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International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2023	 Key points: Theme: 'Decent Work and Social Protection: Putting Dignity in Practice for All.' United Nations officially designated October 17 as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. It recognizes and acknowledges efforts of people in poverty, amplifies their concerns, and honors their role in poverty alleviation.
Selfie points to showcase 'good work'	 Context The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has directed its departments to set up geotagged selfie points to "showcase good works done in the Defence" sector. Key points The Ministry of Defence directs the setup of 822 geotagged selfie points. Points showcase achievements in the Defence sector, possibly featuring PM Modi. Aim is to make people feel part of the Defence initiative. Themes include Atmanirbhar Bharat, empowerment, research & development, etc.
Modi 'directs' ISRO to land man on moon by 2040	 Context The Indian Prime Minister instructed ISRO for indigenous space station by 2035. Aims for landing an Indian on the Moon by 2040. Plans to establish "Bharatiya Antariksha Station" by 2035. About ISRO ISRO is the space agency under the Department of Space of Government of India, headquartered in the city of Bengaluru, Karnataka. Its vision is to harness space technology for national development, while pursuing







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	 space science research and planetary exploration. Antrix Corporation Limited (ACL) is a Marketing arm of ISRO for promotion and commercial exploitation of space products, technical consultancy services and transfer of technologies developed by ISRO. Shri S. Somanath is the incumbent chairman of ISRO.
Waheeda Rehman gets Phalke Award	 Context President gave away the national film awards for 2021 under various categories at the 69th edition of the ceremony The prestigious Dada Saheb Phalke Award was conferred on veteran actor Waheeda Rehman. Other Award recipients (in table below)

Award	Film or Actor
Best Feature Film	Rocketry: The Nambi Effect
Best Male Actor	Allu Arjun for Pushpa (The Rise Part 1)
Best Female Actor	Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
Best Female Actor	Kriti Sanon for Mimi
Best Feature Film on National Integration	The Kashmir Files
Best Debut Film of a Director	Meppadiyan
Best Direction	Godavari (The Holy Water)
Best Popular Film providing Entertainment	RRR

redRail makes real-time train info accessible via WhatsApp	 Context redRail, a rail ticketing platform, offers journey updates, including live train status and PNR status, via WhatsApp. Passengers can access information by sending 'Hi' to redRail's Railbot number on WhatsApp (+91 9538039911).
Modi unveils long-term blueprint for	Context











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India's maritime economy	Prime Minister unveiled the 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047' while inaugurating Global Maritime India Summit 2023 in Mumbai through video conference. Key points
	 Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 is a long-term blueprint for the Indian maritime blue economy. Blueprint focuses on port enhancement, sustainability, and global cooperation. Emphasizes sea routes in global trade and reliable supply chains. Major ports' capacity doubled, big vessel turnaround time reduced. Foundation stone laid for 23,000 crore projects in alignment with blue economy.
India and U.K. discuss Indo-Pacific and trade	Context Reaffirming mutual commitment to maritime freedom, India and the U.K. discussed the situation in the Indo-Pacific region. The discussion was held during the inaugural " 2+2" Foreign and Defence Dialogue.
	 Key points The two sides also discussed possibilities for further collaboration in trade and investment, defence, critical and emerging technologies, civil aviation, health, energy, and strengthening peoples connect. They discussed ideas regarding counterterrorism, HADR and maritime security.
Person in news: Daniel Noboa	 Context Banana empire heir Daniel Noboa, became Ecuador's youngest-ever President-elect. (33yrs) He vowed to "restore peace" to a country ravaged by a bloody drug gang war.











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