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CURRENT AFFAIRS 1st JAN-15th JAN

DAYS

- International Universal Health Coverage Day – Dec 12.
 - ✚ Theme for 2022 – “Build the world we want: A healthy future for all”.
- National Energy Conservation Day – Dec 14 (organized by – Bureau of Energy Efficiency, India).
- World Restoration Day – Dec 14.
- Vijay Diwas – Dec 16 (India won over Pakistan during 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War)
- National Minorities Rights Day – Dec 18.
- International Migrants Day – Dec 18.
 - ✚ Theme for 2022 – “Integrating migrants into primary health care”.
- Goa Liberation Day – Dec 19.
- International Human Solidarity Day – Dec 20.
 - ✚ Theme for 2022 – “To promote solidarity among all”.
- National Farmers Day – Dec 23 (to commemorate the birth anniversary of the 5th PM of India, Choudhury Charan Singh).
- National Consumer Day – Dec 24.

NATIONAL

- 1st state throughout India to launch their very own Climate Change Mission – Tamil Nadu.
- The seed farm situated in the Kerala state has become the 1st ‘Carbon Neutral farm’ of India.
- Recently Sania Mirza, after cracking the NDA exam is going to be the 1st Muslim fighter pilot of India. She is from the state of – UP (Uttar Pradesh).
- Rajya Sabha, in its winter session, witnessed and recorded a 102% productivity.
- Hon’ble PM of India, Narendra Modi is going to flag off the 1st Vande Bharat Express of Eastern India which will travel from Howrah to NJP (New Jalpaiguri), West Bengal.

- Assam recently approved the proposal of granting industry status to tourism sector of the state in order to encourage investments & employment.
- Recently, the 48th meeting of GST Council held in New Delhi. The hon’ble finance minister of India, N. Sitharaman chaired the meeting.
 - ✚ Recently, it has been decided to reduce the GST rate on Ethanol from earlier 18% to 5%.
 - ✚ Recently, the GST rate on husk of pulses like chilka has been reduced from 5% to nil.
- E.V. Yatra Portal & Mobile App was recently launched by – hon’ble president of India, Droupadi Murmu. This portal & app will provide info about the electric vehicle charging stations nearby.
- Recently 114 Namma Clinics were started by Karnataka health minister K. Sudhakar, in all the districts of the state. By these clinics, primary healthcare will be provided to the vulnerable & economically weaker sections of the state.
- Telangana’s Tandoor Red Gram received GI tag recently.
 - ✚ Recently, Government of India has given GI tag to 9 products –
 - i) Gamocha (Assam)
 - ii) Alibaug White Onion (Maharashtra)
 - iii) Tandoor Red Gram (Telangana)
 - iv) Raktsey Karpo Apricot (Ladakh)
 - v) Attappady Thuvara (Red Gram of Kerala)
 - vi) Kanthalloor Vattavada Veluthulli (Garlic – Kerala)
 - vii) Kodungallur Pottuvellari (Snap Melon, Kerala)
 - viii) Onattukara Ellu (Sesame of Kerala)
 - ix) Attappady Aatu Kombu Avarai (Dolichos Bean – Kerala)
 - ✚ With these 9 products, total GI tag products in India has become – 432.
- 8th edition of India International Science Festival is going to be held in – Bhopal, MP.

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- 7th edition of Petrochemical Conclave was recently organized at – New Delhi.
 - ✚ Inaugurated by – Union petroleum & natural gas minister of India, Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Jammu-Kashmir union territory has won the 1st prize for maximum no. of Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) ID no. generation under the ABDHM (Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission).
- India's 1st ever carbon-neutral power exchange – IEX (Indian Energy Exchange).
- Recently, the North Eastern Council (NEC)'s Golden Jubilee celebrations was held at – Shillong, Meghalaya.
 - ✚ NEC founded in 1972, headquarters – Shillong, Meghalaya.
 - ✚ NEC consists of all 8 states of the North Eastern India.
- 25th edition of EZC (Eastern Zonal Council) meeting recently held at – Kolkata, West Bengal.
 - ✚ Chairman – Hon'ble MHA minister Amit Shah.
 - ✚ 4 states – Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand and West Bengal took part in the meeting.
- A passenger ferry service is going to be started between Sri Lanka (Jaffna district) to India (Puducherry) in Jan' 2023.
- Ahmedabad is going to host the Urban-20 conference as a part of the G-20 meetings between Feb & Jul' 2023.
 - ✚ India in the chair of G-20 for 2023.
- Indian Railways recently built the longest escape tunnel of India at – Jammu & Kashmir.
 - ✚ Length – 12.89 km (part of Katra to Banihal 111 km railway line).
 - ✚ Name of the tunnel → T-13.
- India's TRAI has become the first agency throughout the world to conduct the auction spectrum for the satellite communication.
 - ✚ Thus, India has become the 1st country of the world to conduct such auction spectrum of satellite communication.
- Recently Agriculture ministry organized Millets Food Festival for the Member of Parliament.
 - ✚ 2023 is being celebrated as the IYM (International Year of Millets) on the proposal of India.
- 7th edition of India Water Impact Summit i.e. IWIS 2022 held recently in – New Delhi.
 - ✚ Inaugurated by – Union Jal Shakti minister G.S. Shekhawat.
- Assam Govt. started Orunodoi 2.0 scheme, started by – Hon'ble CM Himanta Biswa Sharma.
 - ✚ The poor sections of the society of Assam will get a DBT of ₹ 1250 p.m. from now on, under the scheme. Earlier this amount was ₹ 830 p.m.
- Recently Indian Army & Chinese Army faced a clash at Tawang, where many soldiers were badly wounded.
- Indian National Congress (INC) has won maximum no. of seat in the Himachal Pradesh state legislative assembly elections 2022. Of the total 68 seats, Congress has won 40 seats.
 - ✚ BJP has won – 25 seats; Independent – 3.
- In the elections of Himachal Pradesh, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has become the 15th CM of the state.
 - ✚ CM – Chief Minister
 - ✚ Sukhvinder Singh belongs from – Congress Party
 - ✚ In this elections' outcome, Mukesh Agnihotri has become the 1st ever Deputy CM of Himachal Pradesh.
 - ✚ Governor of Himachal Pradesh – Rajendra V. Arlekar
 - ✚ Former CM was – Jairam Thakur (BJP).
- Recently, in the state assembly elections 2022 of Gujarat, BJP emerged as winner. In the election of Gujarat state legislative assembly, BJP secured total 156 seats of total 182 seats.
 - ✚ In this election, Aam Aadmi Party won 5 seats. With this, AAP (Aam Aadmi Party)

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has become the 9th national party of India. Earlier, there were total 8 national parties in India.

- Newly elected Speaker of Gujarat state legislative assembly – Shankar Chaudhary.
 - ✚ New Deputy Speaker of Gujarat legislative assembly – Jethabhai Ahir.

Bhupendra Patel recently sworn in as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. In the Gujarat legislative assembly elections, BJP has won. Patel has become the CM of Gujarat for second time.

- The 1st ever carbon neutral farm has been recently inaugurated in – Kerala, Aluva (Ernakulam district).
 - ✚ Declaration made by – Hon'ble CM of Kerala, P. Vijayan
- The cabinet of which state recently approved a bill regarding the setting up of a commission for Safai Karamchari's – Assam.
- Recently hon'ble railway minister of India, Ashwini Vaishnav announced a train named "Kashi-Tamil Sangamam" between Kashi of UP & Tamil Nadu.
- Hon'ble CM of Tamil Nadu, M.K. Stalin recently inaugurated a statue of 'Mahakavi Subramania Bharatiar' on his 141st birth anniversary at – Varanasi, UP.
 - ✚ Subhramania Bharati, a famous poet of Tamil language is also known as – 'Mahakavi Bharathiar'.
- Recently, on the occasion of world restoration Day on Dec 14, UN has recognised Namami Gange initiative of India under the 'Top 10 World Restoration Flagship Programmes to revive natural world'.
 - ✚ Namami Gange mascot of India – Chacha Chaudhury
- The largest private business jet terminal recently commissioned at – Cochin International Airport, Kerala (40000 sq. ft.).
 - ✚ With this Cochin International Airport has become the 4th airport in India to contain a private jet terminal.

- 27th edition of International Film Festival of Kerala 2022 inaugurated by – Hon'ble CM of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan.

✚ Here, the focus country was – Serbia.

- PM of India, Narendra Modi recently inaugurated an AIIA (All India Institute of Ayurveda) in Goa.

✚ He also inaugurated virtually more 2 institutes –

✚ NIUM (National Institute of Unani Medicine), Ghaziabad.

✚ NIH (National Institute of Homoeopathy), New Delhi.

- Recently hon'ble PM of India Narendra Modi, during his visit to Maharashtra, inaugurated AIIMS, Nagpur.
- During his visit to Maharashtra, PM Modi recently inaugurated Phase-1 of Nagpur Metro & also inaugurated the foundation stone for the Phase-2 of this metro, i.e. Nagpur Metro.
- During his visit to Maharashtra, PM Modi recently flagged off the 6th Vande Bharat Express between Nagpur (Maharashtra) & Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh).
- PM Modi, during his visit to Goa, inaugurated 'Manohar International Airport' in – Goa's Mopa Village.
 - ✚ Thus, the airport is also called – 'Mopa International Airport'.
 - ✚ The airport has been named after the former CM & former defence minister of India, Manohar Parrikar.
- Recently PM Modi, inaugurated the Phase-1 of the Samriddhi Mahamarg in – Maharashtra.
 - ✚ Samriddhi Mahamarg is a 701 km expressway that connects Mumbai & Nagpur. This expressway is also called as Mumbai-Nagpur expressway.
 - ✚ The Phase-1 of this expressway will be 6-lane wide & will run from Nagpur to Shirdi (520 km in length).
 - ✚ This expressway is also called as – 'Hindu Hrudaysamrat Babasaheb

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Thackeray Maharashtra Samridhi Mahamarg'.

- Recently Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with Department of Post organised a letter writing carnival named 'Daakroom' in New Delhi.

DEFENCE

- Recently, hon'ble defence minister of India, Rajnath Singh gave the necessary approval for the construction of a modern multi-speciality nature Command hospital in - Lucknow, UP.
- Joint military training exercise named 'Surya Kiran-XVI' started between Indian army & Nepal army at - Nepal.
- 6th edition of the joint military exercise between Indian army & Kazakhstan army, named 'KAZIND-22' started recently at - Umroi, Meghalaya.
- Indian Navy's Chief Admiral, R Hari Kumar recently visited Sri Lanka on the invitation of the country.
 - ✚ Sri Lanka President - R. Wickramasinghe
 - ✚ Prime Minister - Dinesh Gunawardhane
- Project 15B's 2nd warship (INS Mormugao) was recently commissioned by Indian navy.
 - ✚ A total of 4 Vishakhapatnam Class Destroyers are being built under Project 15B by MDL (Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders' Ltd) -
 - i) INS Vishakhapatnam (1st warship, commissioned in 2021)
 - ii) INS Mormugao (commissioned)
 - iii) INS Imphel (launches)
 - iv) INS Surat (launches)
- Recently, India has acquired all of the 36 Rafale fighter jets from France.
 - ✚ Rafale manufactured by - Dassault Aviation of France
 - ✚ The deal between India and France regarding the 36 no. of Rafales were made in 2016

ECONOMY

- IMF (International Monetary Fund) recently forecast a growth of 6.8% for India for FY 2022-23.

- ✚ For 2023-24 financial year, the growth forecast of IMF for India is - 6.1%

- IFC (International Finance Corporation) of World Bank has recently given \$400 million loan amount to the HDFC Bank in order to boost the green affordable housing finance in India.
- RBI recently signed an agreement regarding currency swap of 200 million USD with Maldives. By this, Maldives can borrow foreign currency from India for short-term.
 - ✚ Maldives currency - Maldivian Rufiyaa.
- ADB (Asian Development Bank) recently approved a 780 million dollar loan for expanding the Chennai Metro Rail network.
 - ✚ ADB HQ - Manila (Philippines)
 - ✚ ADB Chairman - M. Asakawa (Japan)

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Recently India's test-fired the nuclear capable ballistic 'Agni-V' missile successfully (Range - 5000 km) from - Wheeler Island / A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.
- As per the latest report, India has emerged as the 3rd largest producer of the scientific articles, all over the world.
 - ✚ 1st - China; 2nd - USA.
- NASA recently launched SWOT (Surface Water & Ocean Topography) mission in order to conduct the 1st ever global survey of the surface water on the Earth.
 - ✚ Here, NASA has celebrated with CNES, the space agency of France.
- A supercomputer named, Param-Kamarupa was recently installed at - IIT Guwahati, Assam.
- Japan's iSpace Company is launching the 1st commercial Moon lander of world.
 - ✚ This commercial Moon lander is under the HAKUTO-R Moon mission.
 - ✚ This lander has been sent to Moon via the Falcon-9 rocket of Space-X.
- UAE is the 1st country of Arab World that has launched 1st ever Moon mission.
 - ✚ Here, only 1 rover has been sent named 'Rashid' rover.

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- ✚ This rover has been sent along with the lander sent recently by iSpace company of Japan under the HAKUTO-R mission.

INTERNATIONAL

- New Zealand has become world's 1st country to pass the 'Anti-tobacco law' in order to ban buying cigarettes by the youths who born on or after 1st Jan' 2009 for lifetime.
 - ✚ PM (Prime Minister of New Zealand) – J. Ardern.
- Recently, Spain passed a new Trans rights bill which allowed 16+ aged transgenders for changing legally registered gender.
- Tokyo (Japan)'s local assembly recently made the solar panels mandatory for the new houses that will be built after 2025.
- Recently, national emergency was declared at Peru by the 1st female president of Peru, Dina Boluarte.
 - ✚ Basically, after the removal of former President Pedro Castillo, Peru recently witnessed protest & unrest, for which a 30-day national emergency was declared by Dina Boluarte.
- Food & Agricultural Organisation (FAO) recently organized the opening ceremony for IYM-2023 / International Year of Millets-2023 in – Rome, Italy.
- The COP-15 / UN Biodiversity Conference held recently at – Montreal, Canada.
 - ✚ India's representative – Union minister of MOEFCC, Bhupendra Yadav.
- Re-elected Prime Minister of Denmark – Mette Frederiksen.
 - ✚ 1st time, she was elected as PM of Denmark in 2019.
- Recently, a cyclonic storm Mandous hit the Bay of Bengal region. It left impact over Indian state Tamil Nadu, UT Andaman & Nicobar & Sri Lanka.
 - ✚ Mandous name given by – UAE (United Arab Emirates).
 - ✚ Mandous is the 2nd cyclone to hit Bay of Bengal in 2022 after Sitrang. Sitrang name given by – Thailand.

SUMMIT & CONFERENCE

- PACKMACH ASIA EXPO 2022 (International Trade Fair for processing & packaging industry) venue – Mumbai, India.
- 9th edition of World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) & Arogya Expo 2022 venue – Panaji, Goa.
 - ✚ Theme – “Ayurveda for One Health”.

RANKS AND REPORTS

- As per the Canada based organisation Arton Capitals' “Arton Capital Passport Index 2022”, UAE has the strongest passport all over the world.
 - ✚ India's rank in the Index – 66th.
 - ✚ Weakest passport of the world – Afghanistan.
- As the Forbes, “Real Time Billionaires List” who surpassed Tesla Chief Elon Musk to become richest person of the world in Dec'22 – Bernard Arnault a businessman of France, who is both the founder & CEO of LVMH.

APPOINTMENTS

- New chief scientist of the WHO (World Health Organisation) – Dr. Jeremy Farrar.
 - ✚ WHO established on – 7th April, 1948.
 - ✚ Headquarters – Switzerland (Geneva)
 - ✚ Present DG – Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
 - ✚ Former – Gita Gopinath (India)
- Re-appointed MD & CEO of the Equitas Small Finance Bank – P.N. Vasudevan.
- PUMA India new brand ambassador – Anushka Sharma.
- New Chairperson of NDIAC (New Delhi International Arbitration Centre) – Hemant Gupta.
- 1st Black & 30th President of the Harvard University, USA – Claudine Gay.
 - ✚ With this, Gay is the 2nd woman to become the President of Harvard.
 - ✚ Present President is – Lawrence Bacow. Gay will assume to take charge on 1st July, 2023.

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- New Judge appointed in Supreme Court – Dipankar Dutta. With this, the total number of Judges of Supreme Court has become 28, which also includes the Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud.
 - ✚ Max limit of judges in Supreme Court – 34.
- New Chairman of NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development) – Shaji K.V.
- The tenure of India's Ambassador to USA, Taranjit Singh Sandhu has been extended by 1 year recently.
- National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) new Managing Director – Minesh Shah.
 - ✚ NDDB headquarter – Anand, Gujarat.
- Newly elected Vice President of ABU (Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union) – Additional DG of Prasar Bharati, Sunil.
- Newly elected Prime Minister of Ireland – Leo Varadkar
 - ✚ He is a person of Indian origin.
- Newly appointed MD & CEO of Chennai based automobile company 'Ashok Leyland' – Shenu Agarwal.

SPORTS

- IPL team Punjab Kings has bought Sam Curran, a cricket player of England, for 18.50 crore rupees. Thus, Curran has become the most expensive player in IPL history.
- FIFA recently rewarded the hosting rights for the upcoming 2023 Club World Cup (19th edition) to – Morocco.
- 2023 Asian Wrestling Championships is going to be hosted by – New Delhi, India.
 - ✚ United World Wrestling (UWW) headquarters – Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Men's Singles title has been won at the BWF World Tour Finals of 2022 – Viktor Axelsen (Denmark).
 - ✚ Here, Women's Singles title won by – Akane Yamaguchi of Japan.
- 1st edition of 2022 Women's FIH Hockey Nations Cup venue – Valencia (Spain).
 - ✚ Champion – India; Runner-up – Spain.
- India's Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone recently unveiled the FIFA World Cup of 2022 before the final match at Lusail Stadium.
- FIFA World Cup 2022 (22nd edition)
 - ✚ Venue – Qatar (8 stadiums)
 - ✚ Champion – Argentina (3rd title after 1978 & 1986)
 - ✚ Runner-up – France
 - ✚ Final venue – Lusail stadium
 - ✚ 32 teams took part in 8 groups. Total 64 matches were played.
 - ✚ Golden Ball – Lionel Messi (Argentina)
 - ✚ Golden Boot – Kylian Mbappe (France) with 8 goals
 - ✚ Golden Glove – Emiliano Martinez (Argentina)
 - ✚ Young player award – Enzo Fernandez (Argentina)
 - ✚ Fair play trophy – England
- 15th edition of FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 will be hosted by – India, Odisha – (i) Bhubaneswar, (ii) Rourkela.
 - ✚ Basically, in 2 stadiums, the matches will be played – (a) Kalinga stadium (Bhubaneswar); (b) Birsa Munda International stadium (Rourkela).
 - ✚ Official partner of the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup of 2023 – Tata Steel.
- 3rd T20 Blind World Cup cricket tournament champion – India; Runner-up – Bangladesh.
 - ✚ Earlier 2 editions were also won by India.
 - ✚ All the 3 editions were hosted by India as well.
 - ✚ Brand Ambassador of the 3rd edition of T20 Blind World Cup cricket tournament – Yuvraj Singh.
- 4th edition of Blind T20 World Cup of 2024 will be hosted by – Pakistan.
 - ✚ Earlier 3 editions were hosted by India.
- 2022 Men's World Athlete of the year – Armand Duplantis (Sweden).
 - ✚ He is a pole vaulter.

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- ✚ 2022 Women's World Athlete of the year – Sydney McLaughlin (USA).
- ✚ She is a champion of Hurdle Race.
- WTA player of the year for 2022 – Iga Swiatek (Poland).
- World Weightlifting Championship of 2022 venue – Colombia, Bogota.
- ✚ In this championship, only Indian to win a medal is Mirabai Chanu. She has won silver in the 49 kg category.
- ICC Men's cricket player for the month of November 2022 – Jos Buttler (England).
- ✚ ICC Women's cricket player for the month of November 2022 – Sidra Ameen (Pakistan).
- The fastest cricketer to score a Double Century in a One Day International cricket match – Ishan Kishan (India).
- ✚ Kishan scored double century in only 126 balls against Bangladesh.
- ✚ Earlier, the record was held by – Chris Gayle (West Indies).
- 1st ever female president of TTFI (Table Tennis Federation of India) – Meghna Ahlawet.
- ✚ New Secretary General of TTFI – Kamlesh Mehta.
- ✚ Major Dhyanchand Khel Ratna Award 2022 – Achantya Sarat Kamal, a famous table tennis player of India.
- ✚ Basically, this is a beauty pageant competition for the married women of the world.
- ✚ 2022 edition of Mrs. World award venue – Las Vegas (USA).
- ✚ Sargam Koushal is a resident of Jammu.
- ✚ Sargam has won the title after 21 years as an Indian since in 2001, last Indian winner was – Aditi Govitrikar.
- ✚ 2021 Mrs. World winner was – Shaylyn Ford (USA).
- IEI Industry Excellence Award 2022 winner – NMDC (National Mineral Development Corporation); headquarters – Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ✚ IEI – Institute of Engineers India.
- Hon'ble President of USA, Joe Biden recently gave recognition to Krishna Vavilala with PLA, i.e. Presidential Lifetime Achievement award.
- ✚ K. Vavilala is basically from Andhra Pradesh.
- ✚ He is an electrical engineer. He is the Chairman of FIS (Foundation for Indian Studies).
- 1st ever Indian film to get 2 nominations under the Golden Globe Awards 2023 – RRR; Director - S S Rajamouli
- ✚ The nomination categories are – a) Best foreign language film / Best Non-English film, b) Best original song (For Naatu Naatu)
- ✚ Main heroes – Jr. NTR and Ram Charan
- ✚ The film is based on 2 freedom fighters of India – Alluri Sitarama Raju (Ram Charan) and Komaram Bheem (Jr NTR)
- 25th Shri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati National Eminence Award, i.e. 25th SIES award won by – 13th Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu.

AWARDS

- 28th edition of the KIFF (Kolkata International Film Festival)
- ✚ Best Film award – (i) Upon Entry (Spanish Film) & (ii) Kura Pokkhir Shunye Ura (Bangladeshi film)
- ✚ Honorary guests of opening ceremony was – Shah Rukh Khan & Amitabh Bachchan
- ✚ Opening film – “Abhimaan” (Director – Hrishikesh Mukherjee)
- ✚ Best director award – V. Molina & Ernesto Ardito (Film: Hitler's Witch)
- ✚ Molina & Ardito are both from Argentina.
- 2022 Mrs. World award won by – Sargam Koushal (India).

MISCELLANEOUS

- Joyland, a film from Pakistan, has been shortlisted for Oscars 2023.

OBITUARIES

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- George Cohen, a famous football player of England squad (1966), recently died. England won FIFA World Cup in 1966.
- Kaikala Satyanarayana, the famous Tollywood actor & former MP of Andhra Pradesh recently died.
Retired BSF Jawan, Naik Bhairon Singh died recently, he played an important role in the Indo-Pak war of 1971. He was honoured with Sewa Padak. He was posted at Rajasthan's Longewala during 1971 war.
- The famous football journalist of USA, Grant Wahl recently passed away in Qatar during the ongoing FIFA WC 2022, Qatar.
- World Braille Day – Jan 4 (birth anniversary of Louis Braille, who was a French educator, born in 1809).
UN is observing the day from 2019.

NATIONAL

CURRENT AFFAIRS 14th JAN-20th JAN

DAYS

- 2nd Good Governance Week (also called as Sushashan Saptah) – 19th to 25th December.
Observed by – DARPG (Department of Administrative Reforms & public Grievances) under the ministry of personnel, public grievances & pension.
Theme – “Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur”.
During the celebration, union MOS (Minister of States) Jitendra Singh, inaugurated a campaign “Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur” for public grievances redressal & improving public service delivery.
- National Consumer Rights Day – Dec 24.
Theme for 2022 – “Fair Digital Finance” (the same theme of the World Consumer Rights Day held on 15th March, 2022).
- National Good Governance Day – Dec 25.
- 65th edition of Foundation Day of DRDO – Jan 1.
DRDO – Defence Research & Development Organisation was established in the year 1958; Headquarter – New Delhi.
Present Chief / Chairman – Sameer V. Kamath.
- Global Family Day – Jan 1.
- The Dharmadam constituency of Kerala has become the 1st ever complete library constituency of India. This is the constituency of the hon'ble CM of Kerala, P. Vijayan. All of the 138 wards of this constituency have libraries.
- Recently for the renovation of 1000 small stations in upcoming year, railway ministry launched the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. The stations in the coming days will contain 54 connectivity, rooftop plazas, ballast less tracks and longer platforms.
- Recently Central Government declared ‘The Resistance Front’ as a terrorist organisation. As per the data of Ministry of Home Affairs, this organisation basically recruit youths through online in order to perform terrorist activities.
- Varanasi Jn. railway station has been rated with “5-sstar rating” certificate by the FSSAI (Food Safety & Standards Authority of India), as the railway station provides very nutritious, high-quality food to the passengers.
This certification is basically a part of ‘Eat Right India’ movement of FSSAI.
- Recently central government has given approval to a 2614.51 crore rupees investment in the Sunni Dam Hydroelectric Project. The project is located at – Himachal Pradesh.
Basically, the hydroelectric project has been developed by the Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited on Sutlej River in the Mandi & Shimla districts (Himachal Pradesh). Total capacity of the project – 382 MW.
- Recently union MHA minister, Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of CDTI (Central Detective Training Institute) at – Devanhalli, Karnataka.

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- ✚ Also, along with this, Shah inaugurated the administrative & residential complexes of ITBP (Indo-Tibetan Border Police).
- Recently the hon'ble railway minister of India, A. Vaishnav announced that "Sampark Kranti Express", which basically runs between Delhi & Ahmedabad, is going to be renamed as "Akshardham Express".
 - ✚ This decision was taken to give honour to the Pramukh Swami Maharaj, the spiritual guru of BAPS Swaminarayan Sangstha.
- 46th edition of Kolkata Book Fair theme country – Spain.
 - ✚ Venue – Boimela Prangan (Central Park Mela Ground), Salt Lake, Kolkata.
 - ✚ For the 1st time, this year Thailand will participate.
 - ✚ The 9th edition of the Kolkata Literature Festival of the year 2023 will also be held as a part of this book fair.
- Recently the 36th edition of the strategic dialogue between India & France held at – New Delhi.
 - ✚ Indian contingent led by – NSA (National Security Advisor) Shri Ajit Doval.
- Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi is going to launch the longest river cruise, named "Ganga Vilas" from Varanasi of UP to Dibrugarh of Assam; Distance – 3200 km.
- Recently the hon'ble President of India, Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the Mayur Stambh, National Flag Stambh, a constitution park at – Raj Bhavan, Jaipur, Rajasthan (Governor's house).
 - ✚ During the programme, she also unveiled the statues of Maharana Pratap & Bapuji Mahatma Gandhi at – Raj Bhavan, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- Captain Shiva Chauhan has become the 1st woman Army officer of India who has been deployed actively at Siachen, in the Karakoram Range.
 - ✚ She belongs from Corps of Engineers.
- The SIC (State Information Commission) of Tamil Nadu has shown the worst performance & response under the RTI Act, 2005 (Responsiveness – 14%).
 - ✚ 2nd lowest – Maharashtra (Responsiveness – 23%).
 - ✚ Report released by – Satark Nagrik Sangathan on the performance of the SICs for 2021-22 tenure.
- The ECI (Election Commission of India) has recently made Maithili Thakur as the state icon of Bihar.
 - ✚ Maithili Thakur is a folk singer. She has been made the state icon to conduct the voter awareness campaign among the voters before the ensuing lok sabha elections of 2024.
- Central government has provided about 28.11 crore relief amount to those tobacco farmers who are severely affected by Mnadous cyclone.
 - ✚ This relief amount was approved by central minister Piyush Goyal in order to give a special interest – free loan of ₹ 10000 to each & every member of the Grower Welfare Scheme of the Tobacco Board.
- Recently Tamil Nadu state government launched 'Nilgiri Tahr project', to restore its original habitat & to stabilize its population. 'Nilgiri Tahr' is the state animal of Tamil Nadu.
 - ✚ Total budget of the project – 25 crore.
- Recently the central government gave approval to the National Green Hydrogen Mission with a total allocation of ₹ 19744 crore. Basically, this mission aims at producing 5 million tonnes of Green Hydrogen each year by 2030.
 - ✚ The mission was launched on August 15, 2021.
- Madhya Pradesh state government recently launched the Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhumi Adhikar Yojana for the distribution of free pattas of residential lands to the selected beneficiaries.
- Union road transport & highways minister, Nitin Gadkari recently inaugurated the 2nd

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longest cable-stayed 8-lane bridge of India, named Zuari Bridge in Goa.

- ✚ Zuari Bridge connects North & South Goa and is 640 metres long. Basically, the bridge is a part of NH-66 over the Zuari river. The bridge has been constructed in 3 phases.
- The 1st underwater metro of India is going to be commissioned in – Kolkata. KMRC (Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation) opined recently that this project i.e. the East-West Corridor metro project will be completed by Dec'2023.
 - ✚ This metro will connect twin cities of Kolkata & Howrah.
- The Doda district administration of Jammu & Kashmir has recently launched an e-library.
- Recently Ladakh union territory celebrated the Losar festival for marking the Ladhakhi New year.
 - ✚ Ladakh Capital – Leh.
- India is planning to send 3 personnel by 2026 under the Samudrayaan Mission at about 6000 metres depth by Matsya-6000 vehicles in order to explore deep sea minerals.
 - ✚ Matsya-6000 is being built by – NIOT (National Institute of Ocean Technology), Chennai.
- Recently Department of Posts launched 'Online Request Transfer Portal' for the GDS (Gramin Dak Sevaks).
 - ✚ Department of Posts works under – Ministry of Communication.
- Recently union government included the 'e-sports / electronic sports' (gaming) as an important part of the 'Multi-Sports events'.
- Recently the hon'ble CM of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik launched 'Nal Se Pani / Drink from Tap' a 24x7 pipe drinking water project in total 19 no. of cities.
- Recently the defence minister of India cleared the procurement of a total 120 no. of 'Pralay' ballistic missiles for the armed forces of India. These armed forces will use them along the China & Pakistan border.
 - ✚ 'Pralay' has been developed by – DRDO (Defence Research & Development Organisation).
- As per the hon'ble CM of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj S. Chouhan, a large statue of the former PM of India, A.B. Vajpayee is going to be installed as a part of Vajpayee's grand memorial being constructed in Gwalior.
 - ✚ Beside the statue, a research centre will also be opened as a part of this memorial.
- The largest open-aired theatre festival named 'Dhanu Yatra' recently began in – Bargarh, Odisha.
- MEITY (Ministry of Electronics & IT), Railways & Communications minister A. Vaishnaw recently launched "Stay Safe Online" campaign & "G20-DIA (Digital Innovation Alliance)".
 - ✚ Both were launched as a part of G20 Presidency of India in 2023.
 - ✚ "Stay Safe Online" main objective is to increase cyber awareness among the citizens & thereby stay safe in online world, at the time when social media is wide-speedily used.
- Recently, Maharashtra has become the first state in India to pass the Lokayukta Bill 2022, which basically aims to bring the Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers under the arena of the anti-corruption ombudsman.
- Meghalaya has emerged as the topper state in the average monthly income (₹ 29348) of per agricultural household; 2nd – Punjab (₹ 26701). The data was recently revealed by Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra S Tomar.
- Union Home Ministry recently gave the approval to change the 'Mundera Baazar' municipal council in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh to 'Chauri Chaura' and 'Telia Afghan' village at Deoria district, Uttar Pradesh to 'Telia Shukla'.

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- Arunachal Pradesh is the first state in India which is set to 'humanise' the prisons in the state for a change in societal and administrative attitude to the prisoners. The first central jail of the state will be named as "Correctional Centre".

DEFENCE

- Recently Defence Ministry has initiated the process for procuring a total 100 more numbers of K9-Vajra tracked self-propelled howitzers.
 - ✚ These self-propelled howitzers are being manufactured in India by L & T (Larsen & Toubro).
- Recently the union defence minister of India, Rajnath Singh inaugurated Siyom Bridge in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. This is 1 of the 28 projects completed by Border Roads Organisation (BRO) recently. Other 27 projects were inaugurated virtually by Rajnath Singh.
- "Veer Guardian 23" air exercise held between – IAF (Indian Air Force) & Japan Air Force (JASDF).
 - ✚ Venue – Hyakuri Airbase & Iruma Airbase, Japan.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Recently IIT Kanpur developed an artificial heart which can be used in serious cardiac patients.
- Recently Bharti Airtel, along with Apollo Hospitals, conducted the 1st AI (Artificial Intelligence) guided & 5G based trials of colonoscopy in association with – Amazon web services, HealthNet Global & Avesha. This will help in the correct & fast detection of colon cancer.
- Recently on the 'Good Governance Day', i.e. Dec 25, also which is the birthday of former PM of India, Shri Atal B. Bajpayee, BJP party's Aurangabad unit named a star located about 392.01 light years from Earth, in the name of Atal B. Bajpayee.
 - ✚ Registration number – CX16408US.
- For the 1st time, a fatal & very rare brain-eating amoeba case was discovered in

South Korea. The disease is called PAM (Primary Amoebic Meningoencephalitis) caused by Naegleria fowleri named amoeba.

- WHO (World Health Organisation) recently gave the approval under its WHO PQ (Prequalification of Medicines) programme to a generic version of an oral anti-viral COVID-19 vaccine, named "Nirmatrelvir".
 - ✚ The drug name is 'Nirmacom' & has been developed by Hyderabad-based Hetero Drugs.
 - ✚ Nirmacom is the 1st prequalification for generic version of Pfizer's Oral Anti-Viral COVID Vaccine, named Paxlovid.

INTERNATIONAL

- USA has become the 1st country in the world to give approval for using 1st vaccine of world for the honeybees.
 - ✚ US government has taken this initiative in order to prevent deaths due to Full Brood Disease (spread by the honeybees).
- Twitter, Tesla & Space X CEO, Elon Musk, has become the 1st person in history who has lost 200 billion dollars from his net worth.
- 27th fully integrated member of the EU (European Union) – Croatia, as it recently adopted the Euro Currency instead of Kuna (former currency of Croatia).
 - ✚ Right now, 20 countries of EU have adopted Euro as their currency, while 7 have not adopted the currency.
- Recently, TTP (Tehseek-e-Taliban), Pakistan announced its own government with its full cabinet in Pakistan.
 - ✚ TTP was formed in 2007. The main object of TTP is to totally abolish the control of Pakistan at Kabaili area & Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ends of the country & to roll out Shariat law in the entire nation.
- Sweden has become the President of the EU (European Union) Council for 6 months from 1st Jan'2023.
- Recently the UN Security Council adopted its 1st ever resolution on the country of

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Myanmar in its 74 years (1948 – 2022) for the demand of an end to all the violence and thereby request the military junta so that they release each & every political prisoners, including Aung San Suu Kyi.

- New and 12th Prime Minister of Fiji – Sitiveni Rabuka;
 - ✚ Former PM was – Frank Bainimarama.
 - ✚ Capital of Fiji- Suva; President – Wiliame Katonivere

SUMMIT & CONFERENCE

- After being cancelled consecutively for 3 years owing to COVID pandemic, the 10th edition of the Dhaka Literature Festival is going to be held at – Dhaka, Bangladesh (5-8 Jan'2023).
 - ✚ This is the largest international level literary festival of Bangladesh.
- Recently the hon'ble CM of Kerala, P. Vijayan inaugurated the Indian Library Congress at – Kannur, Kerala (Collectorate Ground).
- 108th Indian Science Congress venue – Nagpur, Maharashtra (organised at the Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Maharashtra).
 - ✚ Inaugurated by – Hon'ble PM of India, Narendra Modi.
 - ✚ Theme – “Science & Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment”.
- The 1st ever All India Annual State Minister's Conference on Water will be organised at – Bhopal, MP.
 - ✚ Organised by – Jal Shakti Ministry
 - ✚ Theme – “Water Vision @ 2047”.

RANKS AND REPORTS

- As per the data from the ministry of road transport & highways, in 2021, a total 412432 road accidents took place all over the country of which 1.54 lakh deaths happened and 3.84 lakh individuals got injury.
 - ✚ Report title – ‘Road Accidents in India 2021’.

- As per the global ranking released by Taste Atlas, the top cuisine of the world is of the country – Italy.
 - ✚ 2nd – Greece; 3rd – Spain.
 - ✚ India ranked 5th in the rankings.
 - ✚ Best traditional dish of the world – Kare (Japan).
- As per the latest World Economic League Table Report i.e. WELT 2022, released recently by CEBR (Centre for Economics and Business Research), India is going to become the 3rd largest economy of the world by 2037. Right now in 2022, India is the 5th largest economy of the world (as per the report).
 - ✚ Largest economy of the world (as of WELT 2022) – USA, 2nd – China, 3rd – Japan & 4th – Germany.
 - ✚ As per the report, India will witness a growth of 6.8 % in economy in FY 2022-23.

APPOINTMENTS

- Newly elected PM of Nepal – Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda.
 - ✚ Former PM was – Sher Bahadur Deuba.
 - ✚ President of Nepal – Vidya Devi Bhandari.
- New CEO & Chairman of Railway Board – Anil kr. Lahoti.
 - ✚ Former – V.K. Tripathi.
 - ✚ Railway Minister of India – Ashwini Vaishnaw.
 - ✚ Railway Headquarters – New Delhi.
- Newly appointed Engineer-in-Chief of Indian Army – Arvind Walia.
 - ✚ Indian Army Headquarters – New Delhi.
 - ✚ Indian Army Day – Jan 15.
 - ✚ Indian Army motto – Service before self.
- Sujoy Lal Thaoson has been provided with additional charge of the DG, BSF. Presently Thaoson is working as DG of CRPF. Along with this, he has got the additional charge of DG of the BSF.
 - ✚ Former DG of BSF who recently retired – Pankaj Kr. Singh.

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- New MD & CEO of the Indian Overseas Bank – Ajay Kumar Srivastava. Earlier, he was the executive director of Indian Overseas Bank. So, basically he got promotion in the post of MD & CEO.
- New Chief of Western Air Command of the Indian Air Force (IAF) – Air Marshall Pankaj Mohan Sinha.
 - ✚ Former Chief of Western Air Command of IAF was – Air Marshall S. Prabhakaran.
- New Speaker of the state legislative assembly of Himachal Pradesh – Kuldeep Singh Pathania.
 - ✚ Recently, Sukhwinder S. Sukhu (congress) has become the chief minister of the state.
 - ✚ Deputy CM of Himachal Pradesh – Mukesh Agnihotri.
- Newly appointed CEO of FSSAI (Food Safety & Standards Authority of India) – G. Kamala Vardhan Rao.
- New brand ambassador of PUMA India – Anushka Sharma.
- New Chairman of NHAI (National Highways Authority of India) – Santosh Kumar Yadav.
- New Vice Chairman of DDA (Delhi Development Authority) – Subhasis Panda.
- STAU UPDATED ABOUT DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS – CHOSED BY HONOURARY MENTOR
- for 2.5 years contract for a record 200 million euros each season.
 - ✚ Ronaldo was earlier a player of Manchester United club of England. Manchester terminated the contract with him after his controversial interview with Piers Morgan.
- Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Under-18 Men's Hockey title won by – Madhya Pradesh; Runner-up – Odisha.
 - ✚ This 2022 Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Under-18 Men's qualifier title took place in – Bhubaneswar.
 - ✚ 3rd place – Haryana.
- Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Under-18 Women's Hockey title won by – Hockey Haryana (women squad); Runner-up – Madhya Pradesh.
 - ✚ The final took place at – Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- World's highest paid female athlete, as per the annual report recently released by



SPORTS

- The 78th grandmaster of India – Kaustav Chatterjee of West Bengal. He is 19 years old.
 - ✚ Kaustav has achieved this feat at the MPL 59th edition of the National Senior Chess Championship of 2022, which was organized in New Delhi.
- Cristiano Ronaldo, the famous footballer, joined the Al-Nassr club of Saudi Arabia

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Forbes – Naomi Osaka, Japan (51.1 million USD).

✚ 2nd – S. Williams, USA (41.3 million USD).

✚ Both are Tennis players.

✚ From India, only P.V. Sindhu (badminton) got place in the top 25. Her rank is 12th.

- BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2022 – Beth Mead. She is the woman football player of England national women football team. She was the top scorer of Euro 2022 (6 goals) in the tournament.
- Australian cricket board recently announced to rename the award of “Australian’s Men’s Test Player of the Year” after the name of the late Shane Warne, the famous spinner from Australia.
- Archery Asia Cup’s Stage 3 venue – Sharjah, UAE.
 - ✚ Medal tally topper – India (5 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze).
- 6th Elite National Women’s Boxing Championship 2022 venue – Bhopal, MP (Tatya Tope stadium).
 - ✚ Topper of the medal tally – Railways team (10 medals – 5 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze).
 - ✚ 2nd – MP; 3rd – Haryana.
 - ✚ Gold medals won by – Nikhat Zarin (Telangana), world champion and Lovlina Borgohain (Assam), Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist.

AWARDS

- Chhattisgarh state police recently was awarded with the IACP award; IACP – International Association of Chiefs of Police.
 - ✚ Chhattisgarh state police has received this award due to its anti-drug & the anti-illicit liquor campaign named ‘Nijaat’.
- Chhattisgarh police got this award in ‘Leadership in Crime Prevention’ award under institutional category.
- The government of Assam decided to give the highest civilian award of Assam, “Assam Baibhav” to – Dr. Tapan Saikia, for his significant contribution for cancer treatment in Assam.
- A total of 27 people have been selected, who will be awarded in the 17th edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman award.
 - ✚ Basically, 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention is going to be held at – Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
 - ✚ The 27 people will be awarded by the hon’ble President.
- Recently Odisha state has won the UN-Habitats’ World Habitat Award 2023 for its JAGA mission.
 - ✚ Basically, JAGA mission is the largest slum upgrading program of the world which aims to empower the slum dwellers so to elevate their quality of liver.
 - ✚ By this mission, Odisha government targets to upgrade about 3000 slums in the state.
- Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2021-22 won jointly by
 - a) Sudeep Sen for his “Anthropocene: Climate Change, Contagion Consolation” [from Pippa Rann Books & Media, 2021].
 - b) Shobhana Kumar for her “A Sky Full of Bucket Lists” [from Red River, 2021].
 - ✚ Tagore Prize for Social Achievement – Sanjoy K. Roy.
- 30th Ekalavya Award/Puraskar 2022 won by – Indian woman cyclist Swati Singh.
- For his Tamil novel ‘Kala Paani’, M. Rajendran won recently won the Sahitya

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Akademi Award for 2022 in Tamil Language.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- “Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI & Beyond” – C. Rangarajan (former Governor of RBI).
✚ Present Governor of RBI – Shaktikanta Das.

OBITUARIES

- Recently Walter Cunningham, who was the last surviving member of 1st successful space mission under the Apollo program of NASA, died.
✚ Cunningham was 1 of the 3 astronauts of the Apollo-7 mission that was launched in the year 1968.
- Recently the former director of the Tata Sons, Shri R.K. Krishnakumar died in Maharashtra (Mumbai).
- Famous singer Sumitra Sen recently passed away. She was honoured with Sangeet Mahasamman in the year 2012 by government of India.
- The former Pope Benedict the XVI recently passed away at – Vatican City’s Mater Ecclesiae Monastery.

Basically, Pope is nothing but a title provided to the Bishop of Rome (The head of Roman Catholic Church).

JANUARY to 26th

FEBRUARY

NATIONAL

- ❖ Egypt President Abdel Fatch al-Sisi War the Chief Guest in the Republic Day 2023 of India.
- ❖ Which country’s military contingent took part in the 74th

Republic Day Parade of India – Egypt.

- ❖ On 74th Republic Day, the 21 Gun Salute War given with which Cannon (Made in India) – 105 mm Indian field gun.
- ❖ Failier, Britain made 25-Pounder Field Gun War used for this purpose.
- ❖ Which force conducted an OPS Alert Exercise at Indo Pale Border to enhance Security – Border Security Force (BSF).
- ❖ Election Commission / ECI Recently appointed “Maithili Thalue” are the State icon of Bihar. Thalue is famous Folk Singh.
- ❖ Recently, Dr. Jitendra Singh (Union Ministry of SC. & Technology) has inaugurated the National Genome Editing & Training Centre i.e. NGETC at Mohali, Punjab.
- ❖ Which State Govt. has begun 1st Caste Survery in different parts of the state in 2 phases – (Bihar).
- ❖ A very rare orange colored bat named Narangi bat war recently found in Parali Bodal Village, Nangh Valley National Park, Bastar District, Chattisgarh.
- ❖ Scientific Name – Kerivoul Pieta.
- ❖ “Project Nilgiri Tahr” for conserving the Nilgiri Tahir Specier was recently launched by Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Basically, Nilgiri Tahr. Is the State Animal of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ India has set the Target to eliminate the Lymphatic Filariasis by 2027.

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- ❖ Best tableau Award among States / Utr in the Republic Day Parade 2023 – Uttarakhand Tableau.
 - 2nd Maharashtra.
- ❖ Among the Ministries & Departments, the tableau of the Tribal Affairs Ministry won best prize for Ekalavya Model Residential Scholar.
- ❖ Best Marching Contingent among armed forces 2 services – Punjab Regiment of Indian Army.
- ❖ Best Marching contingent among CAPF / Other auxiliary forces – CRPF Marching Contingent.
- ❖ Recently, Prime Minister Modi flagged off the 8th Vande Bharat Express of India between – Secunderabad (Telangana) & Vishakhapatnam (A.P.)
 - Till now 8 Vande Bharat Express have been flagged off.
 - 1st was – N. Delhi to Varanasi (2019).
 - 7th was – Howrah to N. Jalpaiguri (2022)
- ❖ Who recently flagged off the Shri Jagannath Yatra Tourist Train from Delhi to Jagannath Temple of Puri.
 - A. Baishnav (Rail Minister)
 - Dharmendra Pradhan (Education Minister)
 - G. Kishan Reddy (Tourism Minister)
- ❖ “Jai Hind – The New Light & Sound Show” event recently inaugurated at – Red Fort-(N. Delhi) by Union MHA Minister Amit Shah.
- The History of India was shown from 17th Century to till now.
- Event organized by – Culture Ministry (ASI / Archaeological Survey of India)
- ❖ Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Siyom Bridge in Arunachal Pradesh (in upper Siang District) Made by BRO (Border Road Organisation).
- ❖ 2nd phase of Sari Festival named “VIRAASAT”, where 75 types of Hand woven Sarees were showcased was held recently in New Delhi.
 - Organised by – Textile Ministry.
- ❖ Hon’ble President Draupadi Murmu recently inaugurated the 1st National Scout Guide Jamboree Festival at Pali District, Rajasthan (Venue – Rohat).
 - It was a Scout & Guide Program where 37000 Scouts & Guides took part all over India with 400 + Delegates from different Countries.
- ❖ Which State recently launched “Saharsh” education Program to Promote Social & Emotional learning – Tripura.
- ❖ Recently Ahmedabad – Delhi Sampark Kranti Express has been renamed as – Akshardham Express.
- ❖ World Economic Forum (WEF)’s Center for Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) is going to be set up in – Hyderabad, Telangana.

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- ❖ “The Citizen 2022”, a constitution Literacy Campaign recently organized at Kollam, Kerala. Thus, Kollam will become the country’s 1st Constitution Literate District. The people of 10th age will be given education about basic tenet of Constitution.
- ❖ Indian largest Student run Festival “Saarang 2023” held recently in – IIT Madras (Tamil Nadu, Chennai).
- ❖ 1st underwater Metro of India will be completed by end of 2023 in Kolkata, under – Hooghly river.
- ❖ Which bridge is being constructed in Uttarakhand as an alternative to Hrishikesh, Laxman Jhala (as Laxman Jhula was declared unsafe for Tourists) – Bajrang Setu.
- ❖ Prime Minister Modi announced recently a project name “Aarogya Maitri” under which India is going to provide essential medical supplies to any developing country, affected by National Disasters or humanitarian crisis.
 - A “Centre of Excellence” will also be opened to Facilitate the Project.
- ❖ Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu-Ashiskar Scheme recently announced by – Hon’ble CM of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chauhan. Under the Scheme, residential lands will be provided free of cost to the people of the state, who don’t own any land. People can use the land for building own houses.
- ❖ Which has become the 1st full fledged Digital Banking State of India – Kerala, announced by CM Pinarayi Vijayan.
- ❖ Who released a commemorative coin of Rs 75 to mark the 75th Year of establishment of NCC (National Cadet Corps. – Hon’ble Prime Minister Modi.
- ❖ Prime Minister Modi recently flagged off world’s longest river cruise “MV Ganga Vilas” between Varanasi (U.P.) vs. Dibrugarh (Assam).
 - This cruise will travel a total 3200 K.m. in 51 days. This cruise is containing 32 travelers of Suit Zerland (Total Capacity – 36).
 - MV Ganga Vilas Length – 62 m., Width – 12 m.
 - The cruise will traverse through 5 States (Uttarpradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Assam).
- ❖ “Bharat Parv 2023” was organized at Red Fort, N. Delhi.
 - Inaugurated : Union Culture & Tourism Minister G. Krishan Reddy.
- ❖ This event is celebrated as a part of Republic Day. Celebration every year. It shows the rich & varied cultural diversity of India.
- ❖ 1st woman officer who has been posted in Siachen Glacier Capt. Shiva Chauhan (Corps. Of Engineers) Siachen is the highest battle field of the world.
- ❖ Recently, Hoshangabad Railway Station of Madhya Pradesh State has been renamed as – Narmadapuram Railway Station.

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- Earlier, Hoshangabad's name was changed as Narmadapuram.
- ❖ Hon'ble President Draupadi Murmu recently inaugurated "Samvidhan Park" at – Jaipur, Rajasthan, to raise awareness among Indian about Constitution.
- ❖ Prime Minister Modi recently name 21 islands of Andaman – Nicobar Islands after Param Vir Chakra Awardees. Till now, 21 Jawans of India Army have won the Award.
- ❖ Recently, Odisha CM. N. Patraik inaugurated the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in – Rourkela, Odisha.
 - With a Capacity of 20,000 it's the largest Hockey Stadium of the World. Recent Hockey World Cup' 2022 was also organized here.
- ❖ Recently, Hon'ble President of India, Draupadi Murmu has laid a foundation stone of SIVN's 1000 MW Bikash Solar Power Project in Bikaner, Rajasthan.
- ❖ Recently, Odisha won the UN. – Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for its Saga Mission.
- ❖ Basically, the mission focusses on Slum up-gradation by Empowerment of Slum Dwellers. It's the world's largest land tilling program. The mission is focused to make Odisha Slum-free.
- ❖ 1st Country in Asia & 2nd in World to launch hydrogen fueled Train China.
- 1st in World was – Germany (2022) started by French Company Alstom.
- ❖ Rajnath Singh inaugurated instally the Bailey Suspension Bridge on Chenab River. The bridge is located in Ramban District, J & K.
 - Rajnath Singh is the hon'ble defence minister of India.
- ❖ The Aska Police Station of Odisha recently became the No. 1 Police Station in India in the Annual Ranking of Police Stations 2022.
 - The Police Station is located at Ganjam, Odisha.
 - Who gave the award – Hon'ble MHA Minister Amit Shah.
- ❖ Which State Government recently decided to grant menstruation leave to the 1st female students in all universities – under state Government Kerala.
- ❖ Which Ministry recently launched Prajjwala Challenge – Ministry of Rural Development (mainly by DAY NRLM., i.e Deendayal Antyodaya Jonana – National Rural Livelihood Mission.
- ❖ Prajjwala Challenge will be launched to invite ideas, under this "Prajjwala" Challenge will be given 2 lakh Rupees each.
- ❖ Election Commission of India (ECI) announced the Schedule of Assembly Elections for 3 States – Nagaland, Meghalaya & Tripura (In each of the States, total number of Vidhan Sabha seats – 60).
- ❖ India signed a MOU with which country to bring 12 Cheetahs each

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year for next 8-10 years : South Africa.

- For the 1st time, a total of 8 Cheetahs were brought from Namibia to Kuno National Park, M.P. in September' 2022.
- ❖ Mughal Gardens, located in the Rashtrapati Bhavan, has been renamed as – Amrit Udyan. This has been done as a part of “Azadilla Amrit Mahltsav” Celebration.
- ❖ 16th Edition of Auto Expo 2023 venue – N. Delhi, Pragati Maidan & U.P. (Naida) – Greath.
 - Inaugurated by MORTH (Ministry of RoadWays, & Highways Transport) of India, Nitin Gadkadi.
 - Here, Automobile Companies showcase their cars.
- ❖ 1st ever Military Tattoo & Tribal Dance Festival named “Adi Shaurya : Parv Parakram Ka” celebrated at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, N. Delhi on 23rd January' 2023.
 - Inaugurated by – Hon'ble speaker of Lok Sabha, Om Birla.
 - Hosted by – Tribal Affairs Ministry + Defence Ministry.
- ❖ Indian's 1st Centre of Excellence of Online Gaming will be set up in which city by March' 23 – Shillong (Meghalaya).
- ❖ Hon'ble MHA Minister Amit Shah recently laid the foundation stone of NFSU (Not Forensic Science University) at Dharuad, Karnataka.

- ❖ Which country recently proposed to celebrate the International Millet Year 2023 (IYM – 2023) from January 1 – India.

DAYS :

- ❖ January 1 – DRDO Days.
- ❖ January 4 – World Braila Day.
- ❖ January 9 – Pravasi Bhartiya Divas / NRI Day.
- ❖ January 10 – World Hindi Day.
- ❖ January 12 – National Youth Day.
- Theme : “Vilisit Yuva, Vilisit Bharat”
- ❖ January 15 – Indian Army Day.

This years, 75th edition of Indian Army Day 2023 War celebrated at Bengaluru (Karnataka).

- ❖ January 23 – Parauram Diwas (NSC Bose Birthday).
- ❖ January 24 – National Girl Child Day.

Theme, 2023 – “Self Defence Training for Girls”

- ❖ January 24 – International Education Day.

Theme, 2023 – “To invest in people, Prioritize Education”

- ❖ January 25 – National Voters Day.

Theme, 2023 – “Nothing like voting, I vote for Sure”

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❖ January 25 - National Tourism Day.

Theme, "Global Science for Global Well Being"

❖ January 26 - 74th Republic Day of India.

Theme, announced by Union Minister - Dr. Jitendra Singh (Union Science & Technology Minister)

❖ January 26 - International Customs Day.

Theme, 2023 - "Act Now - Act Together Invest in Neglected Tropical Diseases"

Theme, 2023 - "Nurturing the next generation : Promoting a Culture of Knowledge - Sharing and Professional Pride in Customs."

❖ PM Modi inaugurated a Tent City in which to promote Tourism : Varanasi, U.P.

❖ January 27 - International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

❖ Which site has been nominated by India for UNESCO World Heritage Site Status in 2023 - Charaideo Moidamr (Assam); Basically these are pyramid structures used as burial mounds by Tai Ahom Dynasty of Assam.

Theme, 2023 - "Home and Belonging"

❖ Who will Chair the Committee to discuss measures to protect Ladakhs unique culture, language & employment.

❖ January 28 - Date Protection Day / Date Privacy Day.

Niyanand Rai Committee

Theme, 2023 - "Think Privacy First"

❖ January 29, 2023 - World Leprosy Day (Last Sunday of January)

❖ New Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh - BD Mishra.

Theme, 2023 - "Act Now End Leprosy"

❖ "International Kite Festival 2023" Venue - Ahmedabad (Gujarat).

❖ January 30 - Martyrs Day / Shaheed Divar (Marks the death

❖ 1st State in India to implement the Blindness Control Policy - Rajasthan (Under Nirogi Rajasthan Campaign).

anniversary of M.K. Gandhi, Shot by Godse on Jan 30, 1948.

▪ Objective - "Right to Sight".

❖ January 30 - World NTD Day / World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day.

❖ Which scheme approved by Cabinet to improve the Public Broad Caster Services - BIND (Broad Casting Infrastructure & Network Day) elopement Scheme.

▪ Total allocation for the Scheme - 2539.61 Crores.

❖ February 28 - National Science Day 2023

AWARDS

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- ❖ Hon'ble President honored 11 Children with PM Bal Purashan 2023 (from 11 States /UTs).
 - Every Year, this Award is given to exceptional Children before Republic Day.
- ❖ Best Foreign Language Film Award at the 28th Critics Choice Awards (Venue : USA → RRR. In this Award, RRRs' "Naatu Naatu" also won the Award of "Best Original Song").
- ❖ President Draupadi Murmu recently approved how many Padma Awards for 2023 – 106 (6 Padmabibhushan, 9 Padmabhushan & 91 Padmashree).
 - Padmabibhushan Winners.
 1. Balkrishna Doshi (Art)-----
 2. Dilip Mahlanobis (Meidical) -----
-- POSTHUMOUS
 3. Mulayam Singh Yadav (Public Affairs)-----
 4. SM Krishna (Public Affairs)
 5. Zahir Hussain (Art)
 6. Srinivas Vardhan (SC. & Engg.)
 - Padmabhushan
 1. Sudha Murthy
 2. K. M. Birla
 3. Suman Kalyanpur
 4. Vani Jairam
 5. Dipak Dhar
 6. S. L. Bairappa
 7. Kapil Kapoor
 8. Swami Chinna Jeeyar
- 9. Kamallesh D Patel
- ❖ Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia Life time Achievement Award 2023 – Prabha Atre (A veteran Classical Singer)
 - Conferred by – Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde.
- ❖ 80th Golden Globe Awards
 - Venue : California, Beverly Hills.
 - Best Motion picture (Drama) – "The Fable manr"
- ❖ Best Actor in Motion Picture – Austin Butter (Elvis)
- ❖ Best Actress in Motion Picture – Cate Blanchett (Tar)
- ❖ Best Director Motion Picture – Steven Spielberg (The Fablemans)
- ❖ Best Motion Picture (Animated) – Pinocchio (by Ginbermo del Toro)
- ❖ Best Motion Picture (Non English) – "Argentina, 1985"
- ❖ Best Original Song (Motion Picture) – "Naatu Naatu" (RRR)
- ❖ This year in Golden Globe Awards, RRR film by S. S. Raja Mouli got nomination in 2 Categories.
 - (i) Best Original Song Motion Picture) – Won (Naatu Naatu)
 - (ii) Best Non-English Motion Picture – Nominated.
- ❖ The Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song – won by Naatu Naatu (RRR) & Award received by Composer of the Son, M. Keeravani.
- ❖ Assam Government recently decided to center the highest Civilian Award of the State "Assam Baibhne" to – Dr. Tapan Saihia.

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- ❖ Dr. Tapan Saihia has worked long for raising awareness about Cancer among the maner.
- ❖ Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Purashan – 2023 won by
 - (A) Lunglei Fire Station, Mizoram.
 - (B) Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) both got the Award in the Institutional Category.
- ❖ This award is the greatest award of India for Disaster Management.
- ❖ 2023, 23rd January, Marks the 126th Birth Anniversary of Netaji. Basically 23rd January is celebrated as “Parakram Divas”.
- ❖ IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police award 2023 in institutional Category – Anti Drug addition campaign of Chhattisgarh, “Nijaat”. This is a campaign by Chhattisgarh police to drive out narcotics, drug smuggling.
- ❖ This “Nijaat” Campaign war launched in the Rajnandgao district of Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ 71st edition of Miss Universe Pagcant 2022 won by R “Bonney Garbriel” (USA).
 - Venue – Lousiana, USA.
 - 2021, 70th Edition won by – Harnaz Sandhu (India).
- ❖ Renowned Indian Architect Balkrishna Doshi parred away, he received famous Pritzker Prize in the year – 2018. He was the 1st Indian to win the Prize.
- ❖ Which Indian Song nominated for 95th Oscar Awards 2023 in “Best

Original Song” category – Naatu Naatu (RRR).

- ❖ Total 3 nomination from India for 95th Oscar Awards :

| CATEGORIES | NOMINEE |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (i) Best Original Song | Naatu Naatu (RRR) |
| (ii) Best Documentary Features Film | All that Breather |
| (iii) Best Documentary Short Subject | The Elephant Whisperers |

SPORTS

- ❖ 1st edition of ICCU – 19 Women’s T20 World Cap 2023 Venue & Hosts : South Africa.
 - Champion – India
 - Runner Up – England
- ❖ Players of the Series – Grace Scriver (England)
- ❖ Most Runs – Shiveta Sehvawat (India) – 297 runs.
- ❖ Most Wicket – Maggic Clark (Australia) – 12 wickets.
- ❖ 79th Grand Master of India – M. Pranesh (Tamil Nadu).
- ❖ 78th Grand Master of India – was Koustav Chatterjee (Kolkata)
- ❖ 77th Grand Master of India – was Aditya Mittal (Mumbai)
- ❖ ICC Men’s Cricketer of the Years (Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy) 2022 – Babar Azam (Pakistan).
- ❖ ICC Women’s Cricketer of the Year 2022 – Nat Sciver (England)

QUICK GLANCE

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| Category | Men Winner | Women Winner |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Cricketer of the Year | Babar Azam | Nat Sciver |
| ODI Cricketer of the year | Ben Stokes (Eng.) | -- |
| T20 Cricketer of the Year | S. K. Yadav (India) | T. Mc. Grath (Aus.) |
| Emerging Cricketer of the Year | M. Jansen (South Africa) | Renuka Singh (India) |

- ❖ ICC Umpire of the Year 2022 – Richard Illingworth (England).
- ❖ ICC Spirit of the Cricket Award 2022 – Asif Sheikh (Nepal)
- ❖ Recently, India broke the second of which country & thus achieved the biggest in ODI History.

NEW ZEALAND

- ❖ Actually, NZ (New Zealand) defeated Ireland in 2008 in an ODI match by 290 runs margin.
- ❖ Recently, India defeated Sri Lanka by a margin of 317 runs & broke the record of NZ.
- ❖ The match B/W India & Sri Lanka was played at Greenfield International Stadium, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- ❖ Score : India 390/5 Sri Lanka – 73 all out.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ❖ Joshimath, an area in Chamoli of Uttarakhand, has been declared as a disaster prone in January 2023, as cracks are appearing in houses due to landslide possibilities. Basically

land subsidence is taking place there, for which every year the Joshimath town is sinking by 6.5 cm / year.

- ❖ Australian open 2023 Men's Singles Title – Navali Djokaic.
- ❖ Women's Single title – Aryna Subalenka (Belarus).
- ❖ Which Indian pair finished runner up in mixed doubles of Australian open 2023 Grand Slam – Sania Mirza – Rohan Bopanna.
- ❖ World Blitz Chess Championship 2022 Venue : Almedy Kazakhstan.
 - Here, as a 1st Indian, Koneru Humpy Clinched the Silver Medal (Women's Category).
 - Gold (Women's Champion) – Bibisara Assaubayeva Kazakhstan.
 - Gold (Men's Champion) – Magnus Carlsen (Norway).
- ❖ 15th Hockey World Cup (Mens) 2023 Champion – Germany.
 - Runners – Belgium
- ❖ A total of 16 Teams took part in this world Cup.
- ❖ Host – Odisha (India)
- ❖ Venue 1 – Kalinga Stadium (Bhubaneswar) &
- ❖ Venue 2 – Birsa Munda Stadium (Rourkela)
- ❖ India finished – 9th Rank.
- ❖ Mascot – Olly (Turtle)
- ❖ Best Player – Niklas Weller (Germany)
- ❖ Top Goal Scorer – Jeremy Hayward (Australia)

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- ❖ Best Goal keeper – Vincent Vanasch (Belgium)
 - ❖ Young player of the Tournament – Mustafa Casseim (South Africa)
 - ❖ Fair Play Award – Belgium
 - ❖ Anthem of FIH Men’s Hockey World Cup 2023 – “Jai Ho Hindustan Ki”.
 - ❖ Who resigned as the head coach of Indian Men’s Hockey Team after bad performance of India in FIH Men’s Hockey WC 2023 – Graham Reid (Australia).
 - ❖ Opening Ceremony of FIH Men’s Hockey we 2023 war held at – Barabati Stadium (Cattack, Orisha).
 - ❖ 5th Khelo India Youth Gamer 2022 held at Madhya Pradesh.
 - Mascot – Asha (a Cheetah) & Mongli.
 - Topper in Medal Tally – Maharashtra.
 - ❖ Who has been appointed as the Chairman of oversight Committee to probe allegations leveled against WFI (Wrestling Federation of India).
 - ❖ MC Mary Kom (Total members of the Committee – 6).
 - ❖ 46th International Kolkata Book Fair held b/w. 31st January to 12th February, Venue – Milan Mela (Science City).
 - ❖ Theme Country – Spain.
 - ❖ 2023 SCO Film Festival recently held under the Chairmanship of India (as India is the Chair of SCO for 2023 – 24) in Mumbai (Maharashtra).
 - ❖ Hon’ble PM of India, N. Modi recently inaugurated the Dr. Syama Prasad Maakerjee National Institute of Water & Sanitation i.e. SPM-NIWAS in Kolkata.
- CONFERENCE
- ❖ 108th ISC (Indian Science Congress) Venue – Nagpur, Maharashtra, RTM Nagpur University.
 - Inaugurated virtually by – PM Modi
 - ❖ Theme – “Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment.”
 - ❖ 107th ISC Venue – University of Agricultural Science (UAS), Bengaluru, Karnataka in 2020.
 - ❖ 53rd Annual Meeting of World Economic Forum (WEF) war held recently in Davos (Switzerland).
 - ❖ Theme – “Co-operation in a Fragmented World”.
 - ❖ 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 held recently in Indore, M.P.
 - Inaugurated by PM Modi.
 - ❖ Theme – “Diaspora : Reliable Partner for India’s Progress in Amrit Kaal”.
 - Chief Guest – Md. Irfan Ali (President of Guyana).
 - In this event, hon’ble President of India, Droupadi Murmu honored Md. Irfan Ali with Pravasi Bharatiya Somman Award 2023.
 - ❖ “Invest Madhya Pradesh Global Investors Summit 2023”, Venue – Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
 - ❖ Theme – “Madhya Pradesh : The Future Ready State”.
 - ❖ The 6th edition of the “Paraksha Pe Charaha” Program organized recently in – Talhatora Stadium, N. Delhi.

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- ❖ Basically, in this program, Narendra Modi replies to the questions asked by the Students.
- ❖ PM Modi inaugurated the “Sansar Khel Mahakunsh 2022 – 23” in which city of UP. – Basti.
- ❖ Organised by – Harish Duivedi, M.P., Basti.
- ❖ A Model G20 Summit was recently organized for students in Bengaluru.
- ❖ 1st Global Tourism Investors Summit 2023 will be held at – Pragati Maidam, N. Delhi.
- ❖ 30th National Child Science Congress 2023 Venue – Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ❖ 26th National Youth Festival 2023 was organized at Karnataka (Hubballi & Dhawad).
- ❖ Theme – “Viksit Yuva Viksit Bharat”.
- ❖ 8th IISF (India International Science Festival) was held recently at – Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (Maulana Azad National Institution of Technology).
- ❖ Inaugurated by – Jitendra Singh (Minister of Science & Technology.)
- ❖ Theme, 2023 – “Marching Towards AMRIT KAAL with Science and Technology.
- ❖ “Voice of Global South Summit 2023” organizer by India; Virtually Conducted by PM Modi.
 - Total invitee – 120 Countries
- ❖ Theme – “Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose.
- ❖ 1st All India State Minister Conference on Water Vision @ 2047 held recently at – Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Theme : “Water Vision @ 2047.

APPOINTMENT

- ❖ Puma New Brand Ambassador – Harmanpreet Kaur (Woman Cricketer India).
- ❖ New CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Tata Trusts – Siddharth Sharma.
- ❖ New Chief Technologist of NASA – A.C. Charnia (Indian Origin American).
- ❖ Who has 1st Women officer to be posted on a foreign assignment at BRO – Captain Surabhi Jakhmala.
 - Posted at Bhutan for “Project Dantau” of BRO.
 - BRO – Border Road Organisation.
- ❖ New Chairman & CEO of Railway Board – Anil Kr. Lahoty former – V.K. Tripathy.
- ❖ 1st Woman Sikh Judge to be appointed in USA – Indian Origin Sikh, Manpreet Monika Singh.
- ❖ New Chairman of Selection Committee of BCCI – Chetan Sharma.
- ❖ New Deputy N & A (Nat. Security Advisor) of India – Pankaj Kr. Singh (former DG of BSF).
 - Present NSA of India – Ajit Doval.
- ❖ Recently, the Honorary of BJP’s National President, J. P. Nadda was extended upto June 2024.
- ❖ Newly appointed Speaker of the State Legislative assembly of Himachal Pradesh – Kuldeep Singh Pathania.
- ❖ New MD. & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) – Ajay Kr. Srivastava.
- ❖ New Brand ambassador of NMDC (National Mineral Development

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- Corporation) – Nibhat Zareen, Zarren is a female boxer of India.
- ❖ US. President Joe Biden Nominated Whom as special envoy for Human Right in North Korea – Julie Turner.
 - ❖ Newly appointed as the President of UN Climate Conference, COP-28 – Dr. Sultan Al Jabeir (a Central Minister of UAE).
 - ❖ UNFCCC COP-28 Venue 2023 – Dubai Expo, UAE.
 - ❖ 41st Prime Ministr of N. Zealand – Chris Hipkins
 - ❖ Former PM – Jacinda Ardern.
 - ❖ New Ambassador of India to Armenia – Neelakshi Saha Sinha to Azabaijan – M. Srisharan.
 - ❖ Azerbaijan Capital – Baku.
 - ❖ Armenia Capital – Yerevan.
 - ❖ New President of Czech Republic – Petr. Pavel.
 - ❖ Former War – Milos Zeman.
 - ❖ Pavel War a former chairman of NATO.
 - ❖ New Chairman of GCMMF (Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation) / Popularly known as Amul – Shamalbhair B Patel.
 - ❖ UN Security Council recently declared Abdul Rehman Makhi of Pakistan as a global terrorist.
 - ❖ India recently signed an MOU to established a Hindi Chair in the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.
 - ❖ India recently dedicated the Jaffna Cultural Centre to the people of Srilanka. So it is basically a bilathal project, foundation stone of which was laid in 2015 by PM Modi.
 - ❖ Which country assumed recently the presidency of Warenaar Arrangement for 1 year from 01/01/23 – India.
 - ❖ Warenaar Arrangement – It's an export control regime for monitoring (Weapon transfer / arms transfer) b/w. different countries.
 - ❖ Which country recently adopted Euro (€) as its official currency from 01/01/23 – Croatia. With this Croatia has become the 20th country to enter in Eurozone and Europe's passport freezone.
 - ❖ With this Croatia has also become the 27th member of the Schengen Zone (the largest passport free travel area of the world)
 - Former currency of Croatia – Kuna.

INTERNATIONAL

- ❖ Who taken over charge as Secretary – General of APPU for 2023-27 – Dr. Vinay Prakash Singh.
- ❖ Which country has approved the use of Worth 1st Vaccine for honey bees – America.
- ❖ Senior ISIS Leader Bilal-Sudani was killed recently by US Military forcer in Somalia. Sudani was a member of ISIS in Somalia.
- ❖ 39th President of Brazil – Luiz Inacio lala da Silva.
- ❖ Which country will be befitted & supplied power from the 1600 MW power plant in Godda, Jharkhand – Bangladesh.
 - This power plant established by – Adani Power Limited.
- ❖ India recently announced donation of 12500 dozer of pentavalent vaccine to Cuba.

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- ❖ The 1st palm-leaf manuscript museum of world has been established – Trivandrum, Kerala.
 - Inaugurated by – Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan.
 - ❖ India recently took over the leadership of the APPU (Asian Pacific Postal Union) in January' 2023 for 4 year (2023 – 27).
 - For 2023, India is also doing the leadership of G20 & SCO.
 - ❖ Diesel supply will be started from June through the Indo Bangladesh Friendship Pipelines / Maitri pipeline, length 131.5 Um.
 - ❖ By this India will supply diesel to Bangladesh.
 - ❖ Which country's Government recently decided to includes Punjabi language in School Curriculum – Australia.
 - ❖ Which country is presiding over the SCO (Shanglian Co-operation Organization) in the year 2023 – India.
- 2. INS. Khanderi (Commissioner)
 - 3. INS. Karanj (Commissioner)
 - 4. INS Vela (Commissioner)
 - 5. INS Vagir (Commissioner)
 - 6. INS Vagheer (Not Commissioner)
 - ❖ These have been built by – MDL (Mazagon Dock Ltd.) Mumbai.
 - ❖ India recently deployed a women only platoon of peace keeping force to the UN Mission in which country – SUDAN Africa.
 - ❖ This will be Indian's largest Single unit of Women peace keepers.
 - ❖ Cyclone – I Joint Training exercise held recently between Indian Army & Egypt Army.
 - Venue – Rajasthan, Jaisalmer.
 - It's the 1st edition of this exercise.
 - ❖ 21st edition of Varuma Naval Exercise b/w. India & France held in India (Goa's Western Sceboard).

DEFENCE

- ❖ "Veer Guardian 2023" air exercise held between India & Japan, Venue – Japan (Hyakuri & Iruma Airbare).
- ❖ Here, 1st IAF woman fighter pilot to participate in Aerial War Gamer in foreign soil – Avani Chaturvedi. She flew Sukhei 30 MKI in Veer Guardian 2023.
- ❖ Recently, 5th Kalvari Class Submarine was Commissioned into Indian Navy, name INS Vagir.
- ❖ A total 6 nos. of Submariner are to be Commissioned under Kalvari-Class, which are –
 1. INS. Kalvari (Commissioner)
- ❖ Which Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) recently Commissioned by the ICG / Indian Coast Guard) – ICGS Kamaladein. This FPV Gas been constructed by – URSE, Kolkata.
- ❖ Indian Army recently conductor the "Trishaliti Prahar" integrated exercise at – Teesta field firing Ranges, Siliguri, North Bengal.
- ❖ Here, along Indian Army, Indian Air Force (IAF) & CAPF also took part.
- ❖ AMPHEX 2023, the biennial the Services amphibious exercise of Indian Army, Indian Navy & Indian Air

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Force held recently at Kalinda Andhra Pradesh.

BOOKS

- ❖ “Ambedkar : A Life” – Shashi Thanoo (Congress Leader)
- ❖ “JADUNAMA : Javed Akhtar’s Journey – Arvind Mandley
- ❖ “Revolutionaries : The other story of How India won its freedom – Sanjeev Sanyal.
 - Inaugurated by – Hon’ble MHA Minister Amit Shah.
- ❖ Braving a Viral Storm : India COVID – 19 vaccine Story” – Ashish Chandorkar & Suraj Sudhir.
- ❖ “Coaching Beyond : My Days with the Indian Cricket Team” – R Koushik & Sridhar.
- ❖ Indian Knowledge Supremacy : The new dawn – Dr. Ashwin Fernandez.

DEATH

- ❖ Renowned poet of Assam, Nilmani Phookan died recently. Phookan won the 56th Gnanpith Award for 2021.
- ❖ Shanti Bhushan, the former law minister of India (1977- 79) & senior advocate passed away.
- ❖ Ballirishna Doshi, famous architect of India (winner of 2018 Pritzker Prize & 1976 Padma Shri), passed away.
- ❖ Doshi will be honored with posthumous Padmabibhushan in 2023.
- ❖ Pandit Mani Prasad, Indian Classical singer of Kirana Gharana passed away recently.
- ❖ Naba Kishore Das, the health minister of Odisha, recently passed away. He was shot by one police personnel.

- ❖ Jamuna, Veteran Tamil, Tollywood & Hindi actress (Tollywood) passed away. She was the former MP of Lok Sabha.
- ❖ French nun Licile Randon passed away at age of 118. She was world’s oldest person/nun. Randon was also called as – Sister Andre. She was from – France.
- ❖ Former Union Minister Sharad Yadav passed away recently. He was the former National president of JDU.

TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ Recently, IIT – Madras incubated company named Jandk Operations Private Ltd. (JandK Ops), developed an indigenous mobile operating system – BharOS i.e. Bharat Operating System for the organization having stringent privacy & Security concerns.
- ❖ Bhar OS comes with a unique feature named NDA (No Default Apps.) i.e. the users are not forced to use those apps which they are unfamiliar with or are untrustworthy. So basically no apps will be installed primarily under BharOS. User can later install the apps as per their needs.
- ❖ Which tech start recently developed India first 54 enabled drone, named – “Skyhawk” : IG Droner, based in N.Delhi.
- ❖ How much amt. Garzeen sanctioned by Union Cabinet for the National Green Hydrogen Mission – 19744 Crores.
 - By this every year, 50 lakh tonner of Green Hydrogen (Carbon absent) will be produced in India.

ECONOMY

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- ❖ Interest rate on Senior Citizen (SCSS) Savings Scheme for 4th Quarter of FY 22 – 23 i.e. January – March 2023 : 8%.
- ❖ Interest rate on National Saving Certificate (NSC) for 4th Quarter of FY 22-23 i.e. January – March 2023 : 7%.
- ❖ Interest rate on Kishan Vikas Partra (KVP) for 4th Quarter of FY 22-23 i.e. January – March 2023 : 7.2%.

Economic Survey 2022 – 23

- ❖ Presented on 31st January, 2023.
- ❖ GDP Growth Rate of 2022 – 23 “ 7% (estimated).
- ❖ GDP Growth Rate of 2023 – 24 : 6 – 6.8% (estimated 6.5).
- ❖ Fiscal Deficit of 2022 – 23 : 6.4 % (estimated).

Growth Rate for 2022 – 23

- ❖ Agricultural (Primary Sector) : 3.5%.
- ❖ Industrial (Secondary Sector) : 4.1%.
- ❖ Services (Tertiary Sector) : 9.1%.

INDEX & REPORT

- ❖ 2023 quarter 1 (Q1) Henley Passport Index India rank – 85th
 - Most powerful passport (1st) – Japan.
 - Weakest passport – (East) Afghanistan.
 - The Index released by – Henley & Partners.
- ❖ As per the recent report of CPCB (Central Pollution Control Board), the most polluted city of India – Delhi.
 - 2nd – Faridabad (Haryana)
 - 3rd – Ghaziabad (U.P.)

- ❖ Global Firepower Index 2023 (Defence Power)

- Rank 1 : USA ; Rank 2 : Russia ; Rank 3 : China ; Rank 4 : India.
- Last Rank – 145 : Bhutan

Weekly Current Affairs Feb 27 to Mar 5

Days

- National Protein Day – Feb 27.
 - ✚ Theme – “Easy Access to Protein for All”.
- National Science Day – Feb 28.
 - ✚ Theme – “Global Science for Global Good”.
 - ✚ This day is celebrated to commemorate the Raman Effects’ discovery by famous physicist CV Raman.
- World Wildlife Day – Mar 3.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – ‘Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation’.

National

- Asia’s longest cycle race started recently from Srinagar to Kanyakumari, i.e. via NH – 44.
 - ✚ Name of the race – ‘Race across India’.
 - ✚ World Ultracycling Association gave it the name Asian Ultracycling Championship.
 - ✚ Total distance – 3655 km.
 - ✚ Only female participant – Geeta Rao.
- Recently, Madhya Pradesh Government presented a green budget worth 314025 crore for Financial Year 2023-24.
 - ✚ In this recent budget, MP government also launched 2 schemes –
 - ✓ Mukhyamantri Balika Scooty Scheme – Here, scooties are going to be

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gifted to those girls securing highest marks in Class XII standard.

- ✓ Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Scheme – Here, women will get Rs. 1000 per month.

- NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation) recently commissioned the 1st ACC (Air-cooled condenser) at North Karanpura Plant of Jharkhand.
- Uttarakhand state is going to set up the 1st Government mothers' Milk Bank of India. Basically, this milk will be for those children whose mother died while giving childbirth.
- 1st woman MLA of Nagaland – Hekani Jakhalu.
 - ✚ She is from NDPP (National Democratic Progressive Party)
 - ✚ She stood from the Dimapur III constituency.
- ASI (Archaeological Survey of India) recently discovered a 1300 year old Buddhist monastery at Khondalite Mining region of Parbhadi, Sukhuapada village, Jajpur, Odisha.
 - ✚ The monastery height is – 4.5 metres.
 - ✚ The monastery was built by the Bhumkara dynasty.
- As per the recent statement of Supreme Court, from now on, total 3 people will constitute the appointment panel of the CEC, i.e. Chief Election Commissioner of India and other 2 election commissioners of India. They are – Prime Minister of India, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Chief Justice of India.
 - ✚ Earlier, these appointments were done by the Central Government alone.
- Recently, hon'ble PM of India, Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Barisu Kannada Dim Dimawa' cultural festival in – Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi.
 - ✚ The festival basically is marking the history, tradition and culture of Karnataka.
 - ✚ This festival is a part of the 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' scheme of India & 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Shri Nitin Gadkari recently inaugurated a total of 7 national Highway projects (204 km in total) at – Rewa, Madhya Pradesh. [Cost – 2444 crore]
- Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Shri Nitin Gadkari recently inaugurated a total of 7 national Highway projects worth cost 6500 crores at the – Chitbada Village of Ballia, UP.
- Himachal Pradesh has become the 1st state in India to start the commercial cultivation of Mulethi/Liquorice.
 - ✚ Basically started by – CSIR – Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT), Palampur, Himachal Pradesh.
- 5th Jan Ausadhi Diwas 2023 – March 7.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – “Jan Ausadhi-Sasti bhi Acchi Hai”
- The 5th Jan Ausadhi Jan Chetna Abhiyan organized by – Union Health Ministry + Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)
 - ✚ This Abhiyaan was started by – Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya. The campaign started with the sell of generic medicines through the “Jan Ausadhi Medical Stores”.
- The Chief Justice of India, Shri DY Chandrachud made an announcement that the Supreme Court of India has launched a “neutral citations” for the judgements in order to ensure uniform patterning of the citations/decisions of the apex court of India.

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- Culture Ministry of India recently made an announcement that Government of India is going to launch a yearlong celebrations to mark the 284th birth anniversary of Santh Sewalal Maharaj. He was a socio-religious reformer & belonged to Banjara (Nomad) community. Santh Sewalal was born on – 15th Feb, 1739.
- Recently, the G20 meeting of ACWG (Anti-Corruption Working Group) took place in – Gurugram, Haryana.
 - ✚ Theme of the G20 presidency of India – “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” / “ One Earth. One Family. One Future.”
 - ✚ 2023 chair of G20 – India ;Co-chair – Italy.
- 4th edition of NYPF (National Youth Parliament Festival) recently started at – Parliaments’ Central Hall, New Delhi.
- Honourable PM Modi recently inaugurated the Shivamogga airport in Karnataka. The airport has a lotus shaped terminal.
 - ✚ Apart from this, Modi also laid the foundation stone of 2 railway projects and a new rail line from Shikaripura to Ranebennur.
- Recently, the 47th edition of Civil Accounts Day was celebrated on 1st March in – New Delhi, India.

Awards

- Porter Prize 2023 –Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MHFW), Government of India for Health Ministrys’ achievement in combatting the COVID pandemic.
 - ✚ The award was announced at “The India Dialog”, that was organized jointly by – USATMC (US Asia Technology Management Center) & IFC (Institute for Competitiveness) at the Stanford University, US.
 - ✚ Theme of “The India Dialog”– “ The Indian Economy 2023 :

Innovation, Competitiveness & Social Progress”.

- Marconi Prize of 2023 –Computer Scientist Hari Balakrishnan. He is a professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science, MIT (Masachussets Institute of Technology), USA.
- Best EY Entrepreneur of the Year (EOY) award for 2022 – Sajjan Jindal, the MD ofJSW group.

Appointment

- New Chairman of CERC (Central Electricity Regulatory Commission) – Jishnu Barua.
 - ✚ Former chairman – P K Pujari.
- DG/ Director General Quality Assurance – Lt. Gen RS Reen. Reen will basically supervise whether the defence products are as per quality or not.
- New brand ambassador of PEPSI – Ranveer Singh (Bollywood actor)
- New associate administrator of NASAs’ Science Mission directorate / New Science chief of NASA – Nicola Fox.
- New Secretary General of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) – Shailesh Pathak.
 - ✚ FICCI hq. – New Delhi.
- New President of Nigeria – Bola Tinubu.
 - ✚ Former President – Muhammadu Buhari.
 - ✚ Tinubu is associated with ‘All Progressive Congress Party’.

Conference

- 1st Meeting of the W20 (Women – 20) has recently been organized at – Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (earlier, its name was Aurangabad), Maharashtra.
 - ✚ This was held under the G20 presidency of India.
- Recently, Honourable President of India, Draupadi Murmu, inaugurated the 7th

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edition of International Dharma-Dhamma Sammelan/Conference at – Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (venue – Kushabhau Thackeray Auditorium)

- A ‘Grand Startup Conclave’ was organised at – Hyderabad, Telangana, by Central Animal Husbandry & Dairy Development.

- ✚ It was inaugurated by – Union Minister of Animal Husbandry, fisheries & dairy, Mr. Purushottam Rupala.

Ranks & Indices

- International Intellectual Property Index 2023 rank of India – 42nd (among 55 countries)
 - ✚ Issued by – US Chamber of Commerce
 - ✚ 1st – USA, 2nd – UK, 3rd – France

Death

- A M Ahmadi, the 26th Chief Justice of India, died recently.

Technology

- NASA recently launched the SpaceX Crew-6 mission from – Kennedy Space Centre, Cape Canaveral by Falcon-9 rocket.
 - ✚ This operation is basically a joint operation of NASA and SpaceX.
 - ✚ Here, a crew dragon capsule carrying 4 astronauts (2 US astronauts, 1 UAE astronaut & 1 Russian cosmonaut) has been sent to the ISS (International Space Station)
- Russian space agency, named Roscosmos, recently launched the ‘Soyuz’ spacecraft successfully to rescue and take back 3 astronauts stranded in ISS (International Space Station), because of a leak in cooling system of their Soyuz capsule.
- ISRO recently completed successfully the flight acceptance heat test of CE-20

cryogenic engine, which will be used in LVM3 launch vehicle of the upcoming Chandrayaan- 3 mission.

- ✚ The test was performed at – ISRO propulsion complex, Tamil Nadu, Mahendragiri.

Defence

- Cobra Warrior Air Exercise held between – India & Britain.
 - ✚ Venue of the exercise – Waddington Air Force Base, UK.

- Union Cabinet recently gave approval for the procurement of the 70 no .s of HTT - 40 Basic Trainer Aircraft by Indian Air Force (IAF).

- ✚ HTT-40 manufacturer – HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited)
- ✚ HTT-40 -> Hindustan Turbo Trainer – 40.

- Desert Flag -VIII multilateral air exercise recently started in – UAE.
 - ✚ Indian Air Force (IAF) also took part in the exercise.

International

- I2U2 1st sub-ministerial / vice-ministerial meeting recently organized by – UAE (United Arab Emirates)
 - ✚ I2U2 member countries are – India, Israel, USA & UAE.
- Vietnam National Assembly has recently elected Vo Van Thuong as the new president of Vietnam.
 - ✚ He belongs to CPV (Communist Party of Vietnam)
 - ✚ Former President was – Vo Thi Anh Xuan/ Nguyen Xuan Phuc
- QUAD foreign ministers’ meeting held recently in – New Delhi, India.
 - ✚ Host – India
 - ✚ Chaired by – S. Jaishankar, external affairs minister of India.
 - ✚ QUAD countries – India, Australia, Japan, USA.

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- Recently, FATF (Financial Action Task Force) suspended the membership of Russia for its aggression over Ukraine.
- The Crown Prince of Denmark, Frederik Andre Henrik Christian & the crown princess Mary Elizabeth are on a visit to India. They were invited by Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankar.

Sports

- The triple-jumper of India, Aishwarya Babu, recently was banned by NADA (National Anti-Doping Agency)s' disciplinary panel for 4 years as she used a prohibitory anabolic steroid.
- Asian Chess Federation (ACF)s' best player of the year – D. Gukesh.
 - ✚ Gukesh clinched a gold medal in 44th Chess Olympiad 2022 held at Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu.
- 8th edition ICC Womens' T20 World Cup 2023 venue – South Africa.
 - ✚ Champion- Australia; Runner Up – South Africa.
 - ✚ Final held at – Newlands Cricket Ground, Cape Town, South Africa.
 - ✚ India were eliminated in the semifinal after losing against Australia.
 - ✚ Player of the series – Ashleigh Gardener (Australia)
 - ✚ Australia Captain – Meg Lanning.
 - ✚ 2024 ICC Womens' T20 World Cup Host – Bangladesh.
 - ✚ 2026 ICC Womens' T20 World Cup Host – England.
 - ✚ With this editions' (2022) win, Australia has become 6 times champion (maximum for any international team) in this format.

- Best FIFA Player for 2022 in mens category – Lionel Messi (Argentina), club – PSG (France)
- Best FIFA Player for 2022 in womens category – Alexia Putellas (Spain), club – Barcelona (Spain)
- Best FIFA Mens coach for 2022 – Lionel Scaloni (Argentina)
- Best FIFA Mens goalkeeper for 2022 – Emiliano Martinez (Argentina)
- 2022 FIFA Puskas Award for best goal – Marcin Oleksy (Poland). He is the 1st ever amputee footballer in history to win Puskas.

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National

- 53rd District of Madhya Pradesh – Mauganj.
 - ✚ Announced by Hon'ble CM (Chief Minister) – Shivraj Singh Chauhan.
 - ✚ Mauganj was earlier a tehsil under Rewa district of MP.
- Uttar Pradesh government recently announced to exempt fees regarding road tax and registration of the electric vehicles.
 - ✚ Recently, the name of Mundera Market (UP) was changed to Chauri Chaura & the name of Telia Afghan village (Deoria district, UP) was changed to Telia Shukla.
- Recently, Bumchu festival was celebrated at the Tashiding monastery of West Sikkim. It's a Buddhist festival.
 - ✚ It's celebrated on 14th and 15th day of 1st month of the Tibetan Lunar calendar year.
- Deepika Padukone, the noted Bollywood actress has recently been invited for presenting the awards in the 95th Oscar Ceremony of 2023.
 - ✚ Venue of Oscar'23 – Los Angeles, USA (Dolby Theatre, Hollywood)

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- ✚ Earlier, she was invited to unveil the FIFA World Cup Trophy of 2022 at Qatar.
- Supreme Court recently appointed a committee under the chairmanship of AM Sapre, the former Supreme Court judge, to look into the Adani-Hindenburg share crash event.
- All India Womens' Folk Art Conference recently held at – Ravindra Natya Mandir, Prabhadevi, Mumbai on 8th March, i.e. International Womens' Day.
- Recently, hon'ble President of India, Draupadi Murmu, launched a campaign named 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan – Catch the Rain 2023' i.e. JSA:CTR-2023.
 - ✚ Theme of the campaign – “Source Sustainability for Drinking Water”.
 - ✚ The campaign was launched during the ceremony of 'Swacch Sujal Shakti Samman 2023' , held at New Delhi.
- Honourable President of India, Draupadi Murmu, during the ceremony of 'Swacch Sujal Shakti Samman 2023' , held at New Delhi, released a video named – “Jal Shakti se Nari Shakti” for the promotion of IWD (International Womens' Day), 2023.
- Recently, Attukal Pongala festival organized at – Attukal Bhagavathy Temple of Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
 - ✚ It's basically a festival for women where they offer 'Pongala' to Goddess Maa Bhagwati.
- Recently, Yaoshang festival was celebrated in - Manipur by Meitei community people. This festival is observed to commemorate the birthday of Mahaprabhu Sri Chaitanya.
 - ✚ Here, a traditional folk dance of Manipur, Thabal Chongba is performed by both girls and boys.
- Recently, in their recent budget, Chhattisgarh state government made an announcement to provide Rs. 2500/

monthly unemployment allowance to the 18 to 35 years unemployed youth whose annual family income is lesser than 2.5 lakh.

Conference

- 19th Ministerial Meeting of BIMSTEC held recently in virtual mode from – Bangkok.
 - ✚ This meeting was presided over by – Thailand.
 - ✚ BIMSTEC member countries are – Bangladesh, India, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal (total 7 countries).
- 1st Labour 20 / L-20 meeting under the G20 presidency of India recently held at – Amritsar, Punjab.
- Recently, Election Commission of India (ECI) hosted the 3rd International Conference of the Cohort in virtual manner.
 - ✚ Theme – “Inclusive Elections & Election Integrity”.
 - ✚ Who is leading the ‘ Democracy Cohort on Election Integrity’ ? – ECI (Election Commission of India)

Sports

- BBC Indian Sportswoman of the year for 2022 – Mirabai Chanu (weightlifter)
 - ✚ Chanu won a silver medal in weightlifting in Tokyo Olympics 2020.
- 76th edition of Santosh Trophy Champion – Karnataka.
 - ✚ Runner Up – Meghalaya.
 - ✚ Final venue – King Fahd International Stadium, Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)
 - ✚ Score of final – Karnataka – 3/Meghalaya – 2
- New head coach of Indian mens' hockey team – Creig Fulton (South Africa).
 - ✚ He will replace Graham Reid, the former coach of Indian mens

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hockey team. Reid was from Australia.

- Khelo India Dus Ka Dum tournament recently started in – New Delhi.
 - ✚ Inauguration venue – Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.
 - ✚ This is for those women athletes who can't take part in national or state level tournaments/competitions.
- 1st edition of the Womens' Premier League (WPL) started recently in – Navi Mumbai.
 - ✚ Organised by – BCCI.
 - ✚ Title Sponsor – TATA Group.
 - ✚ Mascot – Shakti
 - ✚ Total matches to be played -22.
 - ✚ Total 5 teams are taking part – MI (Mumbai Indians), RCB (Royal Challengers Bangalore), UPW (UP Warriorz), GG (Gujarat Giants).
 - ✚ MI captain – Harmanpreet Kaur (IND)
 - ✚ RCB captain – Smriti Mandhana (IND)
 - ✚ DC captain – Meg Lanning (AUS)
 - ✚ UPW captain – A. Healy (AUS)
 - ✚ GG captain – B. Mooney (AUS)
 - ✚ Costliest player – Smriti Mandhana (3.40 crore)
 - ✚ Costliest overseas player – A. Gardner (GG), 3.20 crore and Net Sciver (MI), 3.20 crore.
 - ✚ Winner prize – 6 crores; Runner up prize – 3 crores.
 - ✚ Inaugural match was played at DY Patil Stadium, Mumbai between GG & MI.
 - ✚ In total 2 stadiums, WPL matches will be played- DY Patil Stadium & Brabourne Stadium.
- Bahrain Granx Prix 2023 won by – Max Verstappan (Red Bull).
 - ✚ Verstappan is from Netherlands.

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Appointment

- 2nd time consecutive & overall 13th Chief Minister of Tripura – Manik Saha.
 - ✚ He took oath before the Governor of Tripura, S. Narayan Arya, at Swami Vivekananda Maidan, Agartala, Tripura.
- 5th Chief Minister of Nagaland – Neiphiu Rio.
 - ✚ In the recently held election, NDPP-BJP alliance got absolute majority (37 out of 60)
 - ✚ Neiphiu Rio is the leader of NDPP (National Democratic Progressive Party)
- New President of Nepal – Ram Chandra Paudel.
 - ✚ Former President – Bidya Devi Bhandari.
 - ✚ In the election, Paudel won over his opponent, S. Chandra Nembwang.
 - ✚ Paudel secured a total of 33802 votes.
- Konrad Sangma has become the consecutive 2nd time CM of Meghalaya. He belongs to – NPP (National Peoples' Party)

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✚ He took oath before – Fagu Chauhan, the Governor of Meghalaya.

- Savlon India recently appointed the famous former cricketer of India, Sachin Tendulkar as its 1st 'Hand Ambassador' of the world.
- 28th Controller General of Accounts (CGA) of India – S S Dubey.
- 1st Indian-American judge who has been appointed in the New York court is – Arun Subramanian.

✚ He has been appointed at Manhattan Federal District Court of New York (USA).

Award

- 8th National Photography Awards
 - Venue – New Delhi
 - Awards given by – Union Minister of State (MoS) for Information & Broadcasting, L. Murugan.
 - Lifetime Achievement Award -Ms. Shipra Das
 - Professional Photographer of the Year award – Shri Sasi K Ramachandran.
- 32nd Vyas Samman 2022 winner – Dr. Gyan Chaturvedi.
 - This award is conferred by K K Birla Foundation from the year 1991.
 - Dr. Gyan Chaturvedi won this award for 2022 for his novel – 'Pagalkhana'.
- PEN/Nabokov Lifetime Achievement Award (LTA) for 2023 won by – Vinod Kumar Shukla.
 - ✚ Shukla belongs from – Chattisgarh.
 - ✚ He was given this prestigious award in a ceremony held at New York (organized by PEN America)
- ACI-ASQ awards 2022 , recently announced by – ACI World.

✚ Here , Tiruchirapalli International Airport of Tamil Nadu was awarded as the 'Best Airport under 2 Million passengers in Asia-Pacific'.

International

- UN (United Nations) recently inked 1st 'High Seas Treaty' in order to protect ocean bodies and to conserve the marine living forms.
 - ✚ This treaty is also called as – 'Paris Agreement for the ocean'.
- The Nobel Peace Prize winner of 2022, Aless Bialiatsky (citizen of Belarus) has recently been sentenced for 10 years imprisonment.
 - ✚ Bialiatskys' Human Rights organization has been found involved in smuggling of money and in violation of public order by financing the protestor opposition groups of the country.
- Recently, the honourable Prime Minister of Australia, Anthony Albanese visited India to take part in the India-Australia Annual Summit.
 - ✚ He, along with Honourable Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, watched the 4th test of the ongoing India-Australia Border-Gavaskar Trophy which was held at – Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad.
 - ✚ Anthony Albanese was also given Guard of Honour at INS Vikrant in Mumbai.
- India is going to send a consignment of 20000 metric tonnes (MT) of wheat to Afghanistan through the Chabahar port of Iran.

Defence

- Recently, Indian Navy successfully test fired the MRSAM (Medium Range Surface to Air Missile) from – INS Visakhapatnam.

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- ✚ This MRSAM has been developed by DRDO (Defence Research Development Organisation) & IAI (Institute of Actuaries of India)
- ✚ The missile has been manufactured at BDL (Bharat Dynamics Ltd.), Hyderabad.
- 1st edition of FRINJEX-23 joint army military exercise started between – India & France.
 - ✚ Venue – Pangoda military station, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- IMX/CE-23 or, International Maritime Exercise Cutlass Express 2023 started recently in – Djibouti, Kenya & Mauritius (Gulf Region)
 - ✚ From India, INS Trikand is taking part in the exercise.
 - ✚ This is the first time that Indian Navy is taking part in this exercise.
 - ✚ This is a multilateral exercise (occurs among multiple nations)
- 1st woman officer of Indian Army who was recently deployed at Siachen, the highest battlefield of the world – Captain Shiva Chauhan.
 - ✚ She belongs to Fire & Fury Corps of Indian Army.
- 1st woman officer of India to lead a frontline combat unit of IAF (Indian Air Force) – Shailza Dhani.

Obituaries

- Famous actor-director, Satish Kaushik passed away.
 - ✚ Kaushik was born in Haryana.
 - ✚ Kaushik made his Bollywood debut in 1983 with film – Masoom
- Satyabrata Mukherjee, the former Union Minister of India & the former Additional Solicitor General of India passed away recently in – Kolkata.

Programme

- UN Women India, along with the BSE, i.e. Bombay Stock Exchange, recently

launched ‘FinEMPOWER’ programme at BSE.

- ✚ This programme aim is woman empowerment for their financial security.
- Recently, to enhance the investment by female entrepreneurs and leaders at Bombay Stock Exchange, a programme named ‘Ring the Bell for Gender Equality Ceremony’ was organized by – Bombay Stock Exchange & UN Women India in view of IWD (International Womens’ Day) 2023.
- Yuva Utsav – India@2047 launched on a pan-India basis by Youth Affairs & Sports Minister , Shri Anurag S. Thakur from – IIT Ropar, Punjab.
 - ✚ In this inauguration ceremony , he launched a dashboard named Yuva Utsava Dashboard as well.

Days

- International Day for Disarmament & Non-proliferation Awareness 2023 – Mar 5.
- National Pharmacy Education Day – March 6.
 - ✚ It’s observed in India in the memory of Prof. M L Shroff, who is considered as the Father of Indian pharmacy education in India.
- International Womens Day 2023 – Mar 8.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – “Digit All : Innovation & Technology for Gender Equality”.
 - ✚ It was 1st time celebrated in 1911.
- CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) Foundation/Raising Day – Mar 10.
 - ✚ CISF headquarter – New Delhi.

Index & Ranks

- Vada Pav, the famous street food of Mumbai has secured 13th rank in the list regarding the top 50 best rated sandwiches throughout the world.

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- ✚ The rankings have been released by – TasteAtlas (A Croatian agency)
- ✚ Topper in the list – Turkey Tomb Sandwich.

Books

- 'India's Vaccine Growth Story – From Cowpox to Vaccine Friendship' – Sajjan Singh Yadav.
 - ✚ The book was released by – Union Health Minister of India, Mansukh Mandaviya.
- "The Book of Bihari Literature" chief editor – Abhay K. It's basically a collection of short stories.

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National

- Honourable Prime Minister Modi recently inaugurated the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway, which is 118 km long in Karnataka. This expressway has been built for a budget of 8400 crore & this will reduce the travelling time from Bangalore to Mysore from 3 hours to 1 hour 15 minutes.
- Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his visit to Karnataka, inaugurated the IIT Dharwad's new campus (budget of building this campus is about 850 crores)
- PM Modi, during his recent visit to Karnataka, unveiled the longest railway platform of the world (1.5 km) in – Sri Siddhaarooda Rail Station, Hubballi, Karnataka.
- Union Road & Transport Minister Nitin Gadkadi, inaugurated the 1st Methanol-fuelled buses in the city of Bangalore.
 - Basically this methanol-powered bus is a joint initiative of NITI Aayog, IOC (Indian Oil Company), BMTCL (Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation) & Ashok Leyland.
- As per the opinion of Union Rail Minister, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, the 1st bullet train of India from Ahmedabad (Gujarat) to Mumbai (Maharashtra) will be operational from Aug'2026. The project is being carried out by Indian Railways & the train will run over a route of 508 km.
- As per the recent opinion of Union Rail Minister, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Indian Railway will become 'net zero carbon emitter' & thus will be worlds' largest green railway by – 2030. He gave this opinion in a written format reply to the Lok Sabha.
- Recently, the largest international level food & hospitality fair, known as 'AAHAR 2023' started at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
 - It was organised jointly by – Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries + APEDA (Agriculture & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority)
- The 'Beggar Free City' project was recently launched at – Nagpur, Maharashtra by – Department of Social Welfare, NMC (Nagpur Municipal Corporation) & the Nagpur City Police.
- The Uttarakhand state government has recently approved the 10 % horizontal reservation for the statehood activists in state government job.
- Uttarakhand has become the 1st state in India to launch a 'Resham Keet Bima' scheme in order to safeguard the sericulturists of the state.
- Surekha Yadav has become the 1st woman locomotive pilot all over India as well as Asia to drive the 'Vande Bharata Express'. The train recently ran from Sholapur station to CSMT (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminal) in Maharashtra.
- As per the latest report of Education Ministry, lowest literacy rate has been

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recorded in – Bihar (61.8 %), 2nd lowest – Arunachal Pradesh (65.3 %), 3rd lowest – Rajasthan (66.1 %)

- Highest literacy rate – Kerala (94%), 2nd highest – Lakshwadeep (91.85 %), 3rd highest – Mizoram (91.33%).
- Indian Army recently hoisted the tallest national banner, i.e. a 100 feet tall national flag of India in the Doda district of Jammu & Kashmir.
- 1st ever Meghalaya International Film Festival (Megh IFF) held recently at – Shillong (Venue :- State Central Library).
 - Organized jointly by – Meghalaya Filmmakers Association + Meghalaya Tourism.
 - Shillong is the capital of Meghalaya.

Books

- Snakes in the Ganga : Breaking India 2.0” – Rajiv Malhotra + Mrs. Vijaya Viswanathan
- “Bipin : The Man Behind the Uniform” – Rachna Biswat Rawat
- “Indias’ Struggle for Independence – Gandhian Era” – P. Jyothimani.
 - Released by – Supreme Court judge V. Ramasubramaniam.
- 24th edition of the ‘Women & Men in India 2022’ was released recently by – Rao Inderjit Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) /MoS (I/C) of MoSPI (Minister of Statistics & Programme Implementation).
 - The event was held at – New Delhi.

Days

- International Day of Mathematics – March 14.
 - Also called as – ‘Pi’ day.
 - Theme for 2023 – “Mathematics for Everyone”.
- International Day of Action for Rivers – March 14.

- Theme for 2023 – “Rights of Rivers”.
- International Consumer Rights Day – March 15.
 - Theme for 2023 – “Empowering consumers through clean Energy transitions.”
- National Immunization /Vaccination Day – March 16.
 - It was first time celebrated in 1995.
 - It is also called as the “Polio Rovivar”, to enhance mass awareness about vaccination against the viral disease of Polio.
- World Sleep Day – March 17.
 - Theme for 2023 – ‘Sleep is Essential for Health’
- Global Recycling Day – March 18.
 - This day is celebrated for enhancing peoples’ awareness about ill effects of plastic on environment.
 - Theme for 2023 – “Creative Innovation”.

Awards

- 95th Oscar Awards / Academy Awards 2023
 - Venue – Dolby Theatre, Los Angeles, USA
 - Host – Jimmy Kimmel
 - Best Picture – Everything Everywhere All At Once
 - Best Actor – Brendan Fraser (Movie – “The Whale”)
 - Best Actress – Michelle Yeoh (Movie – “Everything Everywhere All At Once)
 - Best Director – Daniel Kwan & Daniel Schienert (Movie – Everything Everywhere All At Once)
 - Best Original Song – Naatu Naatu (RRR) [INDIA]; The song ‘Naatu Naatu’ has been sung by Kaal

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- Bhairav & Rahul Sipligunj and the music director is – MM Keeravani.
- Best Documentary short film – ‘The Elephant Whisperers’. [INDIA] { Producer – Guneet Monga ; Director – Kartiki Gonsalves }
 - Best Actor in a supporting role – Ke Huy Quan (Everything Everywhere All At Once)
 - Best Actress in a supporting role – Jamie Lee Curtis (Everything Everywhere All At Once)
 - INS Dronacharya , the top gunnery warship of Indian Navy, was recently honored with prestigious Presidents' color award for outstanding services to nation. The award was conferred to INS Dronacharya by-Honourable President of India, Droupadi Murmu.
 - Saraswati Samman for 2022 – Sivasankari (a Tamil Writer).
 - She won this prestigious award for her memoir named ‘Surya Vansam’ which she composed in 2019.
 - In Saraswati Samman, 15 lakh rupees is given as honour money.
 - Saraswati Samman is conferred by the K K Birla Foundation from 1991.
 - Central Banking, an international journal on economic research has recently honored Mr. Shaktikanta Das, the present governor of RBI as “Governor of the Year 2023”. Mr. Shaktikanta Das is the 25th Governor of RBI.
 - Norwegian Prize / Norways’ Sakharov Freedom Award – Truth Hounds, a human rights group of Ukraine. Basically, Truth Hounds documents about the war crimes in war-stricken Ukraine.
 - ‘Golden City Gate Tourism Awards’ for the year 2023 was recently organized in – ITB, Berlin, Germany.
 - Here, the Ministry of Tourism of India received the award in ‘TV/Cinema Commercials International’ category.
 - Government of India won the award in the ‘Country International’ category.
 - So, basically India won the golden and silver stars at the award ceremony.
 - Shri Arvind Singh, the secretary of Tourism Ministry, Govt. of India received the awards.

Ranks & Reports

- India ranked 8th most polluted country throughout the world in 5th edition of the IQAir Companies’ ‘Global Air Quality’ report for 2022.
 - Indias’ PM 2.5 level for 2022 – 53.3 microgram / m³.
 - As per the report, most polluted cities in India are –
 - Bhiwadi (Rajasthan) – Most polluted city.
 - Delhi – Most polluted Metropolitan city.
- Among the 1st 50 cities of the world that have got place in the report, 39 are from India.
- The city having worst air quality throughout the world – Lahore (Pakistan)
- Most polluted country in the world – Chad ; 2nd – Iraq ; 3rd – Pakistan
- As per the report, Top 5 most polluted cities all over the world are –
 1. Lahore, Pakistan
 2. Hotan, China
 3. Bhiwadi, India
 4. Delhi, India
 5. Peshawar, Pakistan

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- As per the recent report “Digital payments in India: A US\$10 trillion opportunity”, the digital payment market of India is expected to grow up to \$10 trillion by – 2026.
- As per the latest report of SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute), India has become the largest arms importer country of the world (11% total), whereas , USA has again become the largest arms exporter (40% of total exports).
 - 2nd largest importer – Saudi Arabia (9.6 %)
 - 2nd largest exporter – Russia(16%)
- Jawa will succeed Sanjeev Mehta , the former CEO & MD of HUL.
- Li Qiang has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of China. Qiang was the former Shanghai Communist Party Chief.
 - Former Prime Minister of China – Li Keqiang.
- Xi Jinping became the president of China for the unprecedented 3rd time.
 - Earlier, Jinping became the head of the CPC (Communist Party of China) and Chinese military in Oct’2022.

Science and Technology

- IITR00693, an antibacterial small molecule has been developed by – IIT Roorkee. It will fight against those bacterial infections which are drug-resistant.
- ISRO has recently conducted a re-entry (controlled) of a 12 years old decommissioned satellite named Megha-Tropiques 1 (MT1) , jointly developed by India & France. MT1 was launched in the year 2011. This time, the satellite has been dropped in – Pacific Ocean. MT1 was launched in 2011 to study climate & tropical weather.
- ISRO is going to launch a total 36 no.s of low earth orbit satellites along with OneWeb, a UK based private company.
 - For launching these satellites, ISRO will use its largest rocket, LVM3.
 - It will be the 2nd commercial mission of ISRO.
- Newly appointed ambassador of USA to India – Eric Garcetti. The post of USA ambassador to India was vacant for last 2 years.
- New Director-General of Armed Forces Medical Services – Lt. General Daljit Singh.
- Gianni Infantino has been re-elected as the president of FIFA till 2027. Infantino is from Switzerland.
- New Brand Ambassador of Jio Cinema – Suryakumar Yadav (famous Indian cricketer)
- New Brand Ambassador of Viacom18 – MS Dhoni (former Indian cricketer)’
- Newly elected President of National Sahitya Akademi – Madhav Kaushik.
 - Newly elected Vice President – Professor Kumud Sharma.
- Recently , Shreya Ghodawat has been appointed as the ambassador of India for the global environmental campaign 'She Changes Climate'.
- Mohit Joshi has been appointed as the new CEO & MD of Tech Mahindra.
 - He will succeed his predecessor, C P Gurnani.
 - Earlier, Joshi was the president of Infosys.

Appointments

- New MD & CEO of Infosys – Mohit Joshi. He was the former president of Infosys.
- Newly appointed CEO & MD of HUL (Hindustan Unilever Limited) – Rohit Jawa.

Conference

- Recently, the 16th no. of meeting of SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation)s’

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Youth Council held in – New Delhi under the chairmanship of - India.

- It was inaugurated by Anurag Singh Thakur, the Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister.
- The B20 conference under the G20 presidency of India was recently held at - Gangtok, Sikkim. Here, the business opportunities in different sectors ,e.g. organic farming, tourism, hospitality etc. were discussed.
- Earlier , the 1st L20 conference under G20 presidency of India was held at - Amritsar, Punjab.

International

- Indonesia has planned to shift its capital from Jakarta to Borneo due to congestion, earthquake and other environmental issues. The new capital will be named as 'Nusantara' city.
 - Basically, Jakarta is the city, sinking rate of which is fastest. With the current rate of sinking, it is estimated that about one third of the city will be submerged by the year 2050. That's why, Indonesia is planning to shift its capital.
 - Indonesia President – Joko Widodo.
- Recently, Mount Merapi, an active volcano of Indonesia, erupted suddenly. The volcanic ash was spread out over about 8 villages located nearby.
- A postage stamp has been jointly issued by India & Luxembourg to commemorate 75 years of International friendship .

Program

- "AgriUnifest", a cultural programme was recently held in – Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- It was inaugurated by – Narendra Singh Tomar, the Union Minister for agriculture & farmers welfare.

- A new environmental campaign named "Embrace Equity" has been launched by ' She Changes Climate ' , a global environmental campaign, in view of the International Womens day 2023 for amplification of womens voice against climate change effects worldwide.

Defence

- Operation Bold Kurukshetra was held recently between Indian army and Singapore army at the Jodhpur Military Station, Rajasthan.
- 3rd edition of La Perouse exercise was recently organized by French Navy Indian Ocean. This is basically a multilateral naval exercise.
- Due to a severe accident that took place recently in the Mumbai coast, all 3 defence forces (Army, Navy, Air Force) have put a halt in ALH Dhruv helicopters' function till the investigators find the actual reason behind this incident.

Economy

- USA has recently shut down the famous Silicon Valley bank, owing to the reckless fundraising. The bank was established in the year 1983.
 - SVB is situated in Santa Clara region of California, USA

Sports

- ISSF (International shooting sports federation) Shotgun World Cup 2023 recently held in – Qatar, Doha.
 - Here, Prithviraj Tondaiman of India won a bronze medal in trap shooting. This is India's first medal in the platform of ISSF World Cup.
 - Gold in the event – Oghuzan Tuzun (Turkey)
- Mahindra Automotive has become the Indian Company to emerge as the title sponsor for ensuing IBA (international

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Boxing Association) Womens' World Boxing Championship 2023.

- IBA womens world boxing championship for the year 2023 will be held at – Indira Gandhi Sports Complex of New Delhi.
- Brand ambassadors for this sports event are – Farhan Akhtar & famous boxer of India, MC Mary Kom.

Miscellaneous

- RBI (Reserve Bank of India) recently gave a grant of 'IFC (Infrastructure Finance Company)' status to – IREDA (Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency).
 - IREDA CMD (Chairman & Managing Director) – Pradip Kr. Das.
- In the recently conducted annual bird census, bird watchers have identified 161 new species of bird in the Aralam & Kottiyoor Wildlife Sanctuary of Kerala.

Current Affairs Mar 27 to Apr 2

National

- Rajasthan recently celebrated the 74th Foundation Day of the state on – March 30. The state was formed on – 30th March, 1949. On this day, the 'Iron Man of India' Sardar VB Patel inaugurated the formation of Greater Rajasthan.
 - 1st CM of Rajasthan – Hira Lal Shastri.
- Honourable Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi inaugurated recently the Whitefield-KR Puram Namma metro railway line in - Bengaluru, Karnataka.
 - In this newly inaugurated line, there are total 12 stations within a stretch of 13.71 km .
 - With this, Bengaluru Metro Railway Network has got a total 63 no. of stations.

- For being unsuccessful in controlling the pollution of Ashtamudi and Vembanad lakes (Ramsar Sites) within the state, NGT (National Green Tribunal) imposed a fine worth 10 crore Rupees over Kerala state government.
 - The fine amount will be used in the restoration/conservation of the Ramsar Sites.
- Recently, Honourable Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi launched an app named – “Call Before You Dig” (CBuD) App.
 - This app will increase coordination facilities between the asset owners and excavators.
 - This app has been developed to prevent damages to the utility assets lying underground, e.g. optical fibre cable.
 - The app has been made by – DoT (Department of Telecommunications) and Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Application & Geo Informatics (BISAG-N) of Gujarat.
- Recently, Government of India has launched NRCP (National Rabies Control Programme) for prevention and control of Rabies. Here, Rabies vaccine will be given free of cost under the national drug initiatives, appropriate trainings will be given on management of animal/dog bites.
- Under the PM SHRI (Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India) scheme, Education Ministry recently made shortlisting of about 9000 schools all over India.
 - PM SHRIs' main objective is to provide quality teaching for well-rounded cognitive growth of the students and so that they can gain skills of the 21st century.

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- The embassy of which country recently launched a dictionary on Spanish-Hindi football in New Delhi – Spain.
 - The dictionary was launched by – Instituto Cervantes & La Liga.
- Tamil Nadu state government recently declared the Thanthai Periyar WLS (Wildlife Sanctuary) as the 18th WLS of the state.
 - Thanthai Periyar WLS is located in the Erode district of Tamil Nadu.
 - Recently, the *Ministry of Rural Development* launched the " *Captive Employment Initiative"* under the *DDU GKY ,I.e. Deen Dayal Upadhyay* *Gramin Kaushalya Yojana/scheme.*
 - Here, captive employers will provide training to the rural poverty stricken youths and they will be offered opportunities of employment.
 - *Union Minister of Rural Development - Giriraj Singh.*
 - To observe the *International Day of Forests, Union Environment minister* *Bhupender Yadav* inaugurated the *Aravalli Green Wall Project* to cover the *5 kilometers buffer area* around the *Aravalli Hill Range w* ith greenery.
 - This 5 km area will cover the *4 states - Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Haryana.*
 - The *Aravalli Green Wall Project* was launched in *Tikli village* of *Haryana* .
 - A *female cheetah* named ' *Sasha* ' recently passed away in *Kuno National Park of Madhya Pradesh* owing to *kidney disease.*
 - *Sasha* was 1 of the 8 cheetahs brought to *India* from *Namibia* in the month of

September 2022 under ' *Project Cheetah* ' .

Sports

- Womens' World Boxing Championship of 2023 was recently held at – Delhi (India)
 - Here in the 48 kg category final, Nitu Ghanghas became world champion, who defeated L. Altantseg of Mongolia.
 - In the 81 kg category final, Saweety Bora became world champion, who defeated Wang Li Na of China.
 - Both of them won gold in their respective category.
- Womens' Premier League of 2023 won by – Mumbai Indians (MI)
 - In the final, MI defeated Delhi Capitals (DC)
 - Final held at – Brabourne Stadium, Mumbai.
- Womens' World Boxing Championships of 2023 recently held in - New Delhi, India.
 - In the category of 75 kg, Lovlina Borgohain of India won gold medal .
 - In the category of 50 kg, Nikhaat Zareen of India won gold .
 - This is Zareens' 2nd world title and Borgohains' 1st world title.
- 4th edition of the Asian Kho-Kho championships of 2023 was orgnaized recently at – Tamulpur Town, Baksa district under Bodoland of Assam.
 - In both mens and womens category, India beat Nepal in the finals.

Days

- International Drug Checking Day – Mar 31.
 - It is celebrated since the year 2017.
- The Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness was recently celebrated on – Mar 26.

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- Theme for 2023 – ‘Stigma’ (This was also the theme of the International Epilepsy Day of 2023, which was celebrated on Feb 13 this year)
- Epilepsy is a neurological disorder.
- *International Transgender Day of Visibility - Mar 31*
- • For the first time, it was celebrated in *2009* .
- Kerala Jyothi, Kerala Prabha & Kerala Shree awards were conferred by Government of Kerala for the 1st time.
- For the year 2023, Childrens Champion Award won by – NGO Tapoban (It’s an NGO of Assam. It was awarded in category of Health & Nutrition.
 - This award was given by – Delhi Commission for protection of Child Rights.
- Lifetime Achivement Award by University of Texas – Naveen Jindal. Naveen Jindal is the chairman of Jindal Steel and Power.
- FOSWAL (Foundation of SAARC Writers & Literature) recently honoured Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman with Literary award for his trilogy of books –
 - The Prison Diaries, 2. The Unfinished Memoirs & 3. New China 1952

International

- Recently, Egypt has joined the NDB / New Development Bank / BRICS Bank as a new member nation.
- BRICS Bank was founded in the year 2014 as per the resolution taken in the 6th BRICS Summit which took place in Brazil, Fortaleza.
- New Vice President of UAE (United Arab Emirates) – Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan. He was appointed by the Hon’ble President of UAE, Sheikh Md. Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.
- Recently, Saudi Arabia has become the dialogue partner of SCO /Shanghai Cooperation Organization.
- Recently, *Marburg Virus Disease (MVD)* broke out in *African* country - *Tanzania* as an epidemic in the *Kagera region.*
 - The disease is a viral disease *mortality rate* of which is about *24 to 88 per cent* . This virus belongs to the same family of *Ebola virus.*
- *Wildlife Conservation Award* for the year *2023* by *Jammu and Kashmir UT administration* - *Aliya Mir*
 - She is the *1st woman* of *J&K* to receive this honour.

Sc & Tech

- Recently, a pocket friendly device (3D paper-based) was developed by the scientists of IIT-Madras to identify milk adulteration.
- ISRO recently launched largest LVM-3 (Launch Vehicle Mark-III) rocket of India from SDSC (Satish Dhawan Space Centre), Andhra Pradesh, Shriharikota.
 - It was launched under OneWeb India-2 Mission with 36 satellites.
 - OneWeb is a broadband satellite company of UK.

Awards and Honours

- Recently, ‘Kerala Jyothi’ award was conferred to MT Vasudevan Nair. This award was given for the 1st time. MTV Nair is a famous author of Malayalam language.
- ‘Kerala Prabha’ awards won by – M Omchery N N Pillai & Thelakkat Madhava Menon.

Appointment

- Salima Tete, a midfielder of Indian womens’ national hockey team, was

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recently appointed as Athletes ambassador by AHF (Asian Hockey Federation) for 2 years.

- The AHF Congress was recently held at – Korea (Mungyeong)
- Newly appointed MD and CEO of the Axis Securities – Pranav Haridasan.
- Haridasan will succeed B Gopkumar, the former MD and CEO of Axis Securities.
- However, the CEO of MD of Axis Bank presently is – Amitabh Chowdhary.
- Recently, the folk singer of Bihar, Maithili Thakur has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the Bihar Khadi Handicrafts and Handlooms.
- Newly appointed *President* of the *NDB (New Development Bank)/ BRICS Bank - Dilma Rousseff.*
 - She was the former *President* of *Brazil* .
 - Former President of *NDB - Marcus Troyjo*

Events

- Recently, an Innovation festival was organized by the National Science Centre in - New Delhi .

Conference

- India recently hosted the NSA (National Security Advisor) meeting of SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization). It was held in – New Delhi.
- Pakistan and China are expected to attend in virtual mode.

Ranks & Indices

- As per the Passport Index 2023 by Arton Capital, Individual passport power rank of India – 144th (Among 199 countries) [MS / Mobility Score – 70]
- In the Global Passport Power Rank by Arton Capital, India ranked 71st.
- Basically, there are 2 categories under Passport Index 2023 by Arton Capital

- Individual Passport Power Rank
- Global Passport Power Rank
- In both the categories, UAE ranked 1st.

Death

- Gordon Moore, the co-founder of Intel recently passed away. He gave the famous “Moore’s Law”, which says that the computing power increases with time. Moore was from – USA.

Book

- “A matter of the Heart : Education in India” - Anurag Behar.
- He is the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the Azim Premji Foundation & Founder Vice President of the Azim Premji University.

Defence

- Vayu Prahar exercise was held between – IAF (Indian Air Force) and Indian Army.
- It is a multi-domain exercise that was held in – LAC (Line of Actual Control) , the border between India and China.

Economy

- NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) recently announced that in case of transactions of UPI over 2000 rupees by PPI (Prepaid Payment Instruments) like cards or wallets, an interchange charge will be imposed from 0.5 % - 1.1 %. This will be imposed on the merchant be it large/small/online.

Apr 3 to Apr 9 Current Affairs

Days

- World Health Day – April 7.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – ‘Health for All’.
 - ✚ Actually, on this day , in the year 1948, World Health Organization (WHO) was established.

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- ✚ So, this year marks the 75th anniversary of the foundation of WHO.
- Utkal Diwas / Odisha Day – April 1.
 - ✚ Actually, on this day, Odisha state was formed in the year 1936.
 - ✚ So, in this year 2023, the 88th foundation day of Odisha was celebrated.
- World Autism Awareness Day – April 2.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – “Transforming the Narrative: Contribution of Autistic individuals at home, at work, in the Arts and policymaking”.
 - ✚ This day is celebrated in order to raise awareness regarding the ASD /Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- 60th edition of the National Maritime Day – April 5.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – ‘Amrit Kaal in Shipping’.
 - ✚ It was for the first time celebrated in the year of 1964.
- ✚ This is for the first time that any handicraft from the region of Jammu has obtained a GI tag.
- ✚ In Basohali paintings, the colors that are used in the borders of the paintings are – Red, Blue and Yellow.
- Recently, a 54 feet tall statue of Lord Hanumana was unveiled at the Sarangpur temple, located at Botad district , Gujarat.
 - ✚ The statue was inaugurated by – Union Home Minister Amit Shah Ji.
 - ✚ This statue was unveiled on the day of Hanumana Jayanti.
- Honourable President of India, Droupadi Murmu, inaugurated recently the GAJ UTSAV – 2023 which was held at – Kaziranga National Park, Assam.
 - ✚ Basically this festival celebrates the 30 years of Project Elephant, launched in India in the year 1992.
- Recently, the Bandipur Tiger Reserve of Karnataka completed 50 years as a Project Tiger Reserve on – 1st April, 2023.
 - ✚ Basically, to check the declining tiger population, Project Tiger was launched in India in the year 1973.

National

- The king of the country Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuk came to India for a visit for 3 days.
 - ✚ Bhutanese king, in his visits, held meetings with Honourable PM of India, Narendra Modi and Honourable President of India, Droupadi Murmu.
 - ✚ In this visit of Bhutanese king Wangchuk, Bhutan and India agreed on cooperation in the sectors of space, hydropower, trade and the joint action plan in the area of space technology.
- Recently, the Basohali painting of Kathua district (Jammu & Kashmir) obtained the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from NABARD Jammu.

Defence

- The 10th edition of the maritime exercise named SLINEX-2023 started between India and Sri Lanka at Colombo of Sri Lanka.
 - ✚ Indian Navy represented by - INS Savitri & INS Kiltan
 - ✚ Sri Lanka Navy represented by - SLNS Samudura and SLNS Vijaybahu.

International

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- Finland has become the 31st member nation of NATO / North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.
 - ✚ Actually, Finland is worried about its security because of Russia's recent attack on Ukraine. Finland shares 1300 km border with Russia.
- India recently criticized the Organisation of Islamic Co-operation, i.e. OIC for spreading 'Anti-India' propaganda.
 - ✚ Actually, OIC gave a statement expressing its concern regarding the vandalism and violence over Muslim communities during Ram Navami celebrations in India.
 - ✚ This statement has been condemned by MEA (Ministry of External Affairs), Govt. of India.
- Recently, the 1st edition of the Ministerial-level meeting of JWG (Joint Working Group) between India and Netherlands held in – New Delhi.
 - ✚ From the side of India, The Union minister of Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Sekhawat was present, whereas, from the side of Netherlands, Water Management and Infrastructure minister Mark Harbours was present.
- The Combined Commanders' Conference/CCC was recently held at – Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (main venue – Kushabhau Thackeray Int. Convention Centre). Here, the honourable PM of India, Narendra Modi was also present.
 - ✚ Theme for this year – “Ready, Resurgent, Resilient.”
 - ✚ In this conference, top military commanders of Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Indian Navy participated.

Sports

- The famous woman weightlifter of India, Sanjita Chanu faced recently a 4 year ban from NADA (National Anti-Doping Agency) as she used a banned drug, Drostanolone, an androgenic-steroid.
 - ✚ Sanjita Chanu won the Commonwealth Games medal for 2 times.
 - ✚ Drostanolone is strictly banned by WADA (World Anti Doping Agency).

Conference

- The 5th edition of the ICDRI (International Conference on the Disaster Resilient Infrastructure) for the year 2023 held recently in – New Delhi.
 - ✚ The conference was addressed by – Honourable PM of India, Narendra Modi by video message.
 - ✚ Theme of the conference was – “Delivering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure: Pathways for Risk Informed Systems, Practices and Investments.”

Appointment

- Newly appointed CMD (Chairman and Managing Director) of the Power Training Corp. (PTC) of India Ltd. – Rajeev K Mishra.
- Newly appointed Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) – Neeraj Nigam.
 - ✚ Present Governor of RBI – Shaktikanta Das (25th Governor of RBI)
- Newly appointed DGNO / Director General of Naval Operations – Vice Admiral Atul Anand.
 - ✚ Presently, Indian Navy chief – Admiral R Hari Kumar.
- Aleksander Ceferin has been re-elected (unopposed) as the President of UEFA (Union of the European Football Association) up to 2027.
 - ✚ Ceferin is from Slovenia.
 - ✚ Ceferin, for the first time, became the UEFA president in the year

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2016 as the 7th President of the body.

- ✚ Before that, Michel Platini was the president of UEFA.
- Newly appointed VCNS (Vice Chief of Naval Staff) of the Indian Navy – Sanjay Jasjit Singh (Vice-Admiral).
 - ✚ Former VCNS of Indian Navy – SN Ghormade.

Science and Technology

- NASA recently announced the name of 4 astronauts for human spaceflight Artemis II Mission to Moon. For the first time, a woman astronaut named Christina Koch (US) and a black astronaut named Victor Glover (US) will be part of the mission. Other 2 astronauts are – Jeremy Hansen (Canada) and Reid Wiseman(US).
 - ✚ They will not land on moon but will make an orbit of the Moon by the help of a capsule.
 - ✚ The last human spaceflight to Moon by NASA was Apollo 17 (1972)

Reports /Ranks

- As per the recently released India Justice Report/IJR 2022, Karnataka state has topped among the 18 states all over India in terms of justice delivery.
 - ✚ 2nd – Tamil Nadu ; 3rd – Telangana
 - ✚ Last /18th – Uttar Pradesh.
 - ✚ Basically, the report is based on 4 important pillars – Policing, Legal Aid, Jail and Judiciary.
- As per a recent data revealed by the ACI (Airports Council International) World, Indias' Delhi Airport /IGIA ,i.e. Indira Gandhi International Airport has been ranked as the 9th busiest airport throughout the world. IGIA handles about a total 59.5 million air passengers each year.

- ✚ Busiest airport – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, United States.

- ✚ 2nd busiest – Dallas Fort Worth Airport, United States.

- ✚ 3rd busiest – Denver Airport, USA.

MoU/Inks/Partnership

- Recently, Union Ministry of Information & Broadcasting made a partnership with Amazon India in 3 important fields – Media, Entertainment & the Public Awareness.
 - ✚ The main objective of this partnership is to produce ample opportunities so that talented Indian artistes can get chance at both national & international levels.

Obituaries

- A renowned short story composer and a famous novelist of Malayalam language, Sara Thomas recently passed away.
- Recently, Vani Jairam, a famous singer of South Indian film industry, passed away at the age of 78. She received the prestigious Padma Bhushan award this year.
- Former Indian cricketer, Salim Durrani has recently passed away at the age - 88. Durrani was originally from the city of Kabul, Afghanistan. Durrani played a total 29 test matches for India.

April 10 to 16 Current Affairs

National

- Honourable President of India, Draupadi Murmu has recently flown a Sukhoi 30 MKI fighter plane at the Tejpur Air Force Station of Assam.
 - ✚ With this , Murmu has become the 2nd woman President and

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- overall 4th president of India to achieve this feat.
- ✚ Earlier, Pratibha Patil became the 1st woman President of India to achieve this feat. She also flew a Sukhoi fighter aircraft.
 - ✚ Before Draupadi Murmu, a total 3 Presidents of India flew fighter jets – APJ Abdul Kalam, Pratibha Patil, Ram Nath Kovind.
- As per the latest data of Tiger Census (Report – “Status of Tigers 2022”), the total number of tigers in India, as of 2022 is – 3167. Tiger population in India has increased from 1411 in 2006 to 2967 in 2018 and now it is (2022) – 3167.
 - ✚ Maximum tigers in – Madhya Pradesh (526); 2nd – Karnataka (524)
 - Election Commission of India (ECI) recently withdrew the status of national party from CPI (Communist Party of India), NCP (Nationalist Congress Party) & AITC (All India Trinamool Congress).
 - ✚ ECI basically withdrew AITCs’ state party status from Arunachal Pradesh & Manipur, CPIs’ state party status from Odisha & West Bengal, NCPs’ state party status from Manipur, Goa & Meghalaya.
 - ✚ ECI also granted the status of national party to AAP (Aam Aadmi Party) & gave recognition to it a state party in 4 states, Punjab, Gujarat, Goa & Delhi.
 - ✚ At present there are total 6 national parties in India – Congress, BJP, AAP, CPM, BSP, NPP (Nationalist Peoples’ Party)
 - Tamil Nadu state governor, RN Ravi, recently gave approval to a bill regarding ban of the online gambling related games.
 - Kolkata Metro has become the 1st metro throughout India to run 1st metro rail under the river.
 - ✚ The metro rake basically passes through the underwater tunnel which lies beneath the Hooghly river.
 - ✚ Basically, it’s the part of East-West Metro corridor project of Kolkata metro. It is the part of the underground section of Howrah-Esplanade (4.8 km stretch).
 - ✚ Total length of this tunnel – 520 meters.
 - KSINC (Kerala State Inland Navigation Corporation) recently launched the 1st solar powered tourist boat of India, named – ‘Sooryamshu’.
 - ✚ Energy capacity of the boat – 27 kW.
 - ✚ The boat was built in – Sri Lanka.
 - ✚ Capacity of passengers – 100.
 - National Geophysical Research Institute /NGRI, a Hyderabad based organisation recently found 15 rare earth elements in the Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh. These rare earth elements can be used in – TV, Cell Phones, Automobiles etc.
 - ✚ Earlier, large Lithium reserves were found in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.
 - In Rajasthan state, it has been announced to set up an inflation relief. By making registration in these camps, the citizens of Rajasthan will become able to take the advantage of various initiatives, e.g. Annapurna Packet Scheme, free household electricity of 100 units per month, gas cylinder for Rs. 500 only, Chiranjivi Health Insurance Scheme etc.
 - Maharashtra state government recently announced to celebrate the birthday of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar as ‘Swatantraveer Gaurav Diwas’ on 28th May, 2023; announced by – CM Eknath Shinde.
 - Honourable PM Modi recently flagged off the Vande Bharat Express of the route

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Secundrabad-Tirupati at the Secunderabad Railway Station, Telangana.

- ✚ For the first time, Vande Bharat Express was flagged off in 2019.
- ✚ This Vande Bharat Express is the 2nd such train within 2 states of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana.
- During a programme organized at Gauhati High Court of Assam, Honorable President Draupadi Murmu launched - 'Bhoroza' (Trust) App for the sake of women's safety. In the times of distress, women can send SOS messages to the emergency contact numbers along with geolocation and can make calls by shaking the cell phone. Internet connectivity is not required to use this app.
 - ✚ The app has been developed by the - Guwahati High Court, to mark 75 years of it.
- The Madhya Pradesh state Government has recently accorded the transgender community the Other Backward Classes (OBC) status within jurisdiction of the state. This decision of the state government comes upon the directions of Supreme Court. From now on, the transgenders will get 14 per cent reservation in the Government Jobs of the state.
- The first semi-high-speed regional rail services of India have been named as 'RAPIDX' by the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC). This will join 2 cities - Delhi and Meerut. Basically, this will first time run on the Delhi-Ghaziabad- Meerut corridor of 82 kms.

Days

- World Homeopathy Day – April 10 (the birthday of F S Hahnemann, the founder of homeopathy).
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – 'One Health, One Family'.

- National Safe Motherhood Day – 11th April.
- Apr 14 – Ambedkar Jayanti / Birth Anniversary of B R Ambedkar (132nd birthday)
 - ✚ B R Ambedkar is known as – “Father of Indian Constitution”.
 - ✚ Ambedkar took birth in Mhow of Madhya Pradesh on 14th April, 1891.
 - ✚ Ambedkar was the chairman of the drafting committee of the Constituent Assembly.

Appointment

- Newly appointed Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court – Apresh Kumar Singh.
 - ✚ He will replace T Amarnath Goud, the acting Chief Justice of Tripura High Court.
- Subby Subramaniam has been appointed as the Warrant Officer in Royal Air Force (RAF) of United Kingdom recently. Subramaniam will take charge from Jake Alpert, i.e. his predecessor. Subramaniam is an Indian origin man.

Events

- Recently, the 3rd edition of Jammu Film Festival began in Jammu and Kashmir.
 - ✚ Sponsor – J & K Tourism Department.

Sports

- D Gukesh, the famous chess grandmaster of India, defeated Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzbekistan), in the finals to clinch the World Chess Armageddon Asia and Oceania championship. Abdusattorov is the former world rapid chess champion.
- The renowned wrestler from India, Antim Pangal won silver medal in 53 kg category at 2023 Asian Wrestling

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Championships which was recently held in - Astana, Kazakhstan.

- ✚ Beside the silver of Panghal, India also clinched 4 bronze medals in the event.

International

- Uzbekistan recently invited the Election Commission of India in order to see a referendum regarding the series of amendments and reforms to its' Constitution. These amendments will strengthen the Parliament of the country and will ensure an impartial, independent judiciary.
 - ✚ President of Uzbekistan - Shavkat Mirziyoyev.
 - ✚ These reforms also aims to ensure another term of office of the honourable President of the country, Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

Awards and Recognitions

- Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan, recently won the 2023 TIME100 Annual Reader Poll regarding the most influential 100 people of the world.
 - ✚ 2nd spot in the poll was taken by the women protestors in Iran for more freedom under the Islamic Shariyat regime.
- The 2023 International Prize in Statistics has been won by - Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao / C R Rao , an Indo-American statistician. The prize, which was established in 2016, is given once in every two years to an individual person or a team that has made remarkable contributions in science, technology, and moreover, human welfare through the use of statistics.
 - ✚ Cash Prize – 80000\$.

Defence

- Cope India 2023 exercise, a bilateral Air Force Exercise held between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and United States Air Force (USAF) at - Air Force Stations of Arjan Singh (Panagarh), Kalaikunda and Agra.

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- Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi recently inaugurated the first All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) of the North East region of India at - Changsari, Guwahati (State - Assam)
- During his visit to Assam, Honourable Prime Minister recently laid the foundation stone of the AAHII (Assam Advanced Health Care Innovation Institute) at IIT-Guwahati. PM Modi also proclaimed the formation of 3 new medical colleges to be set up at - Kokrajhar, Nalbari, Nagaon (All are located in Assam)
- Honourable Union Minister of Science and Technology (S&T), Dr. Jitendra Singh recently unveiled the Yuva Portal / Youth Portal and launched the 'One Week-One Laboratory' programme in New Delhi.
 - ✚ The Yuva Portal mainly focusses for connection and identification of youth start-ups.
 - ✚ Under the 'One Week-One Laboratory' programme, the CSIR laboratories will get the opportunity to show their work.
- The honourable Chief Minister of Telangana. K C Rao recently launched a 125-ft tall statue of BR Ambedkar, made of bronze, in the state capital Hyderabad, to celebrate the 132nd birth anniversary of Babasaheb BR Ambedkar (The father of Indian Constitution).

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- ✚ This statue is the tallest statue of Ambedkar in India.
 - ✚ Total height – 175 feet (125 feet actual height + 50 feet long circular base)
 - ✚ Total cost – Approx 146.5 crore Rupees.
 - ✚ Total weight of the statue – 474 tonnes (360 tonnes stainless steel + 114 tonnes bronze)
 - ✚ The statue is located at the banks of the Hussain Sagar, Hyderabad (beside the complex of new secretariat)
 - ✚ Designed by – Ram Vanji Sutar & Anil Ram Sutar, the son of Ram Vanji Sutar.
- Honourable Union Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launched – SATHI Portal & Mobile App to cope with challenges related to seed production, identification of quality seeds, seed certification.
 - ✚ Full form of SATHI - Seed Traceability, Authentication and Holistic Inventory.
 - ✚ The portal and app have been developed by – NIC (National Informatics Centre) + Union Agriculture Ministry.
 - ✚ Theme of the app & portal – “Best seeds – Prosperous farmer.”
 - Cheiraoba-lunar new year day festival of Meitei community was recently celebrated in the state of Manipur. The people of Meitei community are the followers of Vaishnava Hindu. The festival is also called as –‘Sajibu Nongma Panba’.
 - Kerala has emerged as the first state throughout India to adopt the water budget to cope with the problem of water scarcity in certain regions of the state.
 - ✚ The Water Budget was recently released by – The Honourable Chief Minister of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan as the part of the 3rd phase of a project named – ‘Ini Njan Ozhukatte / Let me flow now.’
 - ✚ This project of 1st phase is going to cover a total of 15 Block Panchayats & 94 Gram Panchayats throughout the state.
 - The largest multi-purpose indoor stadium of North East India is being constructed at – Polo of Shillog, Meghalaya. The name of the stadium will be - Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium . Here, games like squash, basketball , Volleyball, badminton, table tennis etc. can be played.
- ### Days
- Elephant Bachao Day/ Elephant Bachao Diwas / Save the Elephant Day – Apr 16.
 - ✚ Theme – “Safeguarding Elephant Habitats for a Sustainable Tomorrow”.
 - ✚ Government of India launched the ‘Project Elephant’ in the year 1992.
 - World Haemophilia Day – Apr 17.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – “Access for All: Prevention of bleeds as the global standard of care”.
 - ✚ Haemophilia is a genetic disease where after an injury or surgery, the blood of the patient does not clot.
 - ✚ 17 April is the birthday of Frank Schnabel, who founded the World Federation of Haemophilia.
 - Haemophilia is an X chromosome-linked recessive disorder.
 - World Heritage Day /International Day of Monuments & Sites – Apr 18.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – “Heritage Changes”.
 - ✚ ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments & Sites), for the

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first time, gave the idea of World Heritage Day celebration, endorsement of which was later done by UNGA in the year 1983.

- World Liver Awareness Day / World Liver Day – Apr 19.
 - ✚ Theme – “Be vigilant, do a regular liver check-up, fatty liver can affect anyone.”
- National Civil Service Day – Apr 21.
 - ✚ Theme - ‘Empowering Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile’.
 - ✚ This was for the first time was observed in the year 2006.

Ranks & Reports

- India recently emerged as the 3rd-largest hub for the startup unicorns, as per The Global Unicorn Index 2023, released by Hurun Research Institute. India contains a total 68 startup unicorn companies value of which is over \$1 billion.
 - ✚ Toppest startup unicorn from India – BYJU’s (22 Billion Dollar)
 - ✚ 2nd toppest startup unicorn from India – Dream11 and Swiggy (8 Billion Dollar each)
 - ✚ Topper in the Index – USA (666 unicorns), 2nd – China (316 unicorns)
 - ✚ Top 3 cities with most Unicorns –
 - 1st – San Francisco (USA) [181]
 - 2nd – New York (USA)[126]
 - 3rd – Beijing (China) [79]
 - ✚ Top 5 global unicorns – 1st – Byte Dance (China), 2nd – SpaceX (USA), 3rd – Ant Group (China)
- As per the recently released "State of World Population Report" by UN Population Fund, India is going to surpass the population of China by mid-2023.
 - The approximate estimated population of India will touch the figure

of 1.4286 billion by the middle of 2023, while at that time China's approx population will be - 1.4257 billion. So, India's population will be 2.9 millions greater than that of China.

- As per the report, USA will be the 3rd largest population holder of the world - 340 million (by mid-2023)
- By mid of 2023, India & China jointly will hold 1/3rd population of the world (Total world population -8.045 billion).

Awards & Honours

- The Chief Executive Officer /CEO of the famous transportation company FedEx, Shri Raj Subramaniam was recently awarded with the prestigious Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award.
 - ✚ The award is highest civilian recognition conferred upon by Government of India to the individuals of Indian origin and Indian diaspora, who has enhanced the image of India in his/her field globally.
- Honourable Home Minister of India, Shri Amit Shah recently conferred the Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2022 upon the renowned spiritual leader, environmentalist and social reformer Appasaheb Dharmadhikari (also known as Dattatreya Narayan Dharmadhikari) at Kharghar located in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra. Maharashtra Bhushan Award is given from the year 1995. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari planted about 36.61 lakh plants in the span of 2015-2021.
- The Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, Shri Kumar Mangalam Birla was recently awarded with 'Business Leader of the Decade Award' at the event of 13th Management India Awards. It was organised by All India Management Association (AIMA) at – New Delhi.

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✚ Other Awards in the award ceremony :-

- 'MNC in India of the Year' – ABB India
- 'Outstanding PSU of the Year' – NPCI /National Payments Corporation of India.
- 'Outstanding Contribution to Media' award – Rahul Kanwal (the News Director, Aajtak & India Today and the executive director, Business Today)
- 'AIMA-JRD Tata Corporate Leadership' award – TV Narendran, Tata Steel Chairman.
- The renowned singer, Asha Bhosle recently was awarded with the prestigious Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar award for the year 2023.
 - ✚ The award is given from the year 2022 in the memory of Melody Queen – Lata Mangeshkar.
 - ✚ 1st recipient of the award was – Honourable PM of India, Narendra Modi.
 - ✚ The award is given by - Mangeshkar family and trust.
- Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Award for the year 2023 – Famous Ghazal singer of India, Pankaj Udhas.
- Sonam Wangchuk, the renowned educationist-cum-engineer and a sustainable development reformer was awarded with the prestigious Santokbaa Humanitarian Award to recognise his contributions to Indian society.
 - ✚ Wangchuk is the founder of – SECMOL ,i.e. Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh.
- Utsa Patnaik, a famous author & economist from India, has been awarded with the prestigious Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023.

✚ This award basically is given to the outstanding social scientists who have exceptional contributions to the society.

- ✚ The award is given by - Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust.
- Nandini Gupta of Kota, Rajasthan recently the won Femina Miss India 2023 beauty pageant crown in the 59th ceremony of Femina Miss India held in – Imphal of Manipur.

Defence

- The joint training air exercise Iniochios-23 recently held between – Greek Air Force & Indian Air Force (IAF) at the region of – Greece + Mediterranean sea.
 - ✚ In the exercise, IAF is sending total 5 no.s of Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter jets for participation.

Economy

- As per the latest report, Indian Railways have collected a record-breaking revenue of 2.40 lakh crore Rupees in FY 2022-23, more than 49 Thousand crores from FY 2021-22.
 - ✚ So, total growth compared to last Financial Year – 25%.
 - ✚ Of this 2.40 lakh crore Rupees, Indian Railways have received a total of 1.62 lakh crores just from freight. Freight is thus the largest portion of revenue of Indian Railways. The growth of revenue in freight has increased by 15% from FY 2021-22.

Conference

- Recently, the Indian Air Force Commanders' Conference was held at - Air Headquarters (Vayu Bhavan), New Delhi. The Honourable Chief of Defence Staff/CDS, General Anil Chauhan attended in the conference.

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- Theme of the conference was - 'Beyond Boundaries: Robust Foundations'.
 - Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi recently inaugurated the first edition of Global Buddhist Summit in - New Delhi.
 - Theme of the conference - 'Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis'.
 - It was hosted by Ministry of Culture in collaboration with International Buddhist Confederation. International Buddhist Confederation is the grantee body of Culture Ministry.
 - 2nd Meeting of the G20 FMCBG (Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors) under the G20 Presidency of India held recently in - Washington DC, USA.
 - Nirmala Sitharaman, the honourable Union Finance Minister of India and current RBI Governor, Shaktikanta Das chaired the meeting jointly.
 - The G20 Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS) was recently held in - Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh under the G20 Presidency of India.
 - The meeting was jointly organised by - Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) + Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
 - Theme of this MACS - "Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems for Healthy People and the Planet."
 - In this meeting, discussion was also done on the MAHARISHI, i.e. Millets And OtHer Ancient Grains International ReSearch Initiative.
 - It is the 100th meeting under the G20 Presidency of India for 2023.
 - Theme of the G20 Presidency of India is - "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" / "One Earth One Family One Future".
 - Recently, a Global Conference on Compressed Biogas held at - Silver Oak (India Habitat Centre) of Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
 - Theme of the conference was - "Towards Progressive Policy Framework for a Robust CBG Foundation and Growth."
 - The conference was hosted by - IFGE- CBG Producers Forum.
 - The conference was inaugurated by - Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs & Union Petroleum & Natural Gas Minister, Hardeep S. Puri.
- ### International
- As per a report, Syria, a country of Western Asia, has been recently announced as the largest narco-state throughout the world. Syria has been reported to deal in and manufacture the illegal narco-drug - 'Captagon'.
 - Olkiluoto 3 /OL3, the largest nuclear reactor of Europe, recently started operation in - Finland.
 - Production capacity - 1600 Megawatts of electricity energy.
 - OL3 was developed jointly by - Areva (France) and Siemens company (Germany)
 - The construction of OL3 nuclear reactor started in 2005.
 - The External Affairs Minister of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar recently inaugurated the Buji Bridge in Mozambique, in a virtual manner. The bridge has been built as a part of the 132 km Road project - Tica-Buzi-Nova-Sofala. The bridge has been constructed by Indian contractor named AFLONS.
 - Financer of the project - EXIM Bank of India

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✚ This 670 metre bridge is located over the Buji river of Mozambique.

- Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh witnessed recently its hottest day /highest temperature on - 15 April,2023 after 58 years; Temperature was- 40.4 degrees Celsius.

✚ 40.4 degree Celsius is thus the highest temperature since the year 1965 when highest temperature recorded was - 42 degree Celsius.

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Science & Technology

- European Space Agency (ESA) recently launched the JUICE, i.e. Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer mission by Ariane 5 rocket from the spaceport of Europe located in Kourou, French Guiana.

✚ Main objective of the mission is the exploration of Jupiter planet & 3 largest moons of it.

- African country Ghana recently became the first country throughout the world which gave approval to a highly effective malaria vaccine invented at Oxford University of UK.

✚ The vaccine is known as R21/Matrix-M vaccine, has got approval for use by the Food and Drugs Authority of Ghana among the 5-36 months old aged children. This group of children is highly susceptible to death from the dreadful disease. The vaccine has met World the target of 75% efficiency of WHO (World Health Organization).

- China recently conducted the successful launch of Fengyun-3, which is a meteorological satellite by the use of Chang Zheng-4B carrier rocket from

the Jiuquan Cosmodrome located in Gansu Province.

✚ The main aim of this Fengyun-3 satellite is monitoring and providing information about the severe weather conditions, such as heavy rainfall, which can trigger to other natural disasters like floods & landslides.

Appointment

- Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez has been re-elected as the President of Republic of Cuba. He was earlier elected as the president of Cuba in the year 2019.

✚ He is the member of the Political Bureau of Communist Party, Cuba.

✚ Vice President of Cuba (re-elected) – Salvador Valdes Mesa.

Sports

- Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan of India clinched two gold medals at the Brazil Para-Badminton International. She defeated Giuliana Poveda Flores of Peru in the finals of womens' singles category SH6 to win gold.

✚ Nithya also won gold in mixed doubles SH6 final where her partner - Sivarajan Solaimalai. They beat Chu Man Kai & Choi Wing Kei of Hong Kong.

✚ Sukant Kadam & Pramod Bhagat (doubles pair from India) also clinched gold in men's doubles event by defeating Joo Dongjae & Shin Kyung Hwan (pair from Korea)

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National

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- Sinthan Snow Festival was recently held at – J&K at – Sinthan Maidan, Kishtwar.
 - ✚ It was organised by KTDA (Kishtwar Tourism Development Authority) , Directorate of Tourism, Jammu in association with JKAACL (J & K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages), Army, Kishtwar District Administration.
- The 1st underwater sea tunnel of India will open in – Mumbai. The tunnel is from Girgaon Chowpatty and Malabar Hill under the Arabian Sea to Priyadarshini Park of Breach Candy.
 - ✚ It is a part of MRCP, i.e. Mumbai Coastal Road Project.
 - ✚ Basically, these are twin tunnels of 2.07 km. The twin tunnels have been constructed by BMC (Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)
- Patna High Court , i.e. the high court of Bihar recently gave a direction to Bihar State Government, thereby ordering immediately to put a stay on caste-based survey.
- After nearly 110 years, tiger has been spotted in the - Kalesar National Park of Haryana (Yamunanagar district). Tigers were spotted here for last time in the year 1913.
- Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi recently broadcast the 100th episode of the 'Mann ki Baat', a monthly radio program on April 30th (Sunday). The program was started in October'2014. This 100th episode of - 'Mann ki Baat' was broadcast live in New York, the headquarters of the United Nations.
 - ✚ To mark this special 100th episode of 'Mann ki Baat', Tourism Ministry of India planned "100 days of action" through the Yuva Tourism Clubs under it.
- The Government of India recently blocked a total of 14 messenger mobile apps used widely by terrorist groups & their supporters in the region of Jammu and Kashmir for terror spreading. These apps are - Enigma, SafeSwiss, Crypvisor, Vikrame, Mediafire, Beechat, Briar, IMO, Nandbox, Conion, Elementor, Jangi, Second Line, Threema.
- The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has introduced recently a programme named "Vivad se Vishwas I – Relief to MSMEs" for offering assistance to the MSMEs / Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. The scheme will provide relief to the MSMEs affected badly by COVID pandemic. The scheme was announced in the budget of 2023-24.
- University Grant Commission (UGC) recently unveiled a new portal called CU-Chayan /CU-Select for recruitment of faculties in the Central Universities. This is basically a unified platform for recruitment.
- The hon'ble Deputy CM of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis recently inaugurated a statue of Shivaji in the country of Mauritius.
 - ✚ This inauguration programme was attended by Pravind Jugnauth (Mauritius Prime Minister) & members of Mauritius Marathi Mandali Federation.
- Hon'ble Home Minister and Co-operation Minister of India, Sri Amit Shah recently launched 'Nano DAP', the first liquid nano Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) at – New Delhi.
 - ✚ It is a nano fertilizer product which contain phosphorus and nitrogen. This product is developed by IFFCO (Indian Farmers' Fertilizer Co-operative Limited).

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- The Supreme Court of India recently granted couples the right to divorce on “irretrievable breakdown of marriage” grounds under Article 142 of Indian Constitution. This rule is applicable to those cases where both of the parties want a divorce on mutual consent or the cases where one partner seeks divorce in spite of opposition from the other partner.
 - Basically, the verdict removes the required cooling-off period of 6 months between 1st & 2nd motion for petitions of mutual consent divorce under Hindu Marriage Act (HMA).
- Hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy recently laid the foundation stone of Mulapeta Greenfield port in the district of – Srikakulam.

- ✚ Approx cost of the project – 4362 crores.
- ✚ The Mulapeta Greenfield port project will be completed by 2 years.
- ✚ Beside this port, the hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh laid the foundation stone for the fishing harbour at the region of - Budagatlapalem, as well.

Appointment

- Newly appointed Chairman of LIC of India – Siddharth Mohanty. Mohanty will remain chairman up to June’2024.
 - ✚ Mohanty replaced the former chairman of LIC – M R Kumar.
- 14th President of World Bank – Ajay Banga (Indian origin).
 - ✚ Former President of World Bank was – David Malpass.
 - ✚ Banga will remain in charge for 5 years.
- Qantas Airways Ltd , an Australian national airline, appointed Vanessa Hudson as the next CEO / chief executive officer; thus, Vanessa has become the first woman to become the chief of the airline.
- Newly elected President of Paraguay – Santiago Pena. He belongs to Conservative Colorado Party of Paraguay. Pena got a total of 42 % votes.
- Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari recently assumed the charge of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, i.e. AOC-in-C of SWAC, i.e. South Western Air Command at Gandhinagar.
 - He succeeded air Marshall Vikram Singh.
- Air Marshal Balakrishnan Manikantan recently assumed the charge of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of the Southern Air Command.

Day

- National Panchyati Raj Day / Divas – Apr 24.
 - ✚ Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India in collaboration with Government of Madhya Pradesh, recently observed the National Panchayati Raj Day/NPRD on the day of 24th April at - Rewa, Madhya Pradesh.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – “Sustainable Panchayat: Building Healthy, Water Sufficient, Clean & Green Villages.”
 - ✚ 73rd constitutional amendment Act, related to the Panchyati Raj, was enacted in the year 1992 and came into force on 24th April, 1993.
- World Malaria Day – Apr 25.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 - “Time to deliver zero malaria: invest, innovate, implement”.
- Labour Day of 2023 /May Day/ International Workers Day – May 1.

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- World Press Freedom Day – May 3.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – “Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for All Other Human Rights”.
- Coal Miners Day – May 4.
 - ✚ On this day, the 1st coal mine of India was inaugurated at Raniganj of West Bengal (1907).

Conference /Meetings

- Recently, Science 20 (S-20 / Sci 20) Engagement Group meeting on the topic – Universal Holistic Health was held at – Bangaram Island, Lakshwadeep.
 - ✚ This meeting was organised under the G20 Presidency of India.
 - ✚ This meeting focussed on better agricultural practices, access to nutritious food, ecologically sustainable food product, healthy eating habits.
- Recently, the 56th edition of the Annual General Meeting of Board of Directors, ADB / Asian Development Bank held in - Incheon, South Korea.
 - ✚ Hon'ble Finance Minister and Corporate Affairs Minister of India, Nirmala Sitharaman took part in this meeting from the side of India.

Defence

- For the first time (inaugural session), the ASEAN India Maritime Exercise / AIME-2023, was recently organised at – Singapore.
 - ✚ India has participated in this exercise with 2 warships, i.e. INS Satpura & INS Delhi (under the leadership of Rear Admiral Guru Charan Singh).
- For the first time, Indian Army inducted a total of five (5) women officers in the Regiment of Artillery. Lt Sakshi Dubey, Lt Aditi Yadav, Lt Pavitra Mudgil,

Lt Mehak Saini, Lt Akanksha & Lt Aditi Yadav, have joined the Artillery Regiment, Indian Army. They completed their training at OTA/Officers' Training Academy, Chennai.

- The hon'ble Defence Minister of India, Rajnath Singh handed over a landing craft & a fast patrol vessel to Maldives as gifts during his visit to the nation .
 - Maldives capital - Male;
 - Currency- Rufiyaa.
 - President of Maldives - Ibrahim Mohd. Solih

Sports

- 17th World Chess Champion – Ding Liren of China. He is the 1st male world chess champion from China. In the final, he defeated Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia.
 - ✚ World Chess Championship 2023 was recently held at – Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Geoffrey Emmanuel is all set to become the first Indian to take part in FIM (International Motorcycling Federation) World Junior GP World Championship.
 - ✚ This championship of motorcycle race will take place in – Portugal.
 - ✚ Emmanuel will race from the side of Cuna De Campeones/ Cuna Champions.
- Odisha FC clinched the title of Hero Super Cup 2023 by defeating Bengaluru FC in the finals by 2-1. Both the goals for Odisha FC were scored by – Diego Mauricio.
 - ✚ Hero Super Cup started in the year 2018 and till now, Bengaluru FC, FC Goa and Odisha FC have clinched the title once each.

Award

- The famous poetess from Russia, Maria Stepanova was recently awarded with Leipzig Book Prize 2023 for European Understanding.

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✚ This award was presented to Stepanova for her famous poetry collection - "Girls without Clothes".

- Ratan Tata, the famous philanthropist & industrialist of India, has recently been awarded the "Order of Australia (AO)" honour. It is the highest civilian honour of Australia. He was honoured for his outstanding contribution to strengthen the India Australia bilateral relations.
- Wing Commander Deepika Misra has become the first woman Air Force officer of IAF (Indian Air Force) to get gallantry medal. She received Vayu Seva Medal from the Chief of Indian Air Force, i.e. Air Chief Marshal, VR Chaudhari. Misra got this medal as she carried out an applaudable relief operation during floods in Madhya Pradesh during Aug'2021.
- Dalai Lama was awarded with the prestigious 1959 Ramon Magsaysay Award after a time span of 64 years. The president of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, Susanna B Afan & Emily A Abrera, the foundation trustee presented the award personally to Dalai Lama in his residence at - McLeod Ganj, Himachal Pradesh.
- Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi recently awarded the "Excellence in Public Administration-2022" award to - PM Gati Shakti national master plan in category of - 'Innovation (Central)'. This master plan was launched in 2021 for reducing the cost of logistics and thereby for streamlining the critical infrastructure projects, encompassing roads, ports, airports, railways.

✚ This award was presented at - Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on the day of celebration of the 16th

edition of National Civil Services Day (April 21, 2023)

International

- India & Maldives recently launched the construction of the 'Ekatha Harbour' for the Maldives National Defence Force / MNDF Coast Guard.
 - ✚ Hon'ble Defence Minister of India, Rajnath Singh & the hon'ble defence minister of Maldives, Mariya Didi laid the foundation stone of the harbour at - Sifavaru, UTF (Uthuru Thila Falhu) atoll, Maldives.
 - ✚ Basically, this is the largest grant-in aid project in Maldives by India.
 - ✚ This is to enhance India's maritime security capabilities, specially because of that China is increasing own presence in Indian Ocean Region.
- Recently, Pakistan has emerged as the highest loan taking country of Asia from ADB (Asian Development Bank). This data has been published in the 'Annual Report 2022' by ADB.
 - ✚ In 2022, Pakistan received 5.58 billion dollars loan from ADB and thus has become the largest receiver of the ADB-funded projects.
 - ✚ Pakistan, in 2022, out of this total 5.58 billion dollars loan, received concessional funding of \$2.67 billion.
- A "NET Zero" Innovation Virtual Centre will be established by - India and UK. The decision came during the meeting of India-UK Science and Innovation Council . The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh. The meeting was also attended by George Freeman, minister of UK.

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- ✚ The centre mainly aims towards uniting the stakeholders from both India and UK to work on different areas, for e.g. Green Hydrogen as renewable source of energy, transport systems & manufacturing processes.

Index/Reports

- Recently, the World Press Freedom Index for the year 2023 was released by – Reporters without Borders, the famous global media watchdog.
 - ✚ As per the Index, Indias' rank – 161 out of 180 countries.
 - ✚ Score of India – 36.62
 - ✚ Top 3 countries – Norway (1st), Ireland (2nd), Denmark (3rd)
 - ✚ Last 3 countries – N. Korea (180th), China (179th), Vietnam.
- Recently, World Development Report 2023 was published by – World Bank /IBRD. As per the report, about 184 million people of the entire world ,i.e. about 2.3% of the overall population are migrants, who live outside their national country. This involves total 37 million refugees. As per the report, 3 toppest migrant corridors of the world are – 1) India Gulf Cooperation Council, 2) India-US 3) India-Bangladesh.

Science & Technology

- The first robotic check-in assistant of the world, named Sara has recently been launched by Emirates airlines, based in Dubai, UAE. The robot will use the facial recognition technology to compare the faces of the customers with scanned passports, check in them, and thereby to guide them to luggage dropping area.
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras researchers recently developed a computational tool named 'GBMDriver' (Glioblastoma Multiforme Driver) which is totally machine learning-based. It was

developed for improving the cancer-causing tumours detection in brain and the spinal cord.

- The famous space agency of US, NASA has become successful in extracting oxygen from simulated lunar soil. This lunar soil oxygen can provide the astronauts with breathable air. This oxygen can be used as a propellant for space exploration and transportation.
 - ✚ The scientists from NASA used the dirty thermal vacuum chamber to simulate the conditions on Moon.

Books

- "Made in India : 75 years of Business and Enterprise" – Amitabh Kant.
 - ✚ Kant acted as the former CEO of NITI Aayog.
 - ✚ Presently, Amitabh Kant is the G20 Sherpa of India.

Death

- Tori Bowie, a famous sprinter & long jumper of USA recently passed away. She won 2 world titles and 3 olympic medals.
- Parkash Singh Badal, the former Chief Minister of the state of Punjab and leader of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), recently passed away.

May 8 to May 14 Current Affairs

Days

- World Athletics Day – May 7.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – "Athletics for All – A New Beginning".
- World Red Cross Day – May 8.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – "Everything we do comes from the heart."
 - ✚ Jean Henry Dunant, who founded the ICRC ,i.e. International Committee of the Red Cross was born on this day.

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- International Day of Argan Tree /International Argania Day – May 10.
 - ✚ Argan tree grows in Morocco's sub-saharan region, which is located at the Southwest region of the country.
- National Technology Day – May 11.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – “School to Startups : Igniting young minds to innovate”.
 - ✚ On this day in 1998, Pokhran Nuclear Test was successfully conducted at Rajasthan.

Sports

- The famous Javelin thrower of India and Tokyo 2020 Olympics gold medallist, Neeraj Chopra, recently emerged victorious and secured the gold medal in Diamond League 2023 with a throw of 88.67 m.
 - ✚ Silver won by – Jakub Vadlejch (88.63 m.) [Czech Republic]
 - ✚ Bronze won by – A.Peters (85.88 m.) [Grenada]
- Recently, ISSF World Cup 2023 was held in – Baku, Azerbaijan.
 - ✚ Here, Rhythm Sangwan of India clinched bronze medal in the event of Womens' 10 m. Air Pistol.
 - ✚ In this event, gold was clinched by – Anna Korakaki, Greece.
- Famous cricket player of Pakistan, Fakhar Zaman has been designated as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for the month of April'2023.
 - ✚ Naruemol Chaiwai, the famous batsman from Thailand has been adjudged as the ICC Women's player of the month for the month of April'2023.
- In the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2023 held recently in - Jinju of South Korea, India finished with 3 silver medals.
 - ✚ Indian weightlifter Bindiarani Devi clinched 2 silvers in women's 55kg category, whereas Jeremy Lalrinnunga clinched a silver medal in the 67 kg men's snatch category.
 - ✚ Jeremy Lalrinnunga is from Mizoram. He won gold in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games of 2022.

International

- Syria was recently re-admitted to the Arab League after facing a suspension for 12 years.
 - ✚ President of Syria – Bashar-Al-Assad.
 - ✚ Recently, 13 member nations of the Arab League voted for Syria's re-admission to the Arab League.
 - ✚ Presently, total members of Arab League – 22.
- The cyclone 'Mocha' has been named by – Yemen. The cyclone has been formed on Bay of Bengal region.
 - ✚ As per the data of Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Mocha will affect parts of Odisha and West Bengal.
- Recently, King Charles III was coronated at the Westminster Abbey to become the monarch of British throne (UK).
 - ✚ The ceremony is also called as “Operation Golden Orb”.
 - ✚ Archbishop of the ceremony was – Justin Welby.
 - ✚ This ceremony was represented by Jagdeep Dhankhar, the Vice President of India.
- Recently, the New York state of USA banned the use of Natural Gas and different fossil fuels in furnaces, gas stoves and propane heating in the new buildings.
 - ✚ Instead of these environment-pollution causing agents, the usage of climate friendly

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induction stoves and heat pumps will be promoted.

- ✚ This is done to counter the environment pollution and climate changing process.

National

- The first Pharma Park of Uttar Pradesh is going to be set up at – Lalitpur district, Bundelkhand.
 - ✚ For this, UP state government has allotted a 1500 hectares land in Lalitpur to Animal Husbandry Department of the state.
- Recently, it has been decided by the Defence Ministry, that on the occasion of Republic Day 2024, only women will take part in Bands, Marching squads, tableau and cultural programmes.
- After the discovery of Lithium reserves in Reasi of Jammu & Kashmir, new lithium deposits/ reserves have also been discovered in the state of Rajasthan at - Degana, Nagaur.
 - ✚ Discoverer – GSI (Geological Survey of India)
- A female cheetah named Daksha recently died in the Kuno National Park due to a fatal injury. The cheetah Daksha was brought to India from South Africa and was released in Kuno National Park of Madhya Pradesh.
 - ✚ Recently, 8 cheetahs were brought to India from Namibia, whereas, 12 cheetahs were brought to India from South Africa.
- Recently, the central government has renamed the NPCDCS (National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular diseases and stroke) to NPNCD (National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-communicable diseases).
 - ✚ NPCDCS / NPNCD is carried out throughout India under the National Health Mission (NHM).
- Recently, Government of India imposed Article 355 in the state of Manipur.
 - ✚ Basically, Article 355 is under Article XVIII of Indian Constitution, i.e. Emergency Provisions.
 - ✚ Article 355 says that, The Union must protect every state against internal disturbances and external aggression.
 - ✚ Basically, the agitation in Manipur is going on regarding Meitei community's demand for ST status.
- Recently Uttarakhand Police has launched 'Operation MARYADA' to keep the pilgrimage spots and tourist places clean and clear. As per the campaign, till now, 67 persons have been arrested.
- Recently, the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana successfully completed 8 years of 9th May, 2023. In this scheme, any person aged between 18 to 70 can enroll.
 - ✚ Premium to be given – 20 Rupees per annum.
 - ✚ Coverage of Risk –
 - ✓ In case of death – Rs. 2 lakhs
 - ✓ One eye + One hand / One leg lost – Rs. 2 lakhs.
 - ✓ One eye / One hand / One leg – Rs. 1 lakh.
- Beside PM Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), 2 other schemes viz. PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Atal Pension Yojana also completed 8 years on 9th May, 2023. In PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, any person between 18 to 50 years old can enroll.
 - ✚ Premium to be given – 436 Rs per year
 - ✚ Risk Coverage – Rs. 2 lakh in case of death.
- Central Government declared the Tunganath temple of Uttarakhand at

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Rudraprayag district as a monument of national importance.

- ✚ It is the highest Shiva temple in the world (3680 m.)
 - ✚ It is part of Panch Kedar (Kedarnath Temple, Kalpeshwar temple, Rudranath temple, Madhyameshwar temple and Tunganath temple).
 - ✚ It is believed to have been built by Adi Shankaracharya.
- Honourable President of India, Droupadi Murmu recently conferred 37 gallantry awards in Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-1) , which was held in - New Delhi.
 - ✚ These 37 awards include eight Kirti Chakras (five posthumous), & 29 Shaurya Chakras (five posthumous). They were awarded to the personnels of Indian Armed Forces, CAPFs / Central Armed Police Forces & the State / Union Territory Police.
 - ✚ In the year 1950, Government of India started 3 gallantry awards – Param Vir Chakra (Highest), Mahavir Chakra (2nd highest) and Vir Chakra (3rd highest).
 - ✚ Later, in the year 1952, Government of India introduced 3 more gallantry awards – Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra.
 - Hon'ble Union Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs & Culture , Meenakshi Lekhi recently inaugurated the "Buddham Sharanam Gachhami" exhibition at - National Gallery of Modern Arts, located in - New Delhi. The exhibition focussed on the life history of Buddha, Buddhist art and culture , philosophy and the history of Buddhism.
 - Punjab has emerged as the first state in India to implement the policy - "Right to walk". As per the policy, it is mandatory

for road constructing and owning agencies to construct footpaths and the tracks for cycle movements during the expansion of existing roads and setting up of new roads.

- Recently, the trailer of "Love in 90s" , the first film in the Tagin language of Arunachal Pradesh was unveiled by Honourable Law & Justice Minister of India, Kiren Rijiju at – New Delhi.
 - ✚ Tagin is a tribe of Arunachal Pradesh. It's other name is – Ghasi Miri tribe.

Awards

- Pulitzer Prize 2023 –

| Category | Winner |
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| 1) Public Service | Associated Press for the work of Evgeniy Maloletka, Mstyslav Chernov, Vasilisa Stepanenko, Lori Hinnant |
| 2) Breaking News Reporting | Staff of the "Los Angeles Times". |
| 3) Investigative Reporting | Staff of "The Wall Street" |
| 4) International Reporting | Staff of "The New York Times" |
| 5) National Reporting | Caroline Kitchener of "The Washington Post". |
| 6) Featured Photography | Christina House, 'Los Angeles Times' |
| 7) Fiction | 'Demon Copperhead' by Barbara Kingsolver & 'Trust' by Hernan Diaz |
| 8) Drama | 'English' by Sanaz Toossi |
| 9) Poetry | "Then the War: And Selected |

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| | | Poems, 2007-2020” by Carl Phillips |
| 10) | Biography | “G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century” by Beverly Gage |
| 11) | Music | “Omar” by Rhiannon Giddens & Michael Abels |

Defence

- The 6th edition of IOC (Indian Ocean Conference) took place recently in – Dhaka, Bangladesh.
 - ✚ It was inaugurated by the PM of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina.
 - ✚ Theme of the conference – “Peace, Prosperity and Partnership for a resilient future”.
 - ✚ The conference was organised by India Foundation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh & S. Rajaratnam school of International Studies.
- Recently, the honourable Defence Minister of India, Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Indian Air Force (IAF) Heritage Centre in Union Territory of Chandigarh.
 - ✚ In 2022, IAF signed an MoU with UT Chandigarh to set up the IAF Heritage Centre.
- Border Road Organization (BRO)s’ 64th raising day was recently organized on – May 7th.
 - ✚ On this occasion, the hon’ble PM of India, Narendra Modi eulogised project DANTAK of BRO.
 - ✚ Project DANTAK was started on 24th April, 1961 as an overseas project by BRO.

✚ BRO works under Defence Ministry of India.

- Indian Army recently decided that the officers of and above the Brigadier rank will have a common uniform from 1st August, 2023, irrespective of their appointments and parent cadres. This new uniform will have –
 - ✓ Standardized Head Gear
 - ✓ Shoes
 - ✓ Belts
 - ✓ Gorget Patches
 - ✓ Shoulder Rank Badges.
- 7th edition of the “AJEYA WARRIOR 2023”, a joint military exercise between UK and India took place in UK (Salisbury Plains) recently.

Appointment

- Mark Nicholls was recently elected as President of the Marylebone Cricket Club/MCC.
 - ✚ He will take charge of Preident from present chairman Stephen Fry.
 - ✚ MCC is based in Saint Johns Wood of London at Lords Cricket Ground.
 - ✚ Nicholls is a former cricketer of England.
- Indo-American Neera Tandon has recently been appointed as the domestic policy advisor in USA.
 - ✚ She is the 1st Asian-American to become the leader in White House Advisory Council.
- Famous Sleeping Solution Company Wakefit has appointed Bollywood actor Ayushman Khuranna as its brand ambassador.

Science & Technology

- An experimental spacecraft from China returned to Earth recently after passing 276 days in the orbit.
 - ✚ The spacecraft that was uncrewed, returned to the

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Jiuquan satellite launch centre of China.

- Telangana has become the 1st state all over India to launch its own robotic framework. This will enhance the robotic ecosystem in the state of Telangana as well as India. Under this initiative, a TRIC (Telangan Robotics Innovation Centre) has been planned to be established for implementation of this robotics framework.

✚ This framework has been developed by – ITE&C (Information Technology, Electronics & Communication) Department, Telangana (+) All India Robotics Association.

Conference

- The 42nd edition of the ASEAN Summit held recently in – Labuan Bajo, Indonesia.
 - ✚ Theme of the Summit – “ASEAN Affairs : Epicentre of Growth”.
 - ✚ Members of ASEAN – 10.
 - ✚ President of Indonesia – Joko Widodo & Indonesia assumes the chair of ASEAN for 2023. Now, as Indonesia is the chair of ASEAN for 2023, President Widodo chaired the 42nd ASEAN Summit.
 - ✚ Present Secretary-General of ASEAN – Kao Kim Hourn.
 - ✚ In this 42nd summit, the bid of Timor-Leste to become the member of ASEAN was focussed.
- SHANGHAI Cooperation Organization (SCO) Foreign Ministers’ Meeting recently held at – Goa.
 - ✚ India is the chair of SCO in 2023 and the theme of India’s chairmanship of SCO is – “SECURE-SCO”.
 - ✚ In this meeting, the External Affairs Minister of India, S Jaishankar represented India. Pakistan foreign minister Bilawal

Bhutto also took part in the meeting.

- ‘Machines can See’ 2023 conference was hosted by – UAE.
 - ✚ It took place in – Museum of the Future, Dubai, UAE.
 - ✚ It’s a conference on AI / Artificial Intelligence.
 - ✚ It was held by UAE government + ‘Machine can See’ company + Office of the Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy & Remote Work Applications.

Obituaries

- Sienna Weir, a fashion model of Australia recently passed away while horse riding. She was one of the finalists in the 2022 Miss Universe Australia beauty pageant contest.

Current Affairs May 15 to May 22

Days

- Migratory Bird Day 2023 – May 13.
 - ✚ It is celebrated twice in a year, i.e. on second Saturday of May and October.
 - ✚ Theme – “Water and its importance for migratory bird” / “Water”.
- International Family’s Day – May 15.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – “Demographic Trends and Families”.
- International Day of Light – May 16.
 - ✚ On this day, in the year 1960, Theodore Maiman conducted the operation of Laser successfully.
- 48th edition of State Foundation Day was celebrated by Sikkim on – May 16. On this day, in the year 1975, Sikkim became the 22nd state of India.
- World Hypertension day – Mar 17.
 - ✚ Theme of 2023 – “Measure your blood pressure accurately, control it, live longer.”

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- ✚ The day was started by WHL (World Hypertension League) in the year 2005.
- International Museums Day – May 18.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – “Museums Sustainability and Well Being”.
- AIFF Grassroots Day – June 23.
 - ✚ Recently, this day was announced by AIFF.
 - ✚ This basically commemorates the birth anniversary of the legendary Indian Football player Pradip Kumar Banerjee / PK Banerjee.
 - ✚ P K Banerjee was the captain of Indian National Football Team during Rome Olympics of 1960.
- ✓ ITI passed – Rs. 8500 per month
- ✓ Diploma passed – Rs. 9000 per month
- ✓ Graduate / Higher educational qualification holding youth – Rs. 10000 per month.
- Recently, honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde, renamed the coastal road of Mumbai after Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj.
 - ✚ This was done to commemorate the 366th birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj.
 - ✚ Recently, Ramesh Bais became the new Governor of Maharashtra.

National

- Recently, Government of India changed the portfolio of Kiren Rijju. Previously, he was the law minister of India. He has now been made Union Minister of Earth Sciences.
 - ✚ In place of Mr. Rijju, Mr. Arjun Ram Meghwal has been given the independent charge of MoS (Minister of State) in Union Ministry of Law and Justice. Thus, Mr. Meghwal has become the new law minister of India.
- Recently, Madhya Pradesh state government launched a new scheme named – Mukhyamantri Seekho Kamao Yojana / Chief Minister Learn and Earn Scheme.
 - ✚ This scheme will provide the required knowledge and skill to unemployed youth of the state so that they can increase their income and employment opportunities.
 - ✚ Under this scheme, different trainees of different grade will get different amount of stipend per month.
 - ✓ 12th pass – Rs. 8000 per month
- The ‘Gajraj’ corps of Indian Army recently conducted an exercise named ‘Jal Rahat’ which is basically a joint flood relief exercise. The exercise was conducted at Hagrama Beach of Assam over Manas River.
- Recently, Congress Party emerged victorious in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly Elections. Congress secured a total of 135 seats out of 224.
 - ✚ The popular leader of Karnataka, Siddharamaiah has become the leader of the Legislative Party and is going to be appointed as next CM of Karnataka, whereas, Deputy Chief Minister will be D K Shivakumar.
- The UNESCO World Heritage Centre made a recommendation for including Shantiniketan of West Bengal under the UNESCO World Heritage List.
 - ✚ The recommendation was made by – ICOMOS / International Council of Monuments and Sites.
- Honourable Union Minister of India for Communications, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav unveiled the ‘Sanchar Saathi’ portal which will help the citizens with some important services, like blocking

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the lost cell phones and tracking of them.

- ✚ The portal has been developed by – Department of Telecommunications.

- ✚ Vaishnav, beside being Union Communications Minister, is also the Union Railways Minister of India.

- Recently, 3 products /ODOP crafts from the state of UP received the prestigious GI-tag -> Mainpuri tarkashi, Sambhal horn craft, Mahoba Gaura stone craft. With this, the total no of GI-tag products of UP has become – 48. Thus, UP is right now the 2nd rank holder in India in terms of GI-tagged products,

- ✚ 1st ranker – Tamil Nadu (55 products)

- ✚ 3rd rank holder – Karnataka (46 products)

- ✚ Of the 48 goods of UP, 36 are handicrafts. Thus, UP is the 1st rank holder state in India in terms of handicraft GI-tagged goods.

Award

- The present chairman of TATA Group – N Chandrashekharan was recently honoured with the highest civilian award of France – “Chevalier de la legion d’honneur”.

- ✚ The Foreign Affairs Minister of France- Catherine Colonna felicitated him with the award.

Appointment

- Newly appointed Director of CBI – Praveen Sood.

- ✚ He will succeed the former director of CBI, Subodh Kumar Jaiswal.

- Newly appointed CEO/Chief Executive Officer of Twitter – Linda Yaccarino.

- ✚ With this appointment, Elon Musk, the chief of Tesla, has

become the new executive chairman & Chief Technology Officer Of Twitter.

- Newly appointed brand ambassador of Duroflex – Virat Kohli.

- ✚ Newly appointed brand ambassador of Urban Gabru – Suryakumar Yadav.

- ✚ Newly appointed brand ambassador of Navi Technologies – Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

- Newly appointed president cum Chief Operation Officer (COO) of Paytm – Bhavesh Gupta.

- Manoj Soni recently took oath as the chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). He has been working as the chairman of UPSC from Apr, 2022.

- ✚ UPSC is mentioned in part XIV of Indian Constitution (Article 315-323)

- ✚ UPSC was estd. In the year 1926 by Govt. of India Act, 1919.

Defence

- Recently a BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile was test fired successfully from INS Mormugao, the frontline guided missile destroyer of Indian Navy.

- ✚ BrahMos missiles are manufactured by BrahMos Aerospace Pvt. Ltd. Which is basically a joint venture between Russia and India.

- The 4th edition of Bilateral naval exercise ‘Samudra Shakti – 23’ has started between – India and Indonesia at – Batam, Indonesia.

- ✚ Participants from India – INS Kavaratti, an ASW Corvette, Chetak Helicopters & a Dornier Maritime patrol aircraft.

Conference

- Recently, the 49th edition of G-7 Summit started in – Hiroshima, Japan.

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✚ G-7 is a group of 7 strongest democracies of world – UK, USA, Canada, Germany, France, Italy and Japan.

✚ For this year 2023, Japan is holding the Presidency of G-7.

International

- California has become the first state in USA to pass a bill in order to ban caste-based discrimination and bias. The state senator of California, Aisha Wahab introduced this historic bill – “SB 403”.
- World Health Organization (WHO) recently announced that the global health emergency for the viral disease - mpox / monkeypox, has come to an end after nearly 10 months.
 - ✚ The honourable DG of WHO, T. Adhanom Ghebreyesus made this announcement.
 - ✚ The disease first broke out in Congo in 1970 and in last May, the disease started to spread at global level.
 - ✚ Thus, WHO declared it as a PHEIC, i.e. public health emergency of international concern.
- Sri Lanka's Supreme Court recently gave a verdict to decriminalise homosexuality.
 - ✚ The present law of Sri Lankan Parliament punishes homosexuality with fine and prison sentence.
 - ✚ The verdict has been welcomed by the LGBTQ community people, however the bill must win Parliamentarian's support before being promulgated as a law.
- Recently, the Parliament of Libya took the decision of suspending Fathi Bashagha, the Prime Minister of Libya owing to corruption, policy disagreement, mismanagement.

- India recently launched operation 'Karuna' in Myanmar to give humanitarian assistance to the Myanmar people affected by Cyclone Mocha. For this, 3 naval ships of India, INS Kamorta, INS Shiwalik and INS Savitri were deployed.
- Russia recently refused to accept the payments in INR (Indian Rupee) for arms, crude oil and different other trades as Russia Foreign Minister S. Lavrov opined that it contains a large corpus of Indian rupees deposited in banks of India which they can't use. This is increasing the trade surplus between the 2 countries.

Science -Technology

- MIT-WPU (World Peace University) recently developed the first of its kind Sub-Sea Research Lab of Asia, named – CSER (Centre for Subsea Engineering Research) in Pune, Maharashtra.
 - ✚ This research lab was developed by – MIT-WPU in collaboration with Aker Solutions.
- The phase 3 of the trial of Panacea Biotech's Dengue Vaccine is going to start in August /September month of 2023. The vaccine is developed by – Panacea Biotech in collaboration with – ICMR.
 - ✚ Dengue is spread by Aedes mosquito.

Economy

- RBI recently announced the withdrawal of 2000 Rupees banknote from market.
 - ✚ The 2000 rupees notes were introduced for the first time after the demonetisation to meet the currency requirement of that time in 2016 as 500 and 1000 rupees notes were withdrawn from circulation. Now, in 2023, the purpose has been complete.

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- ✚ Although RBI has taken the decision of stopping the printing of Rs. 2000 notes, these bank notes will serve as legal tender.
- ✚ As of Mar 31'2023, only 3.62 lakh crore Rupees was the total amount of 2000 Rupees notes in circulation, which is merely 10.8 % of total note circulation in India. So, basically the 2000 Rupees bank note transaction has become very uncommon.
- ✚ Individuals can exchange their 2000 rupees notes in the bank branches in exchange of other denomination bank notes from May 23 up to September 30.
- ✚ Although , an individual can exchange only up to 20000 Rs. at any bank at a time.

Miscellaneous

- The mountain climber of Nepal, Kami Rita Sherpa created record by ascending Mount Everest for the 27th time.
- The honourable Minister of State (MoS) for Information and Broadcasting, L Murugan is going to lead the Indian contingent in the 76th Cannes International Film Festival.
 - ✚ In this film festival, actresses from India Esha Gupta, Manushi Chhillar, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Sara Ali Khan, famous director of 'The Elephant Whisperers', Guneet Monga and Kangabam Tomba, the famous actor from Manipur will also take part.
 - ✚ The Indian delegation is being designed by Ahmedabad's National Institute of Design.
 - ✚ In the 'Classics' section of the film festival, a Manipuri film Ishanou will be showcased.
 - ✚ Total 4 films of Indian have been officially selected for Cannes International Film Festival,

- including 'Kennedy' by Anurag Kashyap and 'Agra' by Kanu Behl.
- ✚ Host country of 76th Cannes International Film Festival – France.

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Day

- International Day for Biological Diversity – May 22.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – “From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity”.
 - ✚ On this day of 1992, CBD / Convention on Biological Diversity was adopted by a number of nations, during Earth Summit, 1992 at Brazil's Rio de Janeiro.
- Indian Commonwealth Day / Empire Day – May 24.
 - ✚ Theme – “Forging a Sustainable and Peaceful common future”.
 - ✚ This is celebrated to commemorate the birthday of the British Empress, Queen Victoria.
 - ✚ At the global level, although, Commonwealth Day is celebrated on 2nd Monday of March (March 13 for 2023).
- 75th anniversary of International Day for UN Peacekeepers held on May 29.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – ‘Peace Begins with Me’.
- 36th Goa State Foundation Day – May 30
 - ✚ Actually Goa was created in the year 1987.
 - ✚ Goa became the 25th State of India.
- World No Tobacco Day – May 31.
 - ✚ Organised by – World Health Organisation (WHO)
 - ✚ Theme – We need food, not tobacco.
- Telangana Foundation Day – 2nd June.

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- ✚ This year the 10th Foundation Day was celebrated.
- ✚ On 2nd June 2014, Telangana was formed.
- ✚ Capital – Hyderabad
- ✚ CM – K. Chandrasekhar Rao

National

- Union Home Minister of India, Amit Shah recently inaugurated ‘Census Building / Janaganana Bhawan’ at – New Delhi. The building is located at – Lutyens Zone, New Delhi.
 - ✚ The construction & design of the building have been done by – WAPCOS [Water & Power Consultancy Services (India) Limited].
 - ✚ Along with the inauguration of census building, hon’ble MHA minister Amit Shah launched a web portal for registration of birth & death.
 - ✚ Amit Shah also launched a census compendium from census 1981 to the upcoming census.
- Kerala has become the 1st fully e-governed state of India, announced by – CM Pinarayi Vijayan.
 - ✚ The state has made government services fully digital.
 - ✚ Kerala Govt. earlier focussed on ensuring full digital literacy among the citizens.
- Hon’ble PM of India, Narendra Modi flagged off the 1st Vande Bharat Express of Uttarakhand from – Dehradun to the city of Delhi.
 - ✚ This is India’s 17th Vande Bharat train.
- Hon’ble CM of Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot, inaugurated the ‘Jungle Safari’ in the Jaisamand Wildlife Sanctuary, Udaipur, Rajasthan. The wildlife sanctuary is located surrounding the Dhebar Lake (also known as Jaisamand Lake).
 - ✚ This step was taken to promote tourism in Udaipur district.
 - ✚ Dhebar Lake is the 2nd largest artificial lake of Asia.
- Union Ministry of Higher Education recently took the decision to abolish 2 awards, viz. ‘Shiksha Puraskar’ (started in 1992 by Central Government) & ‘Hinditar Bhashi Hindi Lekhak Puraskar’. Announcement of this was done by – Dharmendra Pradhan, the hon’ble education minister of India.
 - ✚ Shiksha Puraskar – It was started to encourage original writings in Hindi.
 - ✚ Hinditar Bhashi Hindi Lekhak Puraskar (Hindi speaking Hindi writer award) – Started for promoting Hindi writings from the non-Hindi speaking areas.
- The hon’ble CM of Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde, launched recently the ‘Governance Aplya Dari’ / ‘Shashan Aplya Dari’ initiative at the – Satara district, Maharashtra.
 - ✚ Under this initiative, citizens will get easy access to the Govt. schemes & the Govt. documents and Govt. services.
 - ✚ Shashan Aplya Dari means – “Government at your doorstep”.
- Recently honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the New Parliament building of India. He was welcomed warmly by the speaker of Lok Sabha, Om Birla. In this inaugural ceremony priests from Shringeri Math of Karnataka took part and a Ganapati Homam was organised.
 - ✚ A “Sengol” was carried and was placed at the right side of Speaker’s chair in Lok Sabha (in a dedicated
 - ✚ Sengol: Sengol is a sceptre which is 5 ft long. It was handed over to first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, by last Viceroy

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of India, Lord Mountbatten. It is basically a symbol regarding 'transfer of power'.

- ✚ New Parliament Building: It is situated at Central Vista, New Delhi. It has a provision for 888 Lok Sabha members and 384 Rajya Sabha members. The new building is triangular in shape covering 65000 sq. km.
- ✚ Total cost: ₹ 970 crore (estimate).
- ✚ Designer: HCP Design, Planning & Management
- ✚ Constructor: Tata Projects Ltd.
- ✚ Few saints from Tamil Nadu, handed over the 'Sengol' to PM Modi.
- The state Govt. of Maharashtra recently launched Namo Swetkari Mahasanman Yojana, for financial assistance to farmers. Under the scheme, the farmers will receive ₹ 6000 annually. This amount of ₹ 6000 is other than the ₹ 6000 received by farmers under Pradhan Mantri Kishan Sanman Nidhi Yojana.
- Honourable CM of Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde, recently proclaimed that the district of Ahmednagar is going to be named after Ahilyabai Holkar to commemorate her 297th birth anniversary.
 - ✚ Purnashlok Ahilyabai Holkar belongs to Indore Kingdom.
 - ✚ Besides this, it has also been decided to renamed Bandra-Varsova Sea Link Bridge as 'Vir Savarkar Setu'.
- Honourable PM of India recently inaugurated first Vande Bharat Express of North-East India.
 - ✚ The route of the train is from Guwahati, Assam to New Jalpaiguri, WB.
 - ✚ In a total 5 hrs and 30 minutes, this total 411 km route will be covered.
- ✚ This is the 18th Vande Bharat Express of India.
- NTCA (National Tiger Conservation Authority) recently set up a Cheetah Project Steering Committee, under the Chairmanship of Rajesh Gopal.
 - ✚ Gopal is Global Tiger Forum's Secretary General.
 - ✚ The committee has been formed under MOEFCC (Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change)
 - ✚ Main objective of the committee is to solve the issues related to Cheetah Relocation Project.
- The Odisha State Govt. recently launched 'Mo Ghara' Housing Scheme under which socially and economically weak families can take upto ₹ 3 lacs of housing loan.
 - ✚ Also called, Mo Ghar Awas Yojana.
 - ✚ This scheme basically aims to cover those families who were earlier excluded from the housing schemes like PMAY (Gramin) and BPGY.
- Madhya Pradesh has become the 1st state in India to offer free of cost airline travel to the senior citizen pilgrims.
 - ✚ This initiative has been taken under Mukhymantri Tirth Darshan Yojana by honourable CM of MP Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
 - ✚ Under this initiative, the 1st batch of 32 pilgrims were sent to Prayagraj, UP from Bhopal's Raja Bhoj Airport.
- Recently, hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Kerala Legislative Assembly building located at - Thiruvananthapuram.

Appointment / Resignations

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- Newly appointed Chief Minister of Karnataka – Siddharamaiah (Congress party).
 - ✚ He is the 24th CM of the state.
 - ✚ This is his 2nd term as the CM of the state.
 - ✚ His oath ceremony took place at – Kanteerava Stadium (Bengaluru).
 - ✚ Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, T.C. Gehlot administered his oath.
 - ✚ Earlier, Siddharamaiah was the CM of Karnataka for the tenure – 2013-2018.
 - ✚ Newly appointed Deputy CM of Karnataka – D.K. Shivakumar.
 - Former captain of Indian National Cricket team & former chief of BCCI, Sourav Ganguly was recently named as brand ambassador of Tripura tourism.
 - 2 new judges, viz. K.V. Vishwanathan & Prashant Kumar Mishra recently took oath as judges of Supreme Court. Their oath was administered by – 50th Chief Justice of India, D.Y. Chandrachud.
 - ✚ With this, the total no. of judges of Supreme Court reached to – 34 (actual sanctioned strength) [32 + 2].
 - Newly appointed President of India Taekwondo – Namdev Shirgaonkar.
 - Recep Tayyip Erdogan was recently re-elected as President of Turkey.
 - ✚ Erdogan got 52.14% votes.
 - ✚ Erdogan is from AKP (Justice and Development Party).
 - Newly elected President of Latvia – Edgars Rinkevics.
 - ✚ Rinkevics was earlier employed as Foreign Minister of Latvia.
 - ✚ Rinkevics has succeeded the former President Egils Levits by receiving 52 votes.
 - ✚ Legislature of Latvia – Saeima Legislature.
 - A 1990 Batch IRS-Cadre, Suman Sharma, recently took oath as member of UPSC.
 - ✚ Dr. Manoj Soni, present chairman of UPSC, administered her oath.
 - The honourable CAG of India, Shri Girish Chandra Murmu, was recently re-elected as External Auditor of the WHO for 2024-2027, a four-year term.
 - ✚ Earlier, he held this post for 2019-2023.
 - ✚ Murmu was elected at 76th World Health Assembly recently held at Geneva. He got 114 votes out of 156.
 - Recently appointed MD and CEO of UCO Bank – Ashwani Kumar.
 - ✚ Former MD & CEO – Shomshankar Prashad.
 - New appointed Chairman & MD (CMD) of the SAIL (Steel Authority of India Ltd) – Amarendu Prakash.
 - ✚ SAIL HQ – New Delhi
 - ✚ It was founded in 1954.
 - ✚ Former Chairman – Soma Mandal.
 - First Female Secretary General of WMO (World Meteorological Organisation) – Andrea Celeste Saulo (Argentina)
- ### Conference / Meetings / Summit
- The 3rd edition of G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting held recently at – Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir UT).
 - ✚ China did not participate in this meeting as Srinagar is a disputed area between India & Pakistan.
 - ✚ 2nd edition of G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting held at – Siliguri & Darjeeling, West Bengal.
 - ✚ 1st edition of G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting held at – Runn of Kutch, Gujarat.

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- ✚ All 3 meetings took place under the G20 Presidency of India.
- Brief facts about G20 Presidency by India –
 - ✚ G20 summit 2023 will be held – 9 – 10th Sep 2023.
 - ✚ Theme / Motto of G20 Summit 2023: ‘One Earth, One Family, One Future’ (Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam).
 - ✚ Venue – New Delhi.
 - ✚ G20 Summit 2022 – Indonesia; G20 Summit 2024 – Brazil.
- 76th edition of WHA (World Health Assembly) held recently at – Geneva, Switzerland.
 - ✚ Union Health Minister of India, Mansukh Mandaviya represented from the side of India.
 - ✚ Theme – “WHO at 75: Saving lives, driving health for all”.
 - ✚ 76th WHA organised by – WHO (World Health Organization).
- Recently, honourable PM Modi proclaimed that the Quad Summit of 2024 is going to be host by – India.
 - ✚ Quad Summit of 2023 is hosted by – Japan (Hiroshima). Which was originally scheduled to be held at Australia.
 - ✚ Quad is a multilateral group of Japan, Australia, US & India.
 - ✚ Quad was set up in 2007.

Defence

- Recently, Sudarshan Shakti Exercise 2023 was conducted by Sapta Shakti Command (Indian Army) at the western borders of two states – Rajasthan and Punjab.
 - ✚ This exercise focused on modern technologies.
- 2nd edition of Al-Mohed Al-Hindi Naval Exercise of 2023 was held between India & Saudi Arabia, at venue – Al Jubail of Saudi Arabia.

- ✚ Participants – Indian Navy & RSNF (Royal Saudi Naval Force)
- ✚ From India took part – INS Subhadra, INS Tarkash & Dornier MPA (Maritime Patrol Aircraft).

Sports

- Shaili Singh, a long jumper of India, recently won bronze in the Seiko Golden Grand Prix, held at Yokohama, Japan.
 - ✚ Her jump was of – 6.65 m.
 - ✚ Gold medal in the event was won by – Maryse Luzolo of Germany (6.79 m).
- Neeraj Chopra, the champion javelin thrower from India, recently became World Rank 1 in men’s category of javelin thrower. Total point of Neeraj – 1455.
 - ✚ 2nd Ranker javelin thrower of world – Anderson Peters of Grenada.
 - ✚ Chopra won gold medal for India in Tokyo Olympics 2020, held in the year 2021.
- Recently, Indian badminton player H.S. Prannoy clinched gold medal in Malaysia Masters Badminton Championship of 2023 which was organised in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
 - ✚ Prannoy is the 3rd Indian and male shutter to clinched gold in the tournament.
 - ✚ Before Prannoy, Saina Nehwal and P.V. Sindhu won gold in the tournament.
 - ✚ In the final, Prannoy defeated Weng Hongyang of China.
 - ✚ In the women singles category, Akane Yamaguchi of Japan won gold medal.
- Uttar Pradesh Hockey recently emerged as the champion of the 13th edition Hockey India’s Sub-Junior National Championship for the year 2023.

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- ✚ In the final match UP Hockey defeated Odisha Hockey Association and the venue of final was Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium of Odisha.
- 16th edition of IPL 2023 won by Chennai Super Kings (CSK).
 - ✚ In the final, CSK defeated Gujarat Titans by 5 wickets.
 - ✚ The final was held at Narendra Modi Stadium of Gujarat.
 - ✚ With this, CSK equalled with Mumbai Indians winning 5 titles each.
 - ✚ Orange Cap – Shubman Gill (890 runs)
 - ✚ Purple Cap – Md. Shami (28 wickets)
 - ✚ Best venue of the season – Wankhede Stadium (Mumbai) & Eden Gardens (Kolkata)
 - ✚ Most valuable player of season – Shubman Gill
 - ✚ Emerging player of the year – Yashasvi Jaiswal
 - ✚ Man of the Match of Final – Devon Conway (CSK)
 - ✚ The first match of IPL 2023 was played between – Gujarat Titans and CSK, at Narendra Modi Stadium, Gujarat.
- In the Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup of 2023, India became champion by defeating Pakistan. The final was played at Salalah, Oman.
 - ✚ It is the 4th title of India in Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup (After 2004, 2008 and 2015).
 - ✚ This tournament was organised by AHF (Asian Hockey Federation).
- civilian honours of Papua New Guinea & Fiji.
 - ✚ From Papua New Guinea, Modi got the highest civilian award named – 'Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu (GCL)'. Governor General of Papua New Guinea, Bob Dadae, gave the honour to Modi.
 - ✚ From Fiji, Modi got the highest civilian award named – 'Companion of the Order of Fiji'. PM of Fiji, Sitiveni Rabuka, gave this award to Modi.
- Hon'ble CM of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath, was recently honoured with Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar Award for 2023 by the former President of India, Ramnath Kovind.
 - ✚ The award ceremony held at – Shri Shanmukhananda Auditorium, Mumbai.
 - ✚ Who received the award – Dr. Lalji Prasad Nirmal, one of the members of legislative council of UP.
- A short story writer, critic, novelist, scriptwriter of Konkani language, Damodar Mauzo, recently bought 57th edition of Gyanpith Award 2022.
 - ✚ He is a Goan poet.
- IIFA (International Indian Film Academy) Awards 2023 was recently held at Abu Dhabi, UAE.
 - ✚ Best Picture – Drishyam 2 (Director: Abhishek Pathak)
 - ✚ Best Director – R. Madhavan (Rocketry: The Nambi Effect)
 - ✚ Best Actor – Hrithik Roshan (Vikram Vedha)
 - ✚ Best Actress – Alia Bhatt (Gangubai Kathiawadi)
 - ✚ Best Male Playback Singer – Arijit Singh (Kesariya, Brahmastra Part I – Shiva)

Award / Honour

- Hon'ble PM of India, Narendra Modi was recently honoured with the highest

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- ✚ Best Female Playback Singer – Shreya Ghosal (Rasiya, Brahmastra Part I – Shiva)
- 76th International Cannes Festival Awards 2023:
 - ✚ Top Award – ‘Palme d’or for Best Feature Film’
 - ✚ Film – Anatomy of a Fall
 - ✚ Director – Justine Triet (France)
 - ✚ Triet has become the third woman film director to be awarded with Cannes Top Honour.
 - ✚ Runner Up Award of Cannes – ‘The Grand Prix’
 - ✚ Film – The zone of Interest
 - ✚ Director – Jonathan Glazer (England)
 - ✚ Best Actor – Koji Yakusho (Film – The Perfect Days)
 - ✚ Best Actress – Merve Dizdar (Film – About Dry Grasses)
 - ✚ Best Director – Tran Anh Hung (Film – The Pot-au-Feu)
 - ✚ The first edition of Cannes Film Festival was held in the year 1946.
- After a dispute of 2018, Saudi Arabia has restored its full diplomatic ties with Canada. With this, Canada is going to appoint Jean-Phillippe Linteau as its new ambassador to Saudi Arabia.
 - ✚ PM of Canada – Justin Trudeau.
 - ✚ Saudi Crown Prince – Muhammed Bin Salman.
 - ✚ Actually, the dispute started in 2018 when Canadian Embassy at Riyadh tweeted regarding the immediate release of the detained women’s right activists at Saudi Arabia. After this, Saudi & Canada both cancelled each other’s Embassies at their countries.
- Recently, University of Edinburg of UK (Scotland), launched a course on Hindi in association with Indian Consulate of UK.
 - ✚ Name of the Program: Climate Solutions.
 - ✚ Dave Reay, a renowned professor of Edinburg Climate Change Institute has designed the course.
 - ✚ This is the First course in Hindi Language in a University of Edinburg.

International

- UK recently put a ban on the diamonds & metals of Russia.
 - ✚ Here, the sanction is mainly on Aluminium, Nickel, Copper of Russia.
 - ✚ Beside diamonds & metals, UK has also imposed a ban on a total of 86 members from Military industrial complex of Russia & on those individuals associated with energy, metal, shipping industries of Russia.
- Ireland has become the 1st country throughout the world to start health warnings of alcohol regarding liver disease, cancer, risks during pregnancy, etc.
- A brand new 1971 liberation war gallery was opened at Indian Cultural Centre, Dhaka.
 - ✚ This cultural centre belongs to Indian High Commission.
 - ✚ In the occasion, Asaduzzaman Khan, the honourable Home Minister of Bangladesh and Pranay Kumar Verma, Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh were present.
- Recently, the King of Cambodia, Norodom Sihamoni, performed his first visit to India. The King was welcomed by the hon’ble PM of India Narendra Modi and hon’ble President of India Droupadi Murmu at Rastrapati Bhavan.

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- ✚ The external affairs minister of India S. Jaishankar met with him.
- The Board of Executive Directors of World Bank / IBRD gave recently an approval to 82 million dollars loan to control Zoonotic / Infectious diseases from animals in India.

Science & Technology

- Saudi Arabia's first 2 astronauts, 'Rayyanah Barnawi' & 'Ali AlQarni' have been sent to International Space Station / ISS.
 - ✚ Organizer of the Mission – Axiom Space.
 - ✚ The mission was executed by – Space X.
 - ✚ In this mission, Barnawi & AlQarni are being accompanied by – John Shoffner & Peggy Whitson (a former astronaut of NASA).
 - ✚ Barnawi is 1st female astronaut from Arabian nations to move to ISS.
 - ✚ The mission was launched from – Kennedy Space Centre, Florida, USA (NASA).
- Tech giant, Microsoft recently launched an AI chat bot, named – 'Jugalbandi' for the rural areas of India.
 - ✚ It's a multilingual chat bot which is accessible through WhatsApp.
 - ✚ Jugalbandi has been developed by – A14 Bharat + IIT Madras.
- Recently, ISRO launched the NVS-01 satellite. It is a navigational satellite under NAVIC category. It was launched from Srihorikota by GSLV F-12 rocket.
 - ✚ NAVIC stands for Navigation with Indian Constellation.
 - ✚ NAVIC was earlier known as IRNSS (Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System).

Books

- "Guts Amidst Bloodbath: The Anshuman Gaekwad Narrative" – Aditya Bhushan.
 - ✚ Bhushan has written this book & this is based on the semi-autobiography of Anshuman Gaekwad, a former test cricketer of India.

Miscellaneous

- A double amputee mountaineer of Nepal, Hari Buddha Magar, became the first person to ascend the Mount Everest with artificial legs. Magar is a former soldier of British Gurkha force, Nepal.
- Shri Ramcharitmanas has become the longest song of the world, the voice of which was given by Dr. Jagdish Pillai of Benaras, UP.
 - ✚ Total length of the song – 138 hr 41 min 20 sec.
 - ✚ It's a Guinness World Record.

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Days

- World Milk Day – 1st June.
 - ✚ It is celebrated from the year 2001 by FAO (Food and Agricultural Organisation), UN.
 - ✚ Theme – 'Showcasing how dairy is reducing its environmental footprint, while also providing nutritious foods and livelihoods' / "Enjoy Dairy".
- World Bicycle Day – 3rd June.
 - ✚ Actually on this day, in 1817, K. Von Drais invented Bicycle.
 - ✚ Theme – Riding together for a sustainable future.
 - ✚ It is celebrated by UNGA.
- World Environment Day – 5th June.
 - ✚ Theme – '# Beat Plastic Pollution' / 'Solutions to Plastic Pollutions'.
 - ✚ This year Ivory Coast (Cote D'Ivoire) is hosting the event.

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- ✚ This day for 2023 is being supported by Netherlands.
- ✚ This is the 50th edition of this day and the celebration of this day was started in the year 1973.
- ✚ This day was established by UNEP (UN Environment Programme).
- ✚ Basically, United Nations Conference on Human Environment took place in Stockholm, Sweden in 1972 from 5th June to 16th June.
- World Food Safety Day – 7th June.
 - ✚ Theme – ‘Food Standards Save Lives’.
- World Ocean’s Day – 8th June.
 - ✚ Theme – ‘Planet Ocean: The Sides are Changing’.
 - ✚ The concept of this day was proposed at 1992 Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro.
- World Blood Donor Day – June 14.
 - ✚ Theme for 2023 – “Give Blood, Give Plasma, Share Life, Share Often”.
 - ✚ Host country for 2023 – Algeria.
- ✚ The state government of Odisha announced a day of mourning.
- Recently, central govt. set up an enquiry commission for investigating the recent violent events in Manipur.
 - ✚ The head of the committee is Ajay Lamba, former Chief Justice of Guwahati High Court.
 - ✚ It is a 3-member panel.
- Recently UP Govt. launched the Nand Baba Health Mission Scheme, whose budget is ₹ 1000 crore.
 - ✚ This will set up dairy FPOs (Farmer Producer Organisation), through which milk producers will be able to sell milk through Dairy Cooperative Societies.
- Telangana is going to construct the First 3D Printed Hindu Temple of the world.
 - ✚ It is located at Charvitha Meadows, Burugupalli, Siddipet.
 - ✚ It is being built by Apsuja Infratech in collaboration with Simpliforge Creations.
 - ✚ Area – 3800 sq. kms.
- Recently, Law Commission of India gave a proposal of important amendments in sedition law.

National

- Recently, a horrible train accident took place in Odisha among 3 trains, where Shalimar–Chennai Central Coromandel Express collided with Bengaluru–Howrah Superfast Express. This incident took place due to derailment of coaches of Bengaluru–Howrah SF Express. After the collision, the derailed coaches of Coromandel Express further collided with wagons of a Goods Train. The horrific incident occurred at Bahanaga Bazaar Station, Balasore, Odisha.
 - ✚ Time of derailment of Bengaluru–Howrah SF Express – 6:55 pm.
 - ✚ Time of derailment of Coromandel Express – 7 pm.
 - ✚ Date – 2nd June, 2023.
- ✚ Sedition Law has been stated under Section 124(A) of IPC.
- ✚ Under this section, the criminal is punished by 3 years imprisonment or life imprisonment along with fine.
- ✚ According to the new amendment, the Law Commission recommended a procedural safe guard to the 124(A) section, where a preliminary enquiry will be done by an Inspector Rank Police Officer before the registration of FIR.
- ✚ Law Commission also proposed to enhance the punishment term to maximum 7 years or life imprisonment.

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- ✚ In India, currently 22nd Law Commission is in operation.
 - ✚ These amendments have been proposed under guidance of Rituraj Awasthi, former Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court.
 - Recently, honourable union minister of Science & Technology, Jitendra Singh inaugurated the famous Lavender Festival in Bhaderwah, Jammu & Kashmir (Dara district).
 - ✚ Basically, Lavender Revolution was launched under CSIR Aroma Mission in 2016.
 - Recently Karnataka State Govt. launched Shakti Scheme under which the women in the state can take benefit of Free Bus Travel in the State Govt. run buses.
 - ✚ However, this scheme is not applicable to the buses travelling outside the state.
 - ✚ CM of Karnataka – Siddaramaiah.
 - Recently Arunachal Pradesh Government launched 'ArunPol' Mobile App and a portal on e-vigilance.
 - ✚ This app will help the citizens to easily reach police stations and avail services thereby.
 - ✚ Online services like missing reports, complaints by women and children, vital contact numbers etc. will be available on the app.
 - The NMML (Nehru Memorial Museum and Library) Society of New Delhi was renamed as Prime Minister's Museum and Library Society.
 - ✚ The decision was taken at a meeting hosted by NMML Society, where defence minister Rajnath Singh was present.
 - ✚ Rajnath Singh is the vice president of NMML Society.
 - ✚ The Museum and Library is located at Teen Murti House at New Delhi.
 - ✚ It was established in 1965.
- ### International
- Recently, 5 new countries have been elected to UN Security Council as non-permanent members. They are – Guyana, Korea Republic, Slovenia, Algeria and Sierra Leone.
 - ✚ These countries have been elected to the council for a term of two years.
 - India agreed with Serbia to establish a bilateral trade amount to 1 billion euros by end of this decade.
 - ✚ The agreement took place between Draupadi Murmu, hon'ble President of India and Aleksandar Vucic, hon'ble President of Serbia.
 - ✚ Capital of Serbia – Belgrade.
 - Recently, hon'ble President of India, Draupadi Murmu on her visit to Suriname attend the event commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Indian's arrival to the country.
 - Recently, the defence secretary of USA – Lloyd Austin visited India for discussion of expansion of India-US bilateral strategic engagement.
 - ✚ Austin met with hon'ble defence minister of India – Rajnath Singh.
 - ✚ Beside Austin, German defence minister, Boris Pistorius also visited India and held talks with Rajnath Singh.
 - Recently, United States of America (USA) has taken the decision to rejoin UNESCO.
 - ✚ Actually, US withdrew from UNESCO in the year 2017, when Palestine became the member of UNESCO.
 - The United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) recently decided to temporarily suspend food assistance to Ethiopia as its supplies are being

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diverted and not being supplied to those who are in need.

Index / Reports / Ranks

- Recently, FSSAI i.e. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India released State Food Safety Index (SFSI), 2024.
 - ✚ The index was unveiled by hon'ble union Health Minister, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.
 - ✚ Among larger states, Kerala stood first.
 - ✚ Among smaller states, Goa stood first.
 - ✚ Among UT's, first – J & K; second – Delhi; third – Chandigarh.
- Recently, MERCER released a report title as '2023 Cost of Living City'.
 - ✚ This report basically lists the most and the least expensive cities all over the world for the international employees.
 - ✚ According to the report, New York is the most expensive city for an expat to living. 2nd – Hong Kong; 3rd – Geneva; 4th – London.
 - ✚ As per this report, Mumbai is the most expensive city in India for the expatriates. Rank of Mumbai – 147th.
- As per report, "State of India's Environment 2023: In Figures", released by a non-profit organisation, CSE (Centre for Science & Environment), Telangana has ranked first in India for its overall environmental performance.
- As per the latest rankings of "Forbes Global 2000", RIL (Reliance Industries Ltd) of India ranked 45th in this list.
 - ✚ Thus RIL has become the top ranker in the list of "Forbes Global 2000" in India.
 - ✚ Top ranker – J.P. Morgan, a financial company of US (Net Asset – 3.7 Trillion Dollar).

- ✚ Second rank – Saudi Aramco, the oil company of Saudi Arabia.
- ✚ From India, Second Ranker and overall 77th ranker in the list – State Bank of India.

- Gujarat has emerged as the No.1 State all over India in the category of installed wind power capacity, and thus has surpassed Tamil Nadu which is right occupies second spot.

- ✚ As per May 31, 2023, The total installed capacity of wind power of Gujarat -10,416 MW, whereas Tamil Nadu's wind power capacity - 10,125 MW.
- ✚ The onshore wind potential India is - 1,164 GW at 150 meter above of ground level (Source – PIB, 15th June Press Release, 2023)

Appointment

- 78th President of UN General Assembly – Denis Frances.
 - ✚ He is the first resident of Trinidad & Tobago to become UNGA President.
 - ✚ The election took place at New York, i.e. at UN.
 - ✚ Former (77th) President – H.E. Csaba Korosi.
- Brand Ambassador of Wrangler, a brand under Ace Turtle Omni Pvt Ltd – Smriti Mandhana.
- Recently appointed Chairman of HINDU Group – Nirmala Lakshman.
 - ✚ She has been appointed for 3 years term.
 - ✚ Actual name of HINDU Group – The Hindu Group Publishing Pvt Ltd (THGPPL).
 - ✚ HQ – Chennai.
- Mrutyunjay Mohapatra has recently become the Vice-President of WMO (World Meteorological Organisation).

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✚ He is one of the three VPs of WMO.

✚ Presently Mohapatra is working as the Director General of IMD (Indian Meteorological Department).

- Newly appointed CEO of UIDAI – Amit Agarwal.
- Newly appointed DG (Director General) of National Testing Agency (NTA) – Subodh Kumar Singh.
- Newly appointed Secretary of CIC (Central Information Commission) – Rashmi Chowdhary.
- Newly appointed DG /Director General of Border Security Force (BSF) – Nitin Agarwal.
 - ✚ Agarwal replaced Pankaj Kumar Singh who retired on 31st December, 2022.

Sports

- Recently, 3rd edition of Khelo India University Games was held at Varanasi, Noida, Lucknow and Gorakhpur.
 - ✚ Opening ceremony at – Babu Banarasi Das University, Lucknow.
 - ✚ Closing ceremony at – IIT BHU, Varanasi.
 - ✚ Overall champion – Punjab University, Chandigarh. Medals – 69 (Gold – 26, Silver – 17, Bronze – 26).
 - ✚ 1st Runner-Up – Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Medals – 68 (Gold – 24, Silver – 27, Bronze – 17).
 - ✚ 2nd Runner-Up – Jain University, Karnataka.
- In the Flanders's Cup 2023 Athletics' Meet that took place in Merksem, Belgium, famous Indian Athlete Amlan Borgohain clinched 2 gold medals, in Men's 100 m race and 200 m race.
- French Open Women's Singles Title won by Iga Swiatek (Poland). She defeated

Karolina Muchova (Czech Republic) in the final.

- ✚ Another name for French Open – Roland Garros.
- ✚ This is the back to back French Open Title of Iga Swiatek.
- French Open Men's Singles Title won by Novak Djokovic (Serbia).
 - ✚ Roland Garros stadium is situated in France.
 - ✚ With this win Djokovic achieved the 23rd Grand Slam Title of his career.
- World Test Championship 2023 – The final match was held at the Oval, England.
 - ✚ In this final match, Australia defeated India by 209 runs.
 - ✚ Man of the match – Travis Head (Australia).
 - ✚ With this win, Australian Men's International Cricket Team has won ICC world titles in all of the 3 formats of cricket – ODI, T-20, Test.

Award / Honour

- From the country, Republic of Suriname, honourable President of India, Smt. Draupadi Murmu received the highest civilian award of the country.
 - ✚ Award – Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star.
 - ✚ This award was given to Draupadi Murmu by Chandrika Prasad Santokhi, the hon'ble President of Suriname.
 - ✚ Till now this award has been given to only 6 persons –
 - i) Queen Beatrix (Netherlands)
 - ii) Nelson Mandela (South Africa)
 - iii) Desmond Tutu (South Africa)

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- iv)** Jimmy Carter (39th US President)
 - v)** Kofi Annan (former Secretary General of UN)
 - vi)** Ban Ki-Moon (8th Secretary General of UN)
 - After a long 27 years, the 71st edition of Miss World 2023 will be held this year in India.
 - ✚ For the last time, India hosted this event in 1996 at Bangalore, where the winner is Irene Skliva (Greece).
 - ✚ Till now India has won the title 6 times.
 - i)** 1st Medal – Reita Faria (1966)
 - ii)** 2nd Medal – Aishwarya Rai (1994)
 - iii)** 3rd Medal – Diana Hayden (1997)
 - iv)** 4th Medal – Yukta Mookhey (1999)
 - v)** 5th Medal – Priyanka Chopra (2000)
 - vi)** 6th Medal – Manushi Chhillar (2017)
 - ✚ Last year in 2020, the contest was held in Puerto Rico.
 - ✚ Champion 2020 – Karolina Bielawska from Poland.
 - ✚ Hosted by – Miss World Organisation.
 - Recently, the present Governor of RBI Shaktikanta Das, was awarded with “Governor of the year” award, 2023.
 - ✚ This award was given by ‘Central Banking Organisation’.
 - ✚ Besides, the Central Bank of the year 2023 award was won by National Bank of Ukraine.
 - ✚ Central Banking Organisation basically provides these two awards every year – ‘Central Bank of the year’ and ‘Governor of the year’.
 - The Indian-origin scientist, Joyeeta Gupta, won the NWO Spinoza Prize of 2023.
 - ✚ The award was given by – NWO/Dutch Research Council.
 - ✚ It’s the highest scientific honour/award of the Netherlands.
 - ✚ Her research topic – Addressing different challenges by climate changes through the method of good governance.
 - Recently, a documentary film named ‘When Climate Change Turns Violent’ won a special prize in the category - ‘Health for All’ at 4th edition of Annual Health for All Film Festival held by World Health Organization (WHO) at WHO headquarters in Geneva.
 - ✚ Director of this documentary - Vandita Saharia. She is from Rajasthan.
- ### Science & Technology
- Recently DRDO successfully conducted the test fire of Agni Prime Missile from A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.
 - ✚ Agni Prime is a new generation ballistic missile.
 - ✚ Another name of A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Island is Wheeler Island.
- ### Defence
- Recently, NATO organised Exercise Arctic Challenge, 2023 at Rovajarvi, Northern Finland.
 - ✚ It’s a military exercise.
 - ✚ Total 150 aircrafts from 14 member nations of NATO took part in the exercise.
 - ✚ Latest member of NATO – Finland.
 - ✚ Number of members in NATO – 31.

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- The 12th edition of Joint Military Exercise of India and Maldives named “Ex Ekuverin” started at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.

Economy

- IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India) gave a direction to SBI Life Insurance Corporation for taking over SILIC’s (Sahara India Life Insurance Corporation) insurance business.

Miscellaneous

- First NCC Women Cadet to successfully complete a course on mountaineering – Shalini Singh.
 - ✚ As a part of the course, Shalini scaled a peak of 15,400 ft. at Uttarkashi district, Uttarakhand (Dring Valley).
 - ✚ Shalini Singh is 20 years old and she is from Lucknow.
- Multhamiz Selvi has become the First Woman from Tamil Nadu to ascend Mt. Everest.
 - ✚ She was honoured by U. Stalin, the hon’ble sports & union minister of Tamil Nadu.
 - ✚ Selvi belongs from Johilpatti, Virudhnagar.

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Days

- World Rain Forest Day – 22nd June
 - ✚ Theme – ‘Conserve, restore, regenerate’.
 - ✚ This day was launched in the year 2017.
- International Day of Women in Diplomacy (IDWID) – June 24.
 - ✚ Theme of 2023 – ‘Breaking Barriers, Shape in the Future:’

Women in Diplomacy for Sustainable Development’.

- National Statistics Day – June 29.
 - ✚ This day is celebrated to honour ‘The Father of Indian Statistics’, Shri Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.
 - ✚ Theme – ‘Aligning the state indicator framework with the national indicator framework for maintaining the sustainable development goals’.
 - ✚ Mahalanobis was born in Kolkata.
 - ✚ For the 1st time this day was celebrated in 2007.

National

- Recently hon’ble Home Minister of India Amit Shah, inaugurated the foundation stone of ‘Sacrifice Pillar / Balidan Stambh’ at Srinagar (J & K).
 - ✚ The pillar is being erected to pay homage to the courageous martyr who paid their lives for India.
 - ✚ This ceremony took place at a park near Lal Chowk of Srinagar.
- Recently the govt. of UP launched ‘LADCS’ (Legal Aid Defence Council System) for two years’ time period.
 - ✚ This LADCS will function under the State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) of UP.
 - ✚ Here, free legal services will be given to general public (Especially in criminal cases), by the chief, deputy assistant of council.
- Assam state govt. is going to build the first underwater tunnel of the state below Brahmaputra River between Gohpur and Numaligarh.
 - ✚ This was announced by the hon’ble CM of Assam Himanta Biswa Sarma.

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- ✚ Total length of the tunnel 35 km (approx.) and estimated cost – 6000 crore (approx.).
- Recently Hemis Monastery Festival was held at the UT of Ladakh.
 - ✚ In the Hemis Gompa Monastery the festival takes place every year March, the Birth Anniversary of Guru Padmasambhava, who is an important figure in the Tibetan Buddhism.
 - ✚ This festival takes place on the 10th day of 5th month of Tibetan Calendar year.
 - ✚ In this festival a special type of dance is performed by the resident monks of the Hemis Gompa Monastery, known as 'Chham Dance'.
- Recently Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs i.e. CCEA gave approval to PM PRANAM Scheme.
 - ✚ Under the scheme, incentives will be provided to states, so that the use of alternative non-chemical fertilizers can be enhanced.
 - ✚ PRANAM – Promotion of Alternative Nutrients for Agriculture Management.
 - ✚ Beside PM PRANAM Scheme, the cabinet also took the decision to continue the existing scheme of Urea Subsidy for 3 years from F.Y. 2023-24.
 - ✚ CCEA has also decided to introduce Urea Gold, i.e. Sulphur-coated Urea in India.
- From 1st July, the UP state govt. will launch the 'One tap One tree' scheme.
 - ✚ This will increase green cover in the state and will give the provision of portable tap water in the rural areas.
 - ✚ Under this campaign, total 5 lakhs sapling will be planted in the week of 1st to 7th July.
- ✚ This campaign has been launched by – Rural Water Supply Department, UP Govt. + Namami Gange Program.
- Recently Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairy Shri Parshottam Rupala launched 'NANDI Portal' for increasing efficiency in assessment examination and approval of veterinary portal at New Delhi.
 - ✚ This portal will work with the SUGAM portal which was developed by CDSCO (Central Drug Standard Control Organisation).
 - ✚ NANDI – NOC Approval for New Drugs & Inoculation System.
- Hon'ble CM of UP Yogi Adityanath, recently launched 'Operation Conviction' to stop cow slaughter in UP.
 - ✚ Under this operation punishments will be given on murder, rape, cow slaughter, forcible religious conversion & different offences under POCSO Act.
- Central Government recently announced to make AC mandatory in the truck cabins from – 2025.
 - ✚ This was announced by – Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Sri Nitin Gadkari.
- Union Environment Ministry recently approved the construction of the Muthamizh Arinagar Dr. Kalaignar pen monument at – Bay of Bengal, off Chennai's Marina Beach.
 - ✚ This monument will be built in the memory of – DMK Party patriarch and the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Muthuvel Karunanidhi / M Karunanidhi.
 - ✚ The monument will be built by – Tamil Nadu State.

International

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- Recently hon'ble PM of India N. Modi, visited USA and met with President of US Joe Biden and Jill Biden.
 - ✚ In the White House, the Biden Couple organised a private dinner for Narendra Modi.
 - ✚ Modi presented some gifts to Biden Couple, which are –
 - i) Lab Grown Eco-Friendly Green Diamond (7.5 carat)
 - ii) Handcrafted Sandalwood Box contains Silver Idol of Lord Ganesh & A Oil Lamp
 - iii) The Ten Principal Upanishad (Translated from Sanskrit by Shri Purohit Swami, a Hindu scholar)
 - ✚ This is the 8th US visit by Modi and 1st time state visit by him.
- Xu Haoliang has been recently appointed as the deputy head, i.e. under secretary general and the Associate Administrator of – UNDP / United Nations Development Programme. Haoliang was appointed by – UN Secretary- General Antonio Guterres.
 - ✚ Xu Haoliang belongs from – China.
- Recently, Phillipines country has approved the updated AsA (Air Services Agreement) with India.
 - ✚ The agreement was ratified at – 5th India-Phillipines Joint Commission of Bilateral Cooperation, held recently at – New Delhi.
 - ✚ From India, participated – External Affairs Minister of India, S. Jaishankar.
 - ✚ From Phillipines, participated – Foreign secretary of Phillipines, Enrique Manalo.
- Russia recently conducted the successful test-fire of its 'Zircon' hypersonic cruise missile from Admiral Gorshkov warship.

- ✚ All new frigate and corvette class vessels of the Russian Navy will be loaded from now on with hypersonic Zircon (Tsirkon) missile.
- ✚ Zircon can hit targets at 1000 km/621 miles range and can fly 9 times faster than the speed of sound.

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- Global Competitiveness Index 2023 released by IMD (International Institute of Management Development).
 - ✚ 1st – Denmark; 2nd – Ireland; 3rd – Switzerland; 4th – Singapore.
 - ✚ India's rank – 40th.
 - ✚ Under this index the economies of total 64 countries were surveyed.

Appointment

- Recently Nusrat Choudhury, has become the first Muslim Female Federal Judge in the country of USA.
 - ✚ She will provide service at US District Court, Eastern District of New York.
- Recently Swaminathan Janakiraman, has become the new Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
 - ✚ He will succeed Mahesh Kumar Jain, the former Deputy Governor of RBI.
- Recently Petteri Orpo, has been elected as the Prime Minister of Finland.
 - ✚ Orpo is from Conservative Party of Finland.
 - ✚ Orpo will replace the former Prime Minister of Finland – Sanna Marin.
 - ✚ Orpo was appointed by President Sauli Niinisto.
 - ✚ Orpo got 107 votes in the election.

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- Recently Aarti Holla-Maini has been appointed as the Director of UNOOSA (UN Office for Outer Space Affairs).
 - ✚ Aarti is a satellite industry expert of Indian origin.
 - ✚ She was appointed by Secretary General of UN, Antonio Guterres.
 - ✚ Former Director of UNOOSA – Simonetta Di Pippo (Italy).
 - ✚ UNOOSA Head Quarter – Vienna (Austria).
 - ✚ UNOOSA is the body which increments UN Programme on Space Application (PSA).
- Newly appointed re-elected PM of Greece – Kyriakos Mitsotakis.
 - ✚ He belongs to Conservative New Democracy Party of Greece.
 - ✚ Basically, he become the PM for 2nd term.
- Newly appointed Special Director in the CBI/Central Bureau of Investigation – IPS Officer Ajay Bhatnagar.
 - ✚ Present Director of CBI – Praveen Sood.
- In the recently held, Indonesia Open of 2023, Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy duo became champions in the Men's Double category.
 - ✚ In the final, the Indian duo of Chirag and Satwiksairaj defeated the Malaysian Men's Double duo – Soh Wooi Yik + Aaron Chia.
 - ✚ Took place – Indonesia, Jakarta.
 - ✚ The duo became the first men's double of India to clinch the Indonesia Open Title. The duo has also become the first pair from India to win BWF World Tour: Super-1000 Title.
- Goa is going to host the 37th edition of National Games 2023.
Mascot – 'Moga', an Indian Bison
 - ✚ The mascot was launched by Dr. Pramod Sawant, the hon'ble CM of Goa.
 - ✚ This mascot was unveiled at – Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium, Goa.
 - ✚ In this 37th National Games, a traditional Marshal Art Game, Named 'Gatka' was played.
- Recently Asian Fencing Championship was held at – Wuxi (China).
 - ✚ Here, Indian Fencer C.A. Bhavani Devi became the first ever Indian to secure a medal. She won bronze by defeating Misaki Emura of Japan in the quarterfinals.
 - ✚ Bhavani Devi is an Olympian, who is from Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
 - ✚ First Asian Fencing Championship held at – Tehran, Iran.

Conference / Summit

- A summit 'G20 Labour Engagement Group' started recently at – Gyan Bhaban Auditorium, Patna, Bihar.
 - ✚ The meeting was inaugurated by Rajendra Biswanath (Governor of Bihar).
 - ✚ About 150 delegates from G20 Nations and 8 Guest Nations took part in the meeting.
- Recently, the Union Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) organised ICGH (International Conference of Green Hydrogen) 2023 at – New Delhi, India.
- First footballer in history who has played 200 international matches – Cristiano Ronaldo.
 - ✚ Ronaldo is the Captain of Portugal International Men's Football Team.

Sports

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- ✚ Ronaldo debuted in 2003.
- ✚ Ronaldo is the only player in history who has played 5 different championships in Europe.
- ✚ Presently he played for Al Nasr Club of Saudi Arab.
- ✚ In Qatar World Cup 2022, he became first Male Footballer in history to score in 5 consecutive different edition of World Cup.
- ✚ Ronaldo has recorded his name in Guinness World Record.
- The Women's Double Pair from India viz. Sutirtha Mukherjee & Ayhika Mukherjee (Table Tennis duo) have emerged as winner of the WTT (World Table Tennis) Contender Tournament which took place at – Tunis (Capital of Tunisia).
 - ✚ In final, they defeated Japanese duo – Miyuu Kihara + Miwa Harimoto.
- In the Special Olympic World Games of 2023, India won total 202 medals (Gold – 76, Silver – 75, Bronze – 51).
 - ✚ This was the 16th edition of Special Olympic World Games.
 - ✚ Venue – Berlin (Germany).
- The 1st -ever Womens' Kabaddi League 2023 of India was held recently at – Dubai, UAE.
 - ✚ In this championship, Uma Kolkata emerged as victorious.
 - ✚ In the final, Uma Kolkata defeated Punjab Panthers.
 - ✚ All the matches of the tournament was played at – Al Shabab Al Ahli Sports Club, Dubai.
- Chief Guest: Vice President of India, Jagdip Dhankar.
- ✚ 1st Prize – 2 lakh; 2nd Prize – 1.5 lakh & 3rd Prize – 1 lakh.
- ✚ The awards were given in total 11 categories.
- ✚ Best State – MP (2nd Best State – Odisha; 3rd Best State – AP, Bihar).
- ✚ Best District – Ganjam, Odisha.
- ✚ Best Village Panchayat – Jagannadhapuram Gram Panchayat (Dist.: Bhadradri Kothagudem, Telangana).
- ✚ In this ceremony, an animated short film was launched on 'Piku', the National Water Mission Mascot.
- ✚ The award ceremony started with 'Jal Kalash' event.
- Recently honourable PM of India (N. Modi) was honoured with the highest state honour of Egypt 'Order of the Nile'.
 - ✚ The award was given to Modi by Abdel Fattah El-Sisi the honourable President of Egypt.
 - ✚ This is the 13th international award received by Modi.
- Recently, PM Modi was also awarded with the highest civilian award of Papua New Guinea (Companion of the order of logohu) and the highest honour of Fiji (Companion of the order of Fiji).
- Recently in May 2023, honourable PM of India N. Modi, was awarded with 'Ebaki Award' by Republic of Palau.
 - ✚ The award was conferred to Modi by Surangel S. Whipps Jr., the hon'ble President of Palau.
- With an approval rating 77%, Narendra Modi has emerged as the most popular leader of world. This ranking has been unveiled by 'Morning Consult', a consulting firm of US.
 - ✚ 2nd most popular – Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, Mexican President (59% approval rating).

Award / Honour

- Fourth National Water Awards 2022 – Organised by Ministry of Jal Shakti.
 - ✚ Venue: Bhigwan Bhawan, New Delhi.

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- ✚ 3rd most popular – Alain Berset, President of Switzerland (58% approval rating).
- Recently a Hindi Short Film ‘Giddh (The Scavenger)’, won the award of best short film in the ‘Asia International Competition’, at ‘Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia 2023’.
 - ✚ Best Actor – Sanjay Mishra (Film-Giddh).
 - ✚ With this ‘Giddh’ qualified for competing in Oscar.
 - ✚ Director – Manish Saini.
- Indian Medical Association Award 2023 – Dr. K. Venugopal
 - ✚ He has been awarded with this prestigious award in category of ‘Community Service’.
 - ✚ Presently, Venugopal is working at Alappuzha General Hospital in Kerala as a Chief Consultant of Respiratory Medicine.
 - ✚ IMA HQ – New Delhi
- Famous composer-cum-singer from India, Shankar Mahadevan recently received the honorary doctorate from BCU, i.e. Birmingham City University, England/UK.
 - ✚ He was awarded the honorary doctorate by – Professor Philip Plowden, who is the vice-chancellor of Birmingham City University.

Defence

- Indian Army recently participated in the Joint Military Exercise “Ex Khaan Quest 2023”, held recently at – Mongolia.
 - ✚ This exercise mainly aims to provide training to the uniformed personality and increase cooperation between countries under UN Peace Keeping Operation.

- ✚ The joint military exercised was inaugurated by – Hon’ble President of Mongolia.
- ✚ From India, participant was – Garhwal Rifles.

JULY 17 TO JULY 23 CURRENT AFFAIRS

Days

- World Day for International Justice – July 17.
 - ✚ Actually on this day, ICC (International Criminal Code) adopted Rome Statute in 1998.
 - ✚ Theme – Overcoming barriers and uncovering opportunities for social justice.
- International Chess Day – 20th July.
 - ✚ Actually on this day, International Chess Federation i.e. ‘FIDE’ was established in 1924.

National

- Recently Bhupesh Baghel, hon’ble CM of Chhattisgarh, launched a new rural housing scheme ‘Gramin Awas Nyay Yojana’, for providing the facility of free houses to poor.
 - ✚ Actually this scheme will cover those families who are ineligible for PM Awas Yojana (as per the socio-economic caste census / SECC, 2011).
- Recently project ‘Gajah Kotha’ Campaign was launched in Assam.
 - ✚ This will promote sustainable co-existent of human and elephant by reducing human-elephant conflict.
 - ✚ The ‘Gajah Kotha’ initiative was launched by an NGO ‘Aaranyak’ in association with British Asian trust + Forest Dept. of Assam.

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- Recently state govt. of Maharashtra, along with Union Textiles Ministry of India and MIDC (Maharashtra Industrial Development Co.), established a PM-MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) Park at Amravati of Maharashtra.
 - ✚ Earlier in this year, Union Govt. took the plan to establish 7 PM-MITRA Parks all over India to boost Textile Industry.
- Recently 26 Opposition Political Parties all over India, formed a coalition named 'INDIA' (Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance) for contesting in 2024 Lok Sabha Election.
 - ✚ These 26 parties will contest against the Ruling Party NDA (National Democratic Alliance).
- Authoor betel leaves / Authoor Pan from the state of Tamil Nadu recently received a Geographical Indication (GI) certificate / GI tag.
 - ✚ The certificate is granted in name of - Authoor Vattara Vetrilai Vivasayigal Sangam.
 - ✚ Authoor Pan is produced in the Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu.
 - ✚ The GI certificate was given by - Tamil Nadu State Agriculture Marketing Board + NABARD Madurai Agribusiness Incubation Forum.
- Recently the G20 Global Food Regulators Summit of 2023 held at Manekshaw Auditorium of New Delhi.
 - ✚ This event was organised by FSSAI (Food Safety & Standards Authority of India).
 - ✚ FSSAI works under Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
 - ✚ For the first time, Global Food Regulators Summit has been organised as an event of G20 and for the first time ever, this summit has been held outside Rome, Italy.
- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has emerged as the first PSU of India to receive certificate for its ABMS (Anti-Bribery Management System).
 - ✚ The certificate has been given by INTER CERTUSA, which is an International Certification Body.
 - ✚ HQ of ONGC – New Delhi.
 - ✚ Founded – 1956.

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- Recently in Henley Passport Index 2023, by 'Henley and Partner', India has ranked 80th.
 - ✚ 1st rank – Singapore
 - ✚ 2nd rank – Germany, Italy, Spain
 - ✚ 2 countries Togo and Senegal has ranked 80th rank with India.
 - ✚ The passport of India provides VISA free access to total 57 countries.
- Global MDPI 2023 (Global Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index 2023), was recently released by UNDP + OPHI (Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative).
 - ✚ As per the report, total 415 million people of India have moved out of poverty in last 15 years i.e. 2005-06 to 2019-21.

International

- Recently the hon'ble President of Nigeria, Bola Tinubu declared emergency to tackle with food shortage and rising food price.
- India is going to open a consulate at the southern city of – Marseille, located at – France.

Summit / Conference

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- Mumbai has been ranked as the Best Indian city for students in the QS Best Student Cities 2024 ranking.
 - ✚ Mumbai rank worldwide – 118th and has emerged as the top ranker from India.
 - ✚ 2nd rank from India – Delhi (Global rank – 132nd)
 - ✚ Worldwide Topper and 1st rank worldwide – London.
 - ✚ Worldwide 2nd ranker – Tokyo
 - ✚ Worldwide 3rd ranker – Seoul (South Korea)
- Recently, Justice Sunita Agarwal was sworn in as the 29th Chief Justice of the - Gujarat High Court. She is the second ever woman Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court.
 - ✚ She has succeeded the acting Chief Justice – Ashish Jitendra Desai.

Sports

- Wimbledon 2023 – 136th edition
 - ✚ Venue – England (London, UK, All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club)
 - ✚ Men's Single winner – Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)
 - ✚ Runner's Up – N. Djokovic (Serbia)
 - ✚ Women's Single winner – Marketa Vondrousova
- 60th edition of Duleep Trophy 2023 won by South Zone.
 - ✚ In the final, which was held at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium of Bengaluru, Karnataka, South Zone defeated West Zone by 75 runs.
 - ✚ Player of the Series + Player of the Match – Vidhwath Kaverappa (South Zone).
 - ✚ This is the 14th title of South Zone in Duleep Trophy.

Agreement

- Recently Argentina has signed a MOU with India for strengthening defence sector.
 - ✚ Actually, Defence Minister of Argentina, Jorge Enrique Taiana visited India and talked with Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister of India.
 - ✚ Besides signing the MOU, Argentinean Defence Minister also signed a LOI (Letter of Intent), with Bengaluru based company 'HAL', for acquiring light and medium utility helicopter for Argentinean Armed Forces.

Appointment

- 25th D.G / Director General of ICG (Indian Coast Guard) – Rakesh Pal.
 - ✚ Former DG of ICG – Virender Singh Pathania.
- DG / Director General of RPF (Railway Protection Force) – Manoj Yadav.
 - ✚ He is going to succeed Sanjay Chander.
- Newly appointed MD & CEO of SBI Capital Markets Ltd (SBI Caps) – Rajay Kumar Sinha.
 - ✚ He has replaced the former MD & CEO – Amitava Chatterjee.

Award / Honour

- Eminent Prof. Thalappil Pradeep from Indian Institute of Technology Madras's Department of Chemistry has been honored with 15th edition of the prestigious 'Eni Award' / 'Annie Award'
 - ✚ This award is recognized globally for the persons' contributions to scientific research in energy and environment related field.
- Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi was recently awarded

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the highest French award 'Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour' by France President, Emmanuel Macron, during Modi's visit to France and UAE.

Science & Technology

- Recently China launched the first Methane Fuelled Rocket of the world, named – Zhu Que-2-Y-2 / ZQ-2.
 - ✚ LandSpace, a private company of China has launched this rocket.
 - ✚ Methane fuelled rocket are also called as Methalox, as they use methane as fuel and liquid oxygen as an oxidizer.
 - ✚ ZQ-2 is a medium sized liquid propelled rocket.

Defence

- 15th edition of joint military exercise 'Nomadic Elephant 2023', recently held between India and Mongolia.
 - ✚ Venue – Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Miscellaneous

- Anshuman Jhingran, an Indian open sea swimmer, recently became the youngest person throughout the world to cross the North Channel. He is only 18 years old. With this, he achieved a Guinness World Record to cross the North Channel in 18 years 125 days only.
 - ✚ Jhingran is from Navi Mumbai.
 - ✚ North Channel is a strait situated between the northeast coast of Northern Ireland and southwest coast of Scotland. The North Channel serves as the end of Irish Sea and thereby flows northwest to meet the Atlantic Ocean.
 - ✚ 1st Indian ever to cross North Channel was – Elvis Ali Hazarika from Assam.

Obituaries

- The former Chief Minister of Kerala, Oommen Chandy recently passed away. He was the two times Chief Minister.
 - ✚ 1st term – (2004 – 2006)
 - ✚ 2nd term – (2011 – 2016)

JULY 24 TO JULY 30 CURRENT AFFAIRS

Day

- National Thermal Engineer's Day – 24th July.
- World Day against Trafficking in Persons – July 30.
 - ✚ Theme of 2023 – 'Reach Every Victim of Trafficking, Leave No One Behind'.

National

- The upcoming Indian Air Force Day Parade and Air Show of 2023 will be held at Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.
 - ✚ Actually 2023 marks the 91st Anniversary of establishment of Indian Air Force.
 - ✚ Present Chief of Air Staff of India – D.R. Chaudhary.
- Recently Jharkhand State's Forest Environment and Climate Change Department released a vision document to achieve the Net-Zero Target by 2070.
 - ✚ Net-Zero: Balance between the amount of Green House Gas that is produced and removal of as much GHG from atmosphere as emitted.
- Recently the hon'ble CM of Himachal Pradesh, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched 'Sashakt Mahila Loan Scheme', for self-employment and livelihood activities of women.
 - ✚ The scheme will be executed by HPSCB, i.e. Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank.

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- ✚ Three credit facilities will be given under the scheme - ₹ 21,000; ₹ 51,000; ₹ 1,01,000.
- ✚ There is no need to mortgage property for availing this loan.
- Recently Rajasthan State Legislative Assembly passed 'The Rajasthan Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill, 2023' and thus has become the first state in India to pass the minimum income guarantee bill.
 - ✚ By this bill, employment guarantee is given for 125 days per year and a minimum pension of ₹ 1000 per month to be given to the aged, disabled, single women and more. Every year this amount would increase by 15%.
- Recently Union Home Minister, Amit Shah led the foundation of Tallest Statue of Lord Shri Ram at Kurnul, Andhra Pradesh (Mantralayam village).
 - ✚ The statue of Lord Rama will be 108 ft. tall.
 - ✚ Estimated cost - ₹ 500 crores.
 - ✚ This statue will cover an area of 10 acres and total two and half years' time will be taken.
- Recently Maharashtra state govt. gave approval to a 75 ft. tall Statue of Knowledge at Latur, Maharashtra at Babasaheb Ambedkar Park, Latur.
 - ✚ Estimated cost - ₹ 10 crore.
 - ✚ Chief Artist - Akshay Halke.
- Recently Rajasthan has become the first state in India to issue a transgender birth certificate to Noor Shekhawat.
- First state in India to achieve 100% electrification of Rail Network - Haryana.
 - ✚ 1701 km broad gauge network covered.
- As per the recently released 5th tiger census by WII (Wildlife Institute of India), Indian tiger population has enhanced to 3682 in 2022 (revised from recently predicted 3167).
 - ✚ This 3682 is the final figure in place of 3167 predicted earlier in April by camera trapping, on completion of 50 years of Project Tiger.
 - ✚ In 2018, total number of tigers in India was - 2917, which has increased to 3682.
 - ✚ Most number of tigers - Madhya Pradesh (785); 2nd - Karnataka (563).
- Uttar Pradesh govt. extended the 'Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana' to all of 75 districts for educating child labourers.
 - ✚ The UP govt. will provide monthly financial assistance of ₹ 1000 - ₹ 1200 to the selected boys & girls of the state.
 - ✚ After passing class 8, 9, 10; the boys & girls will be given an additional amount of ₹ 6,000 for passing each standard.
 - ✚ The families of such children will be benefitted by all the schemes of Union govt. & State govt.
- The 1st Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) in fisheries of India, was recently set up at - Kerala; by KUFOS, i.e. Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies.
 - ✚ AIC is a part of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), which will boost the start-ups & innovative research initiatives in the fisheries sector.
 - ✚ KUFOS will set up AIC after receiving a 10 crore grant from NITI Aayog.

International

- India recently gifted indigenously built Khukri Class Missile Corvette, named 'INS Kirpan' to Vietnam.
- 1st Indian city & 41st city worldwide to join WCCF, i.e. World Cities Culture Forum - Bengaluru (Karnataka).

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- ✚ WCCF is a network of cities which works on role of culture in future prosperity.
- ✚ WCCF was established in 2012 at UK (London).
- UNESCO recently urged a worldwide ban on the smartphones in schools in its 2023 Global Education Monitoring Report, named – “Technology in Education: A Tool on whose Terms”.
 - ✚ UNESCO member countries – 193.

Agreement

- Recently Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe visited India.
 - ✚ Important agreements signed: Animal Husbandry & Dairying; Renewable Energy; Economic Development Project at Trincomalee, Sri Lanka; Energy Permit to Sampur Solar Power Plant; Tourism; etc.

Appointment / Resignations

- Recently Namgya C. Khampa has been appointed as Indian Ambassador to Somalia.
- England Bowler Stuart Broad announced retirement from all formats of International cricket after Ashes 2023.
- US President Biden has recently nominated Admiral Lisa Franchetti to lead the US navy. Thus, Franchetti is set to become the first female member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Conference / Meetings / Summit

- Recently the 5th edition of Helicopter and Small Aircraft Summit held at Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh (Chhatarpur district).

- ✚ Theme – ‘Reaching the Last Mile: Regional Connectivity through Helicopters and Small Aircraft’.
- ✚ The summit was inaugurated by CM of MP, Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Civil Aviation Minister.

Takeaways:

- ✚ 42nd ASEAN Summit – Indonesia.
- ✚ G7 Summit, 2023 – Japan.
- ✚ SCO Summit, 2023 – India.
- ✚ 15th BRICKS Summit – South Africa.

Programme / Festival

- Recently in March 2023, the ‘Geoffrey Bawa: It is essential to be there’ Exhibition took place at National Gallery, New Delhi.
 - ✚ It was organised by India + Sri Lanka, which showcases architectural works of Geoffrey Bawa, the famous Sri Lankan architect.
 - ✚ This was organised to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of India and Sri Lanka’s diplomatic relations.

Sports

- 30th edition of Korea Open 2023 recently held at Yeosu, South Korea.
 - ✚ It was a Badminton Tournament where Indian Duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty won Men’s Doubles.
 - ✚ This is Satwik and Chirag’s 7th title in the BWF World Tour.
 - ✚ In the final, they defeated the Indonesian Duo Fajar Alfian + Muhammad Rian Ardianto.
 - ✚ For the first time P.V. Sindhu became the first Indian Shutter to win Korea Open.
 - ✚ In this tournament Satwiksairaj Rankireddy set a new Guinness

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- World Record by hitting the shuttle at 565 km/hr. It is the fastest hit ever in the world.
- FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 recently started at Australia and New Zealand.
 - ✚ Total teams participate – 32
 - ✚ Final match venue – Sydney, Australia.
 - ✚ This is for the first time, two countries are jointly hosting Women's World Cup.
 - ✚ 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup won by USA.
 - ACC (Asian Cricket Council) Men's Emerging Team 2023 was recently held at Colombo, Sri Lanka.
 - ✚ In the final, which was held at R. Premadasa Stadium of Colombo, Pakistan A Cricket Team became champion by defeating India A Cricket Team.
 - ✚ This is Pakistan A Team's second consecutive win in the tournament after 2019.
 - ✚ Player of the Series – Nishant Sindhu, India.
 - ✚ Player of the Match in Final – Tayyab Tahir, Pakistan.
 - ✚ Most runs in the tournament – Avishka Fernando, Sri Lanka.
 - In the 4th Ashes Test that held recently at Old Trafford, Manchester; Stuart Broad became the 2nd fast bowler of England & 5th bowler worldwide to take 600 test wickets. All-time top 5:
 - ✚ 1st – Muttiah Muralitharan (800 wickets)
 - ✚ 2nd – Shane Warne (708 wickets)
 - ✚ 3rd – J. Anderson (688 wickets)
 - ✚ 4th – A. Kumble (619 wickets)
 - ✚ 5th – S. Broad (600 wickets)
 - ✚ 1st English bowler to clinch 600 test wickets was – James Anderson.
 - Indian origin Moksha Roy won the British Prime Minister's 'Points of Light Award', for her initiative against micro plastic pollution.
 - ✚ She was presented the award by Deputy Prime Minister of Britain, Oliver Dowden.
 - Recently British Children's Writer Michal Rosen won the prestigious 'PEN Printer' Prize of 2023.
 - ✚ He is basically a children's writer and performance poet.
 - 2023 Iqbal Masih Award for the Elimination of Child Labour award of USA has been received by – Advocate Lalitha Natarajan.

Defence

- The Defence Ministry of India recently gave approval to the procurement of advanced MQ-9B Reaper drone, a variant of 'Predator (MQ-9 Reaper) drones' of USA. Deal Amount – USD 3 Billion

Science & Technology

- ISRO recently launched 7 satellites of Singapore from Sriharikota, Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) by – PSLV-C56 rocket.
 - ✚ These 7 satellites include – DS-SAR, a radar imaging earth observation satellite and other 6 co-passenger customer satellites, like – VELOX-AM; ARCADE; Nulion; Galassia-2; ORB-12 STRIDER & SCOOB-II.
 - ✚ This was the 58th PSLV flight.
 - ✚ DS-SAR satellite weights 360 kg.

Economy

- Government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently signed a 295 million dollar loan

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agreement to upgrade around 265 kilometre State highways to a 2-lane width in Bihar.

- ✚ Name of the Project - "Enhancing Connectivity and Sustainability in Bihar Roads Project,"
- ✚ The highways will also contain climate and disaster resilient design.
- ✚ Under the project, livelihood training will be given to the women of the community along with awareness will be given about health, road safety, hygiene, women abuse and harassment.

Books

- "Kargil: Ek Yatri Ki Zubani" / "Kargil: In the words of a traveller" – Rishi Raj.
- "The Yoga Sutras of Children" – Roopa Pai
- "The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life" – Ruskin Bond
- "Ajay to Yogi Adityanath" , a graphic novel – Shantanu Gupta
- "Sachin@50 - Celebrating A Maestro" – Boria Majumdar (on 50th birthday of Sachin Tendulkar)

Miscellaneous

- Naveen Patnaik, the honourable CM of Odisha became the second longest-serving chief minister in the country (23 years 139 days), thereby replacing Jyoti Basu, the former CM of West Bengal.
 - ✚ Former Chief Minister of Sikkim, Pawan Kumar Chamling still holds the record of being the longest-serving Chief Minister in India. He was the Chief Minister of Sikkim for 24 years 166 days.

AUGUST 1 TO AUGUST 27 CURRENT AFFAIRS

Day

- World Organ Donation Day – August 13.
 - ✚ Theme – 'Step up to volunteer; need more organ donors to fill the lacunae'.
- World Humanitarian Day – August 19.
 - ✚ Theme – 'No Matter What', encapsulates the steadfast dedication of humanitarians worldwide.
- National Sadbhavna Diwas – 20th August.
 - ✚ Actually it is celebrated to mark the birthday of Rajiv Gandhi, the former PM of India, 20th August.
 - ✚ 2023 marks the 79th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi.
 - ✚ This day is celebrated to promote national integration and communal harmony.
- World Senior Citizen Day – 21st August.
 - ✚ Theme of 2023 – 'Resilience of older persons in a changing world'.
- Women's Equality Day – 26th August.
 - ✚ Theme – 'Embrace equity'.
 - ✚ The day is celebrated every year in USA. On this day, 19th Amendment was made to the Constitution of USA in 1920, to give equal voting rights to women.

National

- Recently Himachal Pradesh state govt. declared the whole state as natural calamity effected area, due to excessive rainfall and landslides, causing large scale damage. The livelihood of the people of the state have been severally impacted.
 - ✚ Himachal Pradesh CM – Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu.
- UP state govt. announced recently to build a Temple Museum in Ayodhya to

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showcase the architectural heritage and scientific aspects of Indian temples.

✚ This museum will contain 12 galleries.

- Gujarat's first privately owned multipurpose hospitality and convention center is being opened in Surat.

✚ Name of the center is - 'The World'.

- Recently Dholpur-Karauli has been declared as 54th Tiger Reserve of India, by NTCA (National Tiger Conservation Authority).

✚ This reserve located in Rajasthan and this is the 5th tiger reserve of Rajasthan, after - (i) Mukundara Hills; (ii) Ramgarh Vishdhari; (iii) Sariska; (iv) Ranthambore.

- Recently honourable CM of MP, inaugurated the construction of Sri Hanuman Lok Temple at Jam Sawli Hanuman Temple premises, located at Chhindwara, MP.

International

- Recently tropical storm, Category-IV Hurricane 'Hurricane Hilary' hit US state of California and has caused flood there.

✚ 'Hurricane Hilary' is the first tropical storm to hit Southern California in 84 years.

- UWW (Union World Wrestling) recently suspended WFI (Wrestling Federation of India) for not conducting elections in time.

✚ For this India cannot participate in upcoming world championship of Serbia.

- The historic 'India Club' of London was recently shut down after 70 years.

✚ The 'India Club' was founded by the 'India League' which campaigned for Indian independence in Britain.

✚ Krishna Menon was one of the founding members of 'India League', who was the first Indian High Commissioner of India to UK.

- Recently one electric motorcycle company became the first Indian EV company to start production in Africa.

✚ The company has started the manufacture of its 'KRIPIN' electric motorcycles locally in Africa.

Sports

- FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 host - Australia & New Zealand.

✚ In the final that was held at Sydney Spain became champion by defeating England by 1-0.

✚ Gold (1st place) - Spain

✚ Silver (2nd place) - England

✚ Bronze (3rd place) - Sweden

✚ Golden Boot - Hinata Miyazawa (Japan; 5 goals)

✚ Golden Ball - Aitana Banmati (Spain)

✚ Golden Gloves - Mary Earps (England)

✚ FIFA Young Player award - Salma Paralluelo (Spain)

✚ Spain has become 5th country to win the Women's World Cup.

✚ Mascot of 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup - Tazuni (Penguin).

✚ Spanish Captain Olga Carmona scored the only goal of the final match and became player of the match.

- 10th FIDE Mens Chess World Cup 2023, which was held recently at Baku, Azerbaijan.

✚ Magnus Carlsen of Norway, became Champion and won gold medal.

✚ In the final, Carlsen defeated R. Praggnanandhaa of India.

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- ✚ R. Praggnanandhaa has become 1st Indian since Vishwanathan Anand to reach Chess World Cup final, after 2002.
- ✚ R. Praggnanandhaa 3rd youngest player to qualify for the event after Carlsen, Bobby Fischer.
- ✚ R. Praggnanandhaa won silver medal in FIDE Chess World Cup 2023, while Fabiano Caruana (USA) won the bronze medal and became 3rd in the competition.
- In the 2nd FIDE Womens Chess World Cup 2023, which was also held at Baku, Azerbaijan.
 - ✚ Gold medal won by Aleksandra Goryachkina (Russia); Silver medal won by Nurgyul Salimova (Bulgaria).
- Newly appointed Chairperson of National Green Tribunal – Justice Prakash Shrivastava.
 - ✚ He has succeeded the former Chairperson Justice A.K. Goel.
 - ✚ Justice Shrivastava was the former Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court from 2021-23.
- Newly elected President of IPMA (Indian Pump Manufacturer Association) – K.V. Karthik.
 - ✚ Presently Karthik is the Managing Director of Deccan Industries.
- Recently famous Indian Cricketer, Sachin Tendulkar has become the National Icon of Election Commission of India.
 - ✚ He will spread awareness about need of greater voter participation in election process.
- Newly elected PM of Thailand – Srettha Thavisin.
 - ✚ He is from Phew Thai Party.
 - ✚ He has become 30th PM of Thailand.
 - ✚ Thai King Maha Vajiralongkorn has given approval to Thavisin's appointment.
 - ✚ Thavisin has become PM after months of political deadlock.
- Newly appointed Brand Ambassador of BPCL (Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd) – R. Dravid.
 - ✚ Dravid, the brand ambassador will promote 'Pure for Sure' initiative of BPCL.
 - ✚ BPCL works under Ministry of Petroleum and Gas, Govt. of India.
- Newly appointed MD/CEO of South Indian Bank – P.R. Seshadri, for a tenure of 3 years.

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- Recently 15th BRICKS Summit took place at – Johannesburg, South Africa.

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- ✚ South Africa in the Chair of BRICKS 2023.
- ✚ Agenda – ‘BRICKS in Africa, partnership of mutually accelerating growth, sustainable development & inclusive multilateralism’.
- ✚ From India PM Narendra Modi attend the Summit.
- ✚ In 15th BRICKS Summit, it was decided that 6 countries will become full member of BRICKS from 1st January, 2024. They are – Argentina, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and UAE.
- ✚ South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Brazil President Luiz Lula da Silva.

Economy

- As per the latest report, total 50 crore plus Jan Dhan Accounts have been opened with banks at the completion of 9 years of PMJDY Yojana.
 - ✚ PMJDY was launched on 28th August, 2014.
 - ✚ Out of this accounts 56% belongs to women whereas 67% of accounts have been opened in rural semi-urban areas.
- To enhance transparency in financial transaction and to empower the consumers, central govt. recently launched ‘Mera Bill Mera Adhikar (MBMA)’ invoice initiative scheme.
 - ✚ This will start from 1st September 2023, to promote the habit of requesting bills during purchases.
 - ✚ It is the concept of CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs).
 - ✚ Under this scheme the consumers will be offered cash prizes on demanding bill for purchases. The range of prize ₹ 10,000 to 1 lakh.

- ✚ Initially the scheme will launch in 5 states and UTs, such as Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Puducherry, Daman & Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli.

Science & Technology

- Recently Russian Lunar Mission, LUNA-25 crashed. LUNA-25 was ambitious mission of Russia, which end at landing spacecraft on South Pole of the Moon.
 - ✚ The last successful landing of a Russian spacecraft in Moon happened in – 1976.
 - ✚ Russian space agency informed that LUNA-25 lost contact with the spacecraft on 19th August, 5:27 p.m.
- Recently NTPC Ltd inaugurated India’s first Hydrogen Bus at Leh, Ladakh.
 - ✚ In the bus, green hydrogen will be used as fuel via a captive solar plant.
 - ✚ This buses will be intra-city buses.
 - ✚ The hydrogen fuel cell for the buses will be provided by ‘Amara Raja’ company and the first green hydrogen fuel station will be set up at Leh, Ladakh.
 - ✚ The buses are being supplied by Ashok Leyland.

Programme / Festival

- Recently the Anduri Utsav, popularly known as ‘Butter Festival’ celebrated at Dayara Bugyal, Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand.

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