
The Hague, The Netherland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>International Court of Justice</b>, 26 June 1945</li> </ul>
Lausanne, Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>International Olympic Committee</b>, 23 June 1894</li> </ul>
Zurich, Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)</b>, 21 May 1904</li> </ul>

The Hague, The Netherlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), 29 April 1997</b></li> </ul>
Gland, Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), 29 April 1961</b></li> </ul>

## Chapter 6: List of Lake

Name of the State	Name of the Lake
▪ <b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	▪ Kolleru Lake
	▪ Pulicat Lake
▪ <b>Assam</b>	▪ Chandubi Lake
	▪ Chapanala Lake
	▪ Haflong Lake
	▪ Son Beel Lake
	▪ Kanwar Lake
▪ <b>Bihar</b>	▪ Kanwar Lake
	▪ Hamirsar Lake
▪ <b>Gujarat</b>	▪ Kankaria Lake
	▪ Lakhota Lake
	▪ Sursagar Lake
	▪ Thol Lake
	▪ Vastrapur Lake
	▪ Brighu Lake
	▪ Dashair and Dhankar Lake
	▪ Kareri and Kumarwah lake
	▪ Khajjiar Lake
	▪ Macchial Lake
▪ Manimahesh Lake	
▪ <b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	▪ Nako Lake
	▪ Pandoh Lake
	▪ Prashar Lake
	▪ Renuka Lake
	▪ Rewalsar Lake
	▪ Seruvalsar and Manimahesh Lake
	▪ Badkhal Lake
	▪ Beauty lake
	▪ Blue Bird Lake
	▪ Brahma Sarovar
	▪ Current lake
	▪ Karna Lake
	▪ Sannihit Sarovar
	▪ Surajkund
	▪ Tilyar Lake
▪ <b>Haryana</b>	▪ Dal Lake
	▪ Manasbal Lake
	▪ Mansar Lake
	▪ Pangong Tso
	▪ Sheshnag Lake
	▪ Tso Moriri
▪ <b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wular Lake</li> </ul>
▪ <b>Karnataka</b>	▪ Agara Lake
	▪ Bellandur Lake
	▪ Byrasandra Lake
	▪ Hebbal Lake
	▪ Kempambudhi Lake
	▪ Lalbagh Lake
	▪ Madiwala Lake
	▪ Puttenahalli Lake
	▪ Sankey Lake
	▪ Ulsoor Lake
	▪ Dalavai Lake
	▪ Devanoor Lake
	▪ Karanji lake
	▪ Kukkarahalli lake
	▪ Lingambudhi Lake
	▪ Honnamana Kere
▪ Pampa Sarovar	
▪ <b>Kerala</b>	▪ Ashtamudi Lake
	▪ Kuttanad Lake
	▪ Maanaanchira, Kozhikode
	▪ Manakody Kayal
	▪ Padinjarechira, Thrissur city
	▪ Paravur Kayal
	▪ Punnamada Lake
	▪ Shasthamkotta lake
	▪ Vadakkechira, Thrissur city
	▪ Vanchikulam, Thrissur
	▪ Vellayani Lake
	▪ Vembanad Lake
	▪ Bhoj Wetland
▪ <b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	▪ Lower Lake
	▪ Moti lake
	▪ Sarang pani lake
	▪ Shahpura lake
	▪ Tawa Reservoir
	▪ Upper Lake
	▪ Gorewada Lake
▪ <b>Maharashtra</b>	▪ Khindsi Lake
	▪ Lonar Lake
	▪ Mehrun Lake
	▪ Pashan Lake
	▪ Powai Lake
	▪ Rankala Lake
	▪ Salim Ali Lake
	▪ Shivasagar lake
	▪ Talao Pali
	▪ Upvan Lake
	▪ Venna Lake
	▪ Umiam Lake
	▪ Loktak Lake
▪ Palak dil	
▪ <b>Meghalaya</b>	
▪ <b>Manipur</b>	
▪ <b>Mizoram</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tam Dil</li> </ul>
▪ Odisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Anshupa Lake</li> <li>▪ Chilika Lake</li> <li>▪ Kanjia lake</li> </ul>
▪ Punjab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Harike Lake</li> <li>▪ Kanjli Lake</li> <li>▪ Ropar Lake</li> </ul>
▪ Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ana Sagar Lake</li> <li>▪ Balsamand lake</li> <li>▪ Dhebar Lake</li> <li>▪ Jaisamand Lake</li> <li>▪ Jal Mahal, Man Sagar lake</li> <li>▪ Kaylana Lake</li> <li>▪ Nakki Lake</li> <li>▪ Pushkar Lake</li> <li>▪ Rajsamand Lake</li> <li>▪ Ramgarh Lake</li> <li>▪ Talwara Lake</li> <li>▪ Sambhar Salt Lake</li> <li>▪ Fateh Sagar Lake</li> <li>▪ Rangsagar lake</li> <li>▪ Uday sagar Lake</li> </ul>
▪ Sikkim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gurudongmar Lake</li> <li>▪ Khecheopalri Lake</li> <li>▪ Lake Tsongmo</li> <li>▪ Lake Choluam</li> </ul>
▪ Telangana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alwal Cheruvu Lake</li> <li>▪ Durgam Cheruvu (Secret Lake)</li> <li>▪ Himayat Sagar</li> <li>▪ Hussain Sagar</li> <li>▪ Osman Sagar</li> <li>▪ Safilguda Lake</li> <li>▪ Saroornagar Lake</li> <li>▪ Shamirpet Lake</li> </ul>
▪ Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Berijam Lake</li> <li>▪ Chembarambakkam Lake</li> <li>▪ Kaliveli Lake</li> <li>▪ Kaveripakkam Lake</li> <li>▪ Kodaikanal Lake</li> <li>▪ Ooty Lake</li> <li>▪ Perumal Eri</li> <li>▪ Red Hills Lake</li> <li>▪ Sholavaram Lake</li> <li>▪ Singanallur Lake</li> <li>▪ Veeranam Lake</li> </ul>
▪ Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Amakhera Lake</li> <li>▪ Barua Sagar Tal</li> <li>▪ Belasagar Lake</li> <li>▪ Bhadi Tal</li> <li>▪ Chando Tal Lake</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Keetham Lake</li> <li>▪ Nachan Tal</li> <li>▪ Ramgarh Tal Lake</li> <li>▪ Sheikha Jheel</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Uttarakhand</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Skeleton Lake (Roopkund Lake)</li> <li>▪ Bhimtal Lake</li> <li>▪ Dodital</li> <li>▪ Nainital Lake</li> <li>▪ Naukuchiatal</li> <li>▪ Sat Tal</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>West Bengal</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Debar Lake</li> <li>▪ East Calcutta Wetlands</li> <li>▪ Jore Pokhri</li> <li>▪ Mirik Lake</li> <li>▪ Rabindra Sarobar</li> <li>▪ Rasikbil</li> <li>▪ Santragachhi Lake</li> <li>▪ Senchal Lake</li> </ul>

## Chapter 7: List of Important Indian Cities on Rivers banks: River wise

<b>Ganges</b>	Baranagar (West Bengal), Haridwar (Uttarakhand), Kanpur (UP), Patna (Bihar), Varanasi (UP), Mirzapur (UP), Farrukhabad (UP), Fatehgarh (UP), Kannauj (UP), Shuklaganj (UP), Chakeri (UP), Munger (Bihar), Allahabad (UP)
<b>Yamuna</b>	Agra (UP), New Delhi, Auraiya (UP), Etawah (UP), Allahabad (UP)
<b>Saraswati</b>	Patan (Gujarat), Allahabad (UP)
<b>Godavari</b>	Rajahmundry (Andhra Pradesh), Nanded (Maharashtra), Golegaon (Maharashtra), nashik (Maharashtra), Nanded (Maharashtra), Ramagundam (Telangana), Nizamabad (Telangana)
<b>Krishna</b>	Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh), Sangli (Maharashtra), Karad (Maharashtra), Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh)
<b>Kaveri</b>	Thiruchirapalli (Tamil Nadu), Erode (Tamil Nadu)
<b>Mahanadi</b>	Banki (Odisha), Cuttack (Odisha), Sambalpur (Odisha)
<b>Rushikulya</b>	Brahmapur (Odisha), Chhatrapur (Odisha)
<b>Brahmaputra</b>	Dibrugarh (Assam), Guwahati (Assam)

<b>Hooghly</b>	Kolkata (West Bengal), Murshidabad (West Bengal)
<b>Narmada</b>	Jabalpur (MP), Bharuch (Gujarat)
<b>Chambal</b>	Kota (Rajasthan), Gwalior (MP)
<b>Gomti</b>	Jaunpur (UP), Lucknow (UP)
<b>Sabarmati</b>	Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
<b>Sarayu</b>	Ayodhya (UP)
<b>Alaknanda</b>	Badrinath (Uttarakhand)
<b>Banas</b>	Deesa (Gujarat)
<b>Sutlej Musi</b>	Ferozpur (Punjab) Hyderabad (Telangana)
<b>Tawi</b>	Jammu
<b>Tapi</b>	Surat (Gujarat)
<b>Jhelum</b>	Srinagar
<b>Vishwamitri</b>	Vadodara (Gujarat)
<b>Vrishabhavathi</b>	Bangalore (Karnataka)
<b>Teesta</b>	Rangpo (Sikkim)
<b>Aji</b>	Rajkot (Gujarat)
<b>Netravati, Gurupura</b>	Mangalore (Karnataka)
<b>Rapti</b>	Gorakhpur (UP)
<b>Girna River</b>	Malegaon (Maharashtra)
<b>Brahmani</b>	Rourkela (Odisha)
<b>Tungabhadra</b>	Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh)
<b>Shipra</b>	Ujjain (MP)
<b>Koshi</b>	Purnia (Bihar)
<b>Tunga River</b>	Shimoga (Karnataka)
<b>Bhadra</b>	Bhadravathi (Karnataka)
<b>Mula, Mutha</b>	Pune, (Maharashtra)
<b>Vaigai</b>	Madurai (Tamil Nadu)
<b>Kolhapur</b>	Panchaganga (Maharashtra)
<b>Tungabhadra</b>	Hospet (Karnataka)
<b>Kali</b>	Karwar (Karnataka)
<b>Ghataprabha</b>	Bagalkot (Karnataka)
<b>Sharavathi</b>	Honnavar (Karnataka)
<b>Hathmati</b>	Himmatnagar (Gujarat)
<b>Purna</b>	Navsari (Gujarat)

## Chapter 8: List of National Parks of India

State	National Parks
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Papikonda National Park</b> at East Godavari and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh and Khammam district of Telangana.</li> <li>• <b>Sri Venkateswara National Park</b> at Chittoor and Cuddapah districts</li> </ul>
<b>Telangana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kasu Brahmananda Reddy National Park</b> in Jubilee Hills in Hyderabad, Telangana</li> <li>• <b>Mahavir Harina Vanasthali National Park</b> at Vanasthalipuram</li> <li>• <b>Mrugavani National Park</b> at Hyderabad district</li> </ul>
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Namdapha National Park</b> at Changlang district</li> <li>• <b>Mouling National Park</b> at Jengging, East Siang</li> </ul>
<b>Assam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dibru-Saikhowa National Park</b> at Tinsukia district</li> <li>• <b>Kaziranga National Park</b> at Golaghat and Nagaon districts</li> <li>• <b>Manas National Park or Manas Wildlife Sanctuary</b> at Dist Baksa</li> <li>• <b>Nameri National Park</b> at Sonitpur district</li> <li>• <b>The Orang National Park</b> at Darrang and Sonitpur districts</li> <li>• <b>Dehing Patkai,</b></li> <li>• <b>Raimona</b></li> </ul>
<b>Bihar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Valmiki National Park</b> at West Champaran</li> </ul>
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Indravati National Park</b> at Bijapur district</li> <li>• <b>Kanger valley</b> at Bastar district</li> <li>• <b>Guru Ghasi das (sanjay)</b> at Koriya district</li> </ul>
<b>Goa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bhagwan Mahavir (Mollem)</b> at Panaji district</li> </ul>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Blackbuck (Velavadar) National Park</b> at Bhavnagar district</li> <li>• <b>Gir Forest National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary</b> at Talala Gir</li> <li>• <b>Marine National Park</b> at Jamnagar district</li> <li>• <b>Vansda National Park</b> at Navsari district</li> </ul>
<b>Haryana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kalesar National Park</b> at Yamuna nagar district</li> <li>• <b>Sultanpur National Park</b> at Gurgaon district</li> </ul>
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pin Valley National Park</b> at Lahaul and Spiti district</li> <li>• <b>The Great Himalayan National Park</b> at Kullu District</li> <li>• <b>Inderkilla National Park</b> at Kullu District</li> <li>• <b>Khirganga National Park</b> at Kullu District</li> <li>• <b>Simbalbara National Park</b> at Sirmour District</li> </ul>
<b>Jammu And Kashmir/ Ladakh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dachigam National Park</b> at Srinagar District</li> <li>• <b>Hemis National Park</b> at Ladakh region</li> <li>• <b>Kishtwar National Park</b> at Kishtwar district</li> <li>• <b>Salim Ali National Park</b> at Srinagar district</li> </ul>
<b>Jharkhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Betla National Park</b> at Latehar District</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bandipur National Park</b> at Mysore &amp; Chamarajanagar districts</li> <li>• <b>Bannerghatta National Park</b> at Bangalore district</li> <li>• <b>Kudremukh National Park</b> at Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Chikmagalur districts</li> <li>• <b>Nagarahole National Park</b> at Kodagu and Mysore districts</li> <li>• <b>Anshi National Park</b> at Uttara Kannada district</li> </ul>
<b>Kerala</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eravikulam National Park</b> at Idukki district</li> <li>• <b>Mathikettan Shola National Park</b> at Idukki district</li> <li>• <b>Periyar National Park</b> at Idukki &amp; Quilon districts</li> <li>• <b>Silent Valley National Park</b> at Palakkad district</li> <li>• <b>Anamudi Shola National Park</b> at Idukki district</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pambadum Shola National Park</b> at Idukki district</li> </ul>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bandhavgarh National Park</b> at Bandhavgarh, Tala</li> <li>• <b>Kanha Tiger Reserve</b> at Mandla</li> <li>• <b>Madhav National Park</b> at Shivpuri district</li> <li>• <b>Mandla Plant Fossils National Park</b> at Mandla district</li> <li>• <b>Panna National Park</b> at Panna &amp; Chattarpur district</li> <li>• <b>Pench National Park</b> at Seoni and Chhindwara districts</li> <li>• <b>Sanjay National Park</b> at Koriya, Sidhi and Singrauli districts</li> <li>• <b>Satpura National Park</b> at Hoshangabad district</li> <li>• <b>Van Vihar National Park</b> at Bhopal district</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chandoli National Park</b> at Sangli, Satara, Kolhapur, and Ratnagiri districts</li> <li>• <b>Gugamal National Park</b> at Amravati district</li> <li>• <b>Navegaon National Park</b> at Bhandara (Gondia) district</li> <li>• <b>Sanjay Gandhi (Borivilli) National Park</b> at Thane &amp; Mumbai districts</li> <li>• <b>Tadoba National Park</b> at Chandrapur district</li> <li>• <b>Pench National Park</b> across two states - Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra</li> </ul>
<b>Manipur</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keibul Lamjao National Park</b> at Bishnupur district</li> </ul>
<b>Meghalaya</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Balpakram National Park</b> near at Garo Hills</li> <li>• <b>Nokrek National Park</b> at East Garo Hills district</li> </ul>
<b>Mizoram</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Murlen National Park</b> at Champhai district</li> <li>• <b>Phawngpui Blue Mountain National Park</b> at Lawngtlai district</li> </ul>
<b>Nagaland</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Intanki National Park</b> at Peren district</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bhitarkanika National Park</b> at Kendrapara district</li> <li>• <b>Simlipal National Park</b> at Mayurbhanj district</li> </ul>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sariska Tiger Reserve</b> at Alwar district</li> <li>• <b>Ranthambore National Park</b> at Sawai Madhopur district</li> <li>• <b>Mukundra Hills National Park</b> at Kota</li> <li>• <b>Desert National Park</b> at Jaisalmer district</li> <li>• <b>Keoladeo Ghana National Park</b> at Bharatpur district</li> </ul>
<b>Sikkim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Khangchendzonga National Park</b> at North Sikkim district</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mukurthi National Park</b> at Nilgiris district</li> <li>• <b>Mudumalai National Park</b> at Nilgiris district</li> <li>• <b>Indira Gandhi (Anamalai) National Park</b> at Coimbatore district</li> <li>• <b>Guindy National Park</b> at Chennai district</li> <li>• <b>Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park</b> at Ramanathapuram &amp; Tuticorin districts</li> </ul>
<b>Tripura</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rajbari National Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Clouded Leopard National Park</b> at the West Tripura district</li> </ul>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dudhwa National park</b> at Lakhimpur-Kheri district</li> </ul>
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gangotri National Park</b> at Uttarkashi district</li> <li>• <b>GovindPashuVihar National Park</b> at Uttarkashi district</li> <li>• <b>Jim Corbett National Park</b> at Nainital district</li> <li>• <b>The Nanda Devi National Park</b> at peak of Nanda Devi</li> <li>• <b>Rajaji National Park</b> at Dehradun, Pauri Garhwal</li> <li>• <b>Valley of Flowers National Park</b> at the Chamoli district</li> </ul>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gorumara National Park</b> at Jalpaiguri district</li> <li>• <b>Buxa National Park</b> at Jalpaiguri district</li> <li>• <b>Neora Valley National Park</b> at Kalimpong district</li> <li>• <b>Singalila National Park</b> at Darjeeling district</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jaldapara National Park</b> at Alipurduar District</li> <li>• <b>Sundarbans National Park</b> at North &amp; South 24-Paraganas district</li> </ul>
<b>Andaman And Nicobar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park</b> at South Andaman administrative district</li> <li>• <b>Middle Button Island National Park</b> at Andaman district</li> <li>• <b>Mount Harriet National Park</b> at Andaman district</li> <li>• <b>North Button Island National Park</b> at Andaman district</li> <li>• <b>Rani Jhansi Marine National Park</b> at Andaman district</li> <li>• <b>Saddle Peak National Park</b> at Andaman district</li> <li>• <b>South Button Island National Park</b> at Andaman district</li> <li>• <b>Campbell Bay National Park</b> at Nicobar district of Andaman</li> <li>• <b>Galathea National Park</b> at Nicobar district of Andaman</li> </ul>

### Chapter 9: Nuclear Power Plants in India

<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Narora Atomic Power Station (NAPS)</b> Narora, Bulandshahar District</li> </ul>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kakrapar Atomic Power Station</b> (city of Vyara)</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kaiga Generating Station</b> (Uttar Kannada district)</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant</b> (Tirunelveli district)</li> <li>• <b>Madras Atomic Power Station</b> (Chennai)</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tarapur Atomic Power Station (T.A.P.S.)</b> Tarapur, Palghar</li> <li>• <b>Jaitapur Nuclear Power Project</b> (Ratnagiri district)</li> </ul>
<b>Haryana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Gorakhpur Nuclear Power Plant</b> (Fatehabad district)</li> </ul>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kovvada Atomic Power Project</b></li> </ul>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NPP at Mithivirdi</b> (Talaja Taluka, Bhavnagar district)</li> </ul>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Banswara Thermal Power Station</b></li> </ul>
<b>MP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Chutka Nuclear Power Plant</b> (Chutka Village of Mandla district)</li> </ul>

### Chapter 10: Thermal Power Plants in India

<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Singrauli Super Thermal Power Plant</b> (Shaktinagar in Sonbhadra district), The power plant is the first power plant of NTPC</li> <li>• <b>National Capital Power Station (NCPS)</b> Or NTPC Dadri (Dadri, G.Noida)</li> <li>• <b>Rihand Super Thermal Power Project</b> (at Renukut, Sonbhadra in Sonbhadra district)</li> <li>• <b>Anpara Thermal Power Station</b> (Anpara in Sonbhadra district)</li> <li>• <b>Obra Thermal Power Project</b> (Kanpur district)</li> <li>• <b>Rosa Power Plant</b> (at Rosa village in Shahjahanpur)</li> <li>• <b>Feroze Gandhi Unchahar Thermal Power Plant</b> (Unchahar in Raebareli district)</li> </ul>
<b>Telangana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NTPC Ramagundam</b> (at Ramagundam in Peddapalli district)</li> </ul>

<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Talcher Thermal Power station</b> (Angul district)</li> <li>• <b>Vedanta Jharsuguda Power Station</b> (Jharsuguda town in Jharsuguda district)</li> <li>• <b>Hirakud Power Plant</b> (Sambalpur district)</li> </ul>
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Korba Super Thermal Power Plant</b> (at Jannipali in Korba district)</li> <li>• <b>Sipat Super Thermal Power Station or Rajiv Gandhi Super Thermal Power Station</b> (at Sipat in Bilaspur district)</li> <li>• <b>The NSPCL Bhilai Power Plant</b> (at Bhilai in Durg district)</li> </ul>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Vindhyachal Thermal Power Station</b> (Singrauli district)</li> <li>• <b>Satpura Thermal Power Plant</b> (Betul district)</li> <li>• <b>Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Plant</b> (Umaria district)</li> <li>• <b>Shree Singaji Super Thermal Power Project</b> (Khandwa District)</li> <li>• <b>Amarkantak Thermal Power Plant</b> (Anuppur district)</li> </ul>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Farakka Super Thermal Power Plant</b> (at Nabarun in Murshidabad district)</li> <li>• <b>Durgapur Steel Thermal Power Station</b> (Bardhaman district)</li> </ul>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mundra Thermal Power Station or Mundra Thermal Power Project</b> (at Mundra in Kutch district)</li> <li>• <b>Sikka Thermal Power Station</b> (Jamnagar)</li> <li>• <b>Wanakbori Thermal Power Station</b> (in Kheda district)</li> <li>• <b>Ukai Thermal Power Station</b> (located on the bank of the Tapi river.)</li> <li>• <b>Gandhinagar Thermal Power Station</b> (bank of Sabarmati river near Gandhinagar)</li> <li>• <b>Hirakud Power Plant</b> (Hirakud in Sambalpur district)</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tiroda Thermal Power Station</b> (at Tirora in Gondia district)</li> <li>• <b>Chandrapur Super Thermal Power Station</b> (in Chandrapur district)</li> <li>• <b>Kaparkheda Thermal Power Station</b> (Nagpur district)</li> <li>• <b>RattanIndia Amravati Thermal Power Project</b> (Amravati district)</li> </ul>
<b>Bihar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Barauni Thermal Power Station</b> (at Begusarai district)</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bellary Thermal Power station</b> (Kudatini Village, Bellary District)</li> <li>• <b>Udupi Power Plant</b> (north of Mangalore)</li> </ul>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Simhadri Super Thermal Power Plant</b> (Visakhapatnam district)</li> </ul>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chhabra Thermal Power Plant</b> (Baran district)</li> <li>• <b>Kota Thermal Power Plant</b> (west bank of the Chambal River near Kota.)</li> <li>• <b>Kalisindh Thermal Power Station</b> (Jhalawar district)</li> </ul>
<b>Jharkhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bokaro Thermal Power Station B (BTPS - B)</b> , at Bokaro district</li> <li>• <b>Patrata Thermal Power Station</b> (Ramgarh district)</li> </ul>

Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mettur Thermal Power Station (Salem district)</li> <li>• The Ennore Thermal Power Station (Chennai Ennore)</li> </ul>
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## Chapter 11: Solar Power Plant in India

Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charanka Solar Park (Patan district)</li> </ul>
Madhya Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Welspun Solar (Jawad tehsil of Neemuch district)</li> </ul>
Maharashtra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mahagenco plans 125 MW solar power project (Malkhed village in Yavatmal district)</li> <li>• Tata Power Solar (in Rajgarh)</li> <li>• Sakri Photovoltaic solar energy project (Shivajinagar in Sakri taluka of Dhule district)</li> </ul>
Odisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Energy Development Corporation of Odisha Ltd. (GEDCOL)</li> </ul>
Rajashtan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welspun Energy 50MW Rajasthan Solar Project (Phalodhi, distt. Jodhpur)</li> <li>• The Dhirubhai Ambani Solar Park (Pokhran in the Jaisalmer district)</li> <li>• Bhadla Solar Park (Bhadla, Phalodi tehsil, Jodhpur district)</li> </ul>
Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bitta Solar Power Plant (Bitta village)</li> </ul>
Andhra Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kurnool Ultra Mega Solar Park (Kurnool district)</li> </ul>
Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kamuthi Solar Power Project</li> </ul>
Kerala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Banasura Sagar Dam Floating Solar Power Plant (Wayanad)</li> </ul>
Karnataka.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pavagada Solar Park (Pavagada taluk, Tumkur district)</li> </ul>

## Chapter 12: List of Ports in India: State Wise

State	Ports
Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kandla Port Trust or Deendayal Port (Kutch District)</li> </ul>
Odisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paradip Port (Jagatsinghpur District)</li> </ul>
Maharashtra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jawaharlal Nehru Port/ Nhava Sheva (Mumbai)</li> <li>• Mumbai Port Trust (Mumbai)</li> </ul>
Andhra Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visakhapatnam Port (Visakhapatnam)</li> <li>• Krishnapatnam Port (Nellore District)</li> </ul>
Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chennai Port (Chennai)</li> <li>• V.O.Chidambaranar Port (Thoothukudi)</li> <li>• Ennore Port (Chennai)</li> </ul>
West Bengal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (Kolkata)</li> </ul>

<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New Mangalore Port</b> (Mangalore)</li> </ul>
<b>Kerala</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cochin Port</b> (Kochi)</li> </ul>
<b>Goa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mormugao port</b></li> </ul>

## Chapter 13: List of River a Cross State

Name of Rivers	A cross States	Length	Begin From	Ends in
Ganga	Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal	2,525 K.M.	Gangotri	Bay of Bengal
Yamuna	Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi	1,376 K.M.	Garhwal in Yamunotri	Bay of Bengal
Brahmaputra	Assam, Arunachal, Tibet	2,900 K.M.	Lake Manasarovar	Bay of Bengal
Mahanadi	Chhattisgarh, Odisha	858 K.M.	Amarkantak Plateau	Bay of Bengal
Godavari	Maharashtra, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry	1,465 K.M.	Nasik Hills	Bay of Bengal
Krishna	Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh	1,400 K.M.	Near Mahabaleshwar in Maharashtra	Bay of Bengal
Narmada	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat	1,315 K.M.	Amarkantak hill in Madhya Pradesh	Arabian sea
Tapti	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat	724 K.M.	Bettul	Arabian sea
Gomti	Uttarpradesh, Gujarat,	900 K.M.	Gomat Taal	Saidpur, Ghazipur
Koshi	Shigatse Prefecture, Janakpur, Sagarmatha, Koshi, Mechi Zones, Bihar	720 K.M.	Ganga	Ganga
Gandaki	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar	630 K.M.	Nepal	Ganga
Betwa	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh	590 K.M.	Vindhya Range	Rajghat Dam
Son	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar	784 K.M.	Ganga	Yamuna
Sutlej	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab	1,500 K.M.	Mount Kailash	Ropar
Ravi	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab	720 K.M.	Himachal Pradesh	Chenab
Beas	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab	470 K.M.	Sutlej	Mandi Plain
Chenab	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab	960 K.M.	Panjnad	Jammu and Kashmir
Jehlam	Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir,	725 K.M.	Pir Panjal Range	Chenab
Kaveri	Karnataka, Tamilnadu,	765 K.M.	Hills of Coorg, Karnataka	Bay of Bengal
Ghaggar	Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan	1080 K.M.	Shivalik Hills, Himachal Pradesh	Indus

Hugli (Hooghly)	West Bengal, Kolkata	260 K.M	Ganga	Bay of Bengal;
Damodar	Jharkhand, Bengal	592 K.M	Hoogly River, Howrah	Chota Nagpur plateau.
Indus	Gilgit-Baltistan, Jammu and Kashmir Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, Sindh Tibet	3180 K.M	In Tibet Kalish Range 5080 mts.	Arabian sea
Tungabhadra	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana	531 K.M	Krishna	Krishna
Mahi	Madhya Pradesh, Vindhyas	580 K.M	Gulf of Khambhat , Arabian Sea	Sevalia
Bhagirathi	Uttarakhand,	205 K.M	Ganga	Ganga
Sabarmati	Aravalli Range, Udaipur	371 K.M	Dhebar Lake	Gujarat
Alaknanda	Uttarakhand	190 K.M	Ganga	Nanda Devi
Teesta	Sikkim, India, West Bengal, India, Rangpur, Bangladesh	309 K.M	Brahmaputra	<i>Rangeet River.</i>
Indravati	Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra	535 K.M	Kalahandi	Godavari
Bhima	Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana	861 K.M	Krishna River	Pandharpur
Subarnarek	Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal	395 K.M	Bay of Bengal	Bay of Bengal
Konya	Maharashtra	130 K.M	Krishna Rive	Maharashtra
Ramganga	Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh	596 K.M	Ganga	Ramganga Dam
Peena	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka	597 K.M	Nandi Hills	Bay of Bengal
Brahmani	Odisha	480	Bay of Bengal	Ganga
Periyar	Kerala, Tamil Nadu	244 K.M	Cardaman Hills	Bay of Bengal
Mahanada	West Bengal, Bihar	360 K.M	Lakshadweep Sea, Vembanad Lake	Bay of Bengal
Benas	Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh	512 K.M	Rohtang Pass	Chambal
Vaigai	Tamil Nadu,	258 K.M	Periyar Plateau	Bay of Bengal
Sharda	Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh	350 K.M	Ganga	Ghaghra River

<b>Longest River (Length Wise) of the World</b>	Nile (Egypt) Africa
<b>Biggest River (Flow of Water Wise) of the world</b>	Amazon (South America)
<b>Longest River of Europe</b>	Volga (Russia)
<b>Longest River of Asia</b>	Yangtze (China)
<b>Longest River of India</b>	Ganga
<b>Longest River of South India</b>	Godavari (Also Called Dakshina Ganga)
<b>River which makes estuary in India</b>	Narmada and Tapti
<b>Sorrow of Bengal</b>	Damodar River

## Chapter 14: Stadiums in India

<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Wankhede Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Mumbai)</li> <li>• <b>The Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium or Subrata Roy Sahara Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Pune)</li> <li>• <b>The DY Patil Sports Stadium</b> (Cricket/football stadium, Mumbai)</li> <li>• <b>The Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Nagpur)</li> <li>• <b>Nehru Stadium</b> (Multi-purpose stadium in Pune)</li> <li>• <b>The Brabourne Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Mumbai)</li> <li>• <b>Mahindra Hockey Stadium</b> (Hockey stadium at Mumbai)</li> <li>• <b>The Dadaji Kondadev Stadium</b> called SR Bhosle Krida Sankul Stadium (Thane)</li> </ul>
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium</b> (cricket stadium, Dharamshala)</li> </ul>
<b>Delhi</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Feroz Shah Kotla Ground</b> (Cricket stadium)</li> <li>• <b>Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium</b> (National stadium of India)</li> <li>• <b>The Major Dhyhan Chand National Stadium</b> (Hockey stadium)</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>M. A. Chidambaram Stadium or Chepauk Stadium</b> (cricket stadium in Chennai)</li> </ul>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eden Gardens</b> (cricket ground, Kolkata)</li> </ul>
<b>Jharkhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jharkhand States Cricket Association International Cricket Stadium</b>, (Also known as JSCA International Stadium Complex, Ranchi)</li> <li>• <b>Keenan Stadium</b> (Cricket and football, Jamshedpur)</li> <li>• <b>Birsa Munda Athletics Stadium</b> (football, Ranchi)</li> </ul>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium</b>, Also known as the Khandheri Cricket Stadium( Cricket stadium in Rajkot)</li> <li>• <b>Reliance Stadium or Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd Sports Complex Ground</b> (Cricket stadium, Vadodara)</li> <li>• <b>Madhavrao Scindia Cricket Ground</b> (Municipal Ground or Racecourse Ground Corporation Ground, Rajkot)</li> <li>• <b>Motera stadium, also known as Sardar Patel stadium</b> is now the world's largest cricket stadium and the second largest sports stadium (Ahmedabad)</li> </ul>
<b>MP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Holkar Cricket Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Indore)</li> <li>• <b>Captain Roop Singh Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Gwalior)</li> </ul>
<b>Telangana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium</b> (Hyderabad)</li> <li>• <b>The Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium</b> (Cricket, Hyderabad)</li> </ul>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Visakhapatnam ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Visakhapatnam)</li> <li>• <b>Indira Gandhi Stadium</b> (Cricket, Vijayawada)</li> <li>• <b>Indira Priyadarsini Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Visakhapatnam)</li> </ul>



<b>Rajasthan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Barkatullah Khan Stadium</b> (Cricket ,Jodhpur)</li> <li>• <b>The Sawai Mansingh Stadium</b> (Cricket ,Jaipur)</li> <li>• <b>Fort Maidan</b> (a multi-purpose stadium, Kota)</li> </ul>
<b>Kerala</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium</b> (Cricket/football stadium, Kochi)</li> <li>• <b>Kerala University Stadium</b> (Football and also for athletics, Thiruvananthapuram)</li> </ul>
<b>Goa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Fatorda</b>, officially known as the <b>Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium</b>, is a multi-purpose stadium.</li> </ul>
<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Maulana Azad Stadium</b> (Cricket ,Jammu)</li> </ul>
<b>Haryana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Nahar Singh Stadium</b> (Cricket ,Faridabad)</li> </ul>
<b>Punjab</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Gandhi Stadium</b> (Cricket, Amritsar)</li> <li>• <b>Guru Nanak Stadium</b> (Football stadium in Ludhiana)</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The iconic Barabati Stadium</b> (Indian sports stadium, Cuttack)</li> <li>• <b>Dilip Tirkey Stadium</b> (Hockey stadium, Rourkela)</li> <li>• <b>The Kalinga Stadium</b> (Multi-purpose stadium, Bhubaneswar)</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The M. Chinnaswamy Stadium</b> (Cricket, Bengaluru)</li> </ul>
<b>UP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The K D Singh Babu Stadium</b> (Multi-purpose stadium, in Lucknow)</li> <li>• <b>Green Park Stadium</b> (Cricket, Kanpur)</li> </ul>

### Chapter 15: Famous Temple in India: State wise

State	Temple and Location
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Meenakshi Temple</b> at Madurai</li> <li>• <b>Ramanathaswamy Temple</b> at Rameshwaram</li> <li>• <b>Ranganathaswamy Temple</b> at Tiruchirapalli</li> <li>• <b>Brihadeshwara Temple</b> at Thanjavur</li> <li>• <b>Suchindram Temple</b> at Kanyakumari</li> <li>• <b>Airavateswara Temple</b> at Darasuram</li> <li>• <b>Nataraja Temple</b> at Chidambaram</li> <li>• <b>Kanchipuram Temples</b> at Kanchipuram</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Virupaksha Temple</b> at Hampi</li> <li>• <b>Vitthala Temple</b> at Hampi</li> <li>• <b>Gomateshwara Temple</b> at Shravanbela Gola (Rural)</li> </ul>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lord Venkateswara Temple</b> at Thirumala</li> </ul>

<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Somnath Temple</b> at Saurashtra</li> <li>• <b>Dwarakadhish Temple</b> at Dwarka</li> </ul>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>KashiVishwanath</b> at Varanasi</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ShirdiSai Baba Temple</b> at Shirdi</li> <li>• <b>Siddivinayak Temple</b> at Mumbai</li> </ul>
<b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vaishno Devi Temple</b> at Katra</li> <li>• <b>Amarnath Cave Temple</b></li> </ul>
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Badrinath Temple</b></li> <li>• <b>Yamunotri Temple</b> at Uttarkashi</li> <li>• <b>Gangotri Temple</b> at Uttarkashi</li> <li>• <b>Kedarnath Temple</b> at Garhwal area</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jagannath Temple</b> at Puri</li> <li>• <b>Lingaraja Temple</b> at Bhubaneswar</li> <li>• <b>Konark Sun Temple</b> at Konark</li> </ul>
<b>Punjab</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Golden Temple</b> at Amritsar</li> </ul>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ranakpur Jain Temple</b> at Pali</li> </ul>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SanchiStupa</b> at Raisen</li> <li>• <b>Khajuraho Temple</b> at Khajuraho</li> </ul>
<b>Kerala</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Padmanabaswamy Temple</b> at Thiruvananthapuram</li> </ul>
<b>Bihar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mahabodhi Temple</b> at Bodh Gaya</li> </ul>
<b>Assam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kamakhya Temple</b> at Guwahati</li> </ul>

### Chapter 16: List of Tiger Reserve in India: State-Wise

<b>State</b>	<b>Reserve</b>
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Rajaji National Park</li> </ul>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dudhwa Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Pilibhit Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Ranipur Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Telangana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kawal Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Nagarjunsagar</li> <li>• Srisailam Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Satpura Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kanha Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Panna Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Pench Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anamalai Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Mudumalai Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buxa Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Sunderbans Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Ranthambore Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Sariska Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Ramgarh Visdhari</li> <li>• <b>Vishdhari</b></li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satkosia Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Simlipal Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Mizoram</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dampa Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Kerala</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periyar Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Parambikulam Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bandipur Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Nagarhole Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Bhadra Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Anshi Dandeli Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Jharkhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palamau Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indravati Tiger Reserves</li> <li>• Udanti &amp; Sitanadi Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Achanakmar Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• <b>Guru Ghasidas National Park</b> and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve.</li> </ul>
<b>Bihar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valmiki National Park</li> <li>• Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melghat Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Pench Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Tadoba Andhari Tiger Project</li> <li>• Sahyadri Tiger reserve</li> <li>• Nagzira-Navegaon Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Bor Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Assam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaziranga Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Manas Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Nameri Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Orang Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nagarjunsagar-Srisaillam Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Namdapha Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Pakhui Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>

## Chapter 17: List of Indian National Trophies and Cups associated with sports

Sports	Trophies
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aga Khan Cup</li> <li>• All India Maharaja Ranjit Singh Gold Cup</li> <li>• Beighton Cup</li> <li>• Mumbai Gold Cup</li> <li>• Chakola Gold Trophy</li> <li>• Dhyan Chand Trophy</li> <li>• Gurmit Trophy</li> <li>• Jawaharlal Nehru Cup</li> <li>• Kuppuswamy Naiduu Trophy</li> <li>• Lady Ratan Tata Trophy (Women)</li> <li>• Maharaja Ranjit Singh Gold Cup</li> <li>• MCC Trophy</li> <li>• Murugappa Gold Cup</li> <li>• Nehru Trophy</li> <li>• Obaidullah Gold Cup</li> <li>• Rangaswami Cup</li> <li>• Rene Frank Trophy</li> <li>• Scindia Gold Cup</li> <li>• Settu Cup</li> <li>• Shani Trophy</li> <li>• Surjeet Singh Cup</li> <li>• Tommy Emar Gold Cup (Women)</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coach Bihar Trophy</li> <li>• Deodhar Trophy</li> <li>• Duleep Trophy</li> <li>• Irani Cup</li> <li>• Moin-ud-Dowlah Gold Cup</li> <li>• Rani Jhansi Trophy</li> <li>• Rani Trophy</li> <li>• Viiay Merchant Trophy</li> <li>• Vizzy Trophy</li> <li>• Wills Cup</li> </ul>
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ashutosh Trophy</li> <li>• Begum Hazrat Mahal Trophy</li> <li>• Chakola Gold Trophy</li> <li>• DCM Trophy</li> <li>• Dr B.C. Roy Trophy</li> <li>• Durand Cup</li> <li>• F.A. Cup</li> <li>• G.V. Raja Memorial Trophy</li> <li>• I.F.A. Shield</li> <li>• Mis lqbal Hussain Trophy</li> <li>• Nagjee Trophy</li> <li>• Nizam Gold Cup</li> <li>• Raghbir Singh Memorial Cup</li> <li>• Rovers Cup</li> <li>• Saniay Gold Cup</li> <li>• Santosh Trophy</li> <li>• Sir Krishna Gold Cup</li> <li>• Stafford Cup</li> <li>• Subroto Mukerji Cup</li> <li>• Todd Memorial Trophy</li> <li>• Vittal Trophy</li> </ul>

<b>Badminton</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amrit Diwan Cup</li> <li>• Hiralal Cup</li> <li>• Vikas Topiwala Challenge Cup</li> <li>• Yonex Cup</li> </ul>
<b>Basketball</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bangalore Blues Challenge Cup</li> </ul>
<b>Polo</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EZAR Cup</li> <li>• Prithi Singh Cup</li> <li>• Radha Mohan Cup</li> <li>• Winchester Cup</li> </ul>
<b>Rowing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellington Trophy</li> </ul>
<b>Weightlifting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burdwan Trophy</li> </ul>
<b>Tennis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Rajindra Prasad Cup</li> </ul>
<b>Table Tennis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramanujan Trophy</li> <li>• Rajkumari Challenge Cup</li> <li>• Jayalakshmi Cup</li> </ul>

## Chapter 18: Capital & Currency

### List of Countries having Rupee/Rupiah as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
<b>India</b>	New Delhi	<b>Rupee</b>
<b>Indonesia</b>	Jakarta (Old), Island of Borneo (New)	<b>Rupiah</b>
<b>Nepal</b>	Kathmandu	<b>Nepalese Rupee</b>
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte	<b>Sri Lankan Rupee</b>
<b>Seychelles</b>	Victoria	<b>Seychellois Rupee</b>
<b>Pakistan</b>	Islamabad	<b>Pakistani Rupee</b>
<b>Maldives</b>	Male	<b>Maldivian Rufiyaa</b>
<b>Mauritius</b>	Port Louis	<b>Mauritian Rupee</b>

### List of Countries having Dinar/Dirham as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
<b>Algeria</b>	Algiers	Algerian Dinar
<b>Bahrain</b>	Manama	Bahraini Dinar

<b>Iraq</b>	Baghdad	Iraqi Dinar
<b>Jordan</b>	Amman	Jordanian Dinar
<b>Kuwait</b>	Kuwait City	Kuwaiti Dinar
<b>Libya</b>	Tripoli	Libyan Dinar
<b>Macedonia</b>	Skopje	Macedonian Denar
<b>Serbia</b>	Belgrade	Serbian Dinar
<b>Tunisia</b>	Tunis	Tunisian Dinar
<b>UAE</b>	Abu Dhabi	UAE Dirham

### List of Countries having Euro as their Currency

Country	Capital	Country	Capital
<b>Andorra</b>	Andorra la Vella	Latvia	Riga
<b>Austria</b>	Vienna	Luxembourg	Luxembourg
<b>Belgium</b>	Brussels	Malta	Valletta
<b>Cyprus</b>	Nicosia	Monaco	Monaco
<b>Estonia</b>	Tallinn	Montenegro	Podgorica
<b>Finland</b>	Helsinki	Netherlands	Amsterdam
<b>France</b>	Paris	Portugal	Lisbon
<b>Germany</b>	Berlin	San Marino	San Marino
<b>Greece</b>	Athens	Slovakia	Bratislava
<b>Ireland</b>	Dublin	Slovenia	Ljubljana
<b>Italy</b>	Rome	Spain	Madrid
<b>Lithuania</b>	Vilnius	Vatican City	Vatican City

### List of Countries having Dollar as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
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<b>Antigua and Barbuda</b>	Saint John's	Eastern Caribbean Dollar
<b>Australia</b>	Canberra	Australian Dollar
<b>Bahamas</b>	Nassau	Bahamian Dollar
<b>Barbados</b>	Bridgetown	Barbadian Dollar
<b>Belize</b>	Belmopan	Belize Dollar
<b>Brunei</b>	Bandar Seri Begawan	Brunei Dollar
<b>Bermuda</b>	Hamilton	Bermudian Dollar
<b>Canada</b>	Ottawa	Canadian Dollar
<b>Dominica</b>	Roseau	Eastern Caribbean Dollar
<b>Fiji</b>	Suva	Fijian Dollar
<b>Grenada</b>	Saint George's	Eastern Caribbean Dollar
<b>Guyana</b>	Georgetown	Guyanese Dollar
<b>Jamaica</b>	Kingston	Jamaican dollar
<b>Kiribati</b>	Tarawa	Kiribati dollar
<b>Liberia</b>	Monrovia	Liberian dollar
<b>Namibia</b>	Windhoek	Namibian Dollar
<b>Nauru</b>	Yaren District	Australian Dollar
<b>New Zealand</b>	Wellington	New Zealand Dollar
<b>Palau</b>	Ngerulmud	United States Dollar
<b>Panama</b>	Panama City	United States Dollar
<b>Singapore</b>	Singapore	Singapore Dollar
<b>Taiwan</b>	Taipei	New Taiwan Dollar
<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	Port of Spain	Trinidad and Tobago Dollar
<b>Tuvalu</b>	Funafuti	Australian dollar, Tuvaluan dollar

<b>United States</b>	Washington, D.C.	United States Dollar
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	Harare	Zimbabwe Dollar

### Countries having Peso as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
<b>Argentina</b>	Buenos Aires	Argentine peso
<b>Chile</b>	Santiago	Chilean peso
<b>Colombia</b>	Bogotá	Colombian peso
<b>Cuba</b>	Havana	Cuban convertible peso
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	Santo Domingo	Dominican peso
<b>Mexico</b>	Mexico City	Mexican peso
<b>Philippines</b>	Manila	Philippine peso
<b>Uruguay</b>	Montevideo	Uruguayan peso

### Countries having Rial/Riyal as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
<b>Cambodia</b>	Phnom Penh	Riel
<b>Iran</b>	Tehran	Rial (New currency - Toman)
<b>Oman</b>	Muscat	Rial
<b>Qatar</b>	Doha	Riyal
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	Riyadh	Saudi Riyal

### Countries having Pound as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
<b>United Kingdom</b>	Landon	Pound sterling
<b>Egypt</b>	Cairo	Egyptian pound
<b>Lebanon</b>	Beirut	Lebanese pound
<b>South Sudan</b>	Juba	South Sudanese pound

<b>Sudan</b>	Khartoum	Sudanese pound
<b>Syria</b>	Damascus	Syrian pound

**Countries having Currency same as their Country name**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Capital</b>	<b>Currency</b>
<b>Afghanistan</b>	Kabul	Afghan Afghani
<b>Bangladesh</b>	Dhaka	Bangladeshi taka
<b>Georgia</b>	Tbilisi	Georgian lari
<b>Israel</b>	Jerusalem	Israeli new shekel
<b>Japan</b>	Tokyo	Japanese yen
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	Astana	Kazakhstani Tenge
<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	Bishkek	Kyrgyzstani Som
<b>Laos</b>	Vientiane	Lao kip
<b>Malaysia</b>	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysian ringgit
<b>Mongolia</b>	Ulaanbaatar	Mongolian Togrog
<b>Myanmar (Burma)</b>	Naypyidaw	Burmese kyat
<b>North Korea</b>	Pyongyang	North Korean won
<b>South Korea</b>	Seoul	South Korean won
<b>Tajikistan</b>	Dushanbe	Tajikistani Somoni
<b>Thailand</b>	Bangkok	Thai baht
<b>Türkiye</b>	Ankara	Turkish lira
<b>Turkmenistan</b>	Ashgabat	Turkmenistan Manat
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	Tashkent	Uzbekistani Som
<b>Nicaragua</b>	Managua	Nicaraguan Cordoba
<b>Bolivia</b>	Sucre La Paz	Bolivian boliviano

<b>Paraguay</b>	Asunción	Paraguayan Guarani
<b>Venezuela</b>	Caracas	Venezuelan bolivar
<b>Albania</b>	Tirana	Albanian Lek
<b>Belarus</b>	Minsk	Belarusian Ruble
<b>Bulgaria</b>	Sofia	Bulgarian lev
<b>Croatia</b>	Zagreb	Croatian Kuna
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Prague	Czech koruna
<b>Denmark</b>	Copenhagen	Danish krone
<b>Hungary</b>	Budapest	Hungarian forint
<b>Iceland</b>	Reykjavik	Icelandic krona
<b>Norway</b>	Oslo	Norwegian krone
<b>Poland</b>	Warsaw	Polish zloty
<b>Romania</b>	Bucharest	Romanian Leu
<b>Russia</b>	Moscow	Russian Ruble
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	Freetown	Sierra Leonean Leone
<b>Rwanda</b>	Kigali	Rwandan Franc
<b>Madagascar</b>	Antananarivo	Malagasy Ariary
<b>Kenya</b>	Nairobi	Kenyan shilling
<b>Ghana</b>	Accra	Ghanaian cedi
<b>Gambia</b>	Banjul	Gambian dalasi
<b>Ethiopia</b>	Addis Ababa	Ethiopian birr
<b>Angola</b>	Luanda	Angolan kwanza

### Countries having Different Currencies

Country	Capital	Currency
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<b>China</b>	Beijing	Renminbi
<b>Peru</b>	Lima	Sol
<b>Mozambique</b>	Maputo	Metical
<b>Mali</b>	Bamako	West African CFA franc
<b>Bhutan</b>	Thimphu	Bhutanese ngultrum

## Chapter 19: Wildlife Sanctuary

State	National Parks
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary, Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary, Kaundinya Wildlife Sanctuary, Kolleru Bird Sanctuary, Krishna Wildlife Sanctuary, Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam, Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary, Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary, Rollapadu Wildlife Sanctuary, Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary, Sri Venkateshwara National Park
<b>Telangana</b>	Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary, Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary, Kawal Tiger Reserve, Manjira wildlife sanctuary, Pocharam Wildlife Sanctuary, Pranahita wildlife sanctuary
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	Daying Ering Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary, The Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary, Eaglenest or Eagle's Nest Wildlife Sanctuary, The Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary, Kane wildlife sanctuary, Mehao Wildlife Sanctuary, Pakke Tiger Reserve, Pakhui Wildlife Sanctuary, Sessa Orchid Sanctuary, Talley Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Yardi-Rabe Supse Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Assam</b>	Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary, Borail Wildlife Sanctuary, Bornadi Wildlife Sanctuary, Bherjan-Borajan-Padumoni, Bura Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary, Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary, The Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary, Garampani Wildlife Sanctuary, Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary, The Hoollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary, Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary, Nambor Wildlife Sanctuary, Nambor - Doigrung Wildlife Sanctuary, Pobitora or Pabitora Wildlife Sanctuary, Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary, Pani Dihing Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Bihar</b>	Bhimbandh Wildlife Sanctuary, GautamBudha Wildlife Sanctuary, The KanwarTaal or KabarTaalKaimur Wildlife Sanctuary, Nagi Dam Bird Sanctuary, Nagi Dam Bird Sanctuary, Valmiki National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary, Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	The Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary, Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary, Badakholsanctuary, Bhairamgarh Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhoramdeo Wildlife Sanctuary, Gomarda Wildlife Sanctuary, The Pamed Wildlife Sanctuary, Sitanadi Wildlife Sanctuary, Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary, Udanti Sanctuary
<b>Goa</b>	Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary, The Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary, The Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhagwan Mahaveer Sanctuary, Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary

<b>Gujarat</b>	BalaramAmbaji Wildlife Sanctuary, Barda Wildlife Sanctuary, Gaga Wildlife Sanctuary, Gir Forest National Park, Jambughoda is a Wildlife Sanctuary, Jessore Sloth Bear Sanctuary, Kutch Bustard Sanctuar, Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary, Marine National Park, Mitiyala Wildlife Sanctuary, NalSarovar Bird Sanctuary, Narayan Sarovar Sanctuary, Pania Wildlife Sanctuary, Porbandar Bird Sanctuary, Purna Wildlife Sanctuary, Rampara Wildlife Sanctuary, Thol bird sanctuary, Indian Wild Ass Sanctuary, Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Haryana</b>	Abubshahar Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary, BirShikargah Wildlife Sanctuary, Chhilchhila Wildlife Sanctuary, Kalesar National Park, Khaparwas Bird Sanctuary, Khol Hi-Raitan Wildlife Sanctuary, Nahar Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	Bandli Wildlife Sanctuary, Chail Wildlife Sanctuary, Churdhar Sanctuary, The Daranghati Sanctuary, Gamgul Wildlife Sanctuary, Kais wild life sanctuary, Kalatop Khajjar Sanctuary, Kanawar Wildlife sanctuary, Khokhan wildlife sanctuary, Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary, Lipa Asrang Wildlife Sanctuary, Majathal Sanctuary, Nargu Wildlife Sanctuary, Renuka Wildlife Sanctuary, Sainj Wildlife Sanctuary, Rupi Bhaba Sanctuary, Sangla Valley (Rakchham-Chitkul), Sechu Tuan Nala Wildlife Sanctuary, Shikari Devi Sanctuary, Water Catchment Sanctuary, Talra Wildlife Sanctuary, Tirthan wildlife sanctuary, Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Jammu And Kashmir/ Ladakh</b>	Thajwas (Thajiwas) (Baltal), Changtang Wildlife Sanctuary, Hirpora Wildlife Sanctuary, Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary, Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary, Lachipora Wildlife Sanctuary, Kazinag National Park, Kazinag National Park, Nandini Wildlife Sanctuary, Rajparian Wildlife Sanctuary, Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary, Trikuta Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Jharkhand</b>	Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary ,GautamBudha Wildlife Sanctuary ,Hazaribag Wildlife Sanctuary ,Koderma Wildlife Sanctuary, The Lawalong Wildlife Sanctuary , Mahuadanr (Wolf) Wildlife Sanctuary , Palkot Wildlife Sanctuary , Parasnath wildlife sanctuary , Udhwa Lake Bird Sanctuary
<b>Karnataka</b>	Adichunchanagiri Wildlife Sanctuary, Arabithittu Wildlife Sanctuary, Attiveri Bird Sanctuary, Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, Biligiriranga Swamy Temple Wildlife Sanctuary, Brahmagiri wildlife sanctuary, Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, Chincholi Wildlife Sanctuary, Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, Ghataprabha Bird Sanctuary, Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary, Melkote Temple Wildlife Sanctuary, Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary, Nugu Wildlife Sanctuary, Pushpagiri Wildlife Sanctuary, Ranebennur Blackbuck Sanctuary, Sharavathi Wildlife Sanctuary, Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary, Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary, Talakaveri Wildlife Sanctuary



<b>Kerala</b>	Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary, Chimmini Wildlife sanctuary, Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary, Chulanur Peafowl (Peacocks) Sanctuary, Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary, Kottiyoor, Kurinjimala Sanctuary, Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary, Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary, Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary, Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary, Peppara Wildlife Sanctuary, Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary, Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	Bagdara Wildlife Sanctuary, Bori Wildlife Sanctuary, Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary, Ghatigaon Wildlife Sanctuary, Ken Gharial Sanctuary, Kheoni Wildlife Sanctuary, National Chambal Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary, Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary, Orchha Wildlife Sanctuary, The Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve, Kuno Wildlife Sanctuary, Gangau is a mini wildlife sanctuary, Pench National Park, Phen Wildlife Sanctuary, Ratapani Tiger Reserve, Sailana Wildlife Sanctuary, Sanjay Dubri National Park, Sardarpur Wildlife Sanctuar, Singhori Wildlife Sanctuary, Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary, Veerangana Durgawati Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Maharashtra</b>	Tadoba Andhari Reserve, Anerdam Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhamragarh Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, Bor Tiger Reserve is a wildlife, Chaprala Wildlife Sanctuary, Dnyanganga Sanctuary, Gautala Autramghat Sanctuary, Jayakwadi Bird Sanctuary, Karnala, Katepurna Sanctuary, Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary, Malvan Marine Wildlife Sanctuary, Mansingh-Deo, Mayureswar Wildlife Sanctuary, Melghat was declared, Nagzira Wildlife Sanctuary, Mayureswar Wildlife Sanctuary, Nandur Madhmeshwar Bird Sanctuary, Karnala is a protected wildlife park, Navegaon National Park, Painganga Wildlife Sanctuary, Phansad Wildlife Sanctuary, Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary, Sagareshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, Tansa wildlife sanctuary, Tipeswar wildlife sanctuary, Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Manipur</b>	Khongjaingamba Ching Wildlife Sanctuary, Yaingangpokpi Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Meghalaya</b>	Bagmara Pitcher Plant Wildlife Sanctuary, Nongkhylliem Wildlife Sanctuary, Siju Bird Sanctuary
<b>Mizoram</b>	Dampa Tiger Reserve, Khawnglung Wildlife Sanctuary, Lengteng Wildlife Sanctuary, Ngengpui Wildlife Sanctuary, Pualreng Wildlife Sanctuary, Tawi Wildlife Sanctuary Thorangtlang Wildlife, Palak (Tokalo) Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Nagaland</b>	Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary, The Pulie Badze Wildlife Sanctuary, Rangapahar Reserve Forest
<b>Sikkim</b>	Fambong Lho Wildlife Sanctuary, Kitam Bird sanctuary, Kyongnosla Alpine Sanctuary, Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary, Varsey Rhododendron Sanctuary
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary, Indira Gandhi National Park, Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary, Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Palani Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary, Mudumalai National Park, Oussudu Lake Bird Sanctuary, Point Calimere Sanctuary, Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary, Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary, Vellode Birds Sanctuary, Vettangudi Bird sanctuary, Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary

<b>Tripura</b>	Gumti Wildlife Sanctuary, Rowa Wildlife Sanctuary, Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary, Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>UttarPradesh</b>	The Bakhira Bird Sanctuary, The Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, The Chandra Prabha Wildlife Sanctuary, Kaimoor Wildlife Sanctuary, The Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary, Lakh Bahosi Sanctuary, Mahavir Swami Sanctuary, The Okhla Bird Sanctuary, The Parvati Aranga Bird Sanctuary, Patna Vihar Bird Sanctuary, Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary, Saman Bird Sanctuary, Samaspur Sanctuary, Sandi Bird Sanctuary, Sohagi Barwa Wildlife Sanctuary, Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary, Soor Sarovar Bird Sanctuary, Jai Prakash Narain Bird Sanctuary, Kachhua Sanctuary, Vijai Sagar Sanctuary, Pilibhit Tiger Reserve
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	Nandhaur Wildlife Sanctuary, Askot Musk Deer Sanctuary, Askot Musk Deer Sanctuary, Govind Pashu Vihar National Park, Kedarnath Wild Life Sanctuary, Sonanadi Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>West Bengal</b>	Ballabhpur Wildlife Sanctuary, Bethuadahari Wildlife Sanctuary, The Buxa Tiger Reserve, Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary, Chintamani Kar Bird Sanctuary, The Haliday Island Wildlife, Jore Pokhri Wildlife Sanctuary, Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary, Raiganj Wildlife Sanctuary, Ramnabagan Wildlife Sanctuary, Sajnakhali Wildlife Sanctuary, Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary, The Sundarbans National Park

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