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## The Most Important Current Affairs September 2023

### Waheeda Rehman to Receive Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, **Anurag Thakur**, announced that the seasoned and accomplished actor, **Waheeda Rehman**, will be honored with the prestigious **Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award**, India's highest recognition in the world of cinema.

#### A Legendary Career in Indian Cinema

Waheeda Rehman's illustrious career is synonymous with excellence. She has worked in over 90 films. Known for her versatility, she has delivered unforgettable performances in a myriad of iconic films, including "Pyasa," "CID," "Guide," "Kaagaz Ke Phool," "Khamoshi," and "Trishul." Her contributions to the world of cinema have left an indelible mark that resonates with audiences across generations.

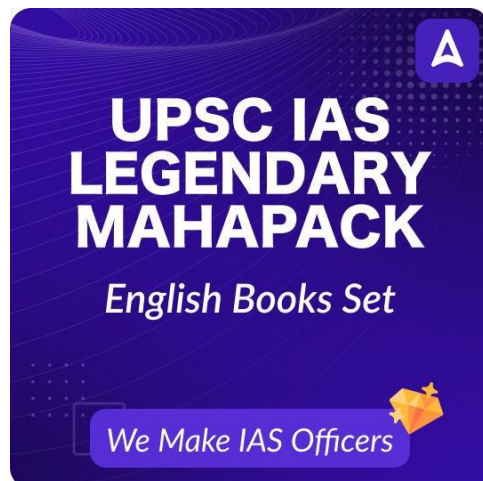
#### An Announcement of Joy and Honor

Union Minister Anurag Thakur, taking to Twitter, expressed his immense happiness and honor in bestowing this prestigious award upon Waheeda Rehman. He highlighted her **stellar contributions to Indian cinema**, acknowledging her role in shaping the industry into what it is today.

"I feel an immense sense of happiness and honor in announcing that Waheeda Rehman ji is being bestowed with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award **this year** for her stellar contribution to Indian Cinema," the minister wrote.

#### A Glowing Tribute to an Iconic Career

Waheeda Rehman's journey in cinema spans over five glorious decades. She has portrayed her roles with finesse and dedication, earning critical acclaim for her exceptional performances. Notably, she was honored with a **National Film Award** for her portrayal of a clanswoman in "Reshma and Shera." Additionally, she holds the **Padma Shri** and **Padma Bhushan** awards, further underscoring her exceptional contributions to Indian culture and cinema.



### Beyond the Silver Screen

As India celebrates her accomplishments, the timing of this award is significant. Parliament's recent passage of the historic **Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam** underscores the achievements of women in various fields. Waheeda Rehman's recognition is a fitting tribute to one of the leading ladies of Indian Cinema. Her dedication to philanthropy and the betterment of society after her retirement from films reflects her commitment to the greater good.

#### A Legacy of Iconic Films

Waheeda Rehman's cinematic journey commenced with the Telugu film "Rojulu Marayi" in 1955, and since then, she has graced numerous films with her exceptional talent. Her filmography includes timeless classics such as "Pyasa," "Guide," "Khamoshi," "Phagun," "Kabhi Kabhie," "Chandni," "Lamhe," "Rang De Basanti," and "Delhi 6," among others.

As the Indian film fraternity and admirers from around the world celebrate this well-deserved honor, it is a moment to reflect on the enduring impact of Waheeda Rehman's contributions to the cinematic legacy of India. Her name will forever be synonymous with excellence, dedication, and the embodiment of a **Bharatiya Nari achieving the highest level of professional excellence** through her unwavering commitment and hard work.

### Times Higher Education (THE) Releases World University Rankings 2024

#### Introduction

The **20th edition** of the **World's Best Universities** by the **Times Higher Education (THE)** rankings has been unveiled, showcasing the top higher education institutions globally. Oxford University in the United Kingdom has clinched the coveted first place for an unprecedented eighth consecutive year, with Stanford University in the United States securing second place. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is third in the rankings. The 2024 edition is the largest to date, featuring 1,904 universities from 108 countries and regions, evaluated across 18 performance indicators reflecting their core missions.

#### Top 10 Universities Worldwide

##### British and American Dominance

The list's top 10 universities is a blend of British and American institutions. Leading the pack is the **University of Oxford**, followed by **Stanford University**, and the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**. **Harvard University**, **University of Cambridge (UK)**, **Princeton University**, **California Institute of Technology (Caltech)**, **Imperial College London**, **University of California, Berkeley**, and **Yale University** round out the top 10. This list continues to be predominantly dominated by U.S. universities.

**Indian Universities Make Significant Strides**

**91 Indian Universities Ranked**

India, a burgeoning force in higher education, has seen notable growth in the latest World University Rankings 2024. A total of 91 Indian universities have secured positions on the list, surpassing last year's count of 75. This surge in representation highlights India's commitment to fostering academic excellence and research across its institutions.

**Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Takes the Top Spot**

**The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore** has made history by securing the top position among Indian universities. This achievement marks the first time since 2017 that IISc has claimed the top spot, underscoring its dedication to research and academic prowess.

**IITs Continue Boycott**

Intriguingly, the top Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have continued their longstanding boycott of the rankings for the fourth consecutive year. Their absence from the rankings raises questions about the methodology or criteria used by the rankings, which have not aligned with the IITs' assessment of academic excellence.

**India Rises in Global Representation**

India's ascent in the 2024 rankings extends beyond the number of universities featured. India has now risen to become the fourth most well-represented nation, advancing from sixth place in the previous year's rankings. This upward trajectory reflects the increasing recognition of Indian universities on the global stage.

**Other High-Performing Indian Universities**

Among the Indian universities making notable strides in the rankings are Anna University, Jamia Millia Islamia, Mahatma Gandhi University, and Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences. These institutions have secured positions within the 501-600 band, reaffirming their commitment to academic excellence and research contributions.

**Here's the list of Indian universities ranked among top 800-1000 band**

University
Indian Institute of Science Bangalore
Anna University
Jamia Millia Islamia
Mahatma Gandhi University
Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences
Alagappa University
Aligarh Muslim University
Banaras Hindu University
Bharathiar University

University
Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad
Indian Institute of Technology Patna
International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad
Jamia Hamdard University
Jawaharlal Nehru University
Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneswar
Malviya National Institute of Technology
Manipal Academy of Higher Education
National Institute of Technology Rourkela
National Institute of Technology Silchar
Panjab University
Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences
Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology
Vellore Institute of Technology
Amity University
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani
Institute of Chemical Technology
University of Delhi
Delhi Technological University
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune
Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar
Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Anantapur (JNTUA)
Jaypee University of Information Technology
JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research
Kalasalingam Academy of Research and Education
Lovely Professional University
National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli
University of Petroleum Energy Studies, Dehradun
Savitribai Phule Pune University
Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University
Siksha 'O' Anusandhan

**India Ranks 40th in Global Innovation Index 2023**

India retains **40th rank out of 132 economies** in the **Global Innovation Index 2023** rankings published by the **World Intellectual Property Organization**. India has been on a rising trajectory, over the past several years in the Global Innovation Index (GII), from a rank of 81 in 2015 to 40 in 2023.

**Collaborative Efforts in Innovation**

The **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** has also been collaborating in India’s journey towards an innovation-driven economy. This year, the **NITI Aayog, in partnership with the CII and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)**, is hosting, virtually, the India Launch of the GII 2023 on 29th September 2023.

**Which are the most innovative economies in 2023?**

For the 13th year in a row, Switzerland is the most innovative economy in 2023 followed by **Sweden, the United States, the United Kingdom and Singapore**. Discover how other economies are performing in the Global Innovation Index 2023 rankings.

- **Denmark (9th) and the Republic of Korea (10th) remain in the top 10.** France (11th) gets closer, improving one rank this year, while Japan remains strong as the 13th most innovative economy. Israel re-enters the top 15, reaching 14th place.
- After a rapid ascent, gaining 23 positions over the last decade, China ranks 12th this year, dropping one rank relative to 2022.1 China remains the sole middle-income economy to secure a position among the top 30, retaining 3rd place in the SEAO region and top spot in the upper middle-income group (see Figure 11 and Table 3). Belgium (23rd) re-enters the top 25, climbing three ranks.
- All eight Nordic and Baltic economies improved their ranking this year, except for Iceland, which stays at 20th spot. Estonia gains two ranks and edges the top 15, at 16th place. Norway (19th) reenters the top 20. Lithuania (34th) and Latvia (37th) make the largest improvements, gaining five and four ranks respectively, with Latvia re-entering the top 40.
- Apart from China, there are only four other middle-income economies among the top 40 economies, namely, **Malaysia (36th), Bulgaria (38th), Türkiye (39th) and India (40th)**.
- The United Arab Emirates stabilizes at 32nd place, close to the top 30. Saudi Arabia (48th) and Qatar (50th) make it into the top 50. Middle East economies Bahrain (67th), Oman (69th), Jordan (71st) and Egypt (86th) also experience notable improvements in their innovation ranking – Global Innovation Index 2023 51 with Bahrain and Oman entering the top 70, and Jordan just outside. In sum, these are some systematic and positive innovation rank developments in the Middle East.
- Brazil (49th) makes it into the top 50 in 2023, following a gradual ascent over recent years, overtaking Chile (52nd) as the most innovative economy in Latin America and the Caribbean. Uruguay (63rd) and El Salvador (95th) are the only two other economies within the region that improve their ranking in 2023.

- Thailand (43rd) and Viet Nam (46th) consolidate their positions in the top 50, while the Philippines (56th) gets closer. Viet Nam and the Philippines continue marching forward, after a setback in 2022, gaining two and three ranks, respectively. Indonesia (61st) moves rapidly toward the top 60, following a rise over recent years. Together with **China, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran (62nd)**, the Philippines, Türkiye and Viet Nam, Indonesia joins the group of middle-income economies within the GII top 65 that climbed fastest in the GII ranking over the last decade.
- In the last four years, and since the start of the pandemic, Mauritius (57th), Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Brazil and Pakistan ascended most in the GII, in order of their rank progression.
- In Central and Southern Asia, **Kazakhstan (81st) and Uzbekistan (82nd) are close to the top 80, while Pakistan (88th)** follows closely, the latter overperforming on innovation once again in 2023.
- Nine out of the 26 economies from Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) covered this year improve their ranking. South Africa (59th) enters the top 60. Rwanda (103rd and low-income group leader) continues moving ahead. Senegal (93rd) and Nigeria (109th) take two of the biggest leaps forward. Excluding island economies, Senegal becomes the region’s third most innovative economy in 2023.

**Global Innovation Index 2023 in Tabular form:**

Country/Economy	2023 Innovation Rank	Change from 2022
Switzerland	1st	–
Sweden	2nd	+1
United States (US)	3rd	-1
Singapore	4th	–
Finland	6th	+3
Denmark	9th	–
Republic of Korea	10th	–
France	11th	+1
Japan	13th	–
Israel	14th	–
China	12th	-1
Belgium	23rd	+3
Estonia	16th	+2
Norway	19th	–
Lithuania	34th	+5
Latvia	37th	+4
Malaysia	36th	–
Bulgaria	38th	–
Türkiye (Turkey)	39th	–
India	40th	–



Country/Economy	2023 Innovation Rank	Change from 2022
United Arab Emirates	32nd	–
Saudi Arabia	48th	–
Qatar	50th	–
Bahrain	67th	–
Oman	69th	–
Jordan	71st	–
Egypt	86th	–
Brazil	49th	–
Chile	52nd	–
Uruguay	63rd	–
El Salvador	95th	–
Thailand	43rd	–
Viet Nam	46th	–
Philippines	56th	–
Indonesia	61st	–
Islamic Republic of Iran	62nd	–
Kazakhstan	81st	–
Uzbekistan	82nd	–
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>88th</b>	–
South Africa	59th	–
Rwanda	103rd	–
Senegal	93rd	–
Nigeria	109th	–

**About the Global Innovation Index**

Now in its **16th** edition, the **Global Innovation Index** is a leading reference for measuring an economy’s innovation ecosystem performance. Published annually, it is also a valuable benchmarking tool used by policymakers, business leaders, and other stakeholders to assess progress in innovation over time.



**TCS Tops Kantar BrandZ Top Most Valuable Indian Brands Report 2023**

In the latest edition of the **Kantar BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands Report for 2023**, **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has retained its prestigious position at the top of the list with an impressive brand value of \$43 billion. This article delves into the key findings and rankings of the report, shedding light on the Indian brands that continue to thrive despite economic challenges.

**The Top 10 Brands in the 2023 Report**

**TOP 10 MOST VALUABLE INDIAN BRANDS**

Rank 2023	Brand	Category	Brand value (\$ billion)
1	Tata Consultancy Services	Business tech & services	42.96
2	HDFC Bank	Financial services	33.61
3	Infosys	Business tech & services	24.17
4	Airtel	Telecom provider	22.51
5	State Bank of India	Financial services	14.48
6	ICICI Bank	Financial services	12.97
7	Asian Paints	Paint	12.83
8	Reliance Jio	Telecom provider	11.77
9	Kotak Mahindra Bank	Financial services	10.33
10	HCLTech	Business tech & services	9.36

Source: Kantar BrandZ top 75 most valuable Indian brands report

- **TCS** continues to demonstrate its dominance in the Indian market, maintaining its top spot with a remarkable brand value of \$43 billion. The company’s consistent performance and global presence have solidified its position as India’s most valuable brand.
- **HDFC Bank**, a stalwart in the Indian banking sector, retains its second-place ranking. Its unwavering brand strength and customer trust contribute to its brand value.
- **Infosys**, a tech industry titan, maintains its third position in the rankings. Its strong focus on innovation and digital transformation has ensured its enduring presence among India’s top brands.
- **Airtel**, a leading telecom provider, secures the fourth spot. Its continued investment in network infrastructure and customer-centric approach contribute to its brand’s resilience.
- **State Bank of India** makes a notable entry into the top five, underscoring its significance as a financial institution in India. Its brand strength and reach across the nation are key factors in this achievement.
- **ICICI Bank** retains its prominence in the top 10, underscoring its significance in the financial sector. Customer trust and innovative banking solutions are driving its brand value.
- **Asian Paints**, a leader in the paint industry, maintains a strong presence in the top 10. Its commitment to quality and innovation has earned it a place among India’s most valuable brands.
- **Reliance Jio**, a disruptor in the telecom sector, secures a position in the top 10. Its affordable data plans and expansive network coverage have reshaped the Indian telecom landscape.

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank's** consistent performance keeps it in the top 10. Its customer-centric approach and financial services offerings contribute to its brand's strength.
- **HCL Technologies** rounds up the top 10. Its prowess in providing IT services and solutions has established it as a significant player in the technology sector.

**Kantar BrandZ Most Valuable Indian Brands Report 2023**

The 2023 ranking is based on the opinions of over 127,634 respondents who evaluated 1,500 brands across 106 categories. This extensive survey provides valuable insights into the perceptions and preferences of Indian consumers.

In conclusion, despite economic challenges and global uncertainties, Indian brands continue to demonstrate their resilience and strength in the market. TCS's consistent reign at the top, along with the performance of other leading brands, underscores India's diverse and thriving business landscape.

**Mohun Bagan SG defeats East Bengal 1-0 at Durand Cup finals**

**Mohun Bagan Super Giant** beat **East Bengal** (1-0) to win the **Durand Cup 2023 trophy** at the **Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata, West Bengal**. With this victory, Mohun Bagan SG became the first team in Durand Cup history to win 17 titles. With 16 titles, East Bengal are the second-most successful team in the Durand Cup. With this victory, Mohun Bagan SG became the first team in Durand Cup history to win 17 titles. With 16 titles, East Bengal are the second-most successful team in the Durand Cup. **Durand Cup 2023 began on August 3. The tournament's 132nd edition saw 24 teams, four more than last year, compete for the coveted title.**

**Awards and Honours**

**Nandhakumar Sekar wins Golden Ball**

- East Bengal forward Nandhakumar Sekar wins the Golden Ball award for the Durand Cup. He won three Player of the Match awards and had also scored the winner in the previous Kolkata derby.

**David Lalhlansanga wins Golden Boot**

- Mohammedan Sporting's David Lalhlansanga is presented with the Golden Boot. He was just unlucky as his team failed to make it to the knockouts with a one goal margin.

**Vishal Kaith wins Golden Glove**

- Mohun Bagan Super Giant Vishal Kaith wins the Golden Glove in this tournament after winning the same in the ISL last season. He is awarded a cheque of three lakh rupees as well.

**Mohun Bagan starting line-up!**

Mohun Bagan Super Giant: Vishal Kaith (GK), Anwar Ali, Hector Yuste, Subhasish Bose, Asish Rai, Anirudh Thapa, Sahal Abdul Samad, Hudo Boumous, Ashique Kuriniyan, Dimitri Petratos, Armando Sadiku

**East Bengal Starting XI**

Prabhsukhan Gil (GK) – Harmanjot Khabra, Jordan Elsey, Lalchungnunga, Mandar Rao Desai, Borja Herrera, Mohamad Rakip – Nandhakumar Sekar, Saul Crespo, Naorem Mahesh Singh, Javier Siverio.

**National Teachers' Day 2023: Date, History & Significance**

**National Teachers' Day 2023**

**National Teachers' Day** in India is celebrated on **September 5th every year**. It is a day to honor and celebrate the contributions of teachers to society. The day is also observed as a tribute to the memory of **Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**, the second President of India from 1962 to 1967. Dr. Radhakrishnan was a scholar, philosopher, and teacher. He was also a strong advocate for education and believed that teachers played a vital role in shaping the future of the nation. In 1962, when his students asked him to celebrate his birthday, he requested that they instead observe September 5th as Teachers' Day. This year **National Teacher's Day 2023** is celebrated on Monday.

On National Teachers' Day, schools and educational institutions hold special events to honor teachers. Teachers are given gifts, flowers, and other tokens of appreciation. Students also perform cultural programs and give speeches to express their gratitude to their teachers. National Teachers' Day is a day to reflect on the importance of teachers in our lives. Teachers are the ones who help us learn and grow, and they deserve our respect and appreciation.

**Teachers' Day History**

In 1962, when Dr. S Radhakrishnan assumed office as the President of India his students approached him seeking permission to celebrate September 5 as a special day. Instead, Dr. Radhakrishnan asked his students to observe the date as Teacher's Day in a bid to acknowledge the contribution of teachers to society. Globally, **World Teachers Day is observed on October 5**. It is an initiative led by organisations such as **UNESCO, UNICEF and ILO**.

Dr. Radhakrishnan's students agreed to his suggestion and since then, September 5th has been celebrated as Teachers' Day in India. The day is a reminder of the importance of teachers in our lives and the need to appreciate their hard work and dedication.

**National Teachers' Day 2023 Significance**

Teacher's Day is celebrated to show gratitude to teachers and other educators and schools and colleges all across India celebrate the day by paying their tribute to Dr. Radhakrishnan. The day is not restricted to students in schools and colleges to show their gratitude for their teachers but also extends to working professionals to show gratitude to mentors and appreciate them for helping them grow in their careers.

Teachers Day is one such event to which students and teachers equally look forward. The Day is important for the students as it gives them a chance to understand the efforts put in by their teachers to ensure that they get a proper education. Similarly, teachers also look forward to the Teachers' Day celebration as their efforts get recognised and honoured by students and other agencies as well.

Teachers, like Radhakrishnan, are builders of the nation's future as they ensure their students are armed with proper knowledge and wisdom to lead their lives responsibly. Teachers' Day helps highlight their role, their plight and their rights in our society.

**Here are some ways to celebrate National Teachers' Day:**

- Write a letter to your favorite teacher expressing your gratitude.
- Give your teacher a small gift, such as flowers, chocolates, or a book.
- Volunteer at your child's school to help out in the classroom.
- Donate to a scholarship fund for aspiring teachers.
- Spread the word about the importance of teachers by sharing positive stories about them on social media.

**Telangana Grabs India's First Gorilla Glass Factory**

In a significant development for India's electronics manufacturing sector, **Corning Inc.** is gearing up to establish its **cutting-edge Gorilla Glass manufacturing facility in Telangana.** The proposed manufacturing unit will specialize in producing cover glass for leading players in the smartphone market. The establishment of Corning Inc.'s Gorilla Glass manufacturing facility in Telangana is poised to **revolutionize India's electronics manufacturing** landscape.

**A Transformative Investment**

The ambitious project is set to become a reality with a proposed investment of **Rs. 934 crore.** Moreover, it promises to create **employment opportunities for over 800 individuals,** thereby contributing significantly to the local economy. This manufacturing facility holds the potential to be a pivotal force in propelling the smartphone manufacturing ecosystem in Telangana and the wider nation.

**Hyderabad Emerges as the Preferred Hub for Electronics Manufacturing**

**Hyderabad,** the capital of Telangana, is garnering the attention of numerous electronics manufacturing giants as their **preferred hub.** The state has already experienced substantial investments from industry leaders such as **Foxconn** earlier this year. With the substantial capital infusion by **Corning Inc.** into Telangana, the nation is on the brink of a **new era in smartphone manufacturing,** one that will impact not only the state but also resonate across the entirety of India.

**Corning Inc.: A Pioneer in Materials Science**

Headquartered in **New York,** Corning Inc. is a **Fortune 500** materials science company with a rich legacy spanning over 172 years. The company has been at the forefront of innovation, with expertise in **glass science, ceramics science, and optical physics.** Most notably, Corning Inc. is renowned as the **inventor of Gorilla Glass,** a fortified glass that has found widespread use in portable devices such as **mobile phones, tablets, and laptops.**

**Global Fintech Fest 2023: Unveiling the World's Premier Fintech Conference**

In a remarkable comeback, the **Global Fintech Fest (GFF)** is set to reclaim its title as the world's largest fintech conference in 2023. This year's event promises to be a spectacular showcase of innovation and collaboration in the fintech industry. Let's delve into the highlights of GFF 2023.

**Global Fintech Fest 2023: Event Overview**



- Duration: 3 Days
- Diverse Tracks: 13
- Eminent Speakers: 800+
- Cutting-Edge Reports: 15+
- Academic Insights: 81 Papers
- Interactive Workshops: 50+
- Global Reach: 125+ Countries
- Engaging Sessions: 250+
- Investor Presence: 250+
- Exhibitors: 500+
- Expansive Venue: 150K Sq. Ft
- Innovation Hub: 3 Hackathons
- Distinguished Delegates: 50,000+

**Global Fintech Fest 2023: Key Supporters and Organizers**

GFF 2023 enjoys unwavering support from esteemed governmental and regulatory bodies, affirming its significance in the fintech landscape.

- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MietY)
- Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)

**This monumental event is organized by:**

- Payments Council of India (PCI)
- Fintech Convergence Council (FCC)
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

**Global Fintech Fest 2023: Inauguration by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman**

The conference commenced with a prestigious inauguration ceremony graced by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, the Minister of Finance, Government of India. Her remarks emphasized the transformative role of fintech in India's financial landscape.

- **Fintech's Inclusive Role:** Smt. Sitharaman highlighted how fintech is fostering greater financial inclusion in India.



- **Building a Global Responsible Financial Ecosystem:** She stressed the importance of fintech in shaping a responsible global financial ecosystem.
- **Dynamic Financial Inclusion Tool:** Fintech, in her words, has evolved into a robust and dynamic tool for financial inclusion.

**Global Fintech Fest 2023: Conference Theme**

GFF 2023 revolves around a central theme that embodies the fintech industry’s aspirations and responsibilities.

- **Theme:** ‘Global Collaboration for a Responsible Financial Ecosystem: Inclusive | Resilient | Sustainable’

**Global Fintech Fest 2023: Global Partnerships**

GFF 2023 has garnered support and participation from renowned international agencies and countries.

- **International Collaborators:** Notable partners include the World Bank, the Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD), the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), and Women’s World Banking.
- **Country Partners:** Leading nations such as Australia, Brazil, Great Britain, Germany, and Israel have joined as Country Partners for GFF 2023.

**Prime Minister Modi Participated in the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and 18th East Asia Summit (EAS)**

Prime Minister Modi participated in the **20th ASEAN-India Summit** and engaged in comprehensive discussions with ASEAN partners to reinforce the ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. He reaffirmed the central role of ASEAN in the Indo-Pacific and highlighted the alignment between **India’s Indo-Pacific Ocean’s Initiative (IPOI)** and ASEAN’s Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP). Emphasis was placed on the timely review of ASEAN-India FTA (AITIGA).

**12-Point Proposal for Cooperation**

1. **Multi-Modal Connectivity:** Proposal for a South-East Asia-India-West Asia-Europe economic corridor.
2. **Digital Public Infrastructure Sharing:** India offered its Digital Public Infrastructure Stack to ASEAN nations.
3. **Digital Future Fund:** Announcement of an ASEAN-India fund for Digital Future, focusing on digital transformation and financial connectivity.
4. **Support for ERIA:** Renewed support for the Economic and Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) as a knowledge partner.
5. **Global South Representation:** Collective advocacy for Global South issues in multilateral forums.
6. **Traditional Medicine Center:** Invitation for ASEAN countries to join the WHO’s Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in India.

7. **Mission LiFE:** Call for cooperation on Mission LiFE.
8. **Affordable Medicines:** Offer to share India’s experience in providing affordable and quality medicines through Jan-Aushadhi Kendras.
9. **Counterterrorism Cooperation:** A call for a collective fight against terrorism, terror financing, and cyber-disinformation.
10. **Disaster Resilience:** Invitation for ASEAN countries to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.
11. **Disaster Management:** Cooperation in disaster management.
12. **Maritime Safety:** Enhanced cooperation on maritime safety, security, and domain awareness.

**East Asia Summit Highlights**

**Support for EAS Mechanism**

At the 18th East Asia Summit, Prime Minister emphasized the importance of the EAS mechanism and India’s commitment to its strengthening. He reaffirmed India’s support for ASEAN centrality and advocated for a free, open, and rules-based Indo-Pacific.

**Quad’s Vision and ASEAN**

PM Modi highlighted the alignment of visions for the Indo-Pacific between India and ASEAN and emphasized ASEAN’s pivotal role in the Quad’s vision.

**Global Challenges and Initiatives**

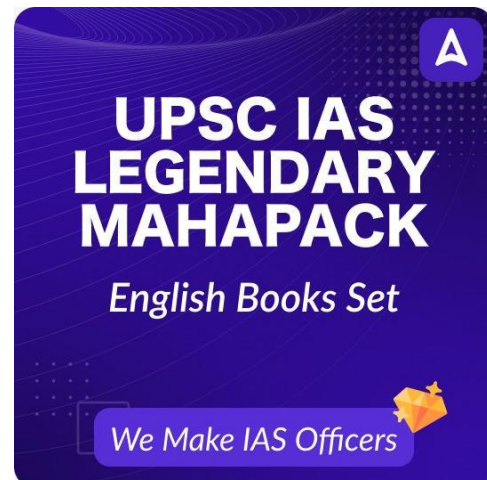
Prime Minister called for a cooperative approach to address global challenges, including terrorism, climate change, resilient supply chains for essential items, and energy security. He showcased India’s initiatives in climate change, such as ISA, CDRI, LiFE, and OSOWOG.

**Financial Connectivity and Think Tank Support**

PM Modi announced the establishment of the ASEAN India Fund for Digital Future, aimed at enhancing financial connectivity between ASEAN and India. He also expressed support for ERIA, an ASEAN think tank that will deepen ASEAN-India relations.

**Regional and International Issues**

Leaders exchanged views on a range of regional and international issues during the summit.



**East Asia Summit Participants**

The East Asia Summit includes eighteen participating countries:

- ASEAN Member States:** Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- Other Nations:** Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the United States of America.

**US Open 2023 Winners Complete list**

US Open 2023 came to an end on Sunday, September 10, with the champions of all 19 disciplines being decided. **Novak Djokovic** won his fourth title at the US Open and 24th Grand Slam title by beating Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 7-6(5), 6-3 in the final. **Coco Gauff** capped off her sensational American summer by winning her maiden Grand Slam title at the US Open by beating Aryna Sabalenka 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the final. This tournament is the **143rd edition**. The tournament is going to be held at **USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York**.

The 2023 US Open’s overall player compensation will be **\$65 million**, an all-time high for the event, as it’s an 8% increase from 2022’s total of \$60 million.

Here is the Complete List of US Open 2023 Winners in Different Categories

S. No.	Category	Winner	Runner Up
1.	Men’s Singles	Novak Djokovic	Daniil Medvedev
2.	Women’s Singles	Coco Gauff	Aryna Sabalenka
3.	Men’s Doubles	Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury	Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden
4.	Women’s Doubles	Gabriela Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe	Vera Zvonareva and Laura Siegemund
5.	Mixed Doubles	Harri Heliövaara and Anna Dalinina	Jessica Pegula and Austin Krajicek

**Other champions at US Open 2023**

- Wheelchair Men’s singles: Alfie Hewett
- Wheelchair Women’s singles: Diede de Groot
- Wheelchair quad singles: Sam Schroder
- Wheelchair men’s doubles: Stephane Houdet and Takashi Sanada
- Wheelchair women’s doubles: Yui Kamiji and Tgothatso Montjane

- Wheelchair quad doubles: Sam Schroder and Niels Vink
- Boys’ singles: Joao Fonseca
- Girls’ singles: Katherine Hui
- Boys’ doubles: Max Dahlin and Oliver Ojakaar
- Girls’ doubles: Mara Gae and Anastasiia Gureva
- Wheelchair boys’ singles: Dahnon Ward
- Wheelchair girls’ singles: Ksenia Chasteau
- Wheelchair boys’ singles: Dahnon Ward and Joshua Johns
- Wheelchair girls’ singles: Ksenia Chasteau and Maylee Phelps

**What India achieved in its G20 presidency?**

India’s presidency of the G20 has seen significant accomplishments and highlights, as it brought together member countries to address critical global issues, particularly the war in Ukraine, and amplified the voice of emerging markets as mediators. **The New Delhi Declaration**, issued during the two-day G20 Summit, outlined the direction for future negotiations on key economic matters.

**India’s G20 Presidency: Key Achievements and Initiatives**

- New Delhi Declaration:** The G20 Summit’s first day featured the issuance of the New Delhi Declaration, which set the stage for discussions on crucial economic topics. Notably, it introduced a groundbreaking figure of \$5.9 trillion for green financing requirements in developing nations, emphasizing climate financing.
- Geopolitical Diplomacy:** India played a pivotal role in facilitating consensus on geopolitical issues, particularly the Russia-Ukraine crisis. It engaged closely with Brazil, South Africa, and Indonesia, demonstrating the influence of emerging markets in shaping diplomatic outcomes.
- Inclusive Partnerships:** The declaration recognized the contributions of Turkey and the UN-brokered Istanbul Agreements in ensuring the unhindered delivery of grain, foodstuffs, and fertilizers between Russia and Ukraine.
- Diplomatic Endeavor:** India’s diplomatic efforts during the G20 presidency were extensive, involving over 200 hours of non-stop negotiations, 300 bilateral meetings, and 15 drafts to achieve consensus.

**Global Impact and Recognition**

- Global Implications:** The decisions made at the G20 Summit were acknowledged to have far-reaching consequences for the future, given the current global challenges such as climate change, fragility, and conflict. The summit reaffirmed the G20’s capacity to address pressing global issues.
- Diplomatic Breakthrough:** The joint communique issued by the G20 leaders, amid intense negotiations, marked a substantial diplomatic breakthrough. It underscored the commitment of all states to refrain from the use of force for territorial acquisition and deemed the use or threat of nuclear weapons as unacceptable.

**Key Transformations and Commitments**

7. **African Union’s Inclusion:** One of the significant outcomes of India’s G20 presidency was the African Union joining the G20 as a permanent member, signifying a milestone in global diplomacy.
8. **Enhanced Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs):** The G20 Independent Expert Group recommended strengthening MDBs, with a focus on enhancing the World Bank’s financing capacity. Additionally, a roadmap for implementing capital adequacy framework recommendations for MDBs was endorsed, potentially unlocking \$200 billion in lending capacity over the next decade.
9. **Crypto Regulation:** A global consensus on the need for clearer policies and regulations for cryptocurrencies gained momentum under India’s leadership.
10. **Debt Relief Framework:** India facilitated a consensus on a debt relief framework for Zambia, Ghana, and Ethiopia, addressing their financial challenges.
11. **Sustainable Cities:** The financing of sustainable and resilient cities for the future was integrated into the framework, making it accessible to MDBs.
12. **Unanimous Agreement:** All 83 paragraphs of the joint declaration enjoyed 100% consensus among all countries, exemplifying India’s ability to foster unity and cooperation on the global stage.
13. **Inclusive G20 Declaration:** The G20 Declaration, without any footnotes or chair’s summary, demonstrated India’s prowess in bringing diverse nations together for constructive dialogue and collaboration.

**Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize 2022 Winners Name**

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has publicised the list of awardees for the **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (SSB) awards for 2022**, considered among the prestigious prizes for science in India. After an unexplained delay of nearly a year in the announcement always made on September 26, the CSIR’s foundation day. The CSIR had announced the Bhatnagar winners for 2021 nearly two years ago.

**All the 12 winners for 2022 are men just as they were for 2021. The 2020 winners had included two women scientists.**



This year’s awardees constitute 12 scientists below the age of 45 and they include

Name	Affiliation	Field of Study
Ashwani Kumar	CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology	Biological Sciences
Maddika Subba Reddy	Centre for DNA Fingerprinting Diagnostics, Hyderabad	Biological Sciences
Akkattu Biju	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru	Chemical Sciences
Debabrata Maiti	Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay	Chemical Sciences
Vimal Mishra	Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar	Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Dipti Ranjan Sahoo	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	Engineering Sciences
Rajnish Kumar	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras	Engineering Sciences
Apoorva Khare	Indian Institute of Science and	Mathematical Science
Neeraj Kayal	Microsoft Research Lab India	Mathematical Science
Dipyaman Ganguly	Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata	Medical Sciences
Anindya Das	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru	Physical Sciences
Basudeb Dasgupta	Tata Institute of Fundamental Research	Physical Sciences

**About the award Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (SSB) awards**

The Bhatnagar prizes are named after S.S. Bhatnagar, who was the CSIR’s first director general from 1942 to 1954. The SSB Prize, instituted in the memory of the first Director General of the CSIR, is usually announced on the foundation day of the institution on September 26. Bhatnagar Award, each of the value of Rupees five lakh, are awarded annually for notable and outstanding research, applied or fundamental, in the following disciplines:

- **Biological Sciences:** This is jointly awarded to Dr. Ashwani Kumar of CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology and Dr. Maddika Subba Reddy of Centre for DNA Fingerprinting Diagnostics
- **Chemical Sciences:** This is jointly awarded to Dr. Akkattu T Biju of the Indian Institute of Science and Dr. Debabrata Maiti of the Indian Institute of Technology (Bombay)
- **Earth, Atmosphere and Planetary Sciences:** This is awarded to Dr. Vimal Mishra of the Indian Institute of Technology (Gandhinagar)



- **Engineering Sciences:** This is jointly awarded to Dr. Dipti Ranjan Sahoo of the Indian Institute of Technology (Delhi) and Dr. Rajnish Kumar of the Indian Institute of Technology (Madras)
- **Mathematical Sciences:** This jointly awarded to Dr. Apoorva Khare of the Indian Institute of Science and Dr. Neeraj Kayal of Microsoft Research Lab
- **Medical Sciences:** This is awarded to Dr. Dipyaman Ganguli of CSIR- Indian Institute of Chemical Biology
- **Physical Sciences:** This is jointly awarded to Dr. Anindya Das of the Indian Institute of Science and Dr. Basudeb Dasgupta of Physics Tata Institute of Fundamental Research.

**Switzerland Ranked No. 1 In The World Best Countries Report 2023**

Switzerland has once again claimed the title of the **world’s best country**, according to the latest **U.S. News & World Report’s annual Best Countries rankings**. This marks Switzerland’s second consecutive year at the pinnacle and its **sixth time overall** as the No. 1 nation on the list.

Switzerland excels particularly in entrepreneurship (No. 6), quality of life (No. 6), social purpose (No. 8), and cultural influence (No. 8). It also claims the top spot for being open for business.

**The 2023 Rankings: Switzerland Leads the Way**

The rankings, released recently, reaffirm Switzerland’s supremacy, closely followed by **Canada** at No. 2, **Sweden** at No. 3, **Australia** at No. 4, and the **United States** at No. 5. The United States has slipped one spot compared to its 2022 ranking. In the 2023 rankings, European countries dominate the top tier, securing 16 of the top 25 spots. Notable shifts include **Germany**, which has fallen five spots since 2022, and **Australia** and **New Zealand**, both climbing three places year over year. The Middle East is represented by the **United Arab Emirates**, while Asia boasts Japan, Singapore, China, and South Korea within the top 25.

**Top 10 countries globally, as ranked by the U.S. News & World Report:**

Rank	Country
1	Switzerland
2	Canada
3	Sweden
4	Australia
5	United States
6	Japan
7	Germany
8	New Zealand
9	United Kingdom
10	Netherlands

**India Ascends to 30th Place with an Overall Score of 40.8 in 2023, Up from 31st in 2022**

In 2023, India’s ranking improved by one position, securing the **30th spot** with an **overall score of 40.8**. In the previous year, in 2022, India held the 31st position out of 85.

India achieved its most remarkable performance in the **“Movers” category**, securing the **5th position**. This category evaluates countries based on their potential for future growth and their readiness to face challenges presented by the global economy. In the realm of **cultural influence** and **heritage**, India attained the 29th and 10th positions, respectively. In the **power category**, India claimed the 12th spot.

**The Methodology Behind the Rankings**

The rankings are developed in collaboration with global marketing communications company **WPP** and the **Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania**. Based on a global survey encompassing **87 countries** and more than 17,000 respondents, these rankings evaluate countries based on **73 attributes** such as dynamism, safety, economic stability, and commitment to social justice. Notably, Cyprus, Honduras, and Zimbabwe have made their debut in the rankings, while **El Salvador** rejoins the list after being absent in 2022.

**RBI (Classification, Valuation and Operation of Investment Portfolio of Commercial Banks) Directions, 2023**

The **Reserve Bank of India** had issued a Discussion Paper (DP) on January 14, 2022 proposing revisions to the current norms for the classification, valuation, and operation of investment portfolios of commercial banks. After considering the feedback received on the DP, the **Reserve Bank of India (Classification, Valuation and Operation of Investment Portfolio of Commercial Banks) Directions, 2023** has been issued.

**Revised norms**

1. The revised Directions include principle-based classification of investment portfolio, tightening of regulations around transfers to/from **held to maturity (HTM) category** and sales out of HTM, inclusion of non-SLR securities in HTM subject to fulfilment of certain conditions and symmetric recognition of gains and losses.
2. These Directions are expected to enhance the quality of banks’ financial reporting, improve disclosures (disclosures of fair value of investments in HTM category, fair value hierarchy, sales out of HTM, etc.), provide a fillip to the corporate bond market, facilitate the use of derivatives for hedging, and strengthen the overall risk management framework of banks.
3. While the revised Directions align the accounting norms for banks’ investment portfolios with global financial reporting standards, important prudential safeguards such as investment fluctuation reserve (IFR), due diligence/limits with respect to non-SLR investments, internal control systems, reviews and reporting etc. have been retained and prudential concerns on reliability of valuation have been addressed.

- The revised Directions shall apply to all commercial banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks) from the financial year commencing on **April 1, 2024**.

**Categorisation of Investments**

The RBI’s new directives require banks to classify their investment portfolios into three main categories:

- Held to Maturity (HTM):** Under this existing category, banks should hold securities with the intention of keeping them until maturity. These securities should provide regular principal and interest payments.
- Available for Sale (AFS):** Securities categorised as AFS are those acquired with the objective of collecting contractual cash flows while also having the option to sell them.
- Fair Value through Profit and Loss (FVTPL):** This is a new category introduced by RBI and includes securities that do not qualify for HTM or AFS. Securities in this category are valued at fair market value, and any gains or losses are directly reflected in the bank’s profit and loss account.

It’s important to note that the HTM category does not include certain securities, such as those with convertible features or loss absorbency features. Preference shares and equity shares are also excluded from HTM classification.

**Initial Recognition**

Under the new RBI guidelines, all investments must be measured at fair value upon initial recognition. The presumption is that the acquisition cost is the fair value unless specific circumstances suggest otherwise. For example, if transactions involve related parties, occur under duress, or take place outside the principal market for that class of securities, the presumption may be tested. Government securities acquired through auctions, switch operations, and open market operations conducted by the RBI will be recognised at the price at which they are allotted.

**Subsequent Measurement**

The treatment of securities varies depending on their categorisation:

- Held to Maturity (HTM):** Securities in the HTM category will be carried at cost and will not be marked to market after initial recognition. Any discounts or premiums on these securities will be amortised over the remaining life of the instrument.
- Available for Sale (AFS):** AFS securities will be fair-valued at least quarterly. Amortisation of discounts or premiums on debt securities in this category will be applied over the remaining life of the instrument.
- Fair Value through Profit and Loss (FVTPL):** Securities in the FVTPL category will be fair-valued, and any gains or losses from this valuation will be directly credited or debited to the profit and loss account.

**Investments in Subsidiaries, Associates, and Joint Ventures**

Investments in subsidiaries, associates, and joint ventures will be held separately from other investment categories. These investments will be initially recognised at their acquisition cost. If the investee entity later becomes a subsidiary, associate, or joint venture, the carrying value will be adjusted accordingly.

**Impairment Evaluation**

Banks are required to regularly assess the impairment of investments in subsidiaries, associates, and joint ventures. Various indicators, such as defaults in debt repayments, credit rating downgrades, and significant declines in fair value, will trigger the need for impairment evaluation. In such cases, banks must obtain an independent valuation and make provisions for impairment accordingly.

**Infosys in TIME’s ‘The World’s Best Companies of 2023’ List**

In a remarkable achievement, **Infosys**, the Bengaluru-headquartered IT services provider, has secured a coveted spot on **TIME magazine’s ‘The World’s Best Companies of 2023’ list**. Infosys stands out as the only Indian company to make it into the top 100 rankings, claiming the **64th position** with an impressive overall score of 88.38. Notably, the company has earned a ‘very high’ growth rate, a testament to its commitment to excellence. **On sustainability, Infosys ranked 135, and 103 for employee-satisfaction.**

**About Infosys**

**Founded in 1981** by four engineers, including **NR Narayana Murthy, Infosys** has grown into India’s second-largest IT company in terms of revenue. The company’s illustrious history is marked by its dedication to technological excellence and innovation. Notably, Infosys has a prominent connection to the political landscape of the United Kingdom, as the son-in-law of NR Narayana Murthy is Rishi Sunak, who serves as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

**About the TIME World’s 100 Best Companies List**

TIME, in collaboration with Statista, conducted a comprehensive evaluation of 750 firms from around the world to compile this prestigious list. The rankings were determined through a rigorous assessment that considered several key factors, including revenue growth, employee-satisfaction surveys, and extensive analysis of environmental, social, and corporate governance data. Infosys’s remarkable performance across these dimensions propelled it to its well-deserved spot.

**Here are the top 20 companies**

Rank	Company	Country	Overall score
1.	Microsoft	United States	96.46
2.	Apple	United States	96.36
3.	Alphabet	United States	95.18
4.	Meta Platforms	United States	94.85
5.	Accenture	Ireland	94.43
6.	Pfizer	United States	93.75
7.	American Express	United States	92.46
8.	Electricite de France	France	92.40

Rank	Company	Country	Overall score
9.	BMW Group	Germany	91.95
10.	Dell Technologies	United States	91.59
11.	Louis Vitton	France	91.35
12.	Delta Airlines	United States	91.13
13.	Enel	Italy	91.00
14.	Starbucks Corp.	United States	90.96
15.	Volkswagen Group	Germany	90.81
16.	General Motors	United States	90.78
17.	Elevance Health	United States	90.61
18.	Bosch	Germany	90.57
19.	Ford	United States	90.51
20.	Johnson & Johnson	United States	90.39
<b>64.</b>	<b>Infosys</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>88.38</b>

**Santiniketan on UNESCO World Heritage List**

**Santiniketan**, the cultural and educational hub founded by Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, has earned a coveted spot on **UNESCO's World Heritage List**. This recognition marks a significant milestone for India and celebrates the enduring legacy of this unique institution located in Bengal's Birbhum district.

India has long been striving to secure a UNESCO designation for Santiniketan, acknowledging its cultural and historical significance. The decision to include Santiniketan in the prestigious list was made during the 45th session of the **World Heritage Committee, held in Saudi Arabia**, reaffirming its importance on the global stage.

**The UNESCO Recognition**

**A Glorious Achievement**

Santiniketan's inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List is a testament to its cultural and educational significance. This recognition reaffirms the importance of preserving and promoting the legacy of Rabindranath Tagore and the institution he built.

**India's Standing on the World Heritage List**

With this latest addition, India now ranks **sixth on the World Heritage List**, further highlighting the nation's commitment to safeguarding its cultural and natural treasures. The inclusion of Santiniketan reinforces India's status as a custodian of world heritage. Santiniketan now stands as **India's 41st World Heritage site**, solidifying its place in the nation's rich cultural heritage.

**The Journey to UNESCO Recognition**

**ICOMOS Recommendation**

Santiniketan's path to UNESCO recognition was paved by a recommendation from the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), an international advisory body based in France. Comprising professionals, experts, representatives from local authorities, companies, and heritage organizations, ICOMOS is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of architectural and landscape heritage worldwide. Their endorsement played a pivotal role in Santiniketan's journey to the World Heritage List.

**The Legacy of Santiniketan**

**A Spiritual Haven**

Santiniketan, originally an ashram established by Rabindranath Tagore's father, Maharshi Debendranath Tagore, served as a spiritual retreat. It welcomed individuals, irrespective of their caste and creed, to meditate before the one Supreme God. This inclusive ethos laid the foundation for what would become a cultural and educational powerhouse.

**Asia Cup Final 2023, India beats Sri Lanka by 10 Wickets**

**India** beat **Sri Lanka** by 10 wickets in the final of the Asia Cup 2023 on September 17, 2023 at the R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo. It was India's **eighth** Asia Cup title overall, and their first since 2018. Sri Lanka won the toss and elected to bat first. Sri Lanka bowled out for just 50 runs, the lowest total in an Asia Cup final. Mohammed Siraj was the pick of the Indian bowlers, taking 6 wickets for 21 runs. In reply, India chased down the target in just 6.1 overs without losing a wicket. **Ishan Kishan scored 23 runs off 18 balls, while Shubhman Gill scored 27 runs off 19 balls.**

India's victory was a comprehensive one, and it was a fitting end to a successful tournament for them. They had topped the group stage with a perfect record, and they had beaten Sri Lanka twice in the tournament, including in the final. India's victory in the Asia Cup 2023 was a morale-booster for the team ahead of the ODI World Cup 2023, which will be held in India later this year.

**Asia Cup Final 2023, Match Summary**

- SL 50 (15.2)
- IND 51/0 (6.1)

**Asia Cup 2023 Full List Of Award Winners**

- Asia Cup 2023 Winner- India (8th title) (Prize Money- \$1,50000)
- Asia Cup 2023 runner-up- Sri Lanka (Prize Money- \$75,000)
- Asia Cup 2023 Man of the Tournament- Kuldeep Yadav (Prize Money- \$15,000)
- Asia Cup 2023 most runs- S Gill (302)
- Asia Cup 2023 Man of the Match (Final) – Mohammed Siraj ( Prize Money- \$5000)
- Asia Cup 2023 most wickets- M Pathirana (SL)- 11



### Maharshi Debendranath Tagore's Influence

Maharshi Debendranath Tagore, a prominent figure in the Indian Renaissance, left an indelible mark on Santiniketan. His contributions included the construction of the Santiniketan Griha and the beautiful stained glass Mandir, a non-denominational temple where worship transcended religious boundaries. These structures, dating back to the second half of the 19th century, hold immense historical and spiritual significance.

### Visva-Bharati University

#### A Center of Excellence

Santiniketan is home to Visva-Bharati University, one of India's most prestigious institutions. The university offers degree programs in a wide range of disciplines, including humanities, social sciences, sciences, fine arts, music, performing arts, education, agricultural science, and rural reconstruction.

#### Founded by Rabindranath Tagore

Founded by Rabindranath Tagore, Visva-Bharati was later declared a central university and an institution of national importance through an Act of Parliament in 1951. Tagore's vision of holistic education and cultural exchange continues to shape the institution's ethos.

#### The Prime Minister as Chancellor

Visva-Bharati holds a unique status as the sole central university of West Bengal, and the Prime Minister of India serves as its chancellor. This distinction underscores the university's significance in the nation's educational landscape.

In conclusion, Santiniketan's inclusion in **UNESCO's World Heritage List** is a momentous achievement for India. It not only celebrates the enduring legacy of Rabindranath Tagore but also recognizes the cultural and educational significance of Santiniketan and Visva-Bharati University. This UNESCO designation ensures that this cultural gem will be preserved and celebrated for generations to come.

### RBI releases list of 15 NBFCs in 'Upper Layer' under

In the year 2023-24, **RBI released the names of 15 NBFCs that fall under the Upper Layer (UL)/NBFC-UL of the SBR**. This article provides an in-depth exploration of the SBR framework, its layers, and its implications for the NBFC sector in India. In October 2021, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** introduced a groundbreaking regulatory framework known as Scale Based Regulation (SBR) for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs). This framework aims to categorize NBFCs based on their asset size and other critical factors, providing a clear roadmap for regulation.

#### Understanding Scale Based Regulation (SBR)

Scale Based Regulation (SBR) is a revised regulatory framework introduced by RBI for NBFCs in India. This framework is designed to categorize NBFCs based on their asset size and activities, allowing for more tailored regulatory oversight. Here's a breakdown of the key aspects of the SBR:

#### I. Base Layer (NBFC-BL)

The Base Layer primarily consists of non-deposit-taking NBFCs with assets below Rs 1,000 crore. It includes NBFC Peer to Peer (P2P), NBFC-Account Aggregator (AA), Non-Operative Financial Holding Company (NOFHC), and NBFCs without public funds and customer interface.

#### II. Middle Layer (NBFC-ML)

The Middle Layer encompasses deposit-taking NBFCs and non-deposit-taking NBFCs with assets exceeding Rs 1,000 crore. It also includes NBFCs engaged in specific activities such as Standalone Primary Dealers (SPDs), Infrastructure Debt Fund – NBFCs (IDF-NBFCs), Core Investment Companies (CICs), Housing Finance Companies (HFCs), and Infrastructure Finance Companies (NBFC-IFCs).

#### III. Upper Layer (NBFC-UL)

The Upper Layer includes NBFCs identified by RBI as warranting enhanced regulatory requirements based on specific parameters and scoring methodology. The top 10 eligible NBFCs in terms of asset size will always reside in the Upper Layer, regardless of other factors.

#### IV. Top Layer (NBFC-TL)

NBFCs in the Upper Layer can be moved to the Top Layer if RBI recognizes a substantial increase in potential systemic risk. As of now, the Top Layer remains ideally empty, but it serves as a contingency for increased risk.

#### Placement of Other NBFCs

NBFCs falling outside the predefined layers, such as Investment and Credit Companies (NBFC-ICC), Micro Finance Institutions (NBFC-MFI), NBFC-Factors, and Mortgage Guarantee Companies (NBFC-MGC), may be placed in any of the layers of the regulatory structure depending on various parameters determined by RBI.

#### The Implications of SBR

The introduction of the SBR framework by RBI carries significant implications for the NBFC sector in India. It allows for a more nuanced and risk-based approach to regulation, ensuring that NBFCs are subject to appropriate levels of oversight based on their size and activities. Here are some key implications:

##### 1. Tailored Regulatory Oversight

NBFCs will receive regulatory oversight tailored to their specific risk profiles and activities, reducing the burden of excessive regulation on smaller entities while ensuring robust oversight for larger and potentially systemic NBFCs.

##### 2. Systemic Risk Mitigation

The ability to move NBFCs to the Top Layer in the event of increased systemic risk ensures that the RBI can respond swiftly to emerging threats to financial stability.

##### 3. Clarity and Transparency

The SBR framework brings clarity and transparency to the regulatory landscape for NBFCs, allowing market participants to better understand their obligations and requirements.

Here is the list of NBFC-UL for 2023-24:

S. No.	Company Name	Type	Category
1	LIC Housing Finance Limited	Deposit taking	Housing Finance Company
2	Bajaj Finance Limited	Deposit taking	Non-Banking Financial Company – Investment and Credit Company (NBFC-ICC)
3	Shriram Finance Limited (formerly Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited)	Deposit taking	Non-Banking Financial Company – Investment and Credit Company (NBFC-ICC)
4	Tata Sons Private Limited	Core Investment Company (CIC)	-
5	L & T Finance Limited	Non-deposit taking	Non-Banking Financial Company – Investment and Credit Company (NBFC-ICC)
6	Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited	Non-deposit taking	Housing Finance Company
7	Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited	Non-deposit taking	Non-Banking Financial Company – Investment and Credit Company (NBFC-ICC)
8	Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited	Non-deposit taking	Housing Finance Company
9	Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited	Deposit taking	Non-Banking Financial Company – Investment and Credit Company (NBFC-ICC)
10	Tata Capital Financial Services Limited	Non-deposit taking	Non-Banking Financial Company – Investment and Credit Company (NBFC-ICC)
11	PNB Housing Finance Limited	Deposit taking	Housing Finance Company
12	HDB Financial Services Limited	Non-deposit taking	Non-Banking Financial Company – Investment and Credit Company (NBFC-ICC)
13	Aditya Birla Finance Limited	Non-deposit taking	Non-Banking Financial Company – Investment and Credit Company (NBFC-ICC)
14	Muthoot Finance Limited	Non-deposit taking	Non-Banking Financial Company – Investment and Credit Company (NBFC-ICC)
15	Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd.	Non-deposit taking	Housing Finance Company

**Government Launches Three Transformative Initiatives for Farmers**

In a significant move aimed at revolutionizing agriculture in India, the government has announced the launch of three game-changing initiatives. These initiatives, which focus on agri-credit and crop insurance, were unveiled by Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** and Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare, **Narendra Singh Tomar**. The initiatives are set to amplify financial inclusion, harness technology, and improve the livelihoods of farmers across the country.

**1. Kisan Rin Portal (KRP): A Digital Leap in Agri-Credit**

Developed in collaboration with multiple government departments, the **Kisan Rin Portal (KRP)** is poised to transform access to credit services under the **Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme**. This digital platform provides farmers with a comprehensive view of their data, loan disbursement specifics, interest subvention claims, and facilitates efficient agriculture credit. It promises to simplify and streamline the borrowing process for farmers.

**2. Door to Door KCC Campaign: Ensuring Universal Financial Inclusion**

The **Ghar Ghar Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Abhiyaan** is an ambitious campaign that seeks to extend the benefits of the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme to every farmer in India. With a total of 7.35 Crore operative KCC accounts and a sanctioned limit of 8.85 lakh crores rupees as of March 2023, this campaign aims to ensure that every farmer has unhindered access to credit facilities. It envisions universal financial inclusion, empowering farmers with the financial resources they need.

**3. Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS) Manual: Data-Driven Insights for Farmers**

The **Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS) initiative** is a groundbreaking innovation that leverages advanced weather data analytics. By providing stakeholders with actionable insights on weather patterns, WINDS aims to assist farmers in making informed decisions about their agricultural activities. This data-driven approach will enhance crop management and help farmers mitigate the impact of adverse weather conditions.

**Increasing Regular Jobs but Lingering Unemployment Concerns: Report**

In a recent report titled “**State of Working India 2023: Social Identities and Labour Market Outcomes,**” a group of economists and researchers from **Azim Premji University** shed light on the employment landscape in India. This report highlights the dynamics of job creation, the prevalence of regular wage jobs, caste-based segregation, gender-based earnings disparities, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on unemployment rates. Let’s delve into the key findings of the report.

**1. Growth in Regular Jobs**

The report reveals that from 2004 to 2017, India witnessed an annual creation of **three million regular jobs**. However, between 2017 and 2019, this figure surged to **five million jobs**, indicating a positive trend in employment opportunities.

**2. Diminished Pace Since 2019**

Despite the initial growth, the report underlines a significant **slowdown in the creation of regular wage jobs since 2019**. This deceleration is attributed to economic slowdown and the disruptive effects of the pandemic.

**3. Limited Social Security**

One concerning aspect is that **only 6%** of these regular jobs provide any form of social security, including health insurance or accidental care insurance. This raises questions about the stability and well-being of the workforce.

**4. Gender Disparities**

Over the years, there has been a positive shift in gender representation in regular jobs. The proportion of men in such roles increased from 18% to 25%, and for women, it rose from 10% to 25%. This indicates progress in **gender inclusivity in the workforce**.

**5. Reduction in Caste-based Segregation**

The report highlights a decrease in caste-based segregation in employment. In 2004, over 80% of sons of casual wage workers remained in casual employment, but this figure decreased to 53% for non-SC/ST castes by 2018. This suggests a **decline in caste-related employment disparities**.

**6. Earnings Disparities**

Gender-based earnings disparities have reduced over the past two decades. In 2004, women in salaried positions earned 70% of what men earned. By 2017, this gap had narrowed, with women earning 76% of men’s earnings. This trend has remained relatively constant up to 2021-22.

**7. Post-COVID Unemployment**

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the report notes that the **unemployment rate in India** was lower than pre-pandemic levels for all education levels. However, the unemployment rate for graduates, particularly those under 25 years old, remains a concern, touching a significant 42%. Additionally, the report highlights a distress-led increase in self-employment among women, with 60% of women being self-employed post-COVID. This shift has resulted in a decline in real earnings from self-employment.

**Government Comes Out With A New Set Of National Awards Known As “Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar”**

The Government of India has recently introduced a prestigious set of National Awards in the field of Science, Technology, and Innovation, known as the “**Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar**” (RVP). These awards serve a vital role in recognizing and honoring the exceptional contributions made by scientists, technologists, and innovators who have significantly impacted various domains of science, technology, and technology-led innovation.

**The Vision Behind Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar**

The primary objective of the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar is to acknowledge and celebrate the remarkable work accomplished by individuals or teams in the realm of science, technology, and innovation. This initiative aims to inspire and motivate scientists, technologists, and innovators to continue their pursuit of excellence, driving progress and innovation in India.

**A Landmark Recognition**

The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar stands as **one of the highest honors within the scientific and technological community in India**. It encompasses individuals from diverse backgrounds, including those working in government, private sector organizations, or as independent contributors to the scientific and technological landscape. The awards recognize path-breaking research, innovative discoveries, and technological advancements that have made a significant impact on society.

**The Four Distinct Categories**

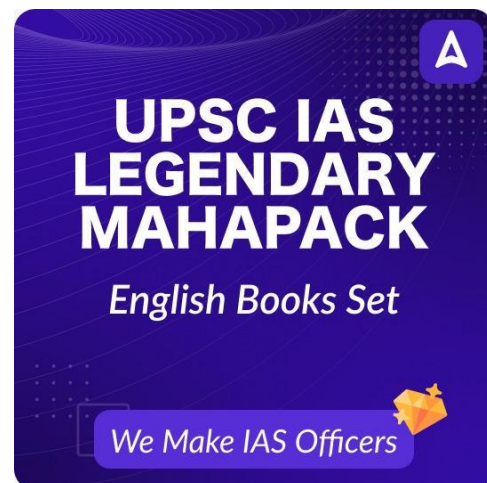
The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar consists of **four distinct categories** to accommodate a wide range of contributions:

**1. Vigyan Ratna (VR) Award**

This award **honors lifetime achievements** and substantial contributions made by individuals in any field of science and technology. It recognizes the cumulative impact of their work over the years.

**2. Vigyan Shri (VS) Award**

Distinguished contributions in any field of science and technology are acknowledged through this award. It highlights the **exceptional efforts of individuals** who have made a lasting mark in their respective domains.





**3. Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (VY-SSB) Award**

This category encourages and recognizes **young scientists under the age of 45** who have made exceptional contributions in the field of science and technology. It aims to nurture and motivate the emerging talent in India.

**4. Vigyan Team (VT) Award**

Teamwork often leads to groundbreaking discoveries. The VT Award is presented to **teams comprising three or more scientists, researchers, or innovators** who have made an outstanding contribution while working collectively in any field of science and technology.

**Eligibility Criteria**

The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar is open to scientists, technologists, and innovators working in various sectors, including government and private organizations. To be eligible, candidates must have made distinguished contributions through **path-breaking research, innovation, or discovery in any field of science, technology, or technology-led innovation**. Individuals of Indian origin residing abroad who have significantly benefited **Indian communities or society as a whole** are also eligible for these prestigious awards.

**A Multidisciplinary Approach**

The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar encompasses **13 domains**, ensuring comprehensive recognition of achievements in the scientific and technological spectrum. Gender parity is also a crucial aspect, ensuring representation from each field.

SNo	Scientific Domains
1	Physics
2	Chemistry
3	Biological Sciences
4	Mathematics

SNo	Scientific Domains
5	Computer Science
6	Earth Science
7	Medicine
8	Engineering Sciences
9	Agricultural Science
10	Environmental Science
11	Technology & Innovation
12	Atomic Energy
13	Space Science and Technology

**Rigorous Selection Process**

Nominations for the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar awards are meticulously reviewed by the **Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar Committee (RVPC)**. The RVPC, headed by the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India, comprises Secretaries of Science Departments, members of Science and Engineering Academies, as well as distinguished scientists and technologists from various fields of science and technology. This ensures the highest level of transparency and fairness in the selection process.

**The Nomination Timeline**

Nominations for these prestigious awards are invited annually, beginning on January 14th, **coinciding with National Science Day**, and remaining open until February 28th. The winners of the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar are officially announced on May 11th, National Technology Day, and the Award Ceremony for all categories is held on August 23rd, National Space Day. Each award includes a certificate (Sanad) and a medal.

**Banking and Financial Current Affairs**

- **Karnam Sekar**, Chairman of the **National Asset Reconstruction Company of India (NARCL)** tendered his resignation due to disagreements concerning the institution's structure and operations. This resignation follows a proposal for merging NARCL with **India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In July 2023, India witnessed a significant surge in **bank credit** outstanding to the real estate sector, reaching an all-time high of Rs 28 trillion, as per data released by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**. This impressive growth was driven by both housing and commercial real estate segments, with annual increases of approximately 37.4% and 38.1%, respectively. This surge indicates a robust revival in demand across the real estate sector, despite challenges such as rising interest rates and property prices. Let's delve deeper into the details. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Chairman, Deepak Mohanty**, recently made a significant announcement that the combined **Asset Under Management (AUM)** of the **National Pension System (NPS)** and **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)** has crossed an impressive figure of **Rs 10 lakh crore**. This remarkable feat signifies the **rapid growth and increasing popularity** of these pension schemes. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced a significant expansion of the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** System, allowing users to transact with pre-sanctioned credit lines issued by banks. This move marks a major development in India's digital payment landscape, enabling greater financial flexibility and convenience for consumers. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **New Delhi – The State Bank of India (SBI)** has taken a significant leap in the world of digital currency by announcing the successful implementation of **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** interoperability with its **Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)**, also known as the Digital Rupee. This development is poised to revolutionize the way transactions are conducted, making digital currency more accessible and user-friendly. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Bank for International Settlements (BIS)** and the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** have recently unveiled the winners of the **G20 TechSprint 2023** challenge in a prestigious award ceremony held in Mumbai. This initiative, launched by the RBI last May under India's G20 presidency, sought to foster innovative solutions that enhance cross-border payments. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's first **UPI-ATM**, a **White Label ATM (WLA)** by **Hitachi Payment Services** in collaboration with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, was introduced to enable seamless cash withdrawals without the need for physical ATM cards. This innovation allows customers of certain banks to enjoy QR-based cashless withdrawals. The **UPI-ATM**, also known as **Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW)**, offers a simple process for users of participating banks who use UPI to withdraw cash from compatible ATMs. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **SBI Card**, India's largest pure-play credit card issuer, has introduced the '**SimplySAVE Merchant SBI Card**', a specialized credit card tailored for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- **SBI Card**, India's largest credit card issuer, launched new features of its super-premium card '**AURUM**', targeted at the premium section of society, such as high-net-worth individuals. With the enhancements, AURUM cardholders will be able to avail benefits worth up to Rs 2 lakh annually, based on their spending. The card offers unlimited international lounge access to cardholders, as well as four international lounge visits for accompanying guests. In addition, the card also offers a one-year Club Marriott membership as a welcome gift. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant move aimed at enhancing convenience and accessibility for users, the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** unveiled two conversational payments initiatives during the Global Fintech Fest. These initiatives, '**Hello UPI**' and '**Bharat BillPay Connect**,' mark a significant step forward in facilitating seamless digital transactions through natural language conversations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **State Bank of India (SBI)**, the country's largest lender, has taken a significant step in enhancing the commuting experience and promoting digital payment adoption with the launch of the '**Nation First Transit Card**.' This innovative card is designed to facilitate seamless and convenient customer commuting experiences, offering easy **digital ticketing fare payments** across various modes of transportation, such as metro, buses, water ferries, parking, and more, all through a single card. Additionally, the card can also be used for making retail and e-commerce payments. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** is gearing up to launch a pilot program for the **Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)**, commonly referred to as the Digital Rupee. This initiative is expected to facilitate interbank transactions, specifically in the call money market, and is set to kick off around October. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **ICICI Bank** has announced that it has secured approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to convert **I-Process Services (India) Pvt Ltd (I-Process)** into a wholly-owned subsidiary, subject to specific conditions, according to the Bank's latest regulatory disclosure. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant move aimed at enhancing **India's digital payment ecosystem**, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das unveiled a slew of new UPI (Unified Payments Interface) features developed by the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**. These introduced features are set to revolutionize the way Indians transact and manage their finances. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development, **ICICI Bank**, the country's second-largest private sector bank, has announced that it has received approval from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** for the re-appointment of **Sandeep Bakhshi** as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD and CEO) of the bank. This approval comes as a crucial step in ensuring the stability and leadership continuity of the bank. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has issued guidelines for banks, **non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)** and other regulated entities to address the issues faced by the borrowers and towards promoting responsible lending conduct among such entities. The REs shall release all the original movable / immovable property documents and remove charges registered with any registry within a period of 30 days after full repayment/ settlement of the loan account. In case where the delay is attributable to the RE, it shall compensate the borrower at the rate of **₹5,000/- for each day of delay**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has introduced a groundbreaking contactless payment wearable ring known as the '**OTG Ring**.' This innovative device has been developed in collaboration with the Indian fintech startup **LivQuik**. Let's delve into the details of this exciting development. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Cashfree Payments, a prominent player in the payments and API banking solutions sector, has joined forces with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to unveil a groundbreaking solution called 'AutoPay on QR.' This innovative offering is poised to empower subscription-based businesses, boosting their customer acquisition, retention, and overall growth prospects. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- LIC Chairman **Siddhartha Mohanty** presented a significant dividend cheque of ₹1,831.09 crore to Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**. This dividend represents the Centre's share for the fiscal year 2022-23. It was officially approved by LIC's shareholders during the Annual General Meeting held on August 22 of the same year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a groundbreaking collaboration, **BriskPe**, a pioneering cross-border payments FinTech company, has teamed up with **YES BANK** to introduce "BriskPe A2A," a cutting-edge suite of solutions designed to empower exporters and importers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a recent announcement by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, the **Financial Inclusion (FI) Index** has shown significant improvement, reaching a score of 60.1 in March 2023, compared to its previous reading of 56.4 in March 2022. This noteworthy advancement in the FI Index is attributed to growth across all sub-indices. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant financial development, the Indian government has received a dividend tranche of ₹1,487 crore from the state-owned power corporation, NTPC. This follows NTPC's recent announcement regarding the payment of its Final Dividend for the financial year 2022-23. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**, a key player in SME loan refinancing, has unveiled plans to raise Rs 10,000 crore through a rights issue in the upcoming fiscal year. This strategic move is aimed at bolstering its equity capital as the institution anticipates an expansion of its assets, targeting Rs 5 lakh crore by March 2024 from its current standing at approximately Rs 4 lakh crore as of March 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Bank** has introduced a new initiative called 'IB SAATHI' (**Sustainable Access and Aligning Technology for Holistic Inclusion**) to bolster its financial inclusion efforts. The primary goal of IB SAATHI is to provide essential banking services to various stakeholders through the business correspondent (BC) channel. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has disclosed that as of March 2023, the circulation of the E-rupee, India's **Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)**, has reached ₹16.39 crore. This digital currency, which mirrors the country's physical legal tender, comes in different denominations and serves both wholesale and retail purposes. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd.'s independent director **Sridhar Kalyanasundaram** has resigned from the board with effect Sept. 16., citing "factionalism" to "unethical" business conduct. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a groundbreaking move, the **State Bank of India (SBI)**, the country's largest lender, has launched a cutting-edge digital platform for **Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)** to seamlessly open NRE (Non-Residential External) and NRO (Non-Resident Ordinary) savings and current accounts. This innovative service is specifically tailored to "new to bank" (**NTB**) customers, aiming to simplify and expedite the account opening procedure. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development, the Finance Ministry has granted approval for a range of welfare measures aimed at benefiting both **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** agents and its employees. These measures, which have been approved today, are expected to bring substantial advantages to the vast LIC workforce comprising over 13 lakh agents and more than one lakh regular employees. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **ACKO**, a leading insurance company, has unveiled its latest health insurance offering called the "ACKO Platinum Health Plan." This comprehensive plan boasts several notable features, including 100% bill payment, no room rent capping, and zero waiting periods. To promote this new product, ACKO has reintroduced the beloved characters of Munna Bhai and Circuit from the iconic Bollywood movie series. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** recently announced significant developments in its guidelines concerning **wilful defaulters** and **large defaulters**. These developments include broadening the scope of the definition and mandating lenders to finalize the identification and classification of borrowers as wilful defaulters **within six months** of loans turning bad. These draft norms, unveiled September 22, aim to streamline the process of identifying defaulters and regulating their status. ([Click here to read the article](#))



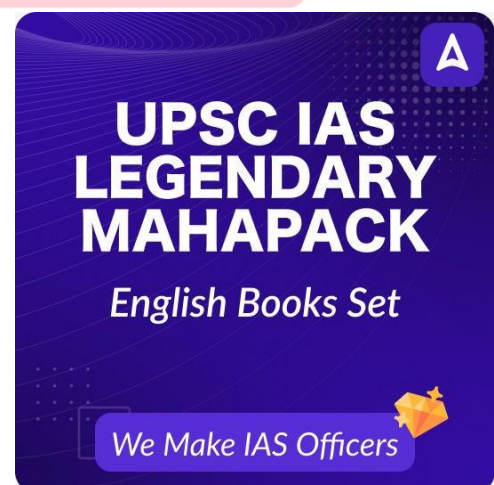


- In a strategic move to cater to the evolving needs of Indian **Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**, **Axis Bank** has recently unveiled its groundbreaking Transaction Banking platform, **'NEO for Business.'** This innovative digital offering is designed to comprehensively address the real-time requirements of MSMEs, marking a significant milestone in the landscape of business banking in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a recent development, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed penalties on three prominent state-owned banks, **State Bank of India (SBI)**, **Indian Bank** and **Punjab & Sind Bank**, for their non-compliance with various regulatory norms. These penalties serve as a stern reminder of the importance of adherence to banking regulations and directives issued by the RBI. The RBI imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1.30 Crore on the State Bank of India (SBI) for its failure to comply with certain directives issued by the RBI. Punjab & Sind Bank faced a penalty of ₹1.00 Crore for non-compliance with the provisions of sub-section (2) of Section 26A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. Indian Bank faced a substantial penalty of ₹1.62 Crore for its non-compliance with various RBI directives, including those related to **'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions,' 'Reserve Bank of India [Know Your Customer (KYC)] Directions, 2016,'** and **'Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016.'** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Afghani**, the currency of conflict-ridden Afghanistan, has taken the financial world by surprise by emerging as the **best-performing currency of the September quarter** in 2023. This unexpected surge is attributed to a combination of factors, including massive dollar inflow in the form of humanitarian aid and currency control measures imposed by the ruling Taliban. As of September 26th, the Afghani was trading at approximately 78.25 against the US dollar. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Insurance has always been a vital aspect of financial security, offering individuals and families a safety net during unforeseen circumstances. Recognizing the importance of extending insurance coverage to every corner of India, the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has introduced **'Bima Vistaar'**. This all-in-one insurance product, encompassing life, health, and property coverage, is poised to revolutionize the insurance landscape in the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has taken a significant step by cancelling the license of **The Kapol Co-operative Bank Limited**, a Mumbai-based cooperative bank. This decision was made primarily due to concerns regarding the **bank's inadequate capital and earning prospects**, which raised questions about its ability to fulfill its commitments to depositors. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has granted its approval for **Poonawalla Fincorp's** collaboration with **IndusInd Bank** to issue a **co-branded credit card**. This initiative is expected to have a profound impact on the financial landscape in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, in its ongoing commitment to maintain the integrity and adherence to banking regulations, has imposed monetary penalties on three co-operative banks. These banks, namely **Saraswat Co-operative Bank Limited**, **Bassein Catholic Co-operative Bank Ltd**, and **Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank Ltd**, were found to have **deficiencies in regulatory compliance**. The penalties levied by the RBI serve as a stern reminder to financial institutions to uphold the highest standards of governance and compliance. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Economy Current Affairs

- In light of a positive surprise in the April-June quarter data, **Morgan Stanley**, the multinational investment bank, has revised its **economic growth forecast for India** for the fiscal year 2024. The bank has raised its projection from an earlier estimate of 6.2 percent to a more optimistic 6.4 percent. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Ministry of Finance has recently issued a significant notification outlining amendments to the **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** rules pertaining to online gaming and casinos. These amendments aim to address taxation methodologies employed by online gaming companies and casinos. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In August, **India's retail inflation**, as measured by the **Consumer Price Index (CPI)**, showed signs of moderation, dropping to **6.83% from 7.44%** in July. However, it remained above the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) target range of 4+/-2%. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a recent update, **Fitch Ratings** decided to maintain its growth forecast for India for the fiscal year 2023-24 (**FY24**) **at 6.3%**. Despite facing challenges such as tighter monetary policy and weakened exports, India's economy displayed remarkable resilience. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On September 14, the Indian government unveiled the **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** data for the month of August, revealing a persistent trend of declining wholesale inflation. In August, the wholesale inflation rate plummeted to **-0.52 percent**, marking the fifth consecutive month in which it has remained in the negative territory. Notably, in July, the wholesale inflation rate had been -1.36 percent, and in June, it had reached as low as -4.12 percent. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- India's merchandise exports in August 2023 declined by 6.86% to \$34.48 billion compared to \$37.02 billion in August 2022. The decline is evident in key sectors like Non-petroleum and non-gems and jewellery. India's trade deficit for August 2023 narrowed to \$24.16 billion, showing a 2.8% improvement from the \$24.86 billion deficit in the same month last year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **S&P Global Market Intelligence** has reevaluated India's economic growth prospects for the fiscal year 2024 (FY24). This upward revision is attributed to robust economic performance in the April-June quarter. Notably, the revised projection stands at **6.6%**, a significant improvement from the **5.9%** estimate put forth by the analytics firm in August. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** has revised its GDP growth projection for India in the fiscal year 2024, forecasting a growth rate of 6.3%. This upward revision represents a notable increase from the previous estimate of 6%. The OECD attributes India's positive growth surprises to favorable agricultural outcomes driven by favorable weather conditions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and **India Ratings and Research** have released contrasting forecasts for **India's economic growth** in the fiscal year 2024 (FY24). While ADB has lowered its projection to 6.3%, India Ratings has raised it to 6.2%. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Union Ministry of Finance recently released its **Monthly Economic Review for August 2023**, confirming its confidence in a **6.5 percent** real GDP growth projection for FY24, characterized by balanced risks. The report paints a promising picture of India's economic performance in the first quarter of the fiscal year 2023-24 (FY24). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **S&P Global Ratings** has reaffirmed India's growth forecast for the current fiscal year at **6 percent**, citing several factors affecting the economic landscape. This announcement comes amid a backdrop of global economic challenges, concerns over subnormal monsoons, and the delayed effects of interest rate hikes. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian government has chosen to keep its borrowing plan unchanged for the second half of the fiscal year 2023-2024 (H2FY24). The government's projected **gross market borrowing** for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, stands at Rs 15.43 lakh crore. Between April and September, the government successfully borrowed Rs 8.88 lakh crore. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a recent report by **CRISIL MI&A (Market Intelligence and Advisory)**, India's power demand for September 2023 reached an impressive five-year high. The report also offers insights into the factors driving this surge and the challenges faced by the power sector. Here, we break down the key findings and observations. India's power demand in September witnessed remarkable year-on-year growth, reaching 140-142 billion units (BUs), marking a five-year high. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant economic development, **India's core sector** witnessed impressive growth in August, reaching a **14-month high of 12.1%**. This remarkable surge in core sector performance is attributed to several key factors, primarily the favorable base effect. In this report, we delve into the details of this growth, including the sectors driving it and the broader implications for India's industrial landscape. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's fiscal deficit** for the first five months of the 2023-24 financial year has reached 36% of the full-year target, according to data from the **Controller General of Accounts (CGA)**. The fiscal deficit represents the gap between government expenditure and revenue, indicating the government's borrowing needs. In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit amounted to Rs 6.42 lakh crore as of the end of August. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian government has announced significant changes to its tax policies related to the petroleum industry. These changes include an increase in the **special additional excise duty (SAED)** on domestically produced crude petroleum, as well as reductions in levies on **diesel and Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF)**. Effective from September 30, 2023, the government has raised the **windfall tax on domestically produced crude oil** to Rs 12,100 per tonne. This marks an increase from the previous rate of Rs 10,000 per tonne, which was set during the last fortnightly review on September 15, 2023. The windfall tax is intended to capture excessive profits in the crude petroleum sector. ([Click here to read the article](#))



## Business Current Affairs

- Bajaj Auto's subsidiary, **Bajaj Auto Consumer Finance**, has received regulatory approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to commence its **non-banking financial institution (NBFC)** operations. This significant development allows the company to expand its financial services without accepting public deposits. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **ITI Limited**, a premier telecom company and multi-unit central public sector undertaking in India, has made significant strides in the technology market by developing its own branded Laptop and Micro PC, branded as 'SMAASH.' These products have taken the market by storm, competing successfully against well-established MNC brands like Acer, HP, Dell, and Lenovo. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Volvo Cars**, a prominent name in the automotive industry, has recently made a groundbreaking announcement. The **Swedish** car manufacturer has declared its intention to cease the production of diesel-powered vehicles by early 2024, marking a significant step toward its goal of becoming an **all-electric carmaker**. This decision aligns with Volvo's commitment to transitioning fully to electric vehicles by 2030. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Apple**, the renowned iPhone maker, is gearing up to significantly expand its manufacturing operations in India. Government sources report that the company aims to increase its production in the country by over fivefold, reaching approximately **\$40 billion (about 3.32 lakh crore)** within the next 4-5 years. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- E-commerce giant **Amazon.com** has announced a strategic investment of up to **\$4 billion** in **Anthropic**, an AI startup, marking a significant move to enhance its presence in generative artificial intelligence. This partnership, as reported by Bloomberg (Software company), not only involves a substantial financial commitment but also provides Anthropic with access to Amazon's formidable computing power. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Maruti Suzuki India**, the leading automobile manufacturer in the country, has embarked on a unique journey of collaboration and empowerment by teaming up with the **Indian Navy**. Their joint mission is to create awareness about career opportunities among the youth of Northeastern India through the '**Khamree Mo Sikkim**' outreach programme. This partnership not only reflects the commitment of all stakeholders to the Northeast region but also demonstrates the potential for positive change through collective efforts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant move, the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has recently endorsed capital management reforms, unleashing a substantial \$100 billion fund over the next ten years. These reforms, integrated into ADB's updated **Capital Adequacy Framework (CAF)**, mark a vital step in addressing the multifaceted crises and climate challenges faced by Asia and the Pacific region. ([Click here to read the article](#))

## International Current Affairs

- In a recent development, the **Nobel Foundation** has decided to cancel its invitation to the **Russian Ambassador** for this year's Nobel award ceremony in Stockholm. This decision comes after significant controversy surrounding their initial invitation. In 2022, the Nobel Foundation made a notable decision not to invite Ambassadors from **Russia and Belarus** to the **Stockholm award event** due to the ongoing conflict in **Ukraine**. A similar decision was made regarding the Iranian envoy, citing Iran's crackdown on protests. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **three-day long Kathmandu-Kalinga Literary Festival**, a vibrant and culturally enriching event concluded in **Lalitpur, Nepal**. The festival, which was inaugurated by Nepal's Minister for Foreign Affairs, **NP Saud**, served as a **platform for the exchange of culture in South Asia**, while promoting literary and cultural activities in the region. This gathering of literary minds and artists from **India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka** showcased the **diversity and richness** of South Asian literature and arts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Vanuatu's** parliament elected **Sato Kilman** as the nation's new prime minister after a court upheld a vote of no-confidence in his predecessor, who had sought closer ties with US allies amid China-US rivalry in the Pacific Islands. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The 78th session of the **United Nations General Assembly** commenced with Dennis Francis taking on the role of General Assembly President. In his opening remarks, he emphasized the importance of addressing the numerous global challenges currently confronting the world. The 78th session of the General Assembly, themed '**Rebuilding trust and reigniting global solidarity: Accelerating action on the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals towards peace, prosperity, progress, and sustainability for all**,' focuses on several critical areas. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- After a two-year post-Brexit standoff regarding science funding, the **United Kingdom** has decided to rejoin the European Union's Horizon science research programme. This move is seen as a significant development in bilateral relations between the **UK and the EU**, following the resolution of a trade dispute seven months prior. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- During the opening session of the **two-day G20 Summit**, the **African Union (AU)** received an official invitation to join the Group of 20 largest economies (G20) as a permanent member. This momentous declaration was made by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, marking a significant stride towards a more inclusive and equitable global economic landscape. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- India and the United Kingdom have jointly announced the launch of the Infrastructure Financing Bridge during the **12th Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD)**. This collaborative initiative signifies the continued commitment of both nations to work closely together to unlock substantial infrastructure investment opportunities in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant announcement at the G20 Leaders Summit held in New Delhi, **Prime Minister Rishi Sunak** declared that the United Kingdom would allocate \$2 billion to the **Green Climate Fund (GCF)**. This commitment marks the largest single funding pledge made by the UK to address global climate change challenges, according to an official government statement. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **North Korea** has made headlines by launching its first operational “tactical nuclear attack submarine,” designated **Submarine No. 841** and named **Hero Kim Kun Ok**, an ex-commander of the North Korean navy. The launch ceremony took place with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in attendance, where he highlighted the significance of this new addition to their naval force. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Mayor Craig Greenberg** has declared **September 3** as **Sanatana Dharma Day in Louisville, Kentucky** in the United States emphasizing the significance of fostering peace, tolerance, and understanding within diverse communities. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant announcement during the **G20 summit**, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** unveiled plans for the **India-Middle East-Europe economic corridor**, a ground-breaking initiative that promises to reshape global trade and connectivity. The corridor, which involves **India, UAE, Saudi Arabia, European Union, Italy, Germany and the United States**, is poised to be historic venture, surpassing even the legendary Silk and Spice routes of the past. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Eastern Libya** is in a state of emergency after a powerful **storm named Daniel** caused terrible damage. Thousands of people have been affected, with more than 5,300 lives lost and many still missing. Here’s what you need to know: During the storm, several dams broke, leading to severe flooding in neighborhoods. Many houses were washed away, and people had to search for their missing family members. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **NATO** member countries are gearing up to conduct their most extensive military exercise since the Cold War era. Set to commence in the spring of the following year, this ambitious undertaking is aimed at simulating various military scenarios, with a primary focus on defense against a hypothetical adversary resembling a **Russian-led coalition known as Occusus**. The overarching objective of this exercise, codenamed “**Steadfast Defender**,” is to refine NATO’s transformation from a crisis response organization into a robust war-fighting alliance. The scenario envisages repelling a hypothetical Russian-led attack on a NATO member state. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Units from the countries of the **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** recently embarked on their inaugural joint military exercises in **Indonesia’s South Natuna Sea**. These drills come at a time of escalating geopolitical tensions between major global powers and rising concerns over China’s activities in the South China Sea. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **African Union** is set to launch its own credit ratings agency in the coming year as a direct response to concerns regarding what it perceives as biased credit assessments given to African nations. This move aims to provide a more balanced evaluation of lending risks associated with African countries and bolster investment in the continent. The **African credit rating agency** will primarily function within the African continent and will be financially self-sustaining. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The two-day Summit of the **G77+China** recently concluded, marking a significant moment for the Global South’s aspirations in the international governance system. This summit brought together delegations from over 100 nations, including more than 30 heads of state and government. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **35th edition** of the annual **Gandhi Walk**, a cherished event in the predominantly Indian suburb of Lenasia in **Johannesburg**, finally returned after being postponed for three long years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Canada’s prime minister, **Justin Trudeau**, announced that there was “credible” information linking Indian government agents to the murder of a Sikh separatist leader in British Columbia. The announcement marks a significant worsening of bilateral ties. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** extended an invitation to **U.S. President Joe Biden** to be the chief guest at **India’s Republic Day** celebrations on January 26 next year. U.S. Ambassador Eric Garcetti confirmed the invitation, stating that it is under consideration by the U.S. government. President Biden is also scheduled to visit India in 2024 for the **Quad Summit**, and efforts are being made to align the summit with his visit. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a recent announcement, **British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak** has unveiled a shift in the UK’s strategy for achieving its **Net Zero climate action targets**. This strategy includes a significant delay of five years in implementing the proposed ban on petrol and diesel cars, pushing the deadline to 2035. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Azerbaijan’s military operation in **Nagorno-Karabakh** has ignited concerns of a renewed conflict in the region. This long-standing dispute revolves around an ethnic Armenian region within Azerbaijani territory. The recent attacks have escalated tensions and raised international alarm. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger** have come together to address the pressing issue of jihadism in the **Liptako-Gourma region** by signing a mutual defense pact known as the **Alliance of Sahel States (AES)**. This landmark agreement aims to establish a framework for collective defense and mutual assistance among these nations to protect their populations from the growing threat of terrorism. Here, we delve into the key aspects of this development. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Since the summer of 2020, the **United Kingdom** has witnessed a concerning surge in cases of **Brucella canis infection** among dogs, originating primarily from **Eastern Europe**. This incurable disease, which has been spreading among canines, has now made the alarming leap to infect humans, with three British citizens falling victim to its debilitating effects. This article explores the nature of *Brucella canis*, its transmission, symptoms, and preventive measures. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP)** has officially declared that the **general elections in Pakistan** will be held in the last week of January 2024. This announcement follows a series of delays in the election timeline. Initially slated for October of the same year, the elections were postponed due to the early exit of the Shehbaz Sharif government and the necessity for a comprehensive census. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives has embarked on an impeachment inquiry against Democratic **President Joe Biden**. Spearheaded by Speaker **Kevin McCarthy**, this move signifies an attempt to score political points at the onset of the election campaign cycle. This development is steeped in political context, partly influenced by **former President Donald Trump's** two impeachments and the desire to balance the score. We delve into the charges against President Biden, largely centered around allegations related to his son Hunter Biden's business dealings. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant diplomatic development, **China and Syria** have formally announced the establishment of a strategic partnership. This announcement came during a meeting between Chinese leader **Xi Jinping** and Syrian President Bashar Assad in **Hangzhou, China**, as the city prepared to host the Asian Games. The partnership reflects China's growing engagement with countries in the Middle East and its quest to assert itself on the global stage. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a historic moment for devotees of Hinduism and lovers of art and culture, the **Swaminarayan Akshardham temple** in **Robbinsville Township, New Jersey**, is set to be inaugurated on **8th October 2023**, under the guidance of its spiritual head, **Mahant Swami Maharaj**. This monumental temple, constructed outside of India, is poised to become the **second-largest Hindu temple in the world, following the majestic Angkor Wat in Cambodia**. With its intricate design, spiritual significance and commitment to sustainability, the Swaminarayan Akshardham stands as an evident to human dedication, tradition and artistry. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Nepal's Prime Minister, **Pushpa Kamal Dahal**, recently concluded his week-long visit to **China**, which was expected to address critical issues such as Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) projects, cross-border energy trade, and past agreements. However, the agreements signed during this visit did not cover these key areas. Instead, they focused on various other aspects of bilateral cooperation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Following **India's lead**, the **United States** has expressed concerns regarding the planned visit of a Chinese research vessel to **Sri Lanka** in October. The **Chinese vessel**, named *Shi Yan 6*, is set to undertake scientific research projects during an 80-day operation in the Indian Ocean, with 13 research teams on board. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Government of India has recently made a significant decision to permit the export of **75,000 tons of non-basmati white rice** to the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. This move comes at a time when India had imposed restrictions on the export of non-basmati white rice, aiming to bolster domestic supplies amidst concerns over inflation and the unpredictability of the monsoon season. **The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)** made this announcement on Monday, signaling a shift in India's export policies. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Ahead of the upcoming Moscow format meeting in **Kazan, Russia**, the Taliban has called upon India for economic support and recognition. This development is significant in light of China's increased engagement with the Taliban and the recent appointment of a new Chinese Ambassador to Kabul. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a groundbreaking move, **India** and the **United Nations** have jointly introduced a significant capacity-building initiative known as the **"India-UN Capacity Building Initiative."** This initiative is designed to facilitate the sharing of India's development experiences, best practices, and expertise with partner countries in the Global South. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sri Lanka** is facing delays in receiving the second tranche of its **\$2.9 billion IMF bailout package** due to unresolved issues with its external debt restructuring. This crisis comes as the nation grapples with its worst economic downturn in history, characterized by dwindling foreign exchange reserves and public protests over shortages of vital commodities. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a move that underscores Russia's unwavering commitment to its military endeavors, the country is poised to substantially increase its defense spending by nearly **70% in 2024**. This financial shift, as revealed in a document published by the **Russian Finance Ministry**, comes as Moscow continues to allocate significant resources to support its extensive offensive operations in Ukraine. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The Five Eyes Intelligence Alliance, often referred to as simply **“Five Eyes,”** is a secretive international intelligence coalition comprising five English-speaking countries. Established in the aftermath of **World War II**, this alliance has played a pivotal role in shaping global intelligence and security strategies. In this article, we will delve into the history, purpose, and controversies surrounding the Five Eyes alliance. The Five Eyes alliance originated as a post-war intelligence-sharing agreement between the **United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand**. Formed in 1946, its primary objective was to share **signals intelligence (SIGINT)** to counter the emerging Soviet threat during the Cold War. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a remarkable achievement, the US Mission in India exceeded its target by processing a staggering **one million** non-immigrant visa applications in 2023. This milestone signifies the growing interest of Indians in visiting the United States. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Inflation** in the **Eurozone** has dropped to its lowest level in almost two years, providing potential relief for the **European Central Bank (ECB)** and raising questions about the continuation of its rate-hiking cycle. Official data from Eurostat reveals that consumer prices in the **20-nation Eurozone** rose at an annual rate of 4.3 percent in September, down from 5.2 percent in August. This marks the lowest level of inflation since October 2021. ([Click here to read the article](#))

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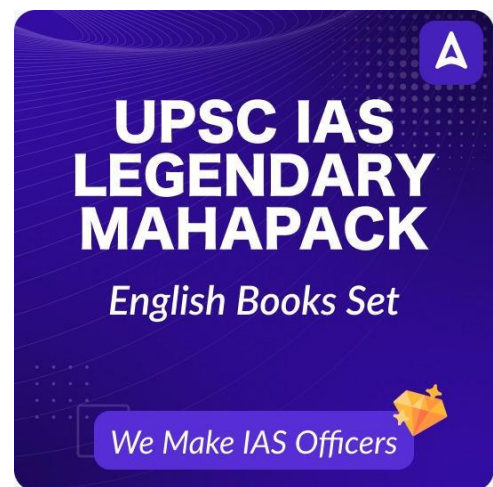
- Access to justice is a fundamental right that every citizen should enjoy, regardless of their geographical location or socio-economic status. In a significant stride towards achieving this goal, the Union Minister of Law and Justice recently launched **Tele-Law 2.0**, a revamped version of the **Tele-Law program**. This initiative, operating under the **DISHA Scheme** by the **Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice**, aims to provide free legal aid to the rural and marginalized sections of society through video conferencing. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a momentous event that pays homage to the father of the nation, President **Droupadi Murmu** will inaugurate a **12-foot statue of Mahatma Gandhi** and a **‘Gandhi Vatika’** near **Rajghat on September 4**. This initiative, organized by the **Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti**, carries immense significance as it coincides with India’s celebration of **75 years of independence** and its tenure as the **G20 presidency**. Let’s explore the details of this event and its symbolic importance. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development in the realm of education, Union Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** announced on **September 1** that **The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)** has been conferred with the status of a deemed university. This momentous announcement was made during an event commemorating the **63rd** foundation day of **NCERT** in the national capital. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The upcoming **G20 Summit in New Delhi** is set to be a significant event, and the city is making preparations to ensure the success and the safety of its attendees. Scheduled for **Saturday, September 9, 2023, and Sunday, September 10, 2023**, the Delhi G20 Summit is expected to bring together leaders from around the world to discuss pressing global issues. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian government has taken decisive steps to enhance the safety and security of **SIM card** acquisition in the country. The **Department of Telecommunications (DoT)** has issued two crucial circulars, one targeting individual SIM card users and the other aimed at telecom companies like Airtel and Jio, with the goal of regulating and improving the process. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The recent use of **‘President of Bharat’** in an official G20 summit dinner invitation has sparked speculations about a potential name change for **India to ‘Bharat.’** While this development has drawn criticism from opposition parties, it’s not uncommon for countries to undergo name changes. Let’s explore some examples from around the world. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India has unveiled the **world’s first portable disaster hospital**, a groundbreaking facility that can be **airlifted and consists of 72 cubes**. This extraordinary endeavor is a component of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s ambitious **“Project BHISHM”** (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri), unveiled in February 2022. The project was officially inaugurated during the **MedTech Expo** in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. ([Click here to read the article](#))





- **The Union Home Ministry** has granted approval to **Puducherry's** proposal to implement a **10% horizontal reservation** for students who graduate from **government higher secondary schools** pursuing undergraduate medical education. This reservation policy, effective immediately, will benefit students who have cleared the **NEET examination** and completed their education from government schools starting from standard one. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- At the venue of the G20 Summit, world leaders will be greeted by a breathtaking **27-foot-tall statue of Nataraja, Lord Shiva** in his cosmic dance. This magnificent sculpture, made from an eight-metal alloy known as ashtadhatu, weighs a staggering 18 tonnes, requiring a trailer with 36 tires for transportation to Delhi. Crafted by skilled artisans from Swamimalai in **Tamil Nadu's Thanjavur district**, this masterpiece seamlessly blends tradition with modernity, drawing inspiration from ancient Nataraja idols. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a groundbreaking moment for the city of **Bengaluru**, Energy Minister **KJ George** inaugurated the country's inaugural **underground transformer center**, a significant step towards modernizing the city's power distribution infrastructure. This monumental achievement reflects Bengaluru's commitment to safety, reliability, and aesthetic enhancement of its urban landscape. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the formation of the **Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA)** during the G20 Summit. The alliance includes more than 30 countries and international organizations, aimed at promoting the adoption of biofuels and expanding bioenergy access in emerging economies. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant event held on September 12, 2023, **President Droupadi Murmu** inaugurated the **First Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights** in New Delhi. This symposium, organized by the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (International Treaty) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome, was hosted by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On the eve of the G20 leadership summit, the Ministry of Culture unveiled a remarkable online portal titled "**Bharat: The Mother of Democracy.**" This portal serves as a comprehensive digital exhibition chronicling the rich history of democracy in India, spanning an astonishing 7,000 years – from the Sindhu-Saraswati civilization to the year 2019. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **President Droupadi Murmu**, in a historic virtual ceremony, launched the **Ayushman Bhav campaign** and the **Ayushman Bhava portal** from the Raj Bhavan in Gandhinagar, marking a significant stride towards achieving **Universal Health Coverage (UHC)** in India. This campaign aims to enhance the accessibility and affordability of healthcare services, especially for underserved communities. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian government has unveiled the **third phase** of its **Ujjwala scheme**. This initiative aims to provide **free gas connections**, along with a stove and a refill, to 7.5 million impoverished households for three years. The move extends the program's total coverage to an impressive 103.5 million households. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Union Ministry of Home Affairs** has unveiled a noteworthy modification in the utilization of birth certificates for essential services, set to take effect on **October 1, 2023**. These alterations, driven by the **Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2023**, are designed to enhance the efficiency and transparency of public service delivery. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian government has given the green light to **Phase III of the e-Courts project**, marking another significant step towards modernizing the country's judicial system. With a substantial budget allocation of **Rs 7,210 crore**, this initiative aims to leverage technology to enhance the efficiency and accessibility of the courts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development for India's agricultural sector, the government has unveiled the **UPAg (Unified Portal for Agricultural Statistics)**. This groundbreaking initiative is aimed at tackling the complex governance challenges that currently beset the country's farming industry. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked a historic moment as he unveiled Phase 1 of the India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC), aptly named '**Yashobhoomi.**' This state-of-the-art facility, constructed at a cost of **Rs 5,400 crore**, promises to redefine the landscape of **meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE)** on a global scale. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Sacred Ensembles of the **Hoysala, the famed Hoysala temples of Belur, Halebid and Somananthpura in Karnataka** have been added to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage list. This inclusion marks the **42nd UNESCO World Heritage Site** in India and comes just a day after Rabindranath Tagore's Santiniketan also received this distinguished recognition. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated 'Udaan Bhawan,' a state-of-the-art integrated office complex nestled within the confines of **Delhi's Safdarjung Airport**. Udaan Bhawan promises to play a pivotal role in facilitating enhanced coordination and efficiency among various regulatory authorities operating under the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- As the proceedings of the Indian Parliament shift to a new, state-of-the-art building, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the new name for the old Parliament building: "Samvidhan Sadan" or "Constitution House." This iconic structure, designed by British architects **Sir Edwin Lutyens** and **Herbert Baker** and completed in **1927**, has witnessed some of the most pivotal moments in Indian history, including the drafting and passing of India's constitution. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On September 18, the Union Cabinet took a historic step by approving the **Women Reservation Bill**, which mandates a 33 percent reservation for women in both the Lok Sabha and state assemblies of India. This monumental legislation aims to ensure equal representation for women in the highest legislative bodies of the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has recently launched a series of initiatives aimed at revolutionizing the agricultural sector in India. These initiatives include the **Kisan Rin portal**, the **Ghar Ghar KCC campaign**, and the **Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS)** manual. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the 'International Lawyers' Conference 2023' at New Delhi's Vigyan Bhawan today. This conference, organized by the **Bar Council of India**, has brought together legal experts from across the globe to deliberate on the theme 'Emerging Challenges in Justice Delivery System.' The event, scheduled for September 23 and 24, marks the first of its kind in India and aims to facilitate discussions on pressing legal issues of both national and international significance. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is flag off **nine** Vande Bharat Express trains, September 24th, according to ministry officials. Among these nine trains, the **Indian Railways** is launching **two trains** for West Bengal's Howrah and Tamil Nadu's Chennai, with **one each** for Kerala, Odisha, Telangana, Gujarat, and the poll-bound state of Rajasthan. These semi-high-speed trains are configured with **eight coaches** and are expected to offer a significant boost to the country's rail connectivity. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's Jal Shakti minister, **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**, recently announced a significant achievement in the country's sanitation efforts. He reported that **75% of Indian villages**, totaling about 4.4 lakh, have attained the coveted 'Open Defecation Free Plus' (ODF Plus) status. This milestone signifies a crucial step toward fulfilling the goals of the second phase of the **Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin** by 2024-25. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India witnessed a historic event as the **country's first-ever lighthouse festival** illuminated the picturesque state of **Goa**. Organized by the **Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways**, this festival is part of a grand vision to transform 75 lighthouses across India into thriving tourist hubs. The Indian Lighthouse Festival in Goa, which commenced on **September 23 and extends to September 25**, marks a significant milestone in the journey to resurrect these historic structures and celebrate their cultural and historical significance. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** achieved a significant milestone in India's transition to clean energy by unveiling the nation's **first green hydrogen-powered bus**. This groundbreaking initiative marks a crucial step towards reducing the nation's dependency on fossil fuels while promoting eco-friendly transportation alternatives. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Moody's Investors Service**, a global rating agency based in New York, recently issued a report on "**Decentralized Finance and Digital Assets**" on September 23, in which it raised concerns about the security and privacy vulnerabilities associated with biometric technologies, particularly India's Aadhaar program. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has decided to extend the **Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA)** in certain regions of **Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh** for an additional six months, commencing from October 1. This move comes after a previous extension granted in March. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch a week-long programme called '**Sankalp Saptah**' on September 30, 2023. This visionary initiative is closely tied to the effective execution of the **Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP)**, a nationwide endeavor launched by the Prime Minister earlier in the year. The overarching goal of this initiative is to **enhance governance at the block level**, ultimately improving the quality of life for citizens. ([Click here to read the article](#))



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- **Pushkar Singh Dhami**, the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, inaugurated the **logo** and **website** for the **Investor Global Summit** set to take place in **Dehradun** on **December 8-9, 2023**. This summit is poised to explore **investment opportunities** across a wide range of sectors and holds the potential to usher in a significant transformation in the state's economic landscape. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The World Heritage Site **Sanchi** in **Madhya Pradesh's Raisen district** has become India's first solar city. Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** formally launched. It has a capacity of 3 megawatts in Nagauri near Sanchi, which will reduce annual carbon dioxide emissions by 13,747 tonnes. This is equivalent to more than **2,38,000 trees**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development for the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) **Dongria Kondhs** of **Rayagada district** in **Odisha**, their exquisite handwoven shawls, known as **Kapdaganda**, are on the verge of acquiring the prestigious Geographical Indicator (GI) tag while Koraput district's '**Koraput Kalajeera Rice**,' often referred to as the 'Prince of Rice,' has obtained Geographical Indications (GI) status. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Higher Organising Committee of the **Zayed Charity Marathon** has announced a groundbreaking development for India – the **inaugural edition** of the renowned marathon is set to take place in the vibrant state of **Kerala** in **2024**. This event marks a significant collaboration between **Kerala State authorities** and the **Indian community** residing in the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**, strengthening the cultural and economic ties between the two regions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **West Bengal assembly** made a significant decision by passing a resolution to officially observe **Bengali New Year's Day**, known as **Poila Baisakh**, as the state's foundation day on **April 15th**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant move aimed at fostering social inclusion and providing much-needed support, the **Jharkhand government** has taken a progressive step by including the **transgender community** in its universal pension scheme. This decision was announced during a cabinet meeting presided over by **Chief Minister Hemant Soren**, marking a watershed moment in the state's commitment to address the needs of its transgender population. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a groundbreaking move, the **Tamil Nadu** government is all set to launch the **Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam**, the largest social welfare initiative aimed at providing monthly financial assistance. This scheme is set to benefit over **1.06 crore** eligible women who are the heads of their families. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant move, the **Madhya Pradesh (MP) cabinet**, under the leadership of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, has given the green light to a series of transformative initiatives aimed at addressing critical issues within the state. These initiatives encompass compensation for **mob lynching victims**, housing schemes for homeless families, enhanced honorarium for guest faculty, flood relief packages, and the expansion of public services. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- President Droupadi Murmu officially unveiled the Gujarat legislative assembly's Digital House project, **National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)**, in Gandhinagar. The launch ceremony was graced by the distinguished presence of Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat and Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel. This endeavor draws inspiration from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary concept of 'One Nation, One Application' and signifies a substantial leap towards achieving a **completely paperless Assembly** process. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant healthcare initiative, the State Health Minister of Punjab, **Balbir Singh**, inaugurated "**Mission Intensified IndraDhanush**" **5.0**. The launch took place at Dr. BR Ambedkar Medical College in Mohali, Punjab. This mission, initially scheduled for August but delayed due to flooding in the state, aims to provide vaccination against **12 Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (VPD)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a formal ceremony held in **Ferozepur**, Punjab, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann made a significant announcement that marks a profound tribute to the valiant Sikh warriors who gave their lives in the historic **Battle of Saragarhi**. A state-of-the-art monument, dedicated to commemorating the martyrdom of 21 brave Sikh soldiers, will grace the landscape of Ferozepur, with an ambitious timeline of completion within six months. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development for the entertainment industry in **Haryana**, the state government has appointed renowned film actress **Mita Vashisth** as the chairperson of the governing council tasked with overseeing the implementation of the **Haryana Film and Entertainment Policy**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant move aimed at safeguarding the interests and well-being of platform-based **gig workers**, the **Karnataka government** unveiled a groundbreaking initiative that offers a comprehensive insurance package worth **Rs 4 lakh**, including Rs 2 lakh in **life insurance** and an additional Rs 2 lakh in **accidental insurance**. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** is set to unveil a majestic 108-foot-tall statue of the revered philosopher **Adi Shankaracharya** in Omkareshwar on September 18. This monumental project, named “**Eakmta Ki Pratima**” (Statue of Oneness), has garnered significant attention due to its grandeur and spiritual significance. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant move towards improving the overall health and well-being of its residents, Odisha’s Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik, unveiled the “**Mukhyamantri Sampurna Pushti Yojana.**” This initiative, along with the complementary “**Pada Pushti Yojana,**” is a concerted effort to address the nutritional needs of mothers, adolescent girls, and children in the state. The launch of these programs demonstrates the government’s commitment to enhancing the nutritional status of its citizens and fostering a healthier future. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Maharashtra** government has issued an official notification regarding the renaming of Aurangabad and Osmanabad districts to **Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar** and **Dharashiv**, respectively. Following a period during which suggestions and objections were sought several months ago, the decision to change these names at various levels, including sub-division, village, taluka, and district, has been finalized. This notification has been issued by the Revenue Department of the state. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant step towards empowering grassroots leaders, **Assam Governor** Gulab Chand Kataria unveiled the ‘**Sarpanch Samvad**’ app in a grand launch ceremony held at the Raj Bhavan. This groundbreaking initiative is set to revolutionize the way **Sarpanchs**, who are village headmen, communicate, collaborate, and access vital resources. The event witnessed the participation of more than 30 Sarpanchs from various corners of the country, signifying the app’s importance in fostering community development. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Officially known as **Kalyana-Karnataka Liberation Day** (Vimochana Diwas), Hyderabad-Karnataka Liberation Day is an important annual observance celebrated across various districts of Karnataka, India. This event, held on the **17th of September** each year, commemorates the integration of Hyderabad into India in 1948. Union Home Minister Amit Shah actively participated in the ‘official’ Hyderabad-Karnataka Liberation Day ceremony at Parade Grounds in Secunderabad, highlighting its significance. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant move aimed at bolstering the financial independence and well-being of homemakers in Goa, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant distributed **Griha Adhar sanction orders** to a multitude of beneficiaries across the state. This proactive step not only acknowledges the invaluable contributions of homemakers but also seeks to uplift their socio-economic status. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR)** has granted approval for the use of the Truenat test to diagnose **Nipah virus (NiV)** in Kerala. This development is significant as hospitals equipped with Biosafety Level 2 (BSL 2) laboratories can now conduct the test. The Health Minister, Veena George, has announced that a standard operating procedure (SOP) will be formulated for conducting the Truenat test. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **fourth edition** of ‘**Nadi Utsav,**’ a celebration of India’s rich river culture, begins today on September 22nd and will continue until September 24th, 2023. Organized by the **National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM)** of IGNC (Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts) in collaboration with the **Janapada Sampada Division**, this year’s ‘Nadi Utsav’ promises to be an enlightening and culturally immersive experience. The event will be hosted in the vibrant city of Delhi, situated on the banks of the sacred **River Yamuna.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** inaugurated a **108-foot-tall statue** of the 8th-century spiritual leader, **Adi Shankaracharya** on **21st September.** This significant event occurred amidst political dynamics and is an evident to the promotion of Sanatan Dharma and cultural unity. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a recent announcement, the **Ministry of Tourism** has declared **Biswanath Ghat in Assam** as the **Best Tourism Village of India for the year 2023.** This recognition comes after an extensive selection process that involved reviewing 791 applications from 31 different states and union territories across the country. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma expressed his delight at this achievement, highlighting the immense efforts made by the government to promote rural tourism in the state. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Civil Aviation Minister **Jyotiraditya Scindia** recently announced the imminent launch of three additional air routes in Arunachal Pradesh, set to be operational by October of this year. These new routes will connect **Itanagar, the capital of Arunachal Pradesh, to Rupsi, Jorhat, and Delhi** as part of the **UDAN-5 scheme.** UDAN, or Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik, is a regional connectivity initiative designed to enhance accessibility to aviation services for the common citizens. The development comes after the inauguration of enhanced infrastructure at the Tezu airport in Lohit district. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Goa**, often referred to as the “Pearl of the Orient,” is a coastal paradise in India known for its stunning beaches, vibrant culture, and rich history. Recently, the government of Goa has approved a groundbreaking policy named “**Goa State Shack Policy 2023-2026**” to enhance the beach experience for tourists while promoting sustainable tourism and economic opportunities for the **local community.** This policy is set to redefine the beach scene in Goa. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Madhya Pradesh**, which is home to the most number of tigers in the country, has got a new protected area for the big cats named '**Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve**'. The Madhya Pradesh Government has unveiled the **Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve**, becoming the seventh tiger reserve in the state and the **54th in India**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Biju Janata Dal (BJD)** party member **Pramila Malik** became the first woman Speaker of the **Odisha Assembly**. The election of Pramila Malik as the Speaker of the Odisha Legislative Assembly and she was elected unopposed. The post became vacant due to the resignation of Bikram Keshari Arukha in May 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Uttarakhand** government made a significant stride in boosting its tourism and infrastructure sector by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Poma Group**, a renowned **French ropeway construction company**. The MoU, valued at a substantial Rs 2,000 crore, was officially inked by **Vinay Shankar Pandey**, the Secretary of Industries on behalf of the Uttarakhand government. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Manipur government has decided to extend the imposition of the **Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA)** for an additional six months in the entire state, except for specific areas within the Imphal Valley. This decision has been made in response to the security situation, particularly in the hill districts dominated by tribal communities, where ethnic violence and insurgent activities have been on the rise. The government's decision contrasts with the army's demand for the re-imposition of AFSPA in the valley districts to aid counterinsurgency efforts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Minister of Tourism and Culture of Uttarakhand, **Satpal Maharaj**, inaugurated the **George Everest Cartography Museum** in the picturesque town of **Mussoorie, Uttarakhand**, on the occasion of **World Tourism Day**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development for wildlife conservation in Bihar, the state is preparing to establish its second tiger reserve within the **Kaimur district**. The upcoming tiger reserve in **Kaimur district will complement the existing Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR)** located in the **West Champaran district of Bihar**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Schemes and Committees

- In a significant achievement, the **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** has provided tap water connections to an impressive 13 crore rural households, marking a remarkable journey since its launch on India's **73rd Independence Day**, August 15, 2019. This mission, guided by the principles of speed and scale, has rapidly expanded access to clean water in rural areas, progressing from 3.23 crore households in August 2019 to the current milestone in just four years. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Prayagraj police** have taken a proactive step towards **ensuring the safety and well-being of senior citizens** in their community. They have recently launched the '**Savera**' scheme, aimed at **offering essential services during health and other emergencies to senior citizens** residing in seven districts within the **Prayagraj zone**. This initiative has garnered significant attention and participation, with over **700 senior citizens registering in just the past three days**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Union Cabinet has given its nod to a groundbreaking scheme aimed at bolstering India's renewable energy sector by supporting the development of a 4 gigawatt (GW) **battery energy storage system (BESS)** by 2030-31. This scheme will provide viability gap funding (VGF) to make battery storage more economically viable, with a focus on enhancing the integration of solar and wind energy into the grid. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Access to justice is a fundamental right that every citizen should enjoy, regardless of their geographical location or socio-economic status. In a significant stride towards achieving this goal, the Union Minister of Law and Justice recently launched **Tele-Law 2.0**, a revamped version of the **Tele-Law program**. This initiative, operating under the **DISHA Scheme** by the **Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice**, aims to provide free legal aid to the rural and marginalized sections of society through video conferencing. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian government has initiated the **2023-24 Series II** of the **Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme**, which has begun its subscription phase today and will remain open until **September 15**. This scheme offers a secure alternative for investing in gold, diverging from physical gold ownership, while also presenting an opportunity for additional income. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On the 15th of September, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **MK Stalin** marked the birth anniversary of Dravidian icon C N Annadurai by unveiling a groundbreaking initiative aimed at uplifting women across the state. The initiative, aptly named the "**Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam**" scheme, holds the potential to bring about a significant positive change in the lives of countless women in **Tamil Nadu**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (**SHREYAS scheme**), comprising four central sector sub-schemes, has been instrumental in empowering thousands of students from Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) since its inception in 2014. This umbrella scheme encompasses "Top Class Education for SCs," "Free Coaching Scheme for SCs and OBCs," "National Overseas Scheme for SCs," and "National Fellowship for SCs." ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled the **'PM Vishwakarma' scheme** on the auspicious occasion of 'Vishwakarma Jayanti.' This initiative is designed to provide crucial support to traditional craftsmen and artisans by offering them low-interest loans without requiring collateral. With a substantial financial allocation of **Rs 13,000 crore** over a five-year period, this scheme aims to benefit approximately **30 lakh families** of traditional artisans and craftsmen, including weavers, goldsmiths, blacksmiths, laundry workers, and barbers. The primary objective is to enhance the accessibility and quality of products and services provided by these skilled individuals. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant move to empower rural youth, especially women, and equip them with essential digital skills, Union Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister, **Dharmendra Pradhan**, alongside Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla**, inaugurated the groundbreaking 'Skills on Wheels' initiative. The primary objective of this initiative is to enhance the employability of rural youth and prepare them for the challenges of the future job market. This initiative is a collaborative effort between the **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** and **IndusInd Bank**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian government has taken a significant step towards strengthening the country's medical devices industry by approving a **₹480 crore scheme** aimed at developing a skilled talent pool. This three-year initiative is poised to provide essential financial support to government institutions for the implementation of **various courses related to medical devices**, with the goal of upgrading these institutions to global standards. The scheme's approval follows the recent introduction of the **National Medical Device Policy, 2023**, which envisions the growth of India's medical devices sector from its current \$11 billion to an impressive \$50 billion by the year 2030. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports Shri Anurag Singh Thakur** has felicitated players under **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS)** in New Delhi. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS) was formulated to help sportspersons who play well but are from poor and needy family. The scheme helps in procurement of sports equipment and training and till date 270 sportspersons have been provided support of around 8 crore 15 lakhs rupees. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **National Health Authority (NHA)**, under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), is set to host a two-day event known as **'Arogya Manthan'** in New Delhi. This event is being organized to commemorate two significant milestones in India's healthcare sector: the 5th anniversary of the **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)** and the 2nd anniversary of the **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Central Government extended support for exports under the **Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme** till 30 June 2024. The RoDTEP support was originally notified until 30 September 2023, but this extension comes at a crucial time when the country's exports are facing challenges due to the global economic slowdown. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Dharmendra Pradhan**, the Union Minister for Education, introduced the **Malaviya Mission – Teacher Training Program at Kaushal Bhawan in New Delhi** as a crucial step in improving the standard of education in India. This ambitious project, spearheaded by the **University Grants Commission (UGC)** in partnership with the Ministry of Education, seeks to transform faculty capacity building and teacher preparation programs across the country's higher education institutions. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- Navratna Defence PSU **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** and **Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI)**, Israel's leading aerospace and defense company, have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at **enhancing cooperation in addressing India's requirements in the domain of Short Range Air Defence Systems**. The Memorandum of Understanding was officially signed in **Bengaluru**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, the Ministry of Education, and Meta (formerly known as Facebook)** have teamed together in a three-year alliance in a significant move intended to strengthen India's digital capabilities. This ground-breaking program, titled **"Education to Entrepreneurship: Empowering a Generation of Students, Educators, and Entrepreneurs,"** aims to provide aspiring and established business owners with crucial digital marketing knowledge. It is aimed at a mind-boggling 5 lakh people. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant stride towards **enhancing the quality of education and nurturing creativity in classrooms** across India, the **Union Ministry of Education** has joined forces with software giant **Adobe**. This groundbreaking collaboration seeks to **promote creative expression and digital literacy among students and educators** through the utilization of **Adobe Express**, an innovative application developed by Adobe. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- Indian Railways' **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) Vadodara** and **Airbus**, a global aviation giant, have recently embarked on a strategic collaboration aimed at fortifying the Indian aviation sector. This partnership, sealed through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed at **Rail Bhawan, New Delhi**, signifies a significant milestone in fostering industry-academia alliances to propel India's aviation industry to new heights. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant stride towards advancing skill development and entrepreneurship in India, the prestigious **Indian Institute of Management Indore (IIM Indore)** has forged a strategic partnership with the **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)**. This collaborative effort represents a shared commitment to fostering excellence and innovation in these crucial domains. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** and **Saudi Arabia**, two major players in the global energy landscape, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), paving the way for a stronger partnership between these nations in various aspects of the energy sector. This historic agreement was signed by Union Minister for New & Renewable Energy and Power, **R. K. Singh**, on behalf of India and by **Abdulaziz bin Salman Al-Saud**, representing Saudi Arabia. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Thomas Cook (India) Limited**, India's leading omnichannel forex services company, has entered into a groundbreaking partnership with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** to introduce a pioneering **RuPay prepaid forex card** tailored for Indian travelers visiting the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. This significant technological endeavor is being enabled by NPCI Certified Partner, **CARD91**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development, the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** India and the **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard)** have solidified their commitment to revolutionize Indian agriculture through data-driven innovations. Their collaborative effort is aimed at bolstering the agricultural and food systems to uplift the livelihoods of smallholder farmers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant move towards promoting clean mobility and bolstering the commercial vehicle industry, **Ashok Leyland**, a flagship company of the Hinduja Group, announced on Friday, September 15, its plans to invest **₹1,000 crore** in **Uttar Pradesh**. This substantial investment is geared towards establishing a state-of-the-art bus manufacturing facility, marking the company's maiden venture in the state. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)** has joined forces with **Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)** by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under the administrative control of the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** in the field of renewable energy sector. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a strategic move, **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**, a prominent player in the IT industry, has joined forces with Norway's national payment and electronic identity system, **BankID BankAxept**. This collaboration is set to fortify Norway's financial infrastructure, focusing on resilience, security, and availability. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant move towards revolutionizing the landscape of artificial intelligence (AI) applications, **Infosys**, one of India's leading IT majors, has announced a strategic collaboration with tech giant **Microsoft**. The partnership aims to develop **cutting-edge solutions** harnessing the combined prowess of **Infosys Topaz, Azure OpenAI Service, and Azure Cognitive Services**. This collaborative effort seeks to bring AI capabilities to the forefront of enterprise functions across various industries, promising to enhance productivity and drive new revenue growth. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development for the Indian power and infrastructure sectors, state-run **REC Ltd.** has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** to explore collaborative opportunities for funding projects in these sectors under a consortium arrangement. This partnership aims to **co-finance loans** amounting to a substantial **₹55,000 crore** over the **next three years**, according to an official statement released by REC. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development, **HP** has announced a partnership with **Google** to manufacture **Chromebooks in India**, with production set to commence on October 2. This collaboration aims to make affordable computing devices accessible to Indian students and support the government's "Make in India" initiative. ([Click here to read the article](#))



## Ranks and Reports

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious plan to improve air quality in over 100 Indian cities through a holistic approach has taken significant strides towards fruition. The recently released **Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023** (Clean Air Survey) report, conducted by the **Central Pollution Control Board**, reveals that **Indore, Amravati, and Parwanoo** boast the cleanest air in India. These cities have diligently worked towards improving their air quality and have emerged as leaders in the battle against air pollution. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The United Nations, in its latest report titled "**The Gender Snapshot 2023**," sheds light on the somber reality surrounding progress towards achieving gender equality by 2030, as stipulated in the **U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. The report underscores that deeply entrenched biases against women, prevalent across various sectors such as health, education, employment, and politics, threaten to derail this ambitious goal. It identifies active resistance to gender equality and chronic underinvestment as pivotal roadblocks, even leading to reversals in some instances. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A recent report by the **Union Environment Ministry** has shed light on the state of elephant corridors in India. According to this comprehensive report titled "**Elephant Corridors of India**," the country boasts at least 150 elephant corridors, spread across 15 range-states, and encompassing four major elephant-bearing regions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's Union Consumer Affairs Ministry has announced that the country is now the 13th nation authorized to issue International Organisation of Legal Metrology (OIML) certificates. In a significant development, India has joined the ranks of countries authorized to issue **International Organisation of Legal Metrology (OIML) certificates**. The announcement was made by the Union Consumer Affairs Ministry on September 14 in New Delhi, marking a pivotal moment in India's metrological capabilities. ([Click here to read the article](#))

## New Appointments: International

- **Dr. Vasudha Gupta**, a seasoned Senior Indian Information Service officer, has taken charge as the **Principal Director General of Akashvani** and News Services Division. This appointment comes after her commendable tenure as Director General at Akashvani, where she played a pivotal role in revitalizing the iconic broadcasting institution. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Uday Kotak** has formally resigned from his position as the **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank**, with the change taking effect from **September 1st, 2023**. To ensure a seamless transition, **Dipak Gupta**, the **joint managing director of Kotak Mahindra Bank**, will take on the responsibilities of the Managing Director and CEO on an interim basis. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian IT and tech trade body **Nasscom** announced the appointment of **Rajesh Nambiar**, Chairman and Managing Director, Cognizant India, as its new Chairperson. Nambiar is succeeding **Anant Maheshwari**, former President, Microsoft India as the new Chairperson of the trade body. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Shyam Sunder Gupta** took over as the **Principal Chief Operations Manager of Central Railway** on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. His appointment follows the superannuation of **Mukul Jain**, who retired from the position on **August 31, 2023**. Shyam Sunder Gupta's illustrious career in the railway services and his extensive experience make him a valuable addition to this pivotal role. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The General Body of the **International Esports Federation (IESF)** has elected **Lokesh Suji**, director, the Esports Federation of India (ESFI) and vice-president, the Asian Esports Federation, to its membership committee on a three-year term. The election marks the first time that an Indian has become a part of the membership committee of the International Esports Federation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** has appointed **Neeraj Mittal**, a seasoned 1992 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer as the **secretary** in the **Department of Telecommunications**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **SS Innovations**, India's renowned surgical robotic firm, has made a groundbreaking announcement by appointing Padmashri **Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai**, famously known as the **Moon Man of India**, as a **Director** on its Board of Directors. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Women's fashion brand **W** on-boarded **Anushka Sharma** as its brand ambassador. With this partnership, the brand prepares to launch its high-decibel festive campaign that beautifully merges the warmth of festivities with the spirit of modernity. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sindhu Gangadharan**, who holds the position of **Senior Vice President and Managing Director at SAP Labs India** and is also responsible for SAP User Enablement, has been named the **Vice-Chairperson of The National Association of Software and Service Companies (Nasscom)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Mastercard**, the global financial services corporation, has made a significant appointment in its Indian operations by naming **Rajnish Kumar** as the **Chairman of Mastercard India**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- IRS (Indian Revenue Service) officer **Rahul Navin** assumed the role of **In-Charge Director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED)**, succeeding the outgoing Director **Sanjay Kumar Mishra**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a unanimous decision, **Srinivasan K. Swamy**, the Executive Chairman of R.K. Swamy Hansa Group, has been elected as the **Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC)** for the term 2023-2024. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA)** has appointed **Dhananjay Joshi**, MD and CEO of Summit Digitel, as the chairman. Dhananjay Joshi takes over the baton from Akhil Gupta, Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, who served as Chairman of the industry body since 2011. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Nihar Malaviya** has been named as permanent **CEO of Penguin Random House**, nine months after he was appointed the interim chief executive. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has recently given its stamp of approval for the reappointment of **Sashidhar Jagdishan** as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **HDFC Bank**. This tenure extension will see Jagdishan at the helm of the bank for an additional three years, extending his leadership until **October 26, 2026**. This regulatory decision comes as a significant endorsement of his leadership and strategic vision for one of India's largest and most influential banking institutions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a recent development, the Central government has granted a **one-year extension to M Rajeshwar Rao's term** as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The announcement was made via an official statement from the Reserve Bank, indicating that the **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet** has approved this re-appointment. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant leadership transition, the board of **ICICI Lombard General Insurance** has appointed **Sanjeev Mantri** as the new **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO)** of the company. This move follows the resignation of **Bhargav Dasgupta**, the outgoing MD & CEO, who stepped down ahead of completing his 15-year tenure due to recent regulatory changes. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Japanese clothing giant **Uniqlo** has announced its partnership with Bollywood actress **Katrina Kaif**, marking her as the brand's first ambassador in India. This collaboration is part of Uniqlo's strategy to expand its presence in the Indian market and promote its Fall-Winter 2023 campaign. Here's a detailed look at this exciting development. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Dr. Dinesh Dasa**, an eminent scholar with a rich background in forestry and public service, recently took the **oath of office and secrecy as a Member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development within the realm of Indian journalism, **K.N. Shanth Kumar**, a seasoned media professional, has been elected as the **Chairman of the Press Trust of India's Board of Directors** for a one-year term. This announcement came following the Annual General Meeting of PTI's Board of Directors, held at the news agency's headquarters in New Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Sports Current Affairs

- **Max Verstappen** has won the **Italian Grand Prix** and sets a new record for the most consecutive wins in Formula 1 history with 10. **Sergio Perez** made it a Red Bull 1-2 after he got ahead of **Carlos Sainz** following a fierce battle with the Ferrari driver in the closing stages. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In Hockey, **India beat Pakistan** in penalty shootout in the final to win the inaugural **Men's Hockey 5s Asia Cup 2023 in Salalah, Oman**. The win also served as Asia's qualifying tournament for the **FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024**. Subsequently, India qualified for the **FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- For the first time in international cricket, a transgender woman player will feature in ICC-related tournaments. **Danielle McGahey**, 29, is set to become the first transgender woman player to play in international cricket. The right-hand batter from Australia, who moved to Canada in 2020, had fulfilled the eligibility criteria for **male-to-female (MTF) transition**, per ICC. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Divya Deshmukh**, a 17-year-old Chess Woman Grandmaster hailing from **Nagpur, Maharashtra, India** clinched victory in the women's category of the rapid section at the **Tata Steel Chess India tournament**. She dominated the competition by securing victories in all three rounds of the tournament, which took place at the **National Library in Kolkata** on September 1, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Thailand women's cricket team's star spinner **Nattaya Boochatham** created history with her three wickets against Kuwait in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Asia Region Qualifier, September 4. **Nattaya completed 100 wickets in T20Is** to become the first-ever cricketer, male or female, to reach the 100-wicket mark in international cricket. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **Amul** is named as the official sponsor of the Indian Contingent for the **19th Asian Games 2022** to be held in **Hangzhou, China** from **September 23 to October 8, 2023**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **IndusInd Bank**, a leading financial institution in India, has announced a significant multi-year sponsorship deal with the **International Cricket Council (ICC)**. The partnership is set to commence with the highly anticipated **Men's Cricket World Cup**, which is scheduled to begin on **October 5th**, showcasing the world's best cricketing talent on the Indian subcontinent. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- For the very first time, **Chennai** will be the host city for "**Street 20**," an incredibly heartwarming cricket tournament exclusively dedicated to street children, aiming to captivate the hearts of both cricket enthusiasts and advocates for children's rights alike. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Governor of Goa, **Shri. P.S. Sreedharan Pillai**, officially introduced the **Mashaal (torch)** to mark the commencement of the **37th National Games**. This splendid event was organized by the **Department of Sports and Youth Affairs**, in collaboration with the **Sports Authority of Goa**, at the **Durbar Hall in Raj Bhavan, Donapaula**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- At the 2023 **Tata Steel Chess India** tournament held in Kolkata, **R Praggnanandhaa** from India achieved an impressive **third-place finish**, establishing himself as the leading Indian contender. In the **Open Blitz** category, world champion **Alexander Grischuk** exhibited his dominance by securing the top position, while **Arjun Erigaisi** secured the second-best position among Indian participants, securing **fourth place** in the Chess tournament. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- During the **2023 Archery World Cup Final** held in **Hermosillo, Mexico**, **Prathamesh Jawkar**, the Indian compound archer, embarked on a memorable journey in his first-ever World Cup Final appearance. He clinched a **silver medal** as Jawkar's incredible run in the competition concluded with a thrilling face-off against **Denmark's Mathias Fullerton**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India secured the championship title by triumphing over Bangladesh with a 2-0 victory in the final match of the **SAFF U-16 Championship 2023**, which took place on September 10 at the **Changlimithang Stadium** in **Thimphu, Bhutan**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Germany beat Serbia** 83-77 to lift basketball's **2023 FIBA World Cup**. Germany went 8-0 in the tournament, becoming the fifth consecutive World Cup champion to go unbeaten. The tournament most valuable player **Dennis Schroder** carried Germany with a game-high 28 points, way above his average of 17.9 points per game, and added two rebounds and two assists. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's **Virat Kohli** became the fastest batter to reach **13,000 ODI runs** during the **Asia Cup Super 4** against **Pakistan** at the **R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo, Sri Lanka**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian captain **Rohit Sharma** completed **10,000 ODI runs** during the **Asia Cup 2023 Super Four match** against **Sri Lanka** in **Colombo**. Rohit Sharma has crossed the landmark after reaching 23 with a six during his 241st innings in the format. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian badminton player **Kiran George** secured a remarkable victory at the **Indonesia Masters 2023**, held in **Medan, North Sumatra**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Subroto Cup International Football Tournament**, India's oldest national inter-school football competition, is set to make history in its **62nd edition**. **Bengaluru**, the **Silicon Valley of India**, has been added to the list of host cities for this prestigious event. Previously held in **Delhi** and **Gurugram**, the tournament is scheduled to take place from **September 19 to October 23, 2023**, across three venues. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Maharashtra** clinched the title of champions in the **5th National Wheelchair Rugby Championship 2023** by securing a convincing victory over **Karnataka**, concluding with a final score of 31-10. This championship, which took place at **Balewadi in Pune** from **September 10 to September 11, 2023**, was marked by intense competition and served as a testament to the impressive development of wheelchair rugby in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Neeraj Chopra**, India's star javelin thrower and the reigning World champion, displayed his skill and resolve at the **Diamond League finals** in **Eugene**. His best throw of **83.80 meters** secured him the **second position** in this prestigious competition, where he engaged in a remarkable battle against formidable opponents. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Ferrari's **Carlos Sainz** won the **Singapore Grand Prix** to end **Formula 1 leader Max Verstappen's** record run of 10 wins in a row and shatter **Red Bull's** dream of going through the season unbeaten. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian energy giant **Indian Oil** has taken on the title sponsorship of the edition of **MotoGP Bharat**, the first-ever grand prix in India, which will be held at the **Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida** from **September 22 to 24**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Mondo Duplantis**, the **Swedish** pole vault sensation and reigning world and Olympic champion, brought the athletics season to a spectacular close at the **2023 Diamond League Final** in **Eugene** on **September 17th**. In a jaw-dropping display of skill and athleticism, Duplantis cleared the bar at **6.23 meters** with his first attempt, surpassing his own world record of 6.22 meters set in **Clermont-Ferrand** back in **February**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Cricketer **Deepak Chahar**, known for his stellar performances on the cricket field, has ventured into the world of sports equipment with the launch of **DNINE Sports**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Indian shooter **Elavenil Valarivan** secured a remarkable victory in the women's **10m air rifle event** at the **ISSF World Cup 2023** held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on a thrilling Saturday. The 24-year-old Olympian showcased her exceptional skills and nerves of steel as she outperformed her competitors to clinch the coveted gold medal. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Adidas** has revealed **Team India's jersey for the upcoming ICC World Cup 2023**. The upcoming tournament is a historic one for India as they will be hosting the ODI World Cup alone for the very first time. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** has decided to have not one, but two flag-bearers to lead the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony of the upcoming **Asian Games 2023** in Hangzhou, China. The distinguished honor of flag-bearer at the opening ceremony of the Asian Games 2023 has been bestowed upon two exceptional athletes: **Harmanpreet Singh** and **Lovlina Borgohain**. Harmanpreet Singh, the captain of the Indian Hockey team, and Lovlina Borgohain, an Olympic medallist boxer, have been selected to jointly lead the Indian contingent at this grand sporting event, scheduled to commence on September 23 in Hangzhou. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** announced **SBI Life** as the official partner for the **BCCI Domestic and International Season 2023-26** on September 20, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant announcement, the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has officially designated three prestigious venues in the **United States** for hosting the **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024**. This marks a historic moment as the tournament makes its debut on American soil, with **Dallas, Florida, and New York** being selected as the host cities. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **MotoGP Bharat** is being held at the **Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida** from September 22 to September 24. The three-day extravaganza is one of the biggest racing events to be held in India since hosting three Formula 1 races between 2011 to 2013. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Sports Minister **Anurag Thakur** has called off his trip to the Asian Games in protest of **China's** refusal to grant entry to **Indian Wushu players** from **Arunachal Pradesh**. This decision has come amidst an official protest by the Indian government against China's discriminatory treatment of these athletes. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- After their 5-wicket win against **Australia**, **India** became the number 1 ranked team in all three formats i.e. **Tests, ODIs, and T20Is**. India displaced Pakistan from the top of the ODI rankings while they lead England in the T20I rankings. In the longest format, they are in the first place while Australia are right behind them. India is now the world's best ODI team with a rating of 116 and 4,864 points. India (116 rating points) displaced their arch-rivals Pakistan (115) at the top of the rankings after the win in the first ODI. Australia remain third but the gap between the top two has now widened after they dropped two points to 111. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a thrilling race at the Buddh International Circuit, Italian rider **Marco Bezzecchi**, representing the Mooney VR46 Racing Team, emerged victorious in the inaugural **Indian Grand Prix** for the 2023 MotoGP season. This marked Bezzecchi's third triumph of the season, solidifying his status as a top contender in the championship. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In the second ODI between **Team India and Australia in Indore**, India achieved a significant milestone by surpassing **3000 ODI sixes**. They posted a formidable total of 399/6, striking an impressive 18 sixes during their innings. This remarkable feat made India the first team to reach the milestone of 3000 ODI sixes. The West Indies closely trail as the second team on the list with **2953 sixes**, while Pakistan holds the third position with **2566 sixes**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India, known for its strong sporting culture, had a promising start on the first official day of the **2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou, China**. India wrapped up the first official day of the Asian Games 2023 **with five medals – three silver and two bronze**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a remarkable debut appearance in the Asian Games cricket competition, **India** emerged victorious against the formidable **Sri Lankan team**, securing the **gold medal** with a **19-run victory**. This triumph marks a significant milestone for India, who had chosen not to participate in the two previous editions of the continental Games that included cricket as a sport. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Gold Medal Triumph: India's team**, comprising **Rudranksh Patil, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, and Divyansh Singh Panwar**, secured the gold medal in the highly competitive men's 10m air rifle team event at the Asian Games 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a remarkable display of equestrian prowess, India clinched the gold medal in dressage at the **Asian Games 2023**, marking a historic moment for the nation. The Indian equestrian team, consisting of **Anush Agarwal, Hriday Vipul Kheda, Sudipati Hazel, and Divyakriti Singh**, achieved this victory with a stellar score of **209.205**. This triumph comes after a 41-year-long wait for India, as the country had previously won gold in horse riding during its debut appearance at the Asian Games in 1982. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In an impressive display of marksmanship, the **Indian trio of Manu Bhaker, Esha Singh, and Rhythm Sangwan** secured the gold medal in the **women's 25m pistol team event** at the **Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China**. With a total score of 1759, Team India outshone the competition, narrowly edging out China for the top spot. This victory adds to India's growing medal tally at the ongoing Asiad, where they have notched up an impressive haul of 16 medals, including four golds. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **The Film Federation of India** has announced that the Malayalam movie **“2018: Everyone is a Hero,”** based on the Kerala floods, will represent India as its official entry at the **Academy Awards or Oscars in 2024**. The film, directed by **Jude Anthony Joseph**, delves into the harrowing tales of survival during the devastating floods that struck the state. Its selection was attributed to its poignant portrayal of climate change issues and the societal misconceptions about development. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian shooter **Sift Kaur Samra** made history with a spectacular performance, clinching gold in the **women’s 50m rifle 3 position event**. She not only won the gold but also shattered world, Asian, and Games records along the way. This remarkable achievement marks a significant moment in her shooting career. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian shooters** have continued to make their mark at the Asian Games, clinching their 6th gold medal in the **Men’s 10m Air Pistol Team event**. **Sarabjot Singh, Shiva Narwal, and Arjun Singh Cheema** displayed exceptional prowess, securing victory by a single point over the home Chinese team. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a stunning display of skill and precision, the Indian men’s shooting trio comprising **Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar, Swapnil Suresh Kusale, and Akhil Sheoran** secured a gold medal in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Team event. Their remarkable achievement didn’t stop there; they broke the world record with an extraordinary score of 1769 points. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Nepal cricket** team rewrote the record books in the **Asian Games 2023**, achieving remarkable milestones in T20 International cricket. Nepal’s extraordinary performance in the tournament led them to become the first team ever to cross the 300-run mark in T20Is. **Nepal’s No. 5 batter, Dipendra Singh Airee**, also made headlines with his explosive batting. Airee blazed his way to a **nine-ball fifty**. At just **19 years old, Kushal Malla**, a talented left-handed batter, etched his name in cricket history by smashing the **fastest-ever T20I century**. Nepal’s innings was punctuated by a sensational display of power-hitting, as they smashed a total of **26 sixes**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rohan Bopanna and Rutuja Bhosale** claimed mixed doubles gold with a **2-6 6-3 10-4** win over Chinese Taipei’s **Yu-hsiou Hsu and Hao-ching Chan**. It was India’s second medal in tennis at the continental event after Ramkumar Ramanathan and Saketh Myneni had won a silver in men’s doubles. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Awards Current Affairs

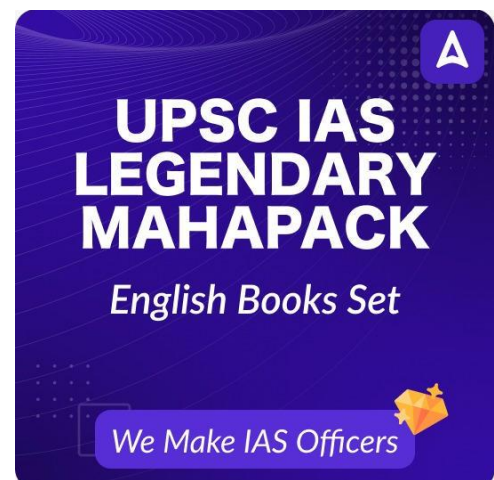
- President **Droupadi Murmu** presented awards at an event organized by the **Department of School Education & Literacy** under the Ministry of Education, held at **Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi**. This year, 75 teachers from all over the country were chosen to receive this prestigious award. Among the **75 selected teachers, 50 are from the school system, 13 are from higher education institutions, and 12 come from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Mumbai Professor **Satyajit Majumdar**, dean of School of Management and Labour Studies from **Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)**, has received the **‘Dr V G Patel Memorial Award-2023** for Entrepreneurship Trainer, Educator and Mentor’ for his work in promoting and strengthening entrepreneurship in India. Patel is widely acknowledged as the Father of the Entrepreneurship Movement in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A book by Indian-American cancer physician and researcher **Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee** has been longlisted for the prestigious 50,000 pound **Baillie Gifford Prize** for Non-Fiction in London. **‘The Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human’**, which is among the 13-book longlist announced, highlights how cellular research has revolutionised medicine, enabling the treatment of life-altering diseases including Alzheimer’s and AIDS. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Praveena Anjana** of Udaipur has been crowned **Miss International India 2023**, gaining her position to represent India at the Miss International pageant in Japan this October. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Vijayawada Railway Station** was awarded the ‘Green Railway Station’ certification with the highest rating of **Platinum by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)** for its efforts in improving the environmental standards and providing eco-friendly services to passengers. This is an upgradation of the station’s ratings, from gold in 2019 to platinum in 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **RITES Limited** has been honoured with the **‘Safety Innovation Award 2023’**, under the ‘Construction’ category, for implementing ‘Innovative Safety Management Systems’ in its operations. The award was presented to RITES’ officials during the inaugural function of the 20th Safety Convention organized by The Institution of Engineers (India), the largest multi-disciplinary professional body of engineers, at **Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Renowned ophthalmologist **Brig Sanjay Kumar Mishra** of Indian Army’s Research and Referral Hospital was conferred with the prestigious **“Dr AM Gokhale Award”** in Pune. The award was conferred to him at the Retina Conclave at Pune. Dr AM Gokhale was a renowned teacher of Ophthalmology and his students progressed to become the doyens of Ophthalmology in the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) Vice Chancellor, Professor **Najma Akhtar**, was recently presented **'Lifetime Achievement Award-Academia'**. The award was presented to her by **Dr Raghunath Anant Mashelkar (Padma Vibhushan)** at the Grand Conference and award function titled "Making India Employable" was organised by TeamLease EdTech. Akhtar was selected for the award by a jury panel comprising of educationists and industry experts. She has been awarded for her "great efforts to connect education to employment.". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Erica Robin**, a model from Karachi has been crowned "**Miss Universe Pakistan 2023**", becoming the first-ever woman from the country to win the title. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, in a momentous ceremony, presented the one-time **Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards** to 84 distinguished artistes from various realms of the performing arts. The significance of these awards lies in their aim to honor Indian artists aged **above 75 years**, who, despite their remarkable contributions, have not received any national recognition in their illustrious careers thus far. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rahul Mishra**, the visionary Indian designer was honored with the **Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres** (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) by the French government, joining a distinguished list of fellow countrymen and women including Ritu Kumar, Ritu Beri, Wendell Rodricks, and Manish Arora who have previously received this award. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **National Medical Commission (NMC)** of India has achieved a remarkable milestone by receiving a prestigious **10-year Recognition Status from the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME)**. This recognition signifies a significant achievement for NMC and India's medical education sector, highlighting their commitment to maintaining the highest standards of medical education and accreditation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- London-based Indian-origin author **Chetna Maroo's** debut novel, '**Western Lane**,' has earned a well-deserved place on the prestigious Booker Prize shortlist. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a momentous recognition of her exceptional contributions to the field of agriculture and food production, Odia scientist **Swati Nayak** is set to receive the prestigious **Borlaug Field Award for 2023**. This coveted award honors her innovative approach to engaging farmers in demand-driven rice seed systems, from testing and deployment to access and adoption of climate-resilient and nutritious rice varieties. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Mathematician Ruixiang Zhang**, an Assistant Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, USA, has been selected as the recipient of the prestigious **2023 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize**. This award recognizes his remarkable contributions to the field of mathematics. The prize, which includes a **cash award of \$10,000**, will be presented during an international conference in Number Theory, held in the hometown of the renowned mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan, at SASTRA University in Kumbakonam during the third week of December. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Summits And Conferences

- The **G20 Summit in Delhi in 2023** is an important international event that brings together leaders from member nations and guest nations to discuss various global issues. The G20 Summit 2023 is scheduled to take place on September 9th and 10th, spanning two days. The summit will be held at the prestigious '**Bharat Mandappam**,' which is located within the ITPO Convention Centre in **New Delhi's Pragati Maidan**. The **G20 Summit 2023 logo** draws inspiration from India's national flag, featuring the colors of saffron, white, green, and blue. It also includes a lotus against the backdrop of the Earth and the word 'Bharat' in Devanagari script, paying homage to India, the host nation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- President **Joko Widodo** and First Lady **Iriana** extended a warm welcome to the heads of state and government participating in the **43rd summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** in **Jakarta**. The 43rd ASEAN Summit, hosted by **Indonesia** and occurring from **September 5th to 7th**, saw esteemed delegates gathering at the Plenary Hall of the **Jakarta Convention Center**, the summit's main venue. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In the run-up to the highly anticipated **G20 Summit**, a pivotal conference centered around "**green hydrogen pilots in India**" took place in **New Delhi** on September 5. Hosted by **NTPC Limited**, a leading Indian public sector undertaking, this one-day event showcased a remarkable array of **green hydrogen initiatives**, combining the efforts of both public and private sector entities. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- The **10th meeting of the Ministers of Law and Justice of SCO countries** was convened via **video conferencing**, where several key initiatives and cooperative efforts were discussed. During this meeting, India reaffirmed its commitment to the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** by extending support to member countries in enhancing their legal and judicial capabilities. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In preparation for the upcoming **G20 Summit in Delhi**, the Indian government has unveiled the **G20 India mobile app**, a digital tool designed to facilitate interaction and provide valuable information for all visitors, including ministers. This innovative app, created by the Ministry of External Affairs, aims to enhance the Summit experience for participants and attendees. In a recent announcement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, ministers were urged to download the app, emphasizing its role in fostering communication with foreign delegates. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- During the annual **ASEAN-India summit** in Jakarta, Indonesia, Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** made a significant announcement regarding India's diplomatic relations with Timor-Leste. India has decided to open an embassy in Timor-Leste, reflecting its commitment to strengthening ties with the **ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) region**. Prime Minister Modi revealed India's plan to establish an official Indian Embassy in Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a symbolic ceremony, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the **G20 Presidency** gavel to **Brazil's President**, marking the transition of leadership within the elite group. The transfer of power took place with warm diplomatic exchanges, emphasizing the importance of cooperation and shared priorities. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India recently played host to the inaugural United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) South Asia conference, held from September 14 to 16. This significant event was jointly organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, UNCITRAL, and the organization's national coordination committee for India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **14th edition of the World Spice Congress (WSC)** commenced in **Vashi, Navi Mumbai**. This three-day event is being meticulously organized by the Spices Board India, a subsidiary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in collaboration with several trade bodies and export forums. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Climate Ambition Summit (CAS)** at the **United Nations General Assembly** on September 21 highlighted the absence of major economies crucial in shaping global emissions reduction efforts. **China, the United States, and India**, collectively responsible for 42% of global greenhouse gas emissions, were notably missing from this critical event. The CAS aimed to showcase leaders with credible actions and policies to uphold the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C degree goal and promote climate justice. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On the sidelines of the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), Foreign Ministers from the **Quad nations – India, Australia, Japan, and the U.S.** – convened to discuss various important issues. The Quad ministers reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring a **“free and open” Indo-Pacific region**, emphasizing the resolution of disputes in accordance with international law. They also pledged allegiance to the principles outlined in the UN charter and voiced support for UN reform. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, graced the occasion commemorating the **20th anniversary of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit**. This prestigious event took place at Science City in Ahmedabad, a city that has witnessed the remarkable transformation of Vibrant Gujarat over the past two decades. ([Click here to read the article](#))

## Ranks and Reports

- In a significant shift, Singapore has surpassed Hong Kong to claim the title of the **world's freest economy**, marking the end of Hong Kong's 53-year reign at the top. This shift is according to a report released by the Canadian think tank Fraser Institute. The **Economic Freedom of the World Index**, which has been tracking economic freedom since 1970, placed Hong Kong in second place for the first time. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India is set to experience a rapid aging of its population in the coming decades, with the elderly projected to comprise over **20% of the total population** by the year 2050. This significant demographic shift is highlighted in the **India Ageing Report 2023**, jointly released by the International Institute for Population Sciences and the **United Nations Population Fund**. This report sheds light on various aspects of this aging trend, including the changing ratio of elderly to working-age individuals, gender disparities in life expectancy, and its implications for social and economic policies. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **2023 World Talent Ranking**, released by the **International Institute for Management Development (IMD)** on September 27th, has brought both good news and areas of concern for India. While the nation has shown improvements in infrastructure, it has **slipped four spots** to

the **56th position** (Out of 64 economies) compared to its 52nd position in the 2022 ranking. In the **IMD World Talent Ranking for 2023**, Switzerland secured the top position, followed by Luxembourg in second place, and Iceland, Belgium, and the Netherlands rounding out the top five. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

- In a significant development for India's real estate sector, **Bengaluru** has emerged as the city with the highest green-certified office space. This achievement is part of a broader trend showcased in the **'Indian Real Estate: Taking Giant Strides – 2023 Mid-Year Outlook'** report jointly released by real estate consultant CBRE and industry body CII during the CII Realty conference. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

### Important Days

Date	Day & Theme
1st to 7th September	National Nutrition Week
September 2	World Coconut Day
September 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Charity</li> <li>26th death anniversary of Mother Teresa</li> </ul>
September 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Police Cooperation</li> <li>International Day of Clean Air for blue skies</li> </ul>
1st September to 8th September 2023	Literacy week
September 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Literacy Day</li> <li>World Physiotherapy Day 2023   Theme: "Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis"</li> </ul>
September 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day to Protect Education from Attack</li> <li>World EV Day</li> </ul>
September 10	World Suicide Prevention Day   Theme: "Creating Hope Through Action".
September 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Forest Martyrs Day  </li> </ul>
September 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United Nations' Day for South-South Cooperation</li> </ul>
September 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hindi Diwas</li> </ul>
September 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Engineers' Day   Theme: Engineering for a Sustainable Future</li> <li>International Day of Democracy   Theme: Empowering the next generation</li> <li>World Lymphoma Awareness Day</li> </ul>
September 16	International Red Panda Day, Third Saturday in September
18 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Equal Pay Day</li> <li>World Bamboo Day</li> </ul>
September 18 to 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Week of the Deaf</li> </ul>
21 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Peace   Theme: Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals</li> <li>World Alzheimer's Day   Theme: Never Too Early, Never Too Late</li> </ul>
September 22nd	World Rose Day
September 23rd	International Day of Sign Languages
fourth Sunday in September (September 24)	World Rivers Day
25th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Pharmacists Day   <b>Theme:</b> Pharmacy Strengthening Health Systems</li> <li>Antyodaya Diwas</li> </ul>
26 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons</li> <li>World Environmental Health Day   <b>Theme:</b> "Global Environmental Public Health: Standing up to protect everyone's Health each and every day"</li> </ul>
27 September	World Tourism Day 2023   <b>Theme:</b> "Tourism and green investment"
28 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day for Universal Access to Information</li> <li>World Maritime Day</li> <li>World Rabies Day</li> </ul>
29 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Heart Day   <b>Theme</b> "Use Heart, Know Heart"</li> <li>International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction   Theme: Reducing food loss and waste: Taking Action to Transform Food Systems</li> </ul>
30 September	International Translation Day



## Defence Current Affairs

- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has kicked off its annual mega training exercise, **Trishul**, which is a crucial event aimed at bolstering its operational readiness and capabilities. This extensive exercise is organized by the **Western Air Command (WAC)** and spans a vast geographical area, from **Leh in Kashmir to Nal in Rajasthan**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** is collaborating with the **Drone Federation of India** to co-host '**Bharat Drone Shakti 2023**.' This upcoming event, scheduled for the **25th and 26th of September 2023**, will take place at the IAF's airbase in **Hindan (Ghaziabad)**. It is anticipated to be a pioneering exhibition highlighting the prowess of the Indian drone industry, with more than 50 live aerial demonstrations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian Navy's **INS Sumedha** arrived at Port Alexandria, **Egypt** to participate in '**Exercise BRIGHT STAR- 23**'. This edition of the multinational Tri-Services military exercise will see participation from **34 countries**. It is the largest ever joint military exercise in the **Middle East and North Africa region**. This joint military exercise, hosted in Egypt, marks a historic milestone for the Indian Navy and strengthens India's diplomatic and strategic ties with partner nations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian and French Navies, steeped in rich maritime traditions and strategic cooperation, recently concluded the **Phase II** of the **21st edition** of the Varuna naval exercise, **Varuna-23**. Held in the **Arabian Sea**, this exercise exemplifies the commitment of both nations to enhance their warfighting capabilities, improve interoperability, and promote peace, security, and stability in the region. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** is set to achieve a remarkable feat as it embarks on the construction of the **world's highest fighter airfield** at Nyoma in **Ladakh**. The foundation stone of this ambitious project is scheduled to be placed by Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** on September 12, 2023, at the Devak Bridge in Jammu. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Coast Guard** participated in the **19th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM)** from 05-08 Sep 2023 at **Istanbul, Turkey**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian Navy** has taken a significant step towards enhancing the travel experience of its personnel and their families by collaborating with **Uber**, a leading global cab aggregator service. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in the presence of **Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar** and senior officials from Uber, marking a milestone in providing reliable, convenient, safe, and economical mobility solutions for naval personnel and their families across the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Raksha Mantri **Shri Rajnath Singh** has dedicated to the nation **90 infrastructure projects** of **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)**, worth over **Rs 2,900 crore**, spread across **11 States/Union Territories**. The projects were inaugurated by the Raksha Mantri at an event in **Jammu** on September 12, 2023. These include **Nechiphu Tunnel** in Arunachal Pradesh; **two airfields** in West Bengal; **two helipads**; **22 roads** and **63 bridges**. Of these 90 projects, 36 are in Arunachal Pradesh; 26 in Ladakh; 11 in Jammu & Kashmir; five in Mizoram; three in Himachal Pradesh; two each in Sikkim, Uttarakhand & West Bengal and one each in Nagaland, Rajasthan and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India reached a significant milestone with the arrival of the **first C295 aircraft**, marking a momentous achievement in the country's aviation history. This development is the result of a collaboration between **European aviation giant Airbus** and the Indian conglomerate **Tata Group**, marking the first instance of an Indian private company manufacturing an aircraft. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A groundbreaking collaboration between global defense and security company **BAE Systems** and **India's Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** is set to revolutionize the Indian defense landscape. The partnership aims to introduce the world-leading **Articulated All-Terrain Vehicle (AATV)**, known as the '**BvS10**,' to the Indian armed forces. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Government of India took a significant step towards strengthening the country's defense capabilities by approving a series of proposals. The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)**, led by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, gave the green light to **nine acquisition proposals**, amounting to a total of **Rs 45,000 crore**. These proposals encompassed various aspects of defense, from the Indian Air Force's modernization to improving the Indian Navy's capabilities and enhancing the overall indigenous content in defense projects. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- '**Operation Sajag**,' a comprehensive drill was conducted by the **Indian Coast Guard** along the west coast on September 18, 2023. It is a significant event in the realm of coastal security. This operation involves all stakeholders in the coastal security construct and plays a pivotal role in revalidating the coastal security mechanism while enhancing awareness among fishermen operating at sea. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian Navy** is all set to host the **second edition** of the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation (NIIO) Seminar, known as '**Swavlamban 2023**,' scheduled to take place on 4th and 5th October 2023. This event follows the maiden edition of the seminar, which was held in July 2022 and marked a significant milestone in the Navy's quest for innovation and self-reliance. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- India's defense capabilities receive a significant boost with the development of the **P-7 Heavy Drop Parachute System**, an indigenous marvel designed to enhance the paradropping capabilities of the country's Armed Forces. This innovative system, entirely developed within India, promises to revolutionize the way military stores are paradropped on the battlefield. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- After an order was approved by the **Jammu and Kashmir administration** regarding the renaming of **Udhampur railway station**, the Northern Railway has notified the change in the name to '**Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Railway Station**', in honour of the Army braveheart. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **30th edition** of the **Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)** has commenced, marking another milestone in the strong and enduring partnership between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN). This annual naval exercise, which began in **1994**, stands as a testament to the deep-rooted maritime cooperation between the two nations. Indian Naval Ships **Ranvijay** and **Kavaratti**, alongside the submarine **INS Sindhukesari**, have arrived in Singapore to participate in SIMBEX-2023. The exercise also sees the inclusion of the **Long-Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Israel** unveiled its cutting-edge main battle tank, the **Merkava Mark 5**, known as "**Barak**," signifying a significant leap in technological advancement and military capability. The development of the Barak tank involved collaboration between the Israeli Defense Ministry's Armored Vehicles Directorate, the IDF's Ground Forces, Armored Corps, and multiple Israeli defense companies, including Elbit Systems, Rafael, and the Israel Aerospace Industries' subsidiary, Elta. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development, **India's Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** has given the green light to several capital acquisition proposals, including the indigenous **Dhruvastra** short-range air-to-surface missile. This precision-guided weapon is designed for deployment on the indigenously built **DHRUV MK-IV helicopters** and is poised to elevate India's combat capabilities against enemy tanks and armored vehicles significantly. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **19th edition** of **YUDH ABHYAS** is set to commence in Alaska, USA. This annual exercise is a collaborative effort between the Indian Army and the US Army, aimed at strengthening military cooperation and readiness. The lead battalion representing India hails from the esteemed **MARATHA Light Infantry Regiment**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** is set to inaugurate the **Bharat Drone Shakti-2023** exhibition at Hindan Air Base in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. In addition to the exhibition, Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** will formally induct the **C-295 transport** aircraft into the Indian Air Force. Key military officials, including **IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari**, will be in attendance for this significant event. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India, on a mission to enhance its infrastructure along the country's remote frontiers, has recently unveiled a groundbreaking policy aimed at dignifying the lives of **casual workers** employed by the **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)**. Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** approved this policy, which not only addresses the preservation and transportation of mortal remains but also raises funeral expenses. This move emphasizes the perilous nature of the work undertaken by these individuals in challenging terrains. ([Click here to read the article](#))
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- On a momentous day in the history of the **Indian Air Force (IAF)**, Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** formally inducted the **first C-295 medium tactical transport aircraft** into the IAF's arsenal. This landmark event took place in the presence of **Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari** and other top military officials in Ghaziabad. The C-295 aircraft represents a significant upgrade for the IAF, offering versatility and modern capabilities for a wide range of missions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **13th Indo-Pacific Armies Chiefs Conference (IPACC)** took place from September 26 to 27, 2023, at the **Manekshaw Centre** in New Delhi. This biennial event, co-hosted by the **Indian Army** and the **US Army Pacific**, brought together army chiefs from 30 Indo-Pacific nations to deliberate on security cooperation, collective strategies, and pressing regional issues. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has recently celebrated the arrival of the **first** of six state-of-the-art **Dornier Do-228 aircraft**, exclusively manufactured by **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**. This upgraded version of the aircraft is set to bolster the IAF's operational capabilities with its advanced features, marking a significant milestone in the modernization efforts of the Indian defense forces. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Taiwan**, a self-governing island in East Asia, has recently unveiled its **first domestically-made submarine**, named the **Haikun**, in a move to bolster its defenses against the ever-present threat of a possible Chinese attack. President **Tsai Ing-wen** presided over the launch ceremony in the port city of Kaohsiung, marking a significant milestone in Taiwan's military capabilities. ([Click here to read the article](#))

## Science and Technology

- In a remarkable feat of innovation and technological prowess, **Hyderabad**-based private sector firm **Grene Robotics** has introduced **Indrajaal**, world's only autonomous wide area, **counter-unmanned aircraft system** (C-UAS). This state-of-the-art system is touted as capable of **safeguarding against micro, mini, small, large, and extra-large drones**, signaling a significant advancement in Indian defense technology. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Japan** has launched "**moon sniper**" its lunar exploration spacecraft aboard a homegrown **H-IIA rocket**, clearing a path to become the world's fifth country to land on the moon early next year. **Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)** said the rocket took off from Tanegashima Space Center in southern Japan as planned and successfully released the Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)** is all set to host its annual "**One Week One Lab**" programme from 11th to 16th September 2023, an exciting event where each of its 37 cutting-edge laboratories situated across the nation will unveil their remarkable research outcomes and accomplishments. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A newly discovered **green comet** is zipping by Earth and is now visible for the first time in more than **400 years**. Comet Nishimura was discovered by amateur Japanese astronomer **Hideo Nishimura** on August 11 and named after him. Nishimura first spotted it by taking long exposure shots using a Canon digital camera and a telephoto lens. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilization Experiment, commonly referred to as **MOXIE**, has achieved a remarkable feat by producing a substantial 122 grams of oxygen, a quantity sufficient for sustaining a small dog's breathing for approximately 10 hours. This compact device, roughly the **size of a microwave**, possesses an extraordinary capability: it can convert the tenuous and inhospitable Martian atmosphere into vital, life-sustaining oxygen. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Amazon Web Services (AWS)**, a major player in the cloud computing industry, has entered into a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** and the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe). This collaboration aims to support space-tech innovations through cloud computing, opening up exciting possibilities in the space sector. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Apple's **iPhone 15 Pro and iPhone 15 Pro Max** are the company's latest flagship smartphones, and they come with a number of notable upgrades, including a new brushed titanium frame, a powerful **A16 Bionic chip**, and a more advanced camera system. However, one of the most significant changes under the hood is the integration of precision dual-frequency **GPS, including support for NavIC, the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Geological Survey of India Training Institute (GSITI)**, located in Hyderabad, recently forged a significant collaboration with the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**, headquartered in Bengaluru. This momentous partnership was sealed through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on September 11, marking the initiation of a **five-year partnership** under the National Natural Resources Management System (NNRMS) programme. The MoU signing event was attended by key representatives from both organizations, emphasizing the commitment to enhancing expertise in critical areas. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- An international group of scientists, including botanists from the **University of Oxford's Botanic Garden**, has issued a dire call to action to save the iconic **genus Rafflesia**. These remarkable plants, known for their massive, foul-smelling flowers, are under severe threat due to habitat destruction and lack of protection. A recent study has shed light on the precarious status of Rafflesia, urging immediate conservation efforts to prevent their extinction. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **I2U2 group** comprising **India, Israel, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and the United States** has unveiled an ambitious joint space venture. This collaborative initiative aims to create a groundbreaking space-based tool with wide-ranging applications for policymakers, institutions, and entrepreneurs. The announcement follows India's recent successful lunar mission, marking a significant milestone for the quartet's space exploration efforts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The climactic end of a **seven-year voyage** comes to an end when a NASA capsule landed in the **Utah desert**, carrying to Earth the **largest asteroid samples** ever collected. Scientists have high hopes for the sample, saying it will provide a better understanding of the formation of our solar system and how Earth became habitable. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Health experts from around the world are sounding the alarm about a potential global pandemic referred to as "**Disease X**," which could surpass the lethality of COVID-19 and claim over 50 million lives. They warn that COVID-19 might be just a precursor to more devastating pandemics in the future. Dame Kate Bingham, who chaired the **UK's Vaccine Taskforce**, issued a grim warning about the severity of Disease X. She emphasized that the world has been fortunate that COVID-19 was not more lethal and cautioned that the next pandemic could be exponentially more deadly. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** has faced a setback in its Chandrayaan-3 mission as they strive to re-establish communication with the **Vikram lander and Pragyan rover** on the lunar surface. Despite encountering difficulties, ISRO remains optimistic about the possibility of waking up the lander and rover during the lunar day, which **spans 14 Earth days**. In this article, we delve into the challenges faced by ISRO, the potential reasons for the communication failure and the hopes for a successful revival. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Search giant **Google** has unveiled its **Earthquake Alerts System for Android smartphone users in India**. Developed in collaboration with the **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)** and the **National Seismology Center (NSC)**, this system offers early warnings of seismic activities and is available in multiple Indian languages. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Psyche mission** represents an ambitious venture to explore a distinct metallic asteroid positioned in orbit between **Mars and Jupiter**. The exceptional feature of this asteroid, named Psyche, is its composition, believed to be the exposed nickel-iron core of an ancient planet – a fundamental building block of our solar system.
- The mission is spearheaded by Arizona State University, with **NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory** overseeing mission management, operations, and navigation. The spacecraft's solar-electric propulsion system will be constructed by Maxar (formerly SSL), complemented by a suite of scientific instruments. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **NASA's Perseverance Mars rover** has accomplished an impressive feat by traversing a massive boulder field at a record speed, taking only a third of the time it would have taken its predecessor, Curiosity. The rover's journey through the challenging terrain of **Snowdrift Peak** in the Jezero Crater is a testament to its advanced autonomous navigation capabilities and highlights its commitment to maximizing scientific exploration time. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Books & Authors

- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Secretary, **Apurva Chandra**, recently unveiled an **ebook** titled "**People's G20**" in New Delhi, offering a detailed insight into India's G20 Presidency. This ebook serves as a comprehensive documentation of India's significant role in the G20 Summit and its various initiatives during its tenure. The book is divided into **three distinct parts**, each shedding light on different aspects of India's G20 Presidency. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Given the immense popularity of Chacha Chaudhary comics, a unique initiative, a comic book titled "**Chacha Chaudhary aur Chunavi Dangal**," was launched by CEC (Chief Election Commissioner) Shri Rajiv Kumar and ECs (Election Commissioners) Shri Anup Chandra Pandey and Shri Arun Goel today at Nirvachan Sadan. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The recently launched graphic novel, '**Ajay to Yogi Adityanath**,' has made history by achieving the highest number of book launches, earning it a place in the **Asia Book of Records**. This remarkable novel, penned by renowned author Shantanu Gupta, delves into the life of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, tracing his journey from humble beginnings to the pinnacle of political leadership. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Radhika Iyengar** is the author of the book '**Fire on the Ganges: Life Among the Dead in Banaras**,' released by HarperCollins. The book explores the city of Banaras (also known as Varanasi) in India, particularly its relationship with death and the afterlife. Fire on the Ganges is the first attempt to chronicle the everyday realities of the Doms in Banaras. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- In a significant development for sustainable infrastructure and environmental responsibility, **Tabreed**, an **Abu Dhabi-based cooling-as-a-service provider**, has unveiled plans for a massive **\$200 million investment**. This investment is directed towards the development of a cutting-edge cooling infrastructure with a capacity of **125,000 refrigeration tons (RT)** for **Hyderabad Pharma City**, a burgeoning hub for the pharmaceutical industry in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Salem district** in the state of **Tamil Nadu** has gained acclaim for its sago production, which is widely recognized as **Sabudana**. Salem Sago, locally known as Javvarisi, is derived from the wet starch powder extracted from tapioca roots. Indian tapioca roots are known to contain approximately 30-35% starch content. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A coalition of **56 organizations** in **Tripura**, under the banner of '**Roman Script For Kokborok Choba**,' has taken to the streets to demand the adoption of the Roman script for the **Kokborok language**. This move comes as a culmination of decades of efforts by the indigenous community in the state to preserve and promote their native language. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development, **Jammu and Kashmir's** Lieutenant Governor, **Manoj Sinha**, inaugurated the much-anticipated **Bangus Valley Festival** in the picturesque Kupwara district. The festival's primary objective is to shed light on the untapped rural and adventure tourism opportunities within the Bangus Valley. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- India's southern state of **Kerala** has once again found itself grappling with the ominous threat of the **Nipah virus**, a rare and deadly brain-damaging viral disease. In response to the deaths of two individuals from this infection, the state government has taken swift action by shutting down schools and offices and declaring containment zones in certain areas. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** has recently recognized the mithun as a 'food animal,' opening doors for its commercial use. The recognition of Mithun as a 'food animal' and the efforts to promote its meat as a commercial product can indeed have significant economic and cultural implications for the region. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A cluster of traditional, picturesque villages on Mount Pindos in Epirus, known as the **Zagorochoria** (or villages of Zagori), was recently inducted onto **UNESCO's World Heritage List**. This momentous decision was made during the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, marking a significant milestone in **Greece's** cultural heritage preservation efforts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Google**, the search engine giant, is commemorating its **25th birthday with a special Google Doodle**. While the company always focuses on the future, milestones like birthdays offer a chance for reflection. In this article, we delve into

- the origins of Google, its evolution, and its enduring mission to organize the world's information for universal accessibility and utility. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **SP Singh**, the principal of the **UPSRTC Model Driving Training and Research Institute**, has earned a remarkable distinction by securing a place in the prestigious **India Book of Records**. This recognition is a testament to his exceptional contributions, particularly through his innovative 'Jhaadu Daan' (broom donation) initiative, which aligns with the nationwide **Swachh Bharat Campaign**. Singh's commitment to promoting cleanliness and hygiene has made a substantial impact on various districts, fostering a cleaner environment and empowering communities. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A dedicated team of international geologists and seismologists has embarked on a mission to chart the depths of Zealandia, a relatively unknown landmass submerged beneath the Pacific Ocean. Their efforts have resulted in the creation of an updated and highly detailed map that sheds light on the continent's intriguing geological features. Zealandia, often referred to as the eighth continent, remains shrouded in oceanic mystery, with a staggering 94% of its expanse concealed beneath the sea's surface. The remaining 6% peeks above the waves, encompassing islands such as New Zealand and its neighboring isles. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Obituaries Current Affairs

- **Piloo Reporter**, a former **international umpire**, passed away on September 3 at a Thane hospital, **Mumbai**. He was 84 years old and had been dealing with cerebral contusions, leading to an extended period of bedridden illness. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Zimbabwe's** former cricket captain **Heath Streak** has passed away at the age of 49, following a long battle with colon and liver cancer. He was Born in Bulawayo, Streak, a cricketing legend, was particularly known for his prowess as a fast bowler. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **N Valarmathi**, an Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) scientist, who lent her voice to countdowns for rocket launches in **Sriharikota**, died after a cardiac arrest. She was last heard during the countdown announcement for the launch of Chandrayaan-3 that made a historic landing on the Moon. Chandrayaan-3 was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on July 14. Chandrayaan 3 was her final countdown announcement. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Noted Hindustani classical vocalist **Malini Rajurkar**, who epitomised simplicity and depth, passed away in a Hyderabad hospital. She was 82 and had been suffering from age-related ailments. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Arun Kumar Sinha**, who served as the **Director of the Special Protection Group (SPG)**, has passed away at the age of 61 while undergoing treatment at a hospital in Gurugram, where he had been receiving medical care for some time. Sinha held a pivotal role in the security apparatus of the country, as he was responsible for providing proximate security to the **Prime Minister of India**. This significant duty underscores the magnitude of his contributions to the nation's security. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- Renowned writer-filmmaker **Gita Mehta** passed away. She was 80 years old. Mehta had written books including Karma Cola, Snakes and Ladders, A River Sutra, Raj and Eternal Ganesha. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Renowned actor **Akhil Mishra**, celebrated for his memorable portrayal of **librarian Dubey** in the hit movie “**3 Idiots**,” tragically met his demise after a fatal fall at his residence. Mishra, aged 67, had been grappling with blood pressure issues, and his untimely departure has left the film industry and his fans in mourning. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former Italian President **Giorgio Napolitano** has died at the age of 98. His passing marks the end of an era in **Italian** politics, as he was not only the **longest-serving president** but also a central figure in shaping the country’s post-war history. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The world of Malayalam cinema mourned the loss of veteran **filmmaker K G George**, who passed away at the age of 78 in an old age home near **Kakkanad**. The filmmaker had been battling health issues for the last five years, following a stroke that significantly impacted his life. The news of his demise drew condolences and tributes from people across the spectrum, including politicians, actors, and fellow directors, who took to social media to express their sorrow. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- British actor **David McCallum** who played a secret agent in the 1960s spy drama ‘**The Man From U.N.C.L.E.**’ has died at the age of 90. Mr McCallum also starred in films including ‘The Great Escape’, ‘The Greatest Story Ever Told’ and ‘A Night To Remember’. He guest starred on TV series ‘Perry Mason’ and ‘The Outer Limits’. He also appeared on more than 450 episodes of ‘NCIS’ as Ducky, an autopsy expert. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Father of India’s ‘Green Revolution,’ Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan**, fondly known as **M.S. Swaminathan**, was a legendary figure in the field of agriculture and a true humanitarian, passed away at the age of 98. Born on August 7, 1925, in Tamil Nadu’s Thanjavur district, he dedicated his life to improving the lives of India’s low-income farmers and revolutionizing the nation’s agricultural landscape. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The world of acting mourns the loss of a legendary talent, as **Michael Gambon**, renowned for his portrayal of **Professor Dumbledore** in the **Harry Potter film series**, has passed away at the age of 82. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The world of business recently bid farewell to a visionary leader, **Ashwin Dani**, the **Co-founder & non-executive director** of **Asian Paints**, who passed away on 28 September 2023 at the age of 79. Ashwin Dani’s contributions to Asian Paints and the global paint industry have left an indelible mark. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Renowned political cartoonist **Ajit Ninan** passed away at the age of 68. Ninan was best known for the Centrestage series in India Today magazine and Ninan’s World in Times of India. A popular political cartoonist, Nina was equally well known for his work in children’s literature. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Noted Rudra veena exponent, **Ustad Ali Zaki Hader**, passed away in New Delhi. He was 50. Disciple of Ustad Asad Ali Khan, Ali Zaki Hader was the last exponent of the Khandarabani (Khandaharbani) style of the Jaipur Beenkar gharana of Dhrupad. With his untimely demise, this ancient tradition of Rudra veena has come to an abrupt and tragic end. ([Click here to read the article](#))

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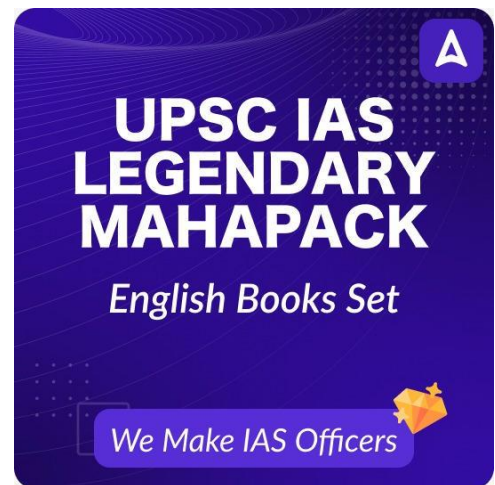
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- Headquarters of Corning Incorporated: Corning, New York, U.S.
- Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand: SS Sandhu
- Chairman & Managing Director of BEL: Bhanu Prakash Srivastava
- President and CEO of IAI: Mr. Boaz Levy
- Bharat Electronics Limited founded in: 1954
- Israel Aerospace Industries founded in: 1953
- NARCL Managing Director: N Sunder
- Chief executive of IDRCL: Avinash Kulkarni
- International Criminal Police Commission Headquarters: Lyon, France
- International Criminal Police Commission Founded: 7 September 1923, Vienna, Austria
- International Criminal Police Commission President: Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi
- Union Minister of Ministry of Education: Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- Vice President and Managing Director of Adobe: Pratiba Mohapatra
- Union Minister for the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE): R K Singh
- Amul Founders: Verghese Kurien, Tribhuvandas Kishibhai Patel;
- Amul Headquarters: Anand, Gujarat;
- Amul Founded: 14 December 1946.
- Managing Director and CEO of IndusInd Bank Limited: Sumant Kathpalia
- International Esports Federation Founded: 11 August 2008;
- International Esports Federation Headquarters: Busan, South Korea;
- International Esports Federation President: Vlad Marinescu.
- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Founded: 1 October 2003;
- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) President: Yamakawa Hiroshi;



- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Headquarters: Chōfu, Tokyo, Japan.
- MD & CEO of SBI Card: Mr. Abhijit Chakravorty
- SBI Card Headquarters: Gurugram
- SBI Card CEO: Rama Mohan Rao Amara (30 Jan 2021–)
- SBI Card Parent organization: State Bank of India
- SBI Card Founded: October 1998
- SBI Card Headquarters: Gurugram
- Chief of Border Roads Organisation (BRO): Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry
- International Labour Organization Director-General Gilbert F. Hougbo;
- International Labour Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- International Labour Organization Founded: 1919.
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- International Labour Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- International Labour Organization Founded: 1919.
- Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Thomas Cook (India) Limited: Mahesh Iyer
- North Korea marked its 75th founding anniversary on: September 11, 2023
- Chief Executive Officer of Uber: Dara Khosrowshahi
- NASSCOM Founders: Nandan Nilekani, Dewang Mehta;
- NASSCOM Founded: 1 March 1988;
- NASSCOM Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India & New Delhi.
- Chairman and Managing Director of ITI Limited: Shri Rajesh Rai
- CEO of the ITIA (International Tennis Integrity Agency): Karen Moorhouse
- President of the Indian Rugby Football Union: Rahul Bose.
- Captain of the Maharashtra team: Bhavesh Trivedi.
- Libya Capital: Tripoli;
- Libya Currency: Libyan Dinar.
- Principal Investigator of MOXIE: Michael Hecht
- Deputy Administrator of NASA : Pam Melroy
- RITES Limited Headquarters: Gurugram;
- RITES Limited Founded: 1974.
- Mastercard President: Michael Miebach;
- Mastercard Headquarters: Purchase, Harrison, New York, United States;
- Mastercard Established: 1966.
- Managing Director of BAE Systems Hagglands: Tommy Gustafsson-Rask
- Executive Vice President & Head L&T Defence: Arun Ramchandani
- Country Head – Digital and Transaction Banking at YES BANK: Mr. Ajay Rajan.
- Co-founder & CEO of BriskPe: Mr. Sanjay Tripathy.
- MD & CEO of YES Bank: Prashant Kumar
- Deputy Director General & Head Mission-V, on behalf of GSITI: Dr. Mathew Joseph,
- Director of the Earth Observation Applications & Disaster Management Support Programme Office (EDPO), representing ISRO: Dr. J.V. Thomas
- Minister of Law and Justice of India: Arjun Ram Meghwal
- Ashok Leyland’s Managing Director and CEO: Shenu Agarwal
- Chairman of Ashok Leyland: Dheeraj Hinduja
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- Chairman of Ashok Leyland: Dheeraj Hinduja
- Enforcement Directorate Founded: 1 May 1956;
- Enforcement Directorate Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) Founded: 1948;
- Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) Headquarters: Mumbai.
- World Bamboo Organization Headquarters: Antwerp, Belgium.
- World Bamboo Organization Founded: 2005.
- World Bamboo Organization Executive director: Susanne Lucas.
- Minister of State for Culture: Meenakshi Lekhi.
- Chairman of Sangeet Natak Akademi: Sandhya Purecha.
- Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd Headquarters: Thrissur;
- Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd Founded: 14 November 1927;
- Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd CEO & MD: J. K. Shivan.
- DRDO Date founded: 1958;
- DRDO Agency executive: : Sameer V. Kamat, Chairman, DRDO;
- DRDO Headquarters: DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor – Shaktikanta Das
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governors – Swaminathan Janakiraman, Michael Debabrata Patra, M. Rajeshwar Rao, T. Rabi Sankar
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Establishment – 1st April 1935
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman and Managing Director of IREDA: Pradip Kumar Das
- President of South Africa: Cyril Ramaphosa
- Spices Board India Chairman: A G Thankappan;
- Spices Board India Established: 1987.
- Minister for Women and Child Development of Goa: Vishwajeet Rane

- Canada Prime Minister: Justin Trudeau;
- Canada Capital: Ottawa Currency: Canadian Dollar (CAD);
- Canada Official Languages: English and French;
- Canada Population: Approximately 38 million;
- Canada Area: 9.98 million square kilometers;
- Canada Government: Parliamentary Democracy and Constitutional Monarchy;
- Canada National Symbol: Maple Leaf.
- Director, and Publisher of Pran Comics: Mr. Nikhil Pran
- Alzheimer's Disease International Founder: Jerome H. Stone
- Alzheimer's Disease International Founded: 1984
- Alzheimer's Disease International Headquarters: London, UK.
- BCCI President: Roger Binny;
- BCCI Headquarters: Mumbai;
- BCCI Founded: December 1928;
- BCCI Secretary Jay Shah.
- World Federation of the Deaf President: Dr Joseph J. Murray;
- World Federation of the Deaf Headquarters: Helsinki, Finland;
- World Federation of the Deaf Founded: 23 September 1951.
- World Federation for Medical Education HQ: Copenhagen, Denmark;
- World Federation for Medical Education Established Year 30 September 1972.
- Chairman and Managing Director of IREDA: Pradip Kumar Das
- TCS CEO: K. Krithivasan;
- TCS Headquarters: Mumbai;
- TCS Founders: Faquir Chand Kohli, J. R. D. Tata;
- TCS Founded: 1 April 1968.
- International Pharmaceutical Federation CEO: Catherine Duggan;
- International Pharmaceutical Federation Headquarters: The Hague, Netherlands;
- International Pharmaceutical Federation Founded: 25 September 1912.
- NASA Administrator: Bill Nelson
- World Tourism Organisation Founded: 1946;
- World Tourism Organisation Headquarters: Madrid, Spain;
- World Tourism Organisation Secretary-General: Zurab Pololikashvili.
- Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC): Shrikant Madhav Vaidy
- International Maritime Organization Headquarters: London, United Kingdom;

- International Maritime Organization Founded: 17 March 1958;
- International Maritime Organization Founder: United Nations;
- International Maritime Organization Secretary-General: Kitack Lim.
- Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of REC: Mr. Vivek Kumar Dewangan
- Minister of Power, New & Renewable Energy: Shri R.K. Singh
- World Organisation for Animal Health Headquarters: Paris, France;
- World Organisation for Animal Health Founded: 25 January 1924;
- World Organisation for Animal Health Founder: Emmanuel Leclainche.
- World Heart Federation Founded: 2000;
- World Heart Federation Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- World Heart Federation President: Fausto Pinto.
- Founder of Poma Group: Jean Pomagalski
- Director General of United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is Qu-Dongyu.
- FAO is specialised agency of United Nations.
- Establishment: FAO is established 16 October, 1945.
- Headquarter: Headquarter of FAO is situated at Rome, Italy.
- Parent Organization: United Nation Economic and Social Council.
- FAO comprises of 195 members including 194 countries and European Union.
- Global Innovation Index 2023 Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- Global Innovation Index 2023 Founded: 14 July 1967;
- Global Innovation Index 2023 Parent organization: United Nations;
- Global Innovation Index 2023 Director General: Daren Tang.



**Total Tiger Reserves In India 2023 List**

<b>Total Tiger Reserves in India State Wise - Present Tiger Reserves in India</b>		
<b>S.No</b>	<b>State Wise Tiger Reserves in India 2023 List State/UT</b>	<b>Name of Tiger Reserves in India</b>
1	<b>Tiger Reserves in Andhra Pradesh</b>	Nagarjunsagar Srisaillam
2	<b>Tiger Reserves in Arunachal Pradesh</b>	Namdapha
3		Kamlang Tiger Reserve
4		Pakke
5		Manas
6	<b>Tiger Reserves in Assam</b>	Nameri
7		Orang Tiger Reserve
8		Kaziranga
9	<b>Tiger Reserves in Bihar</b>	Valmiki
10	<b>Tiger Reserves in Chattisgarh</b>	Udanti-Sitanadi
11		Achanakmar
12		Indravati
13	<b>Tiger Reserves in Jharkhand</b>	Palamau
14	<b>Tiger Reserves in Karnataka</b>	Bandipur
15		Bhadra
16		Dandeli-Anshi
17		Nagarahole
18		Biligiri Ranganatha Temple
19	<b>Tiger Reserves in Kerala</b>	Periyar
20		Parambikulam
21	<b>Tiger Reserves in Madhya Pradesh</b>	Kanha
22		Pench
23		Bandhavgarh
24		Panna
25		Satpura
26		Sanjay-Dubri
27		<b>Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve</b>
28		Melghat
29	<b>Tiger Reserves in Maharashtra</b>	Tadoba-Andhari
30		Pench
31		Sahyadri
32		Nawegaon-Nagzira
33	Bor	
34	<b>Tiger Reserves in Mizoram</b>	Dampa
35	<b>Tiger Reserves in Odisha</b>	Similipal
36		Satkosia
37	<b>Tiger Reserves in Rajasthan</b>	Ranthambore
38		Sariska
39		Mukandra Hills



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40	<b>Tiger Reserves in Tamil Nadu</b>	Kalakad-Mundanthurai
41		Anamalai
42		Mudumalai
43		Sathyamangalam
44		Srivilliputhur Megamalai
45	<b>Tiger Reserves in Telangana</b>	Kawal
46		Amrabad
47	<b>Tiger Reserves in Uttar Pradesh</b>	Dudhwa
48		Pilibhit
49		Amangarh (buffer of Corbett TR)
50		Corbett
51	<b>Tiger Reserves in Uttarakhand</b>	Rajaji TR
52		Sunderbans
53.	<b>Tiger Reserves in West Bengal</b>	Buxa
54.	<b>Tiger Reserves in Rajasthan</b>	Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary
54.	<b>Tiger Reserves in Chhattisgarh</b>	Guru Ghasidas National Park(Sanjay National Park)

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