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IMPORTANT DAYS**NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
April 01 - 07	Prevention of Blindness Week	-
April 01	Odisha celebrates its 87th Foundation Day/ Utkal Diwas/Utakala Dibasha	-
April 02	SIDBI celebrates its 34th Foundation Day as Swavalamban Prerna Diwas	-
April 03	259th Raising Day of Army Medical Corps (AMC)	-
April 05	60th National Maritime Day or Merchant Navy Flag Day	Amrit Kaal in Shipping (Golden Era in Shipping)
April 09	58th CRPF Valour Day/Shaurya Diwas	-
April 11	National Safe Motherhood Day	-
April 13	39th Siachen Day	-
April 14	National Fire Service Day	Awareness in Fire Safety for Growth of National Infrastructure (AGNI)
April 21	16th National Civil Services Day	Viksit Bharat: Empowering Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile
April 24	14th National Panchayati Raj Day	Sustainable Panchayat: Building Healthy, Water Sufficient, Clean & Green Villages
April 30	Ayushman Bharat Diwas	-

INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
April 02	16th World Autism Awareness Day	Transforming the narrative: Contributions at home, at work, in the arts and in policymaking
April 02	International Children's Book Day	I am a book, read me
April 04	18th International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action	Mine Action Cannot Wait
April 05	4th International Conscience Day	-
April 06	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	Scoring for People and the Planet
April 07	World Health Day	Health For All
April 08	International Romani Day	-
April 10	World Homeopathy Day	One Health, One Family
April 12	International Day for Street Children	-
April 14	World Chagas Disease Day	Time to integrate Chagas disease into primary health care
April 15	World Art Day	Art is good for the health
April 16	World Voice Day	Your Voice Matters
April 17	34th World Hemophilia Day	Access for All: Partnership, Policy, Progress- Engaging your Government, Integrating Inherited Bleeding Disorders into National Policy



April 18	World Heritage Day/International Day for Monuments and Sites	Heritage Changes
April 19	19th World liver day	Be Vigilant, Do Regular Liver Check-Up, Fatty Liver Can Affect Anyone
April 20	13th UN Chinese Language Day	Chinese wisdom for a green world
April 21	World Creativity and Innovation Day	-
April 22	Earth Day	Invest In Our Planet
April 23	World Book and Copyright Day/ World Book Day	Indigenous Languages
April 23	10th World English Day	English as a global language: bridging cultures, connecting the world
April 23	UN Spanish Language Day	-
April 24	International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace	-
April 24	World Day for Laboratory Animals/Lab Animal Day	-
April 25	World Malaria Day	Time to deliver zero malaria: invest, innovate, implement
April 25	4th International Delegate's Day	-
April 25	World Penguin Day	-

April 26	37th International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day	-
April 26	World Intellectual Property Day	Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity
April 27 (4th Thursday of April)	International Girls in ICT Day	Digital Skills for Life
April 28	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	A safe and healthy working environment as a fundamental principle and right at work
April 28	World Memorial Day or International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers	-
April 29	International Dance Day	-
April 30	International Jazz Day	-

SPORTS

Cricket

- Marylebone Cricket Club's (MCC) honoured 5 Indian Cricketers with Honorary Life Membership - MS Dhoni, Yuvraj Singh, Suresh Raina, Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami, Suresh Raina
- Chennai will host 2nd Street Child Cricket World Cup in September - Organised by the Street Child United + Shree Dayaa Foundation at Amir Mahal, the official residence of the Nawab of Arcot from September 20 to 30.
- ICC Player of the Month of March 2023 -Men's Player of the Month: Shakib Al Hasan (Bangladesh). Women's Player of the Month: Henriette Ishimwe (Rwanda).

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- Wisden's Cricketers of the Year 2023 - Harmanpreet Kaur (India), Tom Blundell (New Zealand), Daryl Mitchel I (New Zealand), Matthew Potts (England) and Ben Foakes (England) were named the Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year 2023.
- BCCI announced the full schedule of domestic season 2023-24 - Duleep Trophy tournament will be played among 6 zonal teams held on June 28.

Badminton

- Madrid Spain Masters Super 300 - The event was hosted at the Centro Deportivo Municipal Gallur, Madrid

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Kenta Nishimoto (Japan)	Kanta Tsuneyama (Japan)
Women's Singles	Gregoria Tunjung (Indonesia)	PV Sindhu (India)
Men's Doubles	He Ji Ting & Zhou Hao Dong (China)	Lee Fang-Chih & Lee Fang Jen (Chinese Taipei)
Women's Doubles	Liu Sheng Shu & Tan Ning (China)	Chen Fang Hui & Du Yue (China)
Mixed Doubles	Mathias Christiansen & Alexandra Bøje (Denmark)	Praveen Jordan & Melati Daeva Oktavianti (Indonesia)

- 11th 2023 Orleans Masters Badminton Tournament held at the Palais des Sports in Orleans, France

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Priyanshu Rajawat (India)	Magnus Johannesen (Denmark)
Women's Singles	Carolina Marin (Spain)	Beiwen Zhang (USA)
Men's Doubles	Chen Boyang & Liu Yi (China)	Muhammad Shohibul Fikri & Bagas Maulana (Indonesia)
Women's Doubles	Rena Miyaura & Ayako Sakuramoto (Japan)	Rena Miyaura & Ayako Sakuramoto (Japan)

Mixed Doubles	Chen Tang Jie & Toh Ee Wei (Malaysia)	Ye Hong-wei & Lee Chia-hsin (Chinese Taipei)
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- Brazil Para-Badminton International 2023 -Held In : Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles- SL3	Kumar Nitesh (India)	Pramod Bhagat (India)
Men's Singles- SL4	Lucas Mazur (France)	Tarun Tarun (India)
Women's Singles- SH6	Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan (India)	Giuliana Poveda Flores (Peru)
Women's Singles- SL3	Halime Yildiz (Turkiye)	Manasi Girishchandra Joshi (India)
Women's Singles- SU5	Thulasimathi Murugesan (India)	Maud Lefort (France)
Men's Doubles- SL3- SL4	Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam (India)	Joo Dongjae and Shin Kyung Hwan (South Korea)
Men's Doubles- SU5	Muhammad Fareez Anuar and Cheah Liek Hou (Malaysia)	Chirag Baretha and Raj Kumar (India)
Men's Doubles- WH1- WH2	Daiki Kajiwara and Hiroshi Murayama (Japan)	Prem Kumar Ale and Abu Hubaida (India)
Women's Doubles- SL3- SU5	Manasi Girishchandra Joshi and Thulasimathi Murugesan (India)	Mandeep Kaur and Manisha Ramadass (India)



Football

- FIFA Rankings of Men's Football Team

Rank	Winner
1	Argentina
2	France
3	Brazil
4	Belgium
5	England
101	India

- AFC Asian Cup 2023 - The men's football competition of Asia will take place in Qatar from January 12 to February 10, 2024. The 18th edition of the continental competition was organised by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).
- The FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 is being co-hosted by New Zealand and Australia from 20 July to 20 August 2023
- United Kingdom and Ireland - host UEFA European Championship in 2028.
- 23rd edition of the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2023 - FIFA confirms Argentina as the host nation for FIFA U-20 World Cup 2023 after revoking the hosting rights from Indonesia.
- Odisha hosts 3rd Intercontinental Football Cup in June - 4-team Intercontinental Football Cup will be held in Bhubaneswar from June 9 to 18 with the previous edition to be held in Mumbai (2018) and Ahmedabad (2019).

Hockey

- 7th Men's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy 2023 - India will host the Men's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy for the 1st time in Chennai, Tamil Nadu from August 3 to 12.

Weightlifting

- Sanjita Chanu - Commonwealth champion Indian weightlifter has been banned for 4-years by the NADA of India

Tennis

- International Tennis Federation (ITF) Mysuru Open 2023 - Held at the Mysuru Tennis Club, Mysuru.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	George Loffhagen (Great Britain)	Ellis Blake (Australia)
Men's Doubles	Mukund Sasikumar and Vishnu Vardhan (India)	B Ritvick Choudary and Nikki Poonacha (India)

- Miami Open 2023 - The event was held at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)	Jannik Sinner (Italy)
Women's Singles	Petra Kvitova (Czech Republic)	Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan)
Men's Doubles	Santiago Gonzalez (Mexico) and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (France)	Austin Krajicek (United States) and Nicolas Mahut (France)
Women's Doubles	Coco Gauff (United States) and Jessica Pegula (United States)	Leylah Fernandez (Canada) and Taylor Townsend (United States)

- Asian Under-14 Tennis Tournament - Held at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

Category	Winner	Runner
Boy's Singles	Womin Kim (Korea)	Shivtej Shirfule (India)
Boy's Doubles	Min Hyuk Cho and Wonmin Kim (Korea)	Ryu Kotikula and Dharma Pantaratorn (Thailand)
Girl's Singles	Yeri Hong (Korea)	Eva Korysheva (Kazakhstan)

Girl's Doubles	Eva Korysheva and Yerkezhan Zhanatayeva (Kazakhstan)	Ilima Guseynova (Turkmenistan) and Emily Kim (Uzbekistan)
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- Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters 2023 Tennis Tournament - The event was an ATP Masters 1000 tournament on the 2023 ATP Tour held at the Monte Carlo Country Club in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, France.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Andrey Rublev(Russia)	Holger Rune (Denmark)
Men's Doubles	Ivan Dodig (Croatia) and Austin Krajicek (USA)	Sam Weissborn (Austria) and RomainArneodo (France)

- 45th Porsche Tennis Grand Prix - 2023 Porsche Tennis Grand Prix was a women's professional tennis tournament at the Porsche Arena in Stuttgart, Germany and was classified as a WTA 500 tournament.

Category	Winner	Runner
Women's Singles	Iga Swiatek (Poland)	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
Women's Doubles	Demi Schuurs (Netherlands) and Desirae Krawczyk (United States)	Giuliana Olmos (Mexico) and Nicole Melichar Martinez (United States)

- Barcelona Open 2023 - Barcelona Open banc Sabadell was a men's tennis tournament at the Real Club de Tennis Barcelona, Spain.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
Men's Doubles	Maximo Gonzalez (Argentina) and Andres Molteni (Argentina)	Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands) and Neal Skupski (UK)

Basketball

- Qatar will host 2027 Men's Basketball World Cup - International Basketball Federation (FIBA) picked Qatar to host the 2027 edition of its marquee Men's World Cup.

Chess

- Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh - the World Chess Armageddon Asia& Oceania event title by defeating Former World Rapid Champion Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan.
- 1st edition of Global Chess League (GCL) - held from June 21 to July 2, 2023.

Wrestling

- 36th Asian Wrestling Championships 2023 to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan - India won 14 medals (1 gold, 3 silver, 10 bronze) in the event and ranked 7th in overall medal tally.

Grandprix

- Australian Grand Prix - The event was held at the Albert Park Circuit in Melbourne.

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)	Netherlands
2	Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes)	UK
3	Fernando Alonso Díaz (Aston Martin)	Spain

Events

- International Surf Open, a WSL QS 3000 event - The event was a part of the World Surf League (WSL) will be held for the 1st time in India at Mamallapuram, TN from August 14 to 20.
- 17th Hyundai Archery World Cup 2023 Stage 1 held in Antalya, Turkey - 2023 Archery World Cup consists 4 events and run from April 19 to September 10, 2023.

- British F4 Championship 2023 - Jaden Pariat of Argenti Motorsport, has become the 1st Indian to get on the podium in the first round of the ROKiT British F4 Championship at Donington Park, UK.
- Jim Click Shootout Competition 2023 - Commonwealth Games Medallist high jumper Tejaswin Shankar bagged a decathlon silver medal in the Mens's Decathlon High Jump (2.19m) and 400m race category.

BANKING AND FINANCE

RBI

- RBI - India's current account deficit declined to USD 18.2 billion or 2.2% of GDP in Q3 of FY 2022-23
- RBI - a 14-day Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auction on March 10 to inject up to 1 trillion rupees (\$12.19 billion) into the banking system.
- RBI's 1st Bi- monthly Monetary Policy of FY 2023-24 of April 2023

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

- RBI - transfer to/from Pre-approved Credit Lines at Banks through UPI, the UPI network will facilitate payments financed by credit from banks to reduce time and effort required to obtain loans.
- RBI - to develop a centralised portal 'PRAVAAH' (Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And Authorisation) to access details of unclaimed deposits by depositors or their beneficiaries across various banks.
- RBI - the framework for the acceptance of Green Deposits of regulated entities (RE) - To promote and develop a green finance ecosystem in India.

- RBI - the final guidelines for financial sector businesses to outsource information technology (IT)-related services - The Directions shall come into effect from 1 October 2023 to provide REs with adequate time to comply with the requirements.
- RBI - a penalty of Rs.6.77 crore on Mahindra& Mahindra Financial Services for non-compliance with norms related to disclosure of interest rates to borrowers at the time of sanction of loans.
- RBI - Penalty of Rs.55 lakh on Indian Bank for contravention of certain Know Your Customer (KYC) norms.
- RBI - Penalty of Rs.10.50 lakh on Muthoot Money Ltd for non-compliance with certain provisions of the Monitoring of Frauds in NBFCs (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016.
- Indian Banks' Association (IBA) - constituted a 4-member working group on Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs)
- Indian Banks' Association (IBA) - the report on EASE Reforms Index for Q3 FY 2022-23 - Union Bank of India secures 1st rank in the report.
- RBI - the data of Highest Market Borrowings - Tamil Nadu stood on top of the borrowing table for the 3rd consecutive year, the State borrowed Rs.87,977 crore in FY21 and Rs.87,000 crore FY22.
- RBI removes restrictions on individuals opening interest-earning Foreign Currency Accounts (FCA) in India's IFSC

Public Sector Banks

SBI

- Chennai Metro Rail - the Singara Chennai Card (NCCM-National Common Mobility Card) in association with SBI - To facilitate seamless transportation for passengers
- SBI has decided to reintroduce a retail term deposit 'AMRIT KALASH' - It is a special scheme of 400 days tenor from February 15, 2023 to March 31, 2023 and now the scheme was reintroduced with validity from April 12, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

Bank of Baroda

- Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd + Bank of Baroda (BOB) signed a partnership agreement - For co-sourcing of car loan leads for Bank of Baroda through its widespread field and branch distribution channels, complemented by the Bank's wide network across the country for loan processing

Bank of India

- Bank of India (BoI) - a "Shubh Arambh Deposit" retail term deposit scheme for senior citizens

Indian Bank

- Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA) + Indian Bank signed a MoU - To integrate its Payment Aggregator with the e-governance applications of various department of TN government.

Canara Bank

- Canara Bank - a "Premium Payroll Package" for the Salary account holders
- Canara Bank - set up a separate vertical for start-ups
- NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd+ Canara Bank - the Cross Border Inward Bill Payments services for Indians based in Oman.

Union Bank of India

- Union Bank of India - the 1st bank in India to operationalise the mechanism by Special Rupee Vostro Account through its corresponding Bank in Malaysia i.e. India International Bank of Malaysia.

Private Sector Banks

Axis Bank

- Axis Bank + Visa launched a 'Digital Dukaan' app -To empower merchants to accept payments through various digital modes and also enable them to manage their day-to-day business digitally.
- Axis Bank and HDFC Bank signed the definitive agreements with Go Digit Life Insurance - To buy up to 9.94% equity stake each in Insurtechstartup Go Digit Life Insurance for a total cash consideration of Rs.10.93 crore each.

HDFC Bank

- HDFC Bank signed a Master Interbank Credit Agreement with export import (EXIM) Bank of Korea - For a USD 300 million line of credit, will help the bank raise foreign currency funds, to be extended to Korea-related businesses
- RBI - HDFC Bank 3 years to comply with the Priority Sector Lending norms (PSL)

ICICI Bank

- ICICI Bank - a easy EMI facility for UPI payments by scanning QR code
- ICICI Bank offers strong network of Rupee Vostro Account - To enable Indian exporters and importers to pay and settle export-import transactions in Indian Rupees (INR).

KarurVysya Bank

- KarurVysya Bank (KVB) + SBI Life Insurance - market the latter's insurance schemes through the bank branches.

IDBI Bank

- IDBI Bank + National e-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL) - the e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) facility that replaces paper based BG issuance process with e-stamping and e-signatures.

South Indian Bank

- South Indian Bank + Cholamandalam MS General Insurance (Chola MS) - To offer the latter's health and general insurance products to the bank's customers.
- South Indian Bank has introduced a 2 saving accounts SIB SEAFARER and SIB PULSE - The bank launched a two flexible saving accounts for NRI customers specially for mariners and healthcare professionals.

City Union Bank

- City Union Bank + Kaizen Secure Voiz Pvt. Ltd - CUB become the 1st bank to introduce voice biometric authentication for logging into its mobile banking application.

Indusind Bank

- JICA + Citibank - provide a USD 125 million funding line to Indusind Bank



- IndusInd Bank - USD100 million long-term loan agreement with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) - To foster the growth of Japanese construction equipment companies in India through need based credit facilities.

RBL Bank

- RBL Bank - a unique Digital Fixed Deposit (FD) scheme for new-to-bank customers - Customers will get an interest rate on digital FD of up to 7.8% for a tenure of 15 months to 725 days

Karnataka Bank

- Karnataka Bank - a special home loan campaign 'KBL Centenary Mahotsav' from April 17 to July 17

Federal Bank

- Federal Bank partnered with agri fintech start-up Kisan Vikas (KiVi) -To scale and expand its agri lending portfolio in Tamil Nadu.

Payments Bank

- Paytm launched 4G-enabled Soundbox 3.0 - To further empower merchant partners across the country with seamless and secure payment collections.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) + Forum of Industry Academic Knowledge Sharing (FIAKS) platform - To provide digital literacy and spread awareness among postmen (or Gramin Dak Sevaks) to avoid digital frauds.

Small Finance Bank

- AU Small Finance Bank - the 1st commercial bank in India to integrate with the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) - To launch the bill payment services through video banking.
- RBI allows AU Small Finance Bank to deal with Foreign Exchange - The bank received the licence to act as Authorized Dealer Category-I (AD-I) under section 10 of FEMA, 1999 to deal in foreign exchange.
- Shivalik Small Finance Bank + grain commerce platform Arya.ag - To provide finance to small farmers against warehouse receipts.

Insurance News

- IRDAI announced that the,- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) and New India Assurance Company



- (NIACL) were continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) and perceived as "too big or too important to fail (TBTF)".
- IRDAI has granted a certificate of registration license to 2 new entities in the 121st meeting of IRDAI -Those 2 new entities named Acko Life Insurance Ltd. and Credit Access Life Insurance Ltd. to commence life insurance business.
 - LIC -increased the shareholding in Bata India from 57,48,071 to 64,36,692 equity shares, taking its stake of the paid-up capital in the company from 4.472% to 5.008%.
 - Kotak Mahindra General Insurance + actyv.ai - To deliver insurance products in smaller quantities to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) as part of the new-age business sector to help sustain small businesses.
 - ACKO General Insurance + Ather Energy + Ola Electric - offer a "Extended Battery Warranty" plan for Electric Vehicle owners
 - Canara HSBC Life Insurance - a 'Smart Guaranteed Pension' plan
 - Bajaj Finance + SBI General Insurance - To offer consumer-centric motor insurance policies
 - Bengaluru-based startup CoRover + LIC to launch the conversational AI-powered chatbot LIC Mitra -The chatbot will be available on LIC's website and mobile app.
 - Bajaj Allianz General Insurance + actyv.ai - To offer insurance products through their technology platform to MSME enterprises and the business partner ecosystem across the Supply chain.
 - SBI General Insurance - a digital-only health product 'Health Edge Insurance'
 - Reliance General Insurance - the 1st company to accept premium payments in eRupee/CBDC in partnership with Yes Bank
 - LIC - increased the shareholding in Bata India from 57,48,071 to 64,36,692 equity shares, taking its stake of the paid-up capital in the company from 4.472% to 5.008%.
 - LIC - increased its shareholding in L&T Technology Services from 4.988% to 5.008% of the paid-up capital, rose from 52,68,029 to 52,89,396 equity shares.

SIDBI

- SIDBI has launched a pilot scheme 'Mission 50K-EV4ECO' - For better financing terms in the electric vehicle space and strengthening the ecosystem, including uptake for two, three and four-wheelers through direct and indirect lending.



SEBI

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) - a new logo on its 35th Foundation Day
- SEBI granted an in-principle approval to Emkay Global Financial Services - For launching Mutual Fund business and incorporate an Asset Management Company (AMC)

ADB

- ADB + Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd (TPDDL) signed a 150 crore (USD 18.2 million) agreement -To enhance Delhi's power distribution through grid enhancements.

Others

- NBFC, Geojit Credits launched a Loan Against Mutual Fund (LAMF) - The investors can avail loans starting from Rs.10,000 in digital mode at 8.99% per annum and the disbursal would be credited to their registered bank account.
- PhonePe launched a new e-commerce consumer-facing App 'Pincode' - It will be integrated into India's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) framework.
- Grasim Industries has entered into the 3-term loan agreement at Rs 5,000 crore - To finance capital expenditure and repayment of existing loans from Axis Bank
- IIFL Finance - USD 100 million (Rs.819 crore) in long-term funding from EDC and Deutsche Bank
- India's 1st 3D-printed post office to come up in Bengaluru - The project at Cambridge Layout in Ulsoor is being implemented by Larsen & Toubro construction at a cost of around Rs.23 lakh.
- A Neo-banking platform Venlo has launched a UPI-powered app - To provide faster and effortless cross-border payment experience for users.
- CRED credit card payments application - UPI-based peer-to-peer payments
- Bangalore-based InPrime Finserv (STK credit pvt ltd), a financial services start-up - a Certificate of Registration (COR) from RBI to operate as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).
- Mastercard + India's M1xchange - To offer a digital invoice discounting solution to farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and agri-MSMEs through Farm Pass, its agritech platform.
- Neobanking startup Jupiter - secured a NBFC licence from RBI
- RBI - cancelled the banking licence of Kerala-based Adoor Co-operative Urban Bank, allows to operate as NBFC

- NPCI Bharat BillPay (NBBL) has launched the NOCS platform - To provide reconciliation and settlement services for transactions undertaken on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) network.
- Razorpay + ONDC to offer payment reconciliation service - Razorpay is the 2nd fintech to join ONDC after PhonePe.
- NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) + PPRO - To offer Indian customers a platform for hassle-free e-commerce payments globally through UPI.
- Bangalore-based InPrime Finserv (STK credit pvt ltd), a financial services start-up - Certificate of Registration (COR) from RBI to operate as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IIT News

- IIT-Bombay + Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) - To develop a touchless biometric capture system for easier usage anytime and anywhere, will allow fingerprint authentication from home like face authentication.
- IIT Indore + NASA-Caltech + Sweden's University of Gothenburg - to develop a low-cost camera setup which can provide multispectral imaging of four chemical species in a flame using single DSLR camera.
- IIT Roorkee + National Science and Technology Centre for Disaster Reduction (NCDR), Taiwan signed a MoU - To develop scientific and academic cooperation and scientific research to promote relations and mutual understanding between NCDR and the Centre of Excellence in Disaster Mitigation and Management (CoEDMM) of IIT Roorkee.

Space News

- Venturi Astrolab (Astrolab) has signed a contract with Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX) -To send Astrolab's FLEX (Flexible Logistics and Exploration) rover to the Moon on the latter's Starship launch and landing system in the mid of 2026.
- ISRO conducted the Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX) -It was conducted at the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga, Karnataka.
- NASA announced the Artemis II Moon Mission Crew - NASA and Canadian Space Agency announced the 4 astronauts crew for the Artemis II Moon Mission including 3 USA Nationals and 1 Canadian Astronaut.



- Skyroot Aerospace - test-fired its 3D-printed Dhawan II Cryogenic Rocket Engine for a duration of 200 sec
- ISRO completed the final long-duration hot test of Human-Rated L110-G Vikas Engine - For the planned qualification duration of 240 seconds at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu.
- ISRO completed the System Demonstration Model (SDM) tests for Crew Module Propulsion System for the Gaganyaan Mission - For demonstrating the nominal re-entry for the duration of 650 sec conducted at the ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu.
- NASA launched a device to monitor Air Pollution from Space - SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launched to carrying a new NASA device 'Tropospheric Emissions Monitoring of Pollution (TEMPO)' to track air pollution over North America.
- SpaceX launched Intelsat's IS-40e communications satellite - It helps the operators to meet growing demand for connectivity on planes while also carrying its 1st hosted payload for NASA.
- Iran - new domestically-build suicide drone Kamikaze equipped with 50kg Warhead
- North Korea - another nuclear-capable unmanned underwater attack drone named Haeil-2
- North Korea - tested a solid-fuel intercontinental ballistic missile 'Hwasung-18' for a 1st time
- Kenya's 1st operational earth observation satellite 'Taifa-1' launched into Space - Kenya launched its inaugural operational 3U Earth Observation Satellite (EOS) 'Taifa-1', onboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Base in California, United States of America.
- Turkey's 1st observation satellite 'IMECE' was launched into orbit - The satellite was launched from the Vandenberg Space Force Base in California, USA.
- China successfully - a Fengyun-3G into space - It is a 1st satellite dedicated to measuring precipitation from space.
- European Space Agency - the Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE) Mission spacecraft atop an Ariane 5 rocket from Europe's Spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana.
- SpaceX's Starship - the most powerful rocket ever built took off from a launchpad in South Texas



- ISRO successfully deployed 2 Singaporean Satellites into orbit - TeLEOS-2 and Lumelite-4, two Singaporean Satellites were launched into orbit by the dependable Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).
- SpaceX approved to add 5th US Rocket Launch Site - SpaceX granted approval to lease a second rocket launch complex
- Dubai-based airline Emirates - the world's 1st robotic check-in assistant named Sara

DRDO

- Indian Navy and DRDO - a maiden flight trial of a sea-based interceptor missile off the Coast of Odisha in the Bay of Bengal

India in Science & Technology

- 1st series production Light Combat Aircraft Tejas trainer aircraft (LCA Trainer (LT 5201)) has carried out its first flight - Developed by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, the aircraft took its maiden flight from HAL's airport in Bengaluru.
- HAL - handed over the 100th Sukhoi-30 MKI ROH (Repair and Overhaul) aircraft to the Indian Air Force
- Garuda Aerospace - the 1st drone company to receive Agri Drone Subsidy for Agricultural Drones
- ISRO collaborated with the Moon Village Association (MVA) - To enhance outreach activities for the Chandrayaan-3 Mission.
- SAIL-Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) has signed an MoU with Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd (TCIL) - To explore the potential of application of 5G/ IT/ Telecom and other wireless communication technologies in SAIL_BSL operations.

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Environment & Energy

- India - to add 250 GW of renewable energy capacity in the next 5 years
- Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL) + Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd(BHEL) signed a MoU - For Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR) technology-based Nuclear Power Plants.
- Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI) - got the status of Miniratna Category-I
- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Oil India Ltd (OIL) signed a MoU - To pursue technological partnership in select domains across the Energy value chain.
- Indradhanush Gas Grid Ltd (IGGL) - completed Asia's largest underwater hydro-carbon pipeline
- Indian Oil Corp Ltd (IOCL) has entered into a strategic alliance with Tesla Power USA - For providing automotive batteries at fuel stations across India.
- 1st meeting of the Empowered Group for Green Hydrogen Mission - The meeting was chaired by the Cabinet secretary Rajeev Gauba
- Tata Power Delhi Distribution + NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam - get 200MW hydro power supply for meeting its projected peak demand for the next 5 years.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Bangladesh

- High Commission of India Pranya Verma - opened 16th Indian Visa Application Centre in Kushtia, Bangladesh

Bhutan

- Bhutan king Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck - arrived in India on a 3-day visit

Finland

- Finland - the 31st member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Germany

- India - signed a new Work Plan for 2023 on on Quality Infrastructure with Germany

Japan

- New Delhi - 7th India-Japan Defence Policy Dialogue

Mongolia

- Mongolia's 1st Oil Refinery in India to be completed by 2025 - The 1st phase of the USD1.2 billion Indian soft loan funded Mongol Oil Refinery will be completed at the end of this year.

Mozambique

- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar + President Filipe Nyusi of Mozambique - Affirmed a commitment to work with advancements in trade and investments, defense, development cooperation and health.

Nepal

- Nepal planned to develop the Phukot Karnali Hydroelectric Project - A semi-reservoir hydropower project with a capacity of 480 MW to be built in Kalikot district
- Investment Board of Nepal - the investment proposal from India's Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) to build a 669MW Lower Arun Hydro project in Nepal at an investment worth 92.68 billion Nepali Rupees.

Netherlands

- New Delhi - 1st Ministerial-Level Meeting of India-Netherlands Joint Working Group

Pakistan

- Pakistan - the largest recipient of the ADB-funded programmes/projects in the year 2022 - According to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Annual Report 2022, out of total disbursement of over USD 31.8 billion to 40 countries, Pakistan received loans of USD 5.58 billion.

Philippines

- New Delhi - 4th Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting between India & Philippines

Spain

- India + Spain - Agreed to increase cooperation in the field of renewable energy, shipping, ports, tourism, infrastructure, food processing, pharmaceuticals and the defence sector.

United Kingdom

- New Delhi - 5th India-UK Home Affairs Dialogue (HAD)
- India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue held in London - The Dialogue focuses on 6 themes including Banking, Payments and Cryptoassets, Insurance and reinsurance, Capital Markets, Asset Management and Sustainable Finance.
- India and UK to jointly create India-UK "NET Zero" Innovation Virtual Centre - To decarbonise the economy for achieving the climate targets.

Summit/Event

- India organised the 1st-ever Global Buddhist Summit (GBS) in New Delhi - Theme: 'Responses to Contemporary Challenges from Philosophy to Praxis.'
- 7-day SCO Millet Food Festival to be held in Mumbai, Maharashtra - The Festival was organised at the Taj Mahal Palace by the Ministry of Tourism
- Global Conference on Compressed Biogas was held in Indian Habitat Centre, New Delhi - Theme: 'Towards Progressive Policy Framework for a Robust CBG Foundation and Growth'
- India - the 1st Joint Working Group meeting on Chabahar Port in Mumbai
- INTERALPIN 2023 Fair - Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari addressed the Leading International Trade Fair for Alpine Technologies at Innsbruck, Austria.
- EU-India Aviation Summit held in New Delhi - Organised by: European Commission Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport + Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- 4th India-CARICOM Ministerial Meeting - External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar co-chaired the meeting with his Jamaican counterpart Kaminaj Smith in Georgetown, Guyana.
- Australia is set to host the 4th QUAD Summit on May 24 in Sydney
- New Delhi - 10th Meeting for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Transport Ministers

Exercise

- 10th Indian-Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime exercise SLINEX-2023 commenced in Colombo, Sri Lanka - Participants: INS Kiltan and INS Savitri, Indian Navy's Chetak helicopter and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft, SLNS Vijayabahu and SLNS Samudura, Sri Lanka Air Force's Dornier and BEL 412 helicopters.

- Indian Air Force + United States Air Force conducted the Cope India-23 Exercise – Held at the Air Force stations in Panagarh in West Bengal, Kalaikunda in West Bengal and Agra in Uttar Pradesh.
- Multilateral Military Exercise Orion - Indian Air Force and French Air and Space Force are taking part began at the Air Force base Mont-de-Marsan of France.
- 7th edition of India-UK Joint Military Exercise "Ajeya Warrior-23" held at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom - Soldiers of the 2 Royal Gorkha Rifles from the United Kingdom and Indian Army soldiers from the Bihar Regiment are participating in the exercise.

Others

- India contributes USD 2 million to the United Nations Trust Fund in support of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS)
- India was elected to the UN Statistical Commission and 3 other key subsidiary bodies of ECOSOC
- India contributes USD 500,000 to the UN Women-United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
- India + World Food Programme (WFP) signed a MoU - Paving the way for sending 10,000 metric tonnes of wheat for the people of Afghanistan.
- SCO's Young Authors' Conference was held in New Delhi, India - MoS for Culture & External Affairs Meenakashi Lekhi inaugurated the Conference
- India initiated Operation Kaveri to evacuate its citizens stranded in Sudan - External Affairs Minister has announced the standby status of two Indian Air Force C-130J aircraft and INS Sumedha for the safe evacuation of stranded indians in Sudan.
- India has been placed on the 'Priority Watch List' in 2023 - The report was released by the United States Trade Representative (USTR)'s Special 301 Report on Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement.
- India - participate in the International Civil Aviation Organisation's (ICAO) Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) and the Long-Term Aspirational Goals (LTAG) from 2027.
- Goa - 19th Council Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Interbank Consortium (SCO IBC)

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

- PM Modi - Vande Bharat Express Train at between Rani Kamalapati Railway Station in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station in New Delhi to cover a distance of 701 km in 7 hours and 30 minutes.
- PM Modi addressed the 5th International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2023 via a video message
- PM Modi - India's 12th Vande Bharat Express Train connecting Secunderabad and Tirupati route.
- PM Modi - India's 13th and TN's 2nd Vande Bharat Train connecting Chennai and Coimbatore route, TN's 1st Vande Bharat Train service operated from Chennai-Mysuru via Bengaluru.
- PM Modi - a new integrated terminal building set up at a total outlay of Rs.2,437 crore at the Chennai Airport.
- PM Modi - the International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA) in Mysore, Karnataka to curb poaching and illegal wildlife trade.
- PM Modi - the 'Commemoration of 50 years of Project Tiger'
- PM Modi - Rajasthan's 1st and the country's 15th Vande Bharat Express train via video conferencing
- Northeast's 1st AIIMS to be inaugurated in Guwahai, Assam - PM Modi inaugurated the project and was at built the cost of Rs.1,123 crore.
- PM Modi - the foundation stone and inaugurate various projects worth more than Rs.3,200 crore in Kerala - The development projects include India's 1st Kochi Water Metro which was developed by the Cochin Shipyard to provide intermodal connectivity between the bus terminal and the metro network.
- PM Modi - the foundation stone and dedicated 96 projects worth more than Rs.4850 crore at Sayli ground, Silvassa in Dadra and Nagar Haveli

President Droupadi Murmu News

- Droupadi Murmu inaugurates 2-day Gaj Utsav-2023 - Droupadi inaugurated the utsav at the Kaziranga National Park in Assam.
- Droupadi Murmu took her maiden fighter jet flight - She wears an anti-gravity suit before stepping into a Sukhoi 30 MKI fighter aircraft at the Tezpur Air Force Station in Assam.

- President Droupadi Murmu - platinum jubilee celebration (75 years) of the Gauhati High Court in Guwahati and launched a mobile app 'Bhoroxa' made for the safety of women and elderly people on the occasion.

Ministry News

Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Cooperation: Shri Amit Shah

- Amit Shah - the 'vibrant villages programme' at Kibithu border village in Arunachal Pradesh
- Amit Shah - the 1st National Conference of Heads of Anti-Narcotics Task Force of States&UT in New Delhi
- Amit Shah - the meeting of Heads of Departments of SCO Member States responsible for Prevention and Elimination of Emergency Situations in New Delhi.
- Amit Shah launched the world's 1st liquid Nano DAP (Diammonium Phosphate) - A new nano-fertilizer containing nitrogen and phosphorus and was developed by the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO) at New Delhi.

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways: Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari

- MoRTH -extended the date of mandatory fitness testing of heavy goods and passenger motor vehicles through a registered Automated Testing Station (ATS) till October 1, 2024.
- Gadkari - the Peerah-Kunfer Tunnel at Ramban

Ministry of Finance & Corporate Affairs: Smt Nirmala Sitharaman

- MoF issued the Gazette Notifications for Mahila Samman Savings Certificates, 2023 -The scheme has been made available in 1.59 lakh post offices with immediate effect, announced in the 2023-24 Budget by the Finance Minister to commemorate 'AzadiKaAmritMahotsav'.
- Finance Ministry set up a 4-member committee led by the Finance Secretary TV Somanathan -To suggest measures to improve the pensionary benefits of government employees covered under the National Pension System (NPS) and address the needs of the employees while maintaining fiscal prudence to protect the common citizen.
- MoF - the government will release a new commemorative 100 rupees coin - To mark the completion of 100 episodes of PM Narendra Modi's radio show Mann ki Baat.

- Finance Ministry - upgrade Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) to Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE)

Ministry of External Affairs: Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

- Jaishankar -the 'TulsiGhat Restoration Project' of Varanasi, during his visit to Uganda's Kampala

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Shri Narendra Singh Tomar

- Narendra Singh Tomar launched the SATHI Portal and Mobile App - It has been developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) in collaboration with the Agriculture Minister on the theme of 'Uttam Beej- Samridh Kisan'.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs: Shri Arjun Munda

- Arjun Munda launched a New Central Sector Scheme - The scheme named the "Marketing and Logistics Development for Promotion of Tribal Products from North -Eastern Region (PTP-NER)" in Manipur.

Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Textiles: Shri Piyush Goyal

- Piyush Goyal - the India-France Business Summit and CEOs Roundtable in Paris, France - Organized by the Embassy of India in Paris, France + Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) + Movement des entreprises de France (MEDEF) + Indo French Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- Textiles Ministry - a new E-Commerce portal in Gujarat for the handicrafts and handloom sector

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises: Shri Narayan Tatu Rane

- Narayan Rane - the revamped CGTMSE Scheme in Mumbai



Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Mines:

Shri Prahlad Joshi

- The Ministry of Mines - in-principle approval to DIPAM for divestment of its stake in BALCO (Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd).

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ministry of AYUSH:

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal

- Sonowal -a mobile app of National Logistics Portal (Marine) 'SAGAR-SETU' in New Delhi
- Sonowal - the development of Oil Jetty at Deendayal Port, Kandla (Gujarat)

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment: Dr. Virendra Kumar

- Department of Social Justice and Empowerment + Art of Living signed a MoU - For spreading the message of Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) among the youth, women, and students.

Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Panchayati Raj: Giriraj Singh

- Giriraj Singh launched 'Sangathan se Samridhi' Campaign - It will empower marginalized rural households by bringing all eligible rural women into the fold of Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- 28 States/UTs have adopted the National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) for land records

Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Steel: Jyotiraditya Scindia

- Ministry of Civil Aviation - the 5th phase of Regional Air Connectivity Scheme- Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) 5.0 - To improve the connectivity of the country's regional territories.

Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of

Communcations: Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw

- MoS for Communications Devusinh Chauhan - a special cover on 'Mahila Samman Savings Certificate' (MSSC) in Hyderabad to carry a creative design of women empowerment through Post Office Savings Certificate.

**Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs:
Shri Hardeep Singh Puri**

- MoHUA launched the 'City Beauty Competition' and Portal - A nationwide contest aimed at recognizing and encouraging the transformational efforts made by cities and wards to create beautiful, innovative and inclusive public spaces, promoting heritage and culture, sustainable communities, and ecological conservation.

**Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate change, Ministry of Labour and
Employment: Shri Bhupender Yadav**

- Bhupender Yadav launched a new features in eShram Portal - The new feature will enhance the utility of the portal and facilitate ease of registration for unorganised workers and also has a Data Sharing Portal (DSP) and a Data Analytics Portal.

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying: Shri Parshottam Rupala

- Rupala - a Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative and World Bank-funded Animal Health System Support for One Health

**Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Development of North Eastern
Region: Shri G.Kishan Reddy**

- Culture Ministry -the 20th Session of Culture Ministers' Meeting of SCO Member States through video conferencing
- 1st India-Central Asia Culture Ministers' Meeting was hosted by the Culture Ministry via video conferencing
- G20 Tourism Expo held in Jaipur - Organised by the Ministry of Tourism + Government of Rajasthan's Department of Tourism + Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- Kishan Reddy - the "Ganga Pushkarala Yatra: Puri-Kasi-Ayodhya" Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train from Secunderabad Railway Station to boost the spiritual tourism in the country.

**Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports:
Shri Anurag Singh Thakur**

- Min. of Information & Broadcasting + Amazon India signed a Letter of Engagement (LoE) - To highlights India's cultural heritage in the field of media, entertainment and public awareness

Minister of State for Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space: Dr. Jitendra Singh

- Jitendra Singh - a YUVA PORTAL and One Week-One Lab programme in New Delhi - To help in connecting and identifying potential young Start-Ups.
- Vishwa Vidyalaya Anusandhan Utsav 2023 - Jitendra Singh addressed the inauguration of the Utsav at Dr.Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.

State News

Andhra Pradesh

- Andhra Pradesh Government - renamed the Bhavanapadu Port in Srikakulam district as Mulapeta Port.
- Andhra Pradesh CM Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy laid the foundation stone for the Mulapeta greenfield port in Srikakulam district - The port is estimated to cost Rs 4,362 crore and is expected to be completed within 2 years
- Andhra Pradesh CM Y.S.Jagan Mohan Reddy - the INDGAP verification programme

Arunachal Pradesh

- Assam + Arunachal Pradesh signed a MoU in New Delhi - To end a 51-year-old inter-state border dispute.

Assam

- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma - a financial assistance scheme on Chatra Diwas (Students' Day) -For Higher Secondary and Degree students (3.4 lakh students) of the state will receive Rs. 1,459 each to buy books.
- Assam + United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed an MoU - To provide technical support to Assam for strengthening the health system of the state at the Office of the Mission Director in Guwahati.

- Gol + Assam + Dimasa National Liberation Army/Dimasa Peoples' Supreme Council (DNLA/DPSC) signed a tripartite Memorandum of Settlement - For a significant milestone towards making North-East insurgency-free by 2024.

Gujarat

- Gujarat government has launched the Hydrogen Valley Project - It aims to develop a localised hydrogen value chain where it can serve more than one end-sector or application in mobility, industry and energy.

Haryana

- Haryana established a 'Quality Assurance Authority' (QAA) in the Finance Department - To ensure zero corruption and improve quality control systems for engineering works.
- Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar - 3 new online services at providing digital empowerment

Himachal Pradesh

- Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched 'Mukhyamantri Vidarthi Protsahan Yojna' - The scheme provides educational loans to underprivileged students at the rate of 1% to enable them pursue higher and professional studies will be launched in the current financial year.
- Himachal Day is observed on 15th of April in Himachal Pradesh - Himachal Pradesh was created as a province of India in 1948.
- Himachal Pradesh - the 1st state' to creates a DNA Database of Unidentified Bodies
- Himachal Pradesh + Oil India Limited (OIL) signed a MoU - To establish a framework for cooperation in harnessing and developing new and renewable energy sources (NRES) in the state.

Kerala

- Kerala government - a 'One Panchayat, One Playground' to revive sports culture in the state

Maharashtra

- Pune is the 1st city in Maharashtra to get IGBC Platinum Certification - Pune became the 2nd city in India after Rajkot to get the coveted Indian Green Building

Council (IGBC) Platinum Certification under the IGBC Green Existing Cities Rating System.

Manipur

- Manipur observes Khongjom Day 2023 - The 132nd Khongjom Day was commemorated at Khongjom in Thoubal district of Manipur.
- 5th Hun-Thadou Cultural Festival - The Festival kicked off at Thomas Ground in Kangpokpi district of Manipur.

Odisha

- Ganjam district in Odisha - topped in the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
- Indian School of Business (ISB) + Odisha's agriculture department signed a Memorandum of Agreement - To improve the nutritional value across the food chain through strengthening agriculture-nutrition convergence with a focus on fruits and vegetables animal-source foods.
- FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) + Odisha Police signed a MoU - For the 'Reach Her' project aimed to promote a healthy environment among working women.
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik - India's 1st heavy lift logistics eVTOL BonV drone
- Odisha government - extends sponsorship agreement of the Indian National Hockey Team till January 31, 2033
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik - the 3rd phase of the 5T School Transformation Initiative

Rajasthan

- Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot approved a proposal, -For giving 8% interest subsidy on loans obtained by the members of women's self help groups (SHGs) from Mahila Nidhi, the state's 1st-ever women's cooperative fund.
- Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot - a government's flagship initiative 'Mehangai Rahat' camps at Mahapura village in Jaipur
- Rajasthan Forest Department announced 3 new conservation reserves to protect the rare and endangered wildlife of Rajasthan - The 3 new wildlife conservation reserves are Sorsan in Baran, Khichan in Jodhpur and Hamirgarh in Bhilwara.

Tamil Nadu

- TN Governor RN Ravi approved a Bill to ban online gambling, including online rummy and poker with stakes

Telangana

- Telangana CM K.Chandrashekhar Rao + BR Ambedkar's grandson Prakash Ambedkar unveiled the, - 125-feet tall statue of Bharat Ratna Dr B.R.Ambedkar on the Hussain sagar lake in Hyderabad on 132nd birth anniversary of ambedkar.

Uttar Pradesh

- People's Action for National Integration (PANI) + Dvara E-Registry - To access and provide the FPO (Farmer Producer Organisation) digital platform 'Doordrishti' to small and marginal farmers in Uttar Pradesh.
- Uttar Pradesh government -topped in Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana
- World's 1st Conservation and Breeding Centre will be set up in Uttar Pradesh - The centre named the Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre (JCBC) is set up in Maharajganj district of Uttar Pradesh
- UP cabinet cleared 3 major proposals to benefit weavers and setting up a flat rate for power dues for weavers in the state - To boost the upgradation and modernisation of Handloom and Powerloom in the state.
- Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath - the 'Bijli Mitra' initiative to stop electricity theft in the state

Uttarakhand

- Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhama inaugurated the state's 1st Health ATM - Installed by the JK Tire Ltd in association with Yes Bank under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at the State Secretariat.
- Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhama - 'A-HELP' programme to strengthen livestock-related activities

Union Territory News

Delhi

- Delhi Lt.Governor VK Saxena approved the constitution of vigilance committees for Fair Price Shop in New Delhi
- Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train Tour on Ambedkar Circuit was flagged off from New Delhi - Inaugurated on the occasion of the 132nd birth anniversary of social reformer B.R.Ambedkar by Minister of Tourism G.Kishan Reddy and Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Virendra Kumar from the HazratNizamuddin Railway Station.

- Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal -180 revamped websites of 50 Delhi government departments
- The Delhi High Court launched 2 projects - The projects named “Digital Courts for Contested Traffic Challans” and “Bail Orders Sharing Module on e-Prison Platform”, launched by the Chief Justice of India, Justice DY Chandrachud.

Jammu and Kashmir

- J&K Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated Tulip Garden at Sanasar Ramban Hill resort
- 3rd edition of the Jammu Film Festival held in Jammu city - Sponsored by the J&K Tourism Department, began with a grand opening at Abhinav Theatre.
- Sinthan Snow Festival 2023 - SinthanMaidan, Kishtwar in J&K

Union Cabinet & Centre News

- Centre hiked the interest rates of Small Savings Schemes by up to 70 bps for April-June 2023 quarter

Savings Scheme	Interest rate Oct-Dec	Interest rate Jan-March	Interest rate Apr-June
Post Office Savings Account	4.00%	4%	4%
Post Office Recurring Deposit	5.80%	5.8%	6.2%
Post Office Monthly Income Scheme	6.70%	7.1%	7.4%
Post Office Time Deposit (1 year)	5.50%	6.6%	6.8%
Post Office Time Deposit (2 years)	5.70%	6.8%	6.9%
Post Office Time Deposit (3 years)	5.80%	6.9%	7.0%
Post Office Time Deposit (5 years)	6.70%	7.0%	7.5%

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KisanVikas Patra (KVP)	7% (123 months)	7.2% (123 months)	7.5% (115 months)
Public Provident Fund (PPF)	7.10%	7.1%	7.1%
SukanyaSamridhiYojana	7.60%	7.6%	8.0%
National Savings Certificate	6.80%	7.0%	7.7%
Senior Citizens' Saving Scheme (SCSS)	7.60%	8.00%	8.2%

- Union Cabinet approved the - Indian Space Policy, 2023, to a project to construct and set up a Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory-India (LIGO-India) worth Rs.2,600 crore
- 16th Finance Commission will be constituted in November
- Centre extended the ceasefire agreement signed with 3Naga insurgent groups for another year - Ceasefire agreements is an operation between the Gol and the National Socialist Council of Nagaland/NK, National Socialist Council of Nagaland/ Reformation and National Socialist Council of Nagaland/K-Khango
- Centre - a special scheme 'Support for Poor Prisoners' to provide financial support to prisoners who are unable to afford the penalty or the bail amount.
- Centre revised the package rates of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) - Out Patient Department (OPD) rates increased to Rs.350 from Rs.150 and In-Patient Department (IPD) consultation fees increased from Rs.300 to Rs.350.
- Cabinet approved the National Medical Devices Policy 2023 - To promote domestic manufacturing and help the sunrise sector grow from the present USD 11 billion to USD 50 billion in the next 5 years (by 2030) and reduce import dependence.

G20 News

- 2nd G20 Tourism Working Group meeting - Siliguri and Darjeeling West Bengal
- 2nd Energy Transition Working Group (ETWG) Meeting under India's G20 presidency - Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- The 2-day Science20 conference on 'Clean Energy for Greener future' - the Hapania International Fair Ground in Agartala, Tripura



- The 2nd meeting of G20 Employment Working Group (EWG) held in Assam - To deliberate on a wide range of issues like labour, employment and social for an inclusive growth.
- 2nd G20 EMPOWER (Empowerment and Progression of Women's Economic Representation) meeting held in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- 2nd meeting of the Development Working Group under India's G20 Presidency held at Kumarakom, Kerala
- Nagaland - the final B20 session in Northeast under G20 dialogue forum
- IIT Kanpur - Youth20 (Y20) Consultation under the G20 Presidency of India
- The 2nd Women 20 (W20) International Meeting held in Jaipur, Rajasthan - Theme: "Women Led Development Leverage Women's Untapped Potential to Accelerate Inclusive and Sustainable Future."
- The 2nd meeting of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors under the Indian G20 Presidency was held in Washington, DC
- 2nd Health Working Group meeting under India's G20 Presidency was held in Goa
- G20 2nd Digital Economy Working Group meeting was held in Hyderabad, Telangana
- 3-day Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS) under India's G20 presidency held in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- ISRO - the 4th Space Economy Leaders Meeting under India's G20 Presidency in 2-phases
- Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh - 2-day conference of the G20 Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering
- 3rd Education Working Group Meeting held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha under the India's G20 Presidency
- Y20 Pre-Summit under the G20 Presidency held in Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra, Leh

NITI Aayog

- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog + Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - To promote innovation in the agricultural sector among school students across India.
- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog + United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) - a whitepaper that aims to make India a global leader in Agri-Tech innovation and to extend these innovations to the least developed countries in Asia and Africa.



- NITI Aayog released the report titled 'Promoting Millets in Diets: Best Practices across States/UTs of India' - The report was released by the NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman K.Bery.

Others

- Government approved the issuance of 26th Tranche of Electoral Bonds - The 26th tranche of electoral bonds that will open for sale from April 3 to 12, 2023, ahead of the Karnataka Assembly Elections.
- GoI has given the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag to 33 New Products

State/UT	Geographical Indications
Tamil Nadu	Manapparai Murukku Cumbum Panneer Thratchai (grapes) Marthandam Honey Ooty Varkey Manamadurai Pottery Salem Sago (Javvarisi) Authoor Vetrilai Negamam Cotton Saree Myladi Stone Carvings Thaikkal Rattan Craft Sholavandan Vetrilai
Uttar Pradesh	Banaras Pan (Betel Leaf) Banaras Langda Aam (Mango) Ramnagar Bhanta (Brinjal) Adamchini Chawal (Rice) Algarh Tea Bakhira Brassware Banda Shazar Patthar Craft Nagina Wood Craft Pratapgarh Aonla Hathras Hing
Jammu and Kashmir	Basohli Painting Basohli Pashmina Woolen Products Rajouri Chikri Wood Craft Bhaderwah Rajmash Mushqbudji Rice Udampur Kaladi (Dairy Product)

	Ramban Sulai honey Ramban Anardana
Bihar	Marcha Rice (Mircha Rice)
Chhattisgarh	Nagri Dubraj (Rice)
Madhya Pradesh	Rewa Sunderja Mango
Ladakh	Ladakh Shingskos (Wood Carving)

- Stand-up India Scheme has completed its 7 years on April 5 - Under this scheme over 40,700 crore rupees have been sanctioned to over 1.80 lakh beneficiaries since the launch of the scheme.
- 8th Anniversary of Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana is observed on 8th April - About Rs.23.2 lakh crore has been sanctioned in 40.82 crore loan accounts under Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana since its inception in 2015
- Unified Portal of the Central Bureau of Narcotics was launched by the Revenue Secretary Shri Sanjay Malhotra
- India's 1st semi high speed Regional Rail Services named 'RAPIDX' launched by NCRTC
- Indian Highways Management Company + Nagarjunasagar-Srisaillam Tiger Reserve in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana signed a MoU - To facilitate seamless and efficient entry process for vehicles entering into the forest area.
- Digital Health Summit 2023 was held in Goa - Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) + Ministry of Health & Family Welfare organised the summit.
- India approved the National Quantum Mission from 2023-24 to 2030-31 - To nurture and scale up scientific and industrial research and development in quantum technology sector and promoting economic growth through its development.
- 1st edition of biannual Army Commanders Conference held in New Delhi - Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the conference.
- India Steel 2023-5th International Exhibition and Conference is being held in Exhibition Centre in Goregaon, Mumbai - The Conference is a joint initiative of Ministry of Steel, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce Industry (FICCI).

- C-20 (Civil-20) Consultative Conference held in Golden Jubilee Banquet Hall of Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh -The conference was organized by the Vivekananda Kendra Institute of Culture under the theme “Diversity, Inclusion, Mutual Respect”.
- Gol’s programme Khelo India Initiative completes 5 years -It was launched in 2017-18 under the tenure PM Narendra Modi and Sports Minister's Vijay Goel and Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore.
- Chennai Metro Rail Ltd + Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd signed a contract agreement worth Rs.1,134 crore - For the construction of an elevated viaduct for CMRL Phase-II, as part of Asian Development Bank funding for Phase-II under the loan agreement.
- Country’s 1st cable-stayed railway bridge, the magnificent AnjiKhad Bridge constructed in Reasi district of J&K - AnjiKhad Bridge will soon connect Katra and Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir.
- 2-day All India Vedic Science Conference held in New Delhi - Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the conference to discuss research papers on various subjects based on scientific facts in vedas.
- North East Bankers’ Conclave 2023 held in Constitution Club of India, New Delhi = Organised by the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFI) + State Bank of India (SBI) with the support of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
- 2-day National Conference on Condition Monitoring (NCCM) 2023 held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh - Organised by the DRDO, Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Condition Monitoring Society of India (CMSI).
- 3rd Summit on Farm Machinery Technology held in New Delhi - Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Tractor and Mechanization Association (TMA) Organised the summit and was inaugurated by the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar.
- 3rd edition of the ‘Republic Summit’ is held in Taj Palace, New Delhi - Theme: ‘Time of Transformation’.



- 6th edition of One Earth One Health, Advantage Healthcare India 2023 is held in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi - Organised by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare + Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), PM Modi addressed the summit.
- Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Defence Ministers Meeting held in New Delhi - Addressed by the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- Gross GST revenue in the Month of March is Rs 1,60,122 crore - Out of which CGST-Rs 29,546 crore, SGST-Rs 37,314 crore, IGST-Rs 82,907 crore, cess-Rs 10,355 crore.
- UPI processed a record of 8.7 billion transactions in March 2023 worth Rs.14.05 trillion
- Indian Oil Corporation - set up a joint venture with US-based clean energy technology company LanzaJet Inc and domestic airlines for production of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) in Haryana at a cost of Rs.3,000 crore.
- NSE Indices Ltd - India's 2st Nifty REITs and InvITs Index
- US - India's biggest trading partner in FY23 with a trade volume of USD 128.55 billion from USD 119.5 billion
- Elon Musk - a Artificial Intelligence Company X.AI in the state of Nevada, Texas to promote Artificial Intelligence (AI) in ChatGPT era.
- Wholesale Price Index (WPI) Inflation eased to a 30-month low of 1.34% March lower than 3.85% in February and 14.63% in March 2022, as per the report released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation declined to a 15-month low of 5.66% in March from 6.44% in February, as per the report released by the National Statistical Office and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- Log9 Materials - India's 1st lithium-ion cell manufacturing facility
- Fly91 - receive the no objection certificate from the Ministry of Civil Aviation to start flights

RANKING

National Ranking

- 3rd India Justice Report (IJR) 2022 - IJR 2022 was initiated by Tata Trusts in 2019

The list of 18 large and mid-sized States with populations over one crore:

Rank	State
1	Karnataka
2	Tamil Nadu
3	Telangana
4	Gujarat
5	Andhra Pradesh
18	Uttar Pradesh (lowest)

- State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2021-22 - Power Minister RK Singh released the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2021-22 report. Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan and Telangana are in the front-runners category, with a score of above 60.
- 1st Census of Water Bodies Report - The report is released by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Rank	State
1	West Bengal
2	Uttar Pradesh
3	Andhra Pradesh
4	Odisha
5	Assam

International Ranking

- World's 10 Busiest Airports in the World for 2022. Airports Council International (ACI) released the report.

Rank	Airport Name	Country
1	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport	USA
2	Dallas Fort Worth Airport	USA
3	Denver Airport	USA
4	Chicago O'Hare Airport	USA
5	Dubai Airport	UAE
6	Los Angeles International Airport	USA
7	Istanbul Airport	Turkey
8	London Heathrow Airport	UK
9	India Gandhi International Airport	Delhi, India
10	Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport	France

- Forbes' 37th Annual World's Billionaires List 2023

Rank	Name	Net Worth	Country
1	Bernard Arnault & Family	USD 211 billion	France
2	Elon Musk	USD 180 billion	United States
3	Jeff Bezos	USD 114 billion	USA
9	Mukesh Ambani	USD 83.4 billion	India
24	Gautam Adani	USD 47.2 billion	India
55	Shiv Nadar	USD 25.6 billion	India

- Best Public Transport in the World 2023 - London based global magazine 'Time Out' published the survey in the list of Best Public Transport in the World 2023.

Rank	City	Country
1	Berlin	Germany
2	Prague	Czech Republic
3	Tokyo	Japan
4	Copenhagen	Denmark
5	Stockholm	Sweden
19	Mumbai	India

- Freedom in the World Index 2023
 - Published by the International Watchdog Freedom House, Least Free Country in the World:

Rank	Country
1	Tibet, Syria, South Sudan
2	Turkmenistan
3	Eastern Donbas, Eritrea, North Korea
4	Western Sahara, Crimea
5	Equatorial Guinea
27	Indian Kashmir, Kyrgyzstan
66	India
100	Norway, Finland, Sweden

- Stanford University's Annual AI Index Report

Rank	Country
1	United States
2	China
3	United Kingdom
4	Israel
5	India

- Hurun's Global Unicorn Index 2023 - Hurun Research Institute published the Global Unicorn Index 2023.

Top 5 Countries with Most Unicorns

Rank	Country
1	USA
2	China
3	India
4	United Kingdom
5	Germany

Top 5 Cities with Most Unicorns

Rank	City
1	San Francisco, USA
2	New York, USA
3	Beijing, China
4	Shanghai, China
5	London, UK

Top 5 Global Unicorn Index 2023

Rank	Unicorn	Country
1	ByteDance	China
2	SpaceX	USA
3	Ant Group	China
4	Shein	China
5	Stripe	USA

- World's Wealthiest Cities Report 2023 -London-based Henley& Partners released the report

Rank	City	Country
1	New York	USA
2	Tokyo	Japan
3	San Francisco Bay Area	USA
4	London	UK
5	Singapore	Singapore
21	Mumbai	India
36	Delhi	India
60	Bengaluru	India
63	Kolkata	India
65	Hyderabad	India

- India surpassed China to become World's Most Populous Nation - With the population of 142.86 crore people and China has a population of 142.57 crore, according to the United Nations World Population Dashboard.

- 7th World Bank's Logistic Performance Index (LPI) 2023

Rank	Country	LPI Score
1	Singapore	4.3
2	Finland	4.2
3	Denmark	4.1
3	Germany	4.1
3	Netherlands	4.1
38	India	3.4

- SIPRI Report World Military Expenditure in 2022 - Swedish think tank Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) 'Trends in World Military Expenditure 2022',

Rank	Country
1	United States
2	China
3	Russia
4	India
5	Saudi Arabia

Awards

National Awards

- Kiran Nadar - "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur" (Knight of the Legion of Honour)
- Tripura - Best Performing State in North-eastern Region in the implementation of e-procurement
- All India Management Association hosted its 13th Managing India Awards

Category	Winner
'Business Leader of the Decade'	Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of Aditya Birla Group
'AIMA-JRD Tata Corporate Leadership'	Tata Steel Chairman, T V Narendran
'MNC in India of the Year'	Leading Engineering Services Company ABB India
'Outstanding Contribution to Media'	Rahul Kanwal, News Director of India Today, Aajtak and Executive Director of Business Today
'Outstanding PSU of the Year'	National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

- Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2022 - Home Minister Amit Shah presented the award to spiritual leader and social activist Appasaheb Dharmadhikari at Kharghar in Navi Mumbai.
- 59th Femina Miss India World 2023 - Nandini Gupta of Kota, Rajasthan has been crowned Femina Miss India World 2023 in the grand ceremony held at Khumpan Lampak Stadium in Imphal, Manipur.
- Raj Subramaniam - the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman award
- Wing Commander Deepika Misra - the 1st woman officer to conferred the Vayu Sena Medal
- Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2022 - The program was held on the occasion of 16th Civil Services Day at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Category	Winner
Innovation (Centre)	National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
	PM GatiShakti Master Plan under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade(DPIIT)
Innovation (State)	Mission Youth of Jammu and Kashmir
	State Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation(SOTTO) – Gujarat
Innovation (District)	Operation Parivartan in Solapur, Maharashtra
	Sanvardhan (Vocal for Local) initiative in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh
	Changlang district in Arunachal Pradesh fo its innovative New Age Learning Centre (NALC)
Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centre	Latur of Maharashtra for promoting 'Swasth Bharat' under Ayushman Bharat
	Anakapalli of Andhra Pradesh for promoting 'Swasth Bharat' through many Health and Wellness Centres
Promoting Swachh Jal (Clean Jal) through Har Ghar Jal Yojana	Dr M Aarthi (2012 batch IAS officer of TN Cadre), Deputy Commissioner of Kancheepuram District in Tamil Nadu
	Bhavya Mittal (2014 batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh Cadre), District Magistrate of Burhanpur district in Madhya Pradesh
Promoting quality education with an equitable and inclusive	Abhishek Anand (2014 batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh Cadre), District Magistrate of Chitrakoot district in Uttar Pradesh

Category	Winner
classroom environment through Samagra Shiksha	M Nagarajan(2009 batch IAS officer of Gujarat Cadre) Deputy Commissioner Mahesana district in Gujarat
Promoting Swasth Bharat (Healthy Bharat) through Health & Wellness Centres	Prithviraj BP, Deputy Commissioner of Latur district in Maharashtra
	Ravi Pattanshetti(2013 batch IAS officer of Andhra Pradesh Cadre), Deputy Commissioner of Anakapalli district in Andhra Pradesh
	Dr Om P Machra(2016 batch IAS officer of Gujarat Cadre), awarded for the best performance to the Team for Promoting People's Movements-Jan Bhagidari through Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) of Mehsana, Gujarat
Holistic Development through Aspirational District Program – overall progress with special focus on saturation approach	Dr Syed Sehrish(2023 batch IAS officer of AGMUT Cadre), Deputy Commissioner of Baramula district in Jammu & Kashmir
	Sushant Gaurav(2014 batch IAS officer of Jharkhand Cadre), Deputy Commissioner of Gumla district in Jharkhand

- Ratan Tata - the Order of Australia, the highest civilian honour in Australia
- Ispat Rajbhasha Samman for the year 2021-22 - Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)/Vizag Steel bagged the Steel Ministry's Ispat Rajbhasha Samman 1stPrize for the year 2021-22.
- 1959 Ramon Magsaysay Award - The 1959 Ramon Magsaysay Award was presented to Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama in person after 64 years in Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh.
- Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO) Awards 2022-23 - The award function was organised on the 53rd Foundation Day of HUDCO in New Delhi, inaugurated by the MoHUA Hardeep Singh Puri, the Secretary of MoHUA, Manoj Joshi presented the award.

International Awards

- 102-years old Indian-American statistician Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao - the 2023 International Prize in Statistics
- Arcot Nawab Mohammed Abdul Ali - the Meritorious Service Award 2023 by the Indo-Australian Association (IAA)
- Green World Awards 2023 - The Green Organization of London, United Kingdom presented the award at Miami International Airport in the USA.

Winner	Category	Details
Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL), a Maharatna CPSU of Ministry of Power	Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)	To recognise the work for enhancing agriculture productivity and rural livelihood through watershed management, community participation and better crop management practices in 10 villages of Jaipatna Block of Kalahandi District in Odisha.
Chennai Metro Rail Ltd	Environmental Policy	In recognition of its initiatives to cut down on energy use, carbon emissions and solar energy usage.
Vedanta Ltd	Environmental Policy & Management	-

APPOINTMENT

National Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Amrendu Prakash	Chairman of Steel Authority of India Ltd	-
Anshuman Singhania	Chairman of the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)	-
Bhavesh Zaveri	Executive Director of HDFC	-

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
	Bank	
Debadatta Chand	MD& CEO of Bank of Baroda	Sanjiv Chadha
Hari Hara Mishra	CEO of Association of Asset Reconstruction Companies in India	-
IAS officer Manoj Saunik	Chief Secretary of Maharashtra	Manu Kumar Shrivastav
Janhwij Sharma	Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)	V Vidyavathi
Jharkhand High Court Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh	Chief Justice of Tripura High Court	Justice Indrajit Mahanty
Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan	Acting Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court	Justice Sabina
Kaizad Bharucha	Deputy Managing Director of HDFC Bank	-
Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo	President of National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)	Raninder Singh
Margherita Della Valle	Permanent CEO of Vodafone	Nick Read
Microsoft India President Anant Maheshwari	Chairperson of NASSCOM for 2023-24	Krishnan Ramanujam
Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has extended the term of C S Rajan	Non-executive Chairman of IL&FS	-
Mugdha Sinha	Additional Charge of the Director General of the National Archives of India	-

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Neeraj Nigam	Executive Director of RBI	-
P Radhakrishna	Chairman and MD of Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL)	Commodore Siddharth Mishra (Ret d)
Rajesh Kumar Singh	Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)	Anurag Jain
Rajneesh Karnatak	MD and CEO of Bank of India	Atanu Kumar Das
RBI reappointed N Kamakodi as	MD and CEO of City Union Bank	-
RBI reappointed Sanjay Agarwal as	MD and CEO of AU Small Finance Bank	-
S.V.Bhatti	Acting Chief Justice of Kerala High Court	Chief Justice S.Manikumar
Sekhar Rao	Interim MD and CEO of Karnataka Bank	Mahabaleshwara MS
Shreekant M Bhandiwad	Chairman of Karnataka VikasGrameena Bank (KVGB)	Puttaganti Gopikrishna
Shri Goutom Chakraborty	CEO of GAIL Gas Ltd	Shri Raman Chadha
Siddhartha Mohanty	Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)	M R Kumar
Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh	Vice Chief of Naval Staff	Vice Admiral SN Ghormade
Vijay Mehta	28th President of the Association of National Exchanges Members of India (ANMI)	Kamlesh Shah
Vinod Kumar	MD and CEO of National	Ramesh Doraiswami

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
	Bulk Handling Corporation	

International Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Aleksander Ceferin	Reappointed as the President of UEFA for the 3rd term	-
Mohammed Shahabuddin Chuppu	22nd president of Bangladesh	Md Abdul Hamid

Brand Ambassadors

Name	Brand Ambassador
Former Captain of Indian Cricket Team Virat Kohli	Brand Influencer of HSBC India

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book Name	Author Name	Published by
"In Pursuit of Peace: India-Pakistan Relations Under Six Prime Ministers"	Satinder Kumar Lambah	Penguin Random House India
"Crosscourt"	It is the autobiography of tennis star Jaidip Mukerjea. It is co-authored by Papri Sen Sri Raman	Vitasta Publishing Pvt Ltd
"Not An Accidental Rise: Harsh Vardhan Shringla"	Dipmala Roka	-
"My Life as a Comrade: The Story of an Extraordinary Politician and the World That	K.K. Shailaja, Manju Sara Rajan	Juggernaut Books of Delhi

Shaped Her”		
“Reflections”	Narayanan Vaghul, Former Chairman of ICICI Bank	-

OBITUARY

- Former High Court Chief Justice Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan -He served as the Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Telangana High Courts.
- Former India all-rounder Salim Durani - Arjuna Award(1961), CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award in Mumbai(2011)
- Sudhir Naik - Former great and India cricketer
- Giridih Jagarnath Mahto - Jharkhand Education Minister and Senior JMM leader of Dumri constituency
- Former Mahindra Group Chairman and Industrialist Keshub Mahindra - In 1987, Keshub Mahindra was awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Legion d'honneur (Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honor) by the French Government
- Former Hyderabad Opener Abdul Azeem - the coach of the Hyderabad Ranji Team with Noel David as his deputy.
- Arun Singh Barhat- Veteran Table Tennis player
- Parkash Singh Badal- Former Chief Minister of Punjab
- Harry Belafonte - American Singer
- Gemini Sankaran - The founder of Gemini Circus and a pioneer of Indian circus
- Himangshu Mohan Chowdhury- Tripura's 1st Padma Shri Awardee
- Chandan Ram Das - Uttarakhand's Minister for Transport and Social Welfare
- Kaur Singh - Asian Games gold medalist boxer



Defence

- Cochin Shipyard Limited + Indian Navy signed a contract -To build Six Next Generation Missile Vessels (NGMV) at the cost of Rs.9,805 crore for local naval defence operations and seaward defence of Offshore Development area and the delivery of ships is scheduled to commence in 2027.
- Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation (KSINC) - solar-powered hybrid boat 'Sooryamshu'
- Indian Navy conducted the bi-annual co-ordinated exercise 'Prasthan' - Along with other defence, state and civilian agencies in the offshore development area off Mumbai.
- Indian Army and the Indian Air Force (IAF) jointly conducted a multi-domain exercise in the Eastern Sector
- Indian Coast Guard - the Sagar Kavach Exercise on Odisha Coast -
- Indian Army + Assam's Tezpur University signed a MoU - For training the Indian Army personnel in the Chinese language for a duration of 16 weeks.
- Indian Army has acquired over 450 fully indigenous loitering munitions, Nagastra-1 - The deal has been signed with indigenous firm Economic Explosives Ltd, a subsidiary of Solar Industries Nagpur at the cost of Rs.300 crore.
- Asia's 1st and World's 4th P8I Training Simulator Complex inaugurated at INS Rajali, Arakkonam

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