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IMPORTANT DAYS**NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
1st January	65th Foundation Day Of DRDO	-
5th January	National Bird Day	-
9th January	17th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas [NRI Day]	Diaspora ; Reliable Partner For India's Progress In The Age of Amrit-Kaa
11th-17th January	National Road Safety Week	-
11th January	National Human Trafficking Day	-
12th January	26th National Youth Day	Viksit Yuva-Viksit Bharat
14th January	Armed Forces Veterans Day	-
15th January	75th Indian Army Day	-
15th January	148th Foundation Day of India Meteorological Department (IMD)	-
16th January	National Startup Day	-
10th-16th January	Start-Up India Innovations Week	-
21st January	Statehood Day of Meghalaya, Manipur & Tripura	-
23rd January	Parakram Diwas	-
24th January	National Girl Child Day	-
24th January	Foundation Day Of Uttar Pradesh	Investment & Employment.
25th January	13th National Voter's Day	Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure
25th January	National Tourism Day	-
25th January	53rd Statehood Day Of Himachal Pradesh	-
26th January	74th Republic Day	-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
30th January	Martyrs Day/Shahheed Diwas.	

INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
1st January	Global Family Day	Families Together: Building Resilience for a Brighter Future
4th January	World Braille Day	-
6th January	World Day of War Orphans	-
10th January	World Hindi Day	Hindi: Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence
14th January	International Kite Day	-
24th January	International Education Day	To Invest in People, Prioritise Education
26th January	International Customs Day	Nurturing the next generation: promoting a culture of knowledge-sharing and professional pride in Customs
27th January	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	Home and Belonging
28th January	Data Privacy Day	Think Privacy First
29th January	World Leprosy Day	Act Now. End Leprosy

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SPORTS

Cricket

- ICC Player of the Month of December 2022 - Men's Player of the Month: Harry Brook (England). Women's Player of the Month: Ashleigh Gardner (Australia).
- BCCI include DEXA and Yo-Yo tests to be a part of team selections - BCCI shortlists 20 players for proper preparations for the ODI World Cup 2023.
- Surya Kumar Yadav becomes the fastest player to reach 1,500 runs in T20I in terms of balls faced
- BCCI entered into a strategic partnership with Kewal Kiran Clothing Ltd (KKCL)
- Virat Kohli overtook Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar to score the most hundreds at home
- ICC Men's and Women's T20I Team of the Year 2022

Men's T20I Team of the Year	Women's T20I Team of the Year
Jos Buttler (England) Mohammed Rizwan (Pakistan) Virat Kohli (India) Suryakumar Yadav (India) Glenn Phillips (Kiw) Sikandar Raza (Zimbabwe) Hardik Pandya (India) Sam Curran (England) Wanindu Hasaranga (Sri Lanka) Haris Rauf (Pakistan) Josh Little (Ireland)	Sophie Devine (New Zealand) Smriti Mandhana (India) Beth Mooney (Australia) Ash Gardner (Australia) Tahlia McGrath (Australia) Nida Dar (Pakistan) Deepti Sharma (India) Richa Ghosh (India) Sophie Ecclestone (England) Inoka Ranaweera (Sri Lanka) Renuka Singh (India)

- ICC Annual Awards 2022
 - Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year: Babar Azam, Pakistan.
 - Men's T20 Cricketer of the Year: Suryakumar Yadav, India.
 - Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year: Marco Jansen, South Africa.
 - Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year: Nat Sciver, England.
 - Women's T20 Cricketer of the Year: Tahlia McGrath, Australia.
 - Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year: Renuka Singh, India.
 - Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy: Babar Azam, Pakistan.
 - Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy: Nat Sciver, England.
- ICC Women's U-19 T20 World Cup - India defeats England by 7 wickets in U-19 T20 World Cup final to become the 1st women's Indian cricket team to win a world championship. - Held at Senwes Park Stadium in South Africa.



- Indian batter Shubman Gill completed 1,000 ODI runs to become a fastest Indian and joint 2nd fastest International Player, he scored double century in ODI format.

Hockey

- International Hockey Federation (FIH) + JSW Group - For the upcoming FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 in Bhubaneswar-Rourkela.
- 3rd Hockey World Cup 2023 - Germany defeats Belgium in penalty shootouts 5-4 to win the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar..
- List of the winners for the 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup awards:
 - Best Player: Niklas Wellen
 - Best Goalkeeper: Vincent Vanasch
 - Best Junior Player: Mustapha Cassiem
 - Best Team Goal Celebration Award: Korea
 - Best Forward of the Tournament Award: Niklas Wellen
 - Best Midfielder of the Tournament Award: Victor Wegnez
 - Best Defender of the Tournament Award: Jeremy Hayward
 - Hero Top Scorer: Jeremy Hayward
 - Fan's Choice Award: Christopher Ruhr
 - Fair Play Award: Belgium
 - Maximum Team Goals Award: Netherlands

Chess

- 16-year old M. Pranesh - India's 79th chess Grandmaster

Tennis

- Australian Open held at Melbourne Park

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	N. Djokovic (Serbia)	Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
Women's Singles	A. Sabalenka (Belarus)	E. Rybakina (Kazakhstan)
Men's Doubles	J. Kubler (Australia)& R. Hijikata (Australia)	H. Nys (Monaco)& J. Zielinski (Poland)
Women's Doubles	B. Krejčíková (Czechia)& K. Siniakova (Czechia)	S. Aoyama (Japan)& E. Shibahara (Japan)
Mixed Doubles	L. Stefani (Brazil)& R. Matos (Brazil)	R. Bopanna (India)& S. Mirza (India)

- America's Coco Gauff won ASB Classic in strong start to 2023 by defeating Spanish Qualifer Viktoria Masarova in the final.

- Prajnesh Gunneswaran defeats Khumoyun Sultanov of Uzbekistan in the final of the ITF Men's Tennis Tournament is being held in Al Zahra, Kuwait.

Table Tennis

- Manika Batra reached 35th position in Women's Singles in the ITTF world rankings.

Badminton

- India Open Badminton 2023

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Thailand)	Viktor Axelson (Denmark)
Women's Singles	An Se-young (South Korea)	Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)
Men's Doubles	Liang Weikeng (China) Wang Chang (China)	Aaron Chia (Malaysia) Soh Wooi Yik (Malaysia)
Women's Doubles	Nami Matsuyama (Japan) Chiharu Shida (Japan)	Chen Qingchen (China) Jia Yifan (China)
Mixed Doubles	Yuta Watanabe (Japan) Arisa Higashino (Japan)	Wang Yilyu (China) Huang Dongping (China)

- Indonesia Masters Badminton 2023
 - Held at the Istora gelora Bung Karno, Jakarta in Indonesia.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Jonatan Christi (Indonesia)	Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo (Indonesia)
Women's Singles	An Se-young (South Korea)	Carolina Marín (Spain)
Men's Doubles	Leo Rolly Carnando (Indonesia)& Daniel Marthin (Indonesia)	He Jiting (China)& Zhou Haodong (China)
Women's Doubles	Liu Shengshu (China)& Zhang Shuxian (China)	Yuki Fukushima (Japan)& Sayaka Hirota (Japan)
Mixed Doubles	Feng Yanzhe (China)& Huang Dongping (China)	Jiang Zhenbang (China)& Wei Yaxin (China)

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Events

- Telangana will host 1st ever ABB FIA Formula E World Championship Race in India - Scheduled to be held in Hyderabad from February 11.
- Khelo India Senior Women National Kho Kho League held over 3 phases (Jan 10-13)
- Dept. of Personnel & Training (DoPT) organised the, - 2nd Women Sports Meet "Nari Samagam & Spardha" at Vinay Marg Sports Complex in New Delhi on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Others

- Odisha CM inaugurated 'Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium' in Rourkela ahead of Hockey World Cup 2023 - Built at an estimated cost of Rs.261 crore in Sundargarh district.
- Khelo India Youth Games 2022 - Sports Ministry has launched a mobile application for the athletes of the Khelo India Youth Games.
- Anahat Singh - Girls U-15 Squash title at British Junior Open Tournament in Birmingham, UK
- 14 km Hubballi Marathon 2023 being organised by the KLE Technological University in Hubballi with the theme of 'Run for Incredible India'

OBITUARY

- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI passed away at the age of 95 - He was the 1st pope in 600 years to resign, he resigned in 2013 and was replaced by the present Pope Francis.
- Former Union Minister Sharad Yadav passed away - He was the Politician and Founder-member of Bihar's ruling Janata Dal-United (JD-U).
- Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi, Pioneer of Modernist Architecture in India passed away - He was conferred with the Padma Shri in 1976, Padma Bhushan in 2020 and Pritzker Prize in 2018 for his exceptional accomplishments in architecture.
- Sabir Ali passed away at the age of 67 in New Delhi - 'Ironman of India' Sabir Ali won the decathlon gold at the 1981 Asian Athletics Championships in Tokyo.
- Health & Family Welfare Minister of Odisha Naba Kishore Das passed away after being shot by Assistant Sub-inspector of Police Gopal Das at Brajaraj Nagar.



RANKING

National Ranking

- Ganjam district of Odisha bagged the top honours in the country
 - For generating man-days and providing 100 days of work to rural households under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) till January 22.
 - Kandhamal, Barmer and Balangir stood 2nd, 3rd and 4th position respectively in the country.
- Indian Institutional Ranking Framework released the Top Management and Business School 2023

Top 5 Business School in India-Government:

Rank	Name of the Institution
1	Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad
2	Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bengaluru
3	Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Kolkata
4	Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Lucknow
5	Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi

Top 5 Business School in India-Private:

Rank	Name of the Institution
1	Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI), Jamshedpur
2	Management Development Institute (MDI), Gurgaon
3	Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Pune
4	S P Jain Institute of Management & Research (SPJIMR), Mumbai
5	Symbiosis Centre For Management & Human Resource Development (SCMHRD), Pune

Global Ranking

- Bloomberg Billionaires Index of World's Richest Man

Rank	Name	Net Worth
1	Bernard Arnault of LVMH	\$175 billion
2	Elon Musk of Tesla	\$126 billion
3	Gautam Adani of Adani group	\$117 billion
4	Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway	\$111 billion
5	Jeff Bezos of Amazon	\$109 billion
8	Mukesh Ambani of Reliance Industries Ltd	\$86.8 billion



- Henley Passport Index 2023
 - Published by London based immigration consultancy Henley& Partners to uses the data from the International Air Transport Association to rank 199 passports' access to 227 travel destinations.

Rank	Country	No. of Visa-free access out of 227 countries
1	Japan	193 destinations
2	South Korea,Singapore	192 destinations
3	Germany and Spain	190 destinations
4	Finland, Italy, Luxembourg	189 destinations
5	Austria, Denmark, Netherlands, Swedan	188 destinations
85	India	59 destinations
105	Yemen	34 destinations
106	Pakistan	32 destinations
107	Syria	30 destinations
108	Iraq	29 destinations
109	Afghanistan	27 destinations

- Tech Venture Capital Investments in 2022
 - The report released by Dealroom and London& Partners.

Rank	Country	Worth of Venture Capital Investments
1	United States	USD 233.3 billion
2	China	USD 48 billion
3	United Kingdom	USD 29.9 billion
4	India	USD 24.1 billion

- India is among the top three countries in the world under organic agriculture
 - According to the IFOAM -Organics International data in expanding organic farming in 2020.
 - IFOAM: International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements.

Rank	Country
1	Argentina
2	Uruguay
3	India

- India ranked 2nd in Market for Singapore Tourism Sector in 2022
 - Tourists from Indonesia, India and Australia were among the top spenders in the 1st nine months of 2022 with a spending of 8.96 billion Singapore dollars.

- India has been ranked the 2nd largest tourist market for Singapore in 2022 behind Indonesia and Malaysia placed 3rd in the list.
- Brand Finance published the 'Global 500 – 2023' Report
 - Reliance Jio has been ranked as the strongest brand in India and placed 9th among the world's strongest brands.
 - With a Brand Strength Index of 90.2, Jio is the only brand among the world's strongest 25 brands.
 - 'Jio' was placed 9th among the world's strongest brands ahead of the EY, Coca Cola, Accenture and Porsche brands and behind the Google, YouTube, Deloitte and Instagram.

BANKING AND FINANCE

RBI

- RBI announced that, - SBI, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank continue to be Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) under the same bucketing structure as in the 2021 list of D-SIBs.
- Issues related to ATM/Debit Cards and Mobile/Electronic Banking was the top grounds of complaints received at the OBO
- RBI announced the indicative calendar for the issuance of Sovereign Green Bonds - RBI will auction Rs.16,000 crore of Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrB) in 2 tranches.
- BharatPe - in principle authorisation from RBI to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator
- NPCI allows NRE/NRO accounts with international mobile numbers to use UPI
- Union Cabinet approved - Incentive scheme for the promotion of RuPay Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions (person-merchants) and has a financial outlay of Rs.2600 crore.
- Banks have requested the RBI- To exempt them from maintaining Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR), Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) and Priority Sector Lending requirement for subscribing to Sovereign Green Bonds to be floated in January and February.

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- Indian government allows banks- To verify individual transactions that exceeds a certain annual limit using Facial Recognition and an Iris Scan to reduce fraud and tax evasion.
- RBI issued guidelines on acquisition in banks - RBI issued Directions on 'Acquisition and Holding of Shares or Voting Rights in Banking Companies'.
- RBI barred SBM Bank (India) from undertaking outward remittance transactions till further orders.
- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.3 lakh on Shirpur Peoples' Co-operative Bank in Shirpur, Maharashtra for contravention of or non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI under the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- RBI decided to extend its deadline to 31st December 2023 for renewal of agreements for existing safe deposit locker/safe custody article facilities provided by banks.
- RBI partially relaxed the restrictions on SBM Bank (India)- To stop all transactions under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS).

Public Sector Banks

SBI

- SBI + National e-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL) launched e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) facility
- SBI estimated India's fiscal deficit for FY23 at Rs 17.5 lakh crore, FY24 at Rs 17.95 lakh crore
- SBI raised Rs 9,718 crore through its 2nd infrastructure bond issuance

Canara Bank

- Canara Bank sell its stake in Russian joint venture to SBI for about Rs 114 crore

Union Bank of India

- Garuda Aerospace + Union Bank of India - Under this partnership, 150 Garuda Agri Kisan drones have received sanction for drone loans under the Kisan Pushpak Scheme.

Bank of India

- India Ratings and Research has upgraded Bank of India's Long-Term Issuer Rating to "IND AA+" from "IND AA".

PNB

- PNB increased interest rates on Savings Accounts and Fixed Deposit Accounts of less than Rs.2 crore



- Punjab National Bank (1st PSB to launch) launched credit card against Fixed Deposit
- Punjab National Bank + Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd entered into co-lending agreement to offer homes loans at competitive interest rates.

Punjab & Sind Bank

- Punjab & Sind Bank + Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance entered into corporate agency partnership - To avail a variety of retail life insurance products from Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance including term, savings, retirement and investment options.

Private Sector Banks

ICICI Bank

- Tata Motors + ICICI Bank to offer financial solutions to its authorised passenger electric vehicle dealers.

HDFC Bank

- HDFC Bank + Microsoft Azure for digital transformation journey - To consolidate and modernise its enterprise data landscape through a Federated Data Lake to scale its information management capabilities across enterprise reporting, advanced analytics using AI.

Yes Bank

- Yes Bank + Microsoft signed an agreement - To bring forth a next-generation mobile application with a view to provide customers with a personalised banking experience.

IDFC First Bank

- IDFC First Bank + ToneTag launched CBDC payments to enable acceptance of digital rupee at merchant outlets

IndusInd Bank

- IndusInd Bank + British Airways Executive Club + Qatar Airways Privilege Club - Introduced a multi-branded credit card powered by Visa and made available to consumers in the Q1 of the FY 2023-24.

City Union Bank

- City Union Bank enables Direct & Indirect Tax Payment for its Customers

Payments Bank

- Paytm Payment Bank gets final approval from RBI to operate as a BBPOU under the BBPS
- Citibank and Paytm have ended their partnership for a co-branded credit card 'Paytm CITI Card'
- Delhi Metro + Airtel Payments Bank to provide one more smart card top-up facility to commuters on contributing to the govt's vision of Digital India and Financial Inclusion.

Small Finance Bank

- AU Small Finance Bank - SwipeUp platform to provide an opportunity to the credit card holders of other banks to upgrade their card to one of AU credit cards.

Insurance News

- IDBI Mutual Fund + LIC Mutual Fund signed an agreement to transfer its schemes to the latter
- LIC unveiled a Jeevan Azad, a non-participating, individual, limited premium payment plan
- HDFC Life Insurance + NPCI to offer a 1st UPI 123PAY

ADB

- ADB + NhavaSheva Freeport Terminal Pvt Ltd signed a USD 131 million (Rs.1,066 crore) loan agreement

SEBI

- SEBI allows govt stake in IDBI Bank to be reclassified as Public Post Sale - The condition is that the govt's voting rights in the bank will not exceed 15% of the total voting rights after the sale.
- SEBI amended the rules governing Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) Regulations, 2012
- SEBI imposed a penalty of Rs 15 lakh on 3 entities
- SEBI has allowed Mutual Funds, - With active Equity-Linked Savings Schemes (ELSS) to launch passive schemes to provide a cost-effective and tax-saving alternative to individual investors.
- SEBI aims to leverage the new multiple debits facility for UPI - The framework for shifting to a new payments system for secondary market trades.

- SIDBI + VFS Capital to extend loans to the MSME sector upto Rs.5 lakh at 13% interest rate per annum.
- SEBI - to angel network Zero to One for setting up a Category-1 Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) to the tune of Rs.300 crore infused into startups and to creating an ecosystem that is capable of assisting and supporting startups to achieve new heights.
- SEBI - investments between Nippon Mutual Fund and Yes Bank between 2016 and 2019 for suspected misuse of investors' money.
- SEBI - an information database on municipal bonds to develop the bond markets during an outreach programme on municipal bonds and municipal finance organised by SEBI.

Others

- actyv.ai + RATNAAFIN to Facilitate Embedded B2B BNPL Offerings and Insurance Space
- PFRDA introduced new rules on bank account verification process - PFRDA introduced a easy of bank account verification and name/PAN authentication process using the NPCI Framework.
- Google piloted 'Soundpod by Google Pay' for UPI payments in India
- VISA, Mastercard allowed a share of India's online payments
- Legal and Insolvency Financing Start-up LegalPay + Surat-based Solar Manufacturing Business House Goldi Solar - To launched Padmalaya Finserve, a non-banking financial company (NBFC) focused on legal and insolvency financing.
- BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) launched Vikram Credit Card - Dedicated to the Indian defence, paramilitary and police personnel.
- Razorpay - India's 1st Affordability Widget aims to reduce customer drop-offs and boost revenue by 40%.
- Jan Dhan accounts total balance surge to Rs.1,80,857 crore with 47.84 crore beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana in December 2022.



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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- UPI - record 7.82 billion transactions in December 2022 worth Rs.12.82 trillion - Data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- Gross GST revenue of December is Rs.1,49,507 crore
- Flipkart - 'Flipkart Green' - A virtual store offering sustainable products to attract customers to adopt a sustainable lifestyle.
- National Company Law Appellate Tribunal - Google to pay 10% of the Rs 1,337.76 crore penalty imposed by fair trade regulator Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- India's real GDP will grow at 7% in FY23 by NSO -
- US-based accelerator and gateway for international startups, FalconX - Global Immersion Program Cohort 2
- Micro & Small Enterprises - 55.2% (Rs 1,41,887 crore) of total order (Rs 2,57,263 crore)
- GST not payable on Govt incentive to banks for promoting RuPay debit cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions
- Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation - declined to 4.95% in December 2022
- Retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in December 2022
- Centre - a new multi-state cooperative society for exporting products of cooperatives - With an authorised share capital of Rs.2,000 crore and an initial paid-up capital of Rs.500 crore contributed by 5 such organisations.
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Chairman Manoj Kumar - the, - Various training programs being run by the KVIC under the Village Industries Development Scheme in Hubli.
- Nokia - a new multiyear 5G patent deal with Samsung
- Bombay Stock Exchange + Govt of Goa signed a MoU for the development of SMEs (Small Medium Enterprises) in the state and creating awareness amongst SMEs in the state on the benefits of listing on the exchange.
- India - become the net copper importer of the metal for the fifth year in row in 2022-23 fiscal.
- Government - the in-principle approval from the BSE for listing of NMDC Steel Ltd (NSL), currently the govt holds a 60.79% stake in NSL.
- India - produced a record over 5,000 Lakh Metric Tons of sugarcane during the sugar season between October and September 2021-22, India has emerged as the world's largest producer and consumer of sugar.

- Canada Pension Plan Investment Board - invests USD 205 million in the Indian Warehouse and Parks Developer IndoSpace's New Real Estate Fund.
- NBFC Paul Merchants has partnered with Care Health Insurance - provide various health insurance products for their customers.
- Mukesh Ambani - overtaken Gautam Adani to become the richest Indian in the world with a net worth of USD 84.3 billion, according to the Forbes Real-time billionaire list for 2023

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book Name	Author Name	Published By
Medical book 'Human Anatomy' in Hindi	Dr AK Dwivedi	-
Juveniles Accessing Mental Health (JAMS)	-	Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF)

APPOINTMENTS

National Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Anil Kumar Lahoti	Chairman & CEO of Railway Board	V.K.Tripathi
Dinesh Kumar Shukla	Executive Director of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board	Nageshwar Rao
Folk singer Maithili Thakur	As the state icon for Bihar	-
Sundararaman Ramamurthy	MD & CEO of BSE	Ashishkumar Chauhan
Balbir Singh	Took oath as minister in the Punjab cabinet	Fauja Singh Sarari
K.S.M.T. Asmathullah	Ombudsman for redress of grievances related to MGNREGS	-
Surinder Chawla	MD & CEO of Paytm Payments Bank	Satish Kumar Gupta
S Ravi Kumar	CEO of Cognizant	Brian Humphries
Govt extended tenure of Sanjiv Chadha	As the MD & CEO of Bank of Baroda	-

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Vikram Dev Dutt	Director General of Directorate of General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)	Arun Kumar
Prabdev Singh	CEO of JPMorgan Chase & Co.	Madhav Kalyan
Sangeeta Verma	Acting Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI)	-
Siddharth Sharma	CEO of Tata Trusts	-
Shamalbhai B Patel	Chairman of Amul	-
Dr Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi	Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)	Dr VG Somani
Air Marshal AP Singh	Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force	Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
Former Chief General Manager of Canara Bank V Ramachandra	Member of the Advisory Committee of Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd and Srei Equipment Finance Ltd.	Shri Farokh N Subedar

International Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh	1st female Sikh judge of USA	-
UAE Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber	President of 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28)	-
Mr. Chris Hipkins	41st Prime Minister New Zealand	Ms. Jacinda Ardern
Indian-American astronaut Raja Chari	Brigadier General of US Air Force	-
Retired NATO commander Petr Pavel	President of Czech Republic	Miloš Zeman

Brand Ambassadors

Name	Brand Ambassador
Nikhata Zareen	Brand Ambassador of the National Mineral Development Corporation

AWARDS

National Awards

- Young Kashmiri Author Shaista Khanwon 'Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar' - For her fictional collection 'Brand Birs Peeth' in 2022
- National Highways Logistics Management (NHLM) to award 3 more Multimodal Logistic Parks (MMLP) - To be awarded in 2022-23 at Bangalore, Nagpur, Indore with the investments of Rs.936 crore, Rs.600 crore, Rs.758 crore respectively and expects the process to be completed by March 2023.
- Odisha - World Habitat Awards 2023 for its JAGA Mission, a 5T initiative of Odisha
- Varanasi Cantt Railway Station - awarded a 5-star 'Eat Right Station' Certification

7th Digital India Awards 2022

- President Droupadi Murmu will present the awards at a ceremony to be held in New Delhi.
- Digital India Awards instituted by the MeitY recognize and honor innovative digital solutions and promote universal access accessibility to digital resources, anytime anywhere access.
- The awards were given out in several categories with Platinum, Gold and Silver awards being given to the winning teams. The winners in each category are as follows:

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Category	Platinum	Gold	Silver
Digital Empowerment of Citizens	e-NAM, the flagship initiative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Transport Mission Mode Project (eTransport)	Judgment Search Portal
Digital Initiatives at Grassroots Level	e-Vivechna App (Madhya Pradesh)	DeGS Computer Basic Training (Jharkhand)	Ksheerasree Portal (Kerala)
Digital Initiatives for Ease of Doing Business	Mine Mitra (Uttar Pradesh)	eAbkari (Odisha)	Invest Punjab
Data Sharing and Use for Socio Economic Development	Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs	Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)	Center for e-governance (Karnataka)
Public Digital Platforms- Central Ministries, Departments and States	States: DUARE SARKAR(West Bengal) Central Ministries, Departments: ICEGATE Portal	States: e-Services Manipur Central Ministries, Departments: e-Shram	-
Digital Initiatives in collaboration with Start-Ups	Digital Workforce Management System (Kerala)	Smart Nutrient Management of the Soil (Telangana)	Digital Deposit Refund System (Uttarakhand)
Best Web& Mobile Initiatives Complying with GIGW& Accessibility Guidelines	Bilaspur District Website (Chhattisgarh)	Kottayam District Website (Kerala)	Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology Website

- ESAF Small Finance Bank - the prestigious Inclusive Finance India Awards 2022 - For its contributions in advancing the goal of financial inclusion and supporting inclusive growth.
- Aska Police Station in Ganjam district of Odisha - the No.1 Police Station in the country
- R.Vishnu Prasad honoured "The most distinguished scientist of the year 2022" at Vigyan bhawan, Delhi
- GMR Goa International Airport - the 'Best Sustainable Greenfield Airport' award

- Subhas Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2023 - Odisha State Disaster Management Authority and Lunglei fire station in Mizoram
- President Droupadi Murmu conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2023 - Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2023 comprises 4 Art and Culture field, 1 for Bravery, 2 for Innovation, 1 for Social Service and 3 for Sports.
- ICAI Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 2021-22 - Power Finance Corporation conferred with the prestigious Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Gold Shield being a winner of the 'Public Sector Entities' category.
- Digital Anaam Academy founder Anaam Tiwary - Best Digital Marketing Expert in India, to makes new progress and revolution in the field of digital marketing.
- Visakhapatnam Railway Station of East Coast Railway awarded - the 'Green Railway Station Certification with Highest Rating of Platinum' by the Indian Green Building Council for adopting green concepts thereby reducing the adverse environmental impact.
- Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar National Contribution Award 2023 - Global Entrepreneur Sunil Krishnan was honoured for his Contribution to India for spreading Indian Cuisine Globally with Moksh Restaurant.
- Padma Awards 2023 - This year the President has approved conferment of 106 Padma Awards including 3 duo cases (in a duo case, the Award is counted as one) - The list comprises 6 Padma Vibhushan, 9 Padma Bhushan and 91 Padma Shri Awards. 19 of the awardees are women and the list also includes 2 persons from the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI and 7 Posthumous awardees.
- Former PM Dr Manmohan Singh -a Lifetime Achievement - Honoured by the India-UK Achievers Honours in London for his contribution to economic and political life.

International Awards

80th Golden Globes Awards 2023

- Hosted by Jerrod Carmichael, airs live on NBC and Peacock to honors in both film and TV categories.

Category	Winners
Best TV Series, Musical or Comedy	Abbott Elementary
Best Director, Motion Picture	Steven Spielberg, "The Fabelmans"
Best Screenplay, Motion Picture	Martin McDonagh, "The Banshees of Inisherin"
Best Motion Picture, Non-English Language	"Argentina, 1985"
Best Motion Picture, Animated	"Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio"



Best Performance by an Actor in a TV Series, Drama	Kevin Costner, "Yellowstone"
Best Performance by an Actress in a TV Series, Drama	Zendaya, "Euphoria"
Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture, Drama	Austin Butler, "Elvis"
Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture, Drama	Cate Blanchett, "Tár"
Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture, Musical or Comedy	Colin Farrell, "The Banshees of Inisherin"
Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture, Musical/Comedy	Michelle Yeoh, "Everything Everywhere All at Once"
Best Performance by an Actor in a TV Series, Musical or Comedy	Jeremy Allen White, "The Bear"
Best Performance by an Actress in a TV Series, Musical or Comedy	Quinta Brunson, "Abbott Elementary"
Best Original Song, Motion Picture	"Naatu Naatu" from RRR
Best Original Score, Motion Picture	Justin Hurwitz, "Babylon"

28th Critics Choice Awards 2023

- The Critics Choice Movie Awards formerly known as the Broadcast Film Critics Association Award, hosted by Chelsea Handler.

Category	Winners
Critics Choice Movie Awards	Best Animated Series: Harley Quinn Best Foreign Language Series: Pachinko Best Comedy Special: Norm Macdonald: Nothing Special Best Talk Show: Last Week Tonight With John Oliver Best Acting Ensemble: Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery Best Original Screenplay: Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, "Everything Everywhere All at Once" Best Adapted Screenplay: Sarah Polley, "Women Talking" Best Cinematography: Claudio Miranda, "Top Gun: Maverick" Best Picture: Everything Everywhere All at Once Best Production Design: Florencia Martin and Anthony Carlino, "Babylon" Best Editing: Paul Rogers, "Everything Everywhere All at Once"



Category	Winners
	<p>Best Director: Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, "Everything Everywhere All at Once" Best Actor: Brendan Fraser, "The Whale" Best Actress: Cate Blanchett, "Tar" Best Supporting Actor: Ke Huy Quan, "Everything Everywhere All at Once" Best Supporting Actress: Angela Bassett, "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" Best Young Actor or Actress: Gabriel LaBelle, "The Fabelmans"</p>
<p>Critics Choice Super Award for the films and the television series</p>	<p>Film: Best Foreign Language Film: RRR Best Song: "Naatu Naatu" from RRR Best Score: Hildur Gudnadottir, "Tar"</p> <p>Television: Best Drama Series: Better Call Saul Best Comedy Series: Abbott Elementary Best Actor in a Drama Series: Bob Odenkirk, "Better Call Saul" Best Actress in a Drama Series: Zendaya, "Euphoria" Best Supporting Actor in a Drama Series: Giancarlo Esposito, "Better Call Saul" Best Supporting Actress in a Drama Series: Jennifer Coolidge, "The White Lotus"</p> <p>Other Category: #SeeHer Award: Janelle Monae Lifetime Achievement Award: Jeff Bridges</p>

- **Australian Cricket Awards 2023** - Australia opening batter Usman Khawaja bagged the Shane Warne Men's Test Player of the Year award.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IIT News

- IIT-Guwahati developed drone for warehouse management, military and law enforcement
- IIT Madras incubated company develops indigenous mobile operating system 'BharOS'
- IIT Madras organised the Country's Largest Student-Run Festival 'Saarang 2023' for 5 days from 11-15 January.
- New York Stock Exchange-listed company Kyndryl + IIT Tirupati signed an agreement for research and promoting innovation in artificial intelligence enabled 3D printing technology.

Space News

- ISRO + Microsoft signed MoU to fuel the growth of space technology startups in India
- NASA awarded USD 425 million to Boeing Company for the NASA's sustainable flight demonstrator project
- Indian Institute of Astrophysics in Bengaluru handed over the primary payload to ISRO - India's 1st primary payload mission named Aditya-L1 was launched to the sun for integration with the other payloads on board the satellite.
- Earth's average surface temperature in 2022 tied with 2015 as the 5th warmest on record, according to an analysis by NASA, global temperature in 2022 was 1.6 degree Fahrenheit/ 0.89 degree Celsius.
- NASA + US Military Research & Development Agency, DARPA to develop a nuclear thermal propulsion engine and launch it into space as soon as 2027.

Others

- 16th edition of the Auto Expo held in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh - India's first 'solar car' Eva to be introduced at the Auto Expo.
- MeitY secretary Alkesh Kumar Sharma launched the Air Quality Monitoring System - The new tech system was developed under the MeitY supported projects to monitor air quality.
- 8th India International Science Festival-2022 (IISF) - Held at the Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology in Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh.
- Australian park rangers says that 'Toadzilla' could be the world's biggest toad



- India-Bhutan signed a digital partnership - India announced its help for the development of Bhutan's third international internet gateway under Bhutan's Flagship Program 'Digital Drukyul'.
- Taiwan firm Gogoro announced a 50-50 joint venture with Belrise Industries) to invest USD 2.5 billion (Rs.20,500 crore) over 8 years to build battery swapping and energy infrastructure in Maharashtra.
- National Council of Science Museums + Nehru Memorial Museum & Library organised a spectacular Astro Tourism event at India Gate Lawns, Kartavya Path Delhi.
- US Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved the use of world's 1st honey bee vaccine to protect bee colonies from American foulbrood disease, a bacterial infection that attacks bee larvae & weakens colonies.
- Jitendra Singh inaugurated the 2-day Indo-UK Workshop on 'Earth Hazards' in Delhi, where the UK Delegation was led by Ms Christina Scott.
- FSSAI released comprehensive standards for identification of Basmati Rice for the 1st time to ensure fair trade practices and check adulteration.

Environment and Energy

- NTPC + Gujarat Gas Ltd - Commissioned India's 1st green hydrogen blending project in the Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network of NTPC at Kawas in Surat.
- India's 'Mini-England' is known as McCluskieganj of Jharkhand, Crumbling colonial-era bungalows, clubs and a grand church formed as a paradise by Kolkata-based realtor T E McCluskie.
- Himachal Pradesh govt intends to make the state as the 1st Green Energy State by the end of 2025 by harnessing hydro, hydrogen and solar energy and switching to green products.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Japan

- India + Japan held a bilateral meeting in New Delhi
- Indian Air Force + Japan Air Self-Defence Force - Concluded a bilateral air exercise 'Veer Guardian 2023' in Japan.



Egypt

- India + Egypt - Elevated their relationship to a strategic partnership covering political, security, defence, energy and economic areas and decided to take concrete steps against cross-border terrorism and radicalisation.
- 1st-ever joint exercise of Special Forces of Indian Army + Egyptian Army named 'Exercise Cyclone-I' is held in Rajasthan at bolstering defence cooperation between the two nations and focus on sharing professional skills.

Singapore

- India + Singapore - To strengthening cooperation in the education and skill development sector with a focus on democratising innovation, driving entrepreneurship and creating opportunities for the youth.

Sri Lanka

- India + Sri Lanka bonded together by Buddhism - Emperor Ashoka's son Arahata Mahinda introduced Buddhism to Sri Lanka after that Buddhism is the main religion in Sri Lanka.

France

- India and France held 36th edition of Strategic Dialogue in New Delhi

Australia

- India Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) comes into force

United States

- 13th ministerial-level meeting of India-United States Trade Policy Forum (TPF) held in Washington, DC

Russia

- India's imports from Russia rose to 400% in April-December to USD 32.88 billion





Summit/Events

- 16th International Flora Expo held at NSIC Exhibition Complex of Okhla, New Delhi
- India hosts a 'Voice of Global South Summit' virtually
- 7th "Invest Madhya Pradesh-Global Investors Summit" held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh - Theme: 'Madhya Pradesh-The Future Ready State'.
- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel inaugurated the International Kite Festival 2023 in Ahmedabad
- 14th World Spice Congress (WSC) will be held in Mumbai - Theme: "Vision 2030: SPICES (Sustainability Productivity-Innovation-Collaboration-Excellence and Safety)".
- 53rd Annual Meeting of World Economic Forum (WEF) held at Davos in Switzerland - Theme: 'Cooperation in a Fragmented World'.
- Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) film festival 2023
- Bio Asia 2023 - United Kingdom will be the partner country for Telangana's flagship Pharma - Biotech event, Bio Asia 2023, to be held from 24-26 February 2023 in Hyderabad.
- 15th BRICS summit is set to be held in South Africa's Durban in late August 2023
- India will be the theme country at 2025 Madrid International Book Fair: Envoy and Spain is the theme country at the 46th International Kolkata Book Fair.

Others

- India will take over the leadership of the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU)
- President of the 77th Session of the UNGA Csaba Korosi arrived New Delhi on a 3-day visit to India
- India Elected as Vice-chair at the 12th session of Intergovernmental Technical Working Group
- India initiated an anti-dumping probe into import of a certain kind of vitamin, used for animal consumption from China, European Union, Switzerland following a complaint by a domestic player.
- Pharmaceutical firm Lupin received tentative approval from the US health regulator, US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) to market its generic version of Dolutegravir and Rilpivirine tablets for the treatment of HIV infection.
- Canadian PM Justin Trudeau has announced a new federal investment to build and commercialise the world's 1st photonic-based, fault-tolerant quantum computer at an the investment of 40 million Canadian dollars (USD32 million).





- UNESCO designated the historic centre of Odesa, a strategic port city on Black Sea coast in Ukraine, a World Heritage in Danger site.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Prime Minister Modi News

- PM addressed the 108th Indian Science Congress (ISC) via video conferencing - Theme: "Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment".
- PM chaired the National Ganga Council Meet held via video conferencing in Kolkata
- PM Modi interact with students, teachers and parents in the 6th of 'Pariksha Par Charcha' on Jan 27
- World's longest river cruise MV Ganga Vilas flagged off by PM Modi in Varanasi
- PM Modi launched several development projects at a cost of Rs.4699 crore
- PM flagged off World's Longest River Cruise 'Ganga Vilas Cruise' from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh to Dibrugarh in Assam via Bangladesh to travel 3200 km.
- PM launched the Aspirational Block Programme (ABP) for improving the performance of blocks lagging on various development parameters during the 2nd National Conference of Chief Secretaries.
- PM Modi virtually inaugurate the 2nd phase of the 'Saansad Khel Mahakumbh' in Basti district of Uttar Pradesh for youths to showcase their sporting talent.

President Droupadi Murmu News

- Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Constitution Park at Rajasthan Raj Bhavan in Jaipur
- President launched the National Campaign on 'RISE-Rising India through Spiritual Empowerment'

Ministry News

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

- Amit Shah unveiled a 120 feet tall statue of a polo player riding a polo
- 'Jai Hind'- The New Light & Sound Show was inaugurated by Amit Shah at Red Fort in New Delhi



Ministry of Defence: Shri Rajnath Singh

- Defence Ministry inaugurated 3 Telemedicine Nodes- 2 in Ladakh & 1 in Mizoram
- Ministry of Defence announced the Best Marching Contingents and Tableaux of Republic Day Parade 2023

• **On the basis of the assessment of the panels, the results are as under:**

Category	Winners
Best three Tableaux (States/UTs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First - Uttarakhand (Manaskhand) • Second - Maharashtra (Sade Tin Shaktipithe & Nari Shakti) • Third - Uttar Pradesh (Ayodhya Deepotsav)
Special Prize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Public Works Department (Biodiversity Conservation) • 'Vande Bharatam' Dance Group
Best Marching Contingent among the three services	Punjab Regiment Centre Contingent
Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/other Auxiliary Forces	CRPF Marching Contingent
Best Tableau (Ministries/Departments)	Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs))

• **The online poll for the popular choice was conducted on MyGov web page, the results are:**

Category	Winners
Best three Tableaux (States/UTs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First - Gujarat (Clean-Green energy efficient Gujarat) • Second - Uttar Pradesh (Ayodhya Deepotsava) • Third - Maharashtra (Sade tin Shaktipeeth and Nari Shakti)
Best Marching Contingent among the three services	Indian Air Force Marching Contingent
Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/other Auxiliary Forces	CRPF Marching Contingent
Best Tableau (Ministries/Departments)	CAPF (Ministry of Home Affairs)



Ministry of Finance & Corporate Affairs: Smt Nirmala Sitharaman

- Nirmala issued an order for the constitution of the G20 Task Force - On Digital Public Infrastructure for Economic Transformation, Financial Inclusion & Development. - The task force will be co-chaired by India's G20 sherpa Amitabh Kant and Infosys Chairman Nandan Nilekani.

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Narendra Singh Tomar

- Tomar inaugurated the 3-day 'North East Krishi Kumbha-2023' - And took part in the 49th Foundation Day celebration of the ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region in Umiam, Meghalaya.

**Ministry of Education, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship:
Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**

- Ministry of Culture + Ministry of Education - Organized the Dhara on Sangeet and Natya Parampara at SASTRA (Deemed-to-be University) in Thanjavur.
- Ministry of Education + govt released All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-2021

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

- Anurag Singh launched Fit India Healthy Hindustan Talk Series with Millets Special Episode
- Information & Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh conducted a Space Audit and Disposal of Scrap at All India Radio station in Jaisalmer.
- Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting Dr. L Murugan inaugurated an exhibition stall of unsung heroes of Indian Independence at Chennai.

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment: Virendra Kumar

- Virendra Kumar inaugurated the India's 1st Festival of Inclusion, Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity in Goa

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Ministry of Road Transport and Highways: Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari

- Nitin Gadkari unveiled the 'Surakshit Safar' initiative by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) in association with Rosmerta Technologies Ltd to reduce accidents by 50%.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Chemical and Fertilizers: Mansukh Mandaviya

- Mandaviya chaired the 8th meeting of Mission Steering Group of National Health Mission in New Delhi
- Health Minister launched the World's 1st Intranasal Covid Vaccine iNCOVACC - It is developed by the Bharat Biotech International Ltd + Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, a PSU under the Dept. of Biotechnology and Min. of Science and Technology.
- Mandaviya announced that the, country's 1st-ever coal gasification based Talcher Fertiliser plant in Odisha will ready to be dedicated to the nation by October 2024.
- Mansukh Mandaviya virtually inaugurated the National Summit on Quality of Biologicals.

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and AYUSH: Shri Sarbananda Sonowal

- Sarbananda Sonowal + Tripura CM Manik Saha inaugurated - India's 1st School of Logistics, Waterways and Communication in Agartala.
- Shipping Ministry launched the National Logistics Portal–Marine (NLP-M) - A single-window platform aimed at bringing all trade stakeholders together and reducing the cost of logistics through real-time mapping and provisioning.
- Ministry of Ayush + India Tourism Development Corporation signed MoU for the promotion of Medical Value Travel in Ayurveda and other traditional systems of medicine.

Ministry of Culture, Tourism, Development of North Eastern Region: Kishan Reddy

- Kishan Reddy announced that, -Tourism Ministry will organize the 1st Global Tourism Investors Summit from 10-12 April 2023 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi
- Kishan Reddy inaugurated the 6-day Bharat Parv at Red Fort Lawns in New Delhi
- SPIC MACAY has organized its 'Music in the Park' series under the name of "Shruti Amrut" in collaboration with Ministry of Culture and the New Delhi Municipal Council.
- Kishan Reddy launched the Visit India Year 2023 initiative and unveiled its logo at New Delhi for promoting tourism in India.





Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying: Parshottam Rupala

- Parshottam inaugurated Mobile Veterinary Units & Centralised Call Center in Thiruvananthapuram

Ministry of Jal Shakti: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

- Jal Shakti Ministry organised a 2-day National Level Conference on Water - Theme of the conference is 'Water Vision@2047' in Bhopal from January 5-6.

Ministry of Power, New and Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh

- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) signed MoU with the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy - For setting the annual performance target of Rs.3,361 crore for revenue from operations, up by 18% from the previous year's achievement for the year 2022-23.

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space: Jitendra Singh

- Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Incubation Centre - At the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) in New Delhi to provide multi-pronged support to StartUps.
- Jitendra Singh launched the One Week One Lab Campaign - Highlighting India's global excellence in technology, innovation and startups and also released the logo for this CSIR's campaign.
- Jitendra Singh announced the theme for National Science Day 2023 - 'Global Science for Global Wellbeing' is theme of National Science Day is being observed on February 28 to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' which indicates India's emerging global role and rising visibility in the international arena.
- Jitendra Singh - the 'National Genome Editing and Training Centre' & 'International Conference on Food and Nutritional Security-2023' in Mohali.
- Jitendra Singh - Geospatial Hackathon to promote Innovation and Start-Ups in India's Geospatial ecosystem in New Delhi.





State News

Andhra Pradesh

- Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy announced that Visakhapatnam as its new state capital

Assam

- Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi inaugurated a photo exhibition on unsung heroes of the Northeast
- Assam Cabinet approved a state Floriculture Mission

Bihar

- Bihar government has decided to conduct a preliminary survey and launch a conservation plan to protect rare varieties such as Marcha rice, Govind Bhog and Sona Chur in the state.

Chhattisgarh

- Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel announced that the, unemployment allowance would be provided to youths who don't have jobs in the state at Rs.2,500 per month.

Gujarat

- Institute of Design and Technology hosted the grand finale of Gujarat Kids Fashion Show 2023 and United India Kids Season 3 under the theme of 'Welcome G-20' at Agra Exotica in Surat, Gujarat.
- 30th National Child Science Congress in Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Himachal Pradesh

- CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched 'Haath Se Haath Jodo Abhiyan' in Dharamshala

Karnataka

- Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai released the, - Logo and Mascot of the 26th National Youth Festival, is held in Hubballi-Dharwad.

Kerala

- World's 1st Palm-Leaf Manuscript Museum came up in Thiruvananthapuram
- Kerala becomes country's 1st fully Digital Banking State



- Wayanad become the 1st district in India, - To provide basic documents and facilities such as aadhaar cards, ration cards, birth/death certificates, election ID cards, bank accounts and health insurance to all tribal people.
- Kerala govt launched a mobile app 'Athidhi' - For migrant workers in the state and provide each with a unique identification number and is being readied for launch in April.
- Udupi Cochin Shipyard Ltd + Kerala Department of Fisheries + 5 fishermen Self Help Group societies from Kerala signed a tripartite agreement for construction of ten deep-sea tuna long liner cum gill netter fishing vessels at a cost of Rs.14 crore.

Madhya Pradesh

- CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the CM's Residential Land Rights scheme (Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu Adhikar Yojana)
- REC Limited signed 2 MoU during the Madhya Pradesh Global Investors Summit 2023
- Centre unveiled a New Monsoon Research Facility at a "Super Site" in Sehore, Madhya Pradesh
- South African + Madhya Pradesh signed MoU for translocation of 12 cheetahs to Kuno National Park

Maharashtra

- Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde inaugurated the 2-day Regional Conference on "E-Governance" in Mumbai and is being jointly rganized by the Dept. of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances + Govt. of Maharashtra.
- Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde launched the Millet Mission with an investment of Rs.200 crore

Manipur

- Zeliangrong community celebrated the Gaan Ngai festival in Manipur

Meghalaya

- Meghalaya CM Conrad Sangma launched the, - Shared school bus system, prime tourism vehicles and agriculture response vehicle scheme to minimize traffic congestion& create a mode shift in school travel from private 4-wheelers to school buses in Shillong.



Nagaland

- 3rd Annual Orange Festival 2023 celebrated in Nagaland

Odisha

- CM Naveen Patnaik inaugurated a modern 55,000 sq ft facility of Deloitte Centre in Bhubaneswar
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik inaugurated an 'International Craft Summit' in Jajpur
- Odisha launched an initiative 'Mo Mobile, Mo Market' - To facilitate products of women-led Farmers Producers Organisation on the digital platform.
- Odisha State AIDS Control Society, Health & Family Welfare Department + Govt of Odisha under the leadership of National AIDS Control Organisation + Department of Sport, Youth Services and Hockey India organized an awareness programme on HIV AIDS by forming the 'Largest Human Red Ribbon Chain' in the East Gallery of Kalinga Stadium of Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Punjab

- Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann launched an ambitious project 'Schools of Eminence'

Rajasthan

- Rajasthan has become the 1st State to implement a policy to control blindness
- 16th Jaipur Literature Festival held in Jaipur

Tamilnadu

- Tamilnadu get highest angel investments in 2022 - Private Equity and Venture Capital (PE-VC) firms invested USD 2614 million across 65 deals.

Telangana

- World Economic Forum (WEF) has selected Hyderabad for establishing its Center for the 4th Industrial Revolution focused on healthcare and life sciences after the C4IR Center in Telangana.
- Telangana + Hamley's & Rowan -To unveil the plan of PM's vision of making India a toy exporting superpower in line with the govt's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan', 'Namasthe World'. a newly formed children's toy & gaming brand.



Uttar Pradesh

- Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved a 'Uttar Pradesh Millets Revival Programme'

West Bengal

- West Bengal CM launched a new outreach programme 'Didir Suraksha Kavach' (Didi Protection Shield)
- West Bengal Cabinet cleared the Medhashree Scheme for OBC students
- West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee government organised 'Ganga Aarti' at Baje Kadamtala Ghat in Kolkata.

Union Territories

Andaman Nicobar

- PM Modi named 21 Andaman & Nicobar Islands after Param Vir Chakra Awardees

Delhi

- Delhi govt launched a 'Mathematics Winter Camp' for the city schools till January 14
- Delhi Lt. Governor VK Saxena launched a skill-development programme - For the training of 1,020 prison inmates and aims to ensure post-release rehabilitation.
- Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal launched a www.raasman.com website - To provide a real-time data on the sources of air pollution in the city and is expected to help the Delhi government frame effective policies to curb it.

Chandigarh

- Chandigarh inaugurated Northern India's largest Floating Solar Power Project of 2000kWp worth Rs.11.70 crore at waterworks.

Jammu & Kashmir

- Doda district of J&K launched e-library - To benefit the students of the district by providing them with notes and study material prepared by the best subject matter specialists in the district.
- J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the Mega Fruit Plant Nursery in Chak Roi area of R S Pura
- Jammu and Kashmir govt has declared as the 'Free Area' for purposes of the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009.
- Jammu and Kashmir hosts its maiden SARAS Fair 2023 from February 4-14



- J&K has approved a project worth Rs 146 crore - To promote niche crops as unique heritage of the Union Territory and is to be implemented in next 5 years.
- J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha launched QR code-based labels of 13 GI and non-GI registered crafts
- India's 1st Glass Igloo Restaurant is developed by Kolahoi Green Heights in the Gulmarg hotel of J&K.

Ladakh

- The Seasonal Food Festival 'Mamani' to be celebrated in Kargil Ladakh
- The Biodiversity Management Committee + Panchayat of Chumathang village + SECURE Himalaya Project declared Yaya Tso as Ladakh's 1st Biodiversity Heritage Site under the Biological Diversity Act.

Cabinet & Centre News

- Centre to roll out new integrated Food Security Scheme starting from 1 January 2023
- Union Cabinet approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission - With an outlay of Rs.19,744 crore including an outlay of Rs.17,490 crore for the SIGHT programme, Rs.1,466 crore for pilot projects, Rs.400 crore for R&D and Rs.388 crore for other mission components.
- Centre named the new Integrated Food Security Scheme as Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY) - The scheme for providing free food grains to Antodaya Ann Yojna and Primary Household beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act.
- Centre has approved Rs.15,225 crore credit for over 20,000 projects under the Agriculture Infra Fund
- Centre has notified 3 grievances appellate committees - To address users' complaints against social media and other internet-based platforms.

G20 News

- 1st Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion meeting of the G20 began in Kolkata
- 1st Health Working Group meeting under G20 India Presidency held in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- Centre organised India's 1st Global Tourism Summit in April as part of India's G-20 presidency - Confederation of Indian Industry is the industry partner for the event to be held on April 10-12, in New Delhi.





- Y20 summit (Youth-20) - Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Anurag Singh Thakur launched the theme, logo, and website in the curtain raiser event of Y20 Summit India in New Delhi.
- 1st G20 Infrastructure Working Group meeting under India's G20 Presidency concluded in Pune to discuss the 2023 Infrastructure Agenda under the Indian G20 Presidency.
- G20's 1st Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group Meeting to be held in Bengaluru
- Business 20 (B20) Inception Meeting is being organised in Gandhinagar Gujarat as part of India's G20 presidency
- 2-day inception meeting of the Startup-20 under the G20 presidency has begun in Hyderabad
- 1st International Financial Structure Working Group meeting under the G20 Presidency - Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar + Food Processing Industries Minister Pashupati Kumar Paras inaugurated the meeting in Chandigarh.
- India's 1st 2-day Model G20 Summit - India's G-20 Sherpa Mr Amitabh Kant inaugurated the India's 1st Model G-20 Summit and organised by Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini's Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership.
- Comptroller and Auditor General of India has taken over as the chairmanship of audit institutions (SAI20) of G20 nations

NITI Aayog

- Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog inaugurated ACIC-CBIT centre in Hyderabad
- Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog + Central Board of Secondary Education under the Ministry of Education + Intel India in New Delhi collaborated to bring a change in the education sector by embedding future skills such as Artificial Intelligence and Tinkering in the formal curriculum.

Others

- Ministry of Defence + Ministry of Education + Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has now allowed residents, - To update addresses in Aadhaar online with the consent of their head of family.





- UIDAI issued a set of guidelines to Offline Verification Seeking Entities (OVSEs) - To ensure better safety mechanism at user level and to enhance resident's trust while using Aadhaar voluntarily.
- Bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2023 held at India Expo Centre in Greater Noida
- National Commission for Women organized an 'All India Nodal Officers Meeting on Acid Attack'
- India's premier R&D institute SAMEER under the IT Ministry+ Siemens Healthineers signed MoU - To contribute towards the development of technologies for advancing healthcare and diagnostic access the country.
- 3rd INTERPOL Young Global Police Leaders Programme held in New Delhi
- EPFO launched a massive outreach programme in all the districts - Through a revamped version of 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat' programme for expanding its presence across the country.
- Udyan Utsav 2023 - 'Mughal Gardens' of Rashtrapati Bhavan has been renamed as 'AmritUdyan'.
- Fire and Fury Corps + University of Ladakh signed MoU for professional development of Indian Army Personnel in the Srinagar Region.
- Millet festival is being celebrated in Gandhinagar, Gujarat to spread awareness about the use of millet in the state and promotes India's traditional farm produce- millets as UN celebrates 2023 as 'International Millet Year'.
- Observer Research Foundation (ORF) hosted the Think20 Inception Conference under India's G20 presidency for making engagement groups of the international body more effective to tackle climate change and food security challenges.
- National Museum of Natural History organised an Online Interactive Session on Pariksha Pe Charcha in line of Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) for School Principals of Haryana.
- Election Commission of India hosts the 2nd International Conference on 'Use of Technology and Elections Integrity' in New Delhi and is being inaugurated by the Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar.
- GoI launched a U-WIN programme to digitise India's Universal Immunisation Programme in a pilot mode in 2 districts of each State& Union Territory.





DEFENCE

- Indian Army - search operation in Poonch sector against terrorists in J&K
- National Cadet Corps (NCC) Republic Day Camp 2023 - Began at the Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantonment, in which 114 cadets from J&K and 120 cadets from northeast region will participate in the event.
- India + Japan hold joint Air Exercise 'Veer Guardian-2023' Hyakuri Air Base in Japan
- India Carried Out Test Launch of indigenously developed Prithvi-II missile
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched 'Soul of Steel' initiative - To promote high-altitude endurance and adventure in Garhwal Himalayas of Uttarakhand.
- 21st Bilateral Naval Exercise between India and France named VARUNA - Indian Participants: INS Chennai, guided missile frigate INS Teg, maritime patrol aircraft P-8I and Dornier, integral helicopters and MiG29K fighter aircraft.
- Tata Boeing Aerospace Ltd - 1st Fuselage for six AH-64E Apache attack helicopters
- Indian Army organised the 2nd edition of Hackathon "Sainya Ranakshetram 2.0" from October 2022 to January 2023
- Border Security Force has started an "Ops Alert" exercise - To enhance security along the India-Pakistan border in Kutch district of Gujarat and Barmer in Rajasthan for the upcoming Republic Day celebrations.
- 5th stealth Scorpene class Submarine Vagir to be commissioned into Indian Navy at the Naval Dockyard Mumbai
- Indian Navy's maritime exercise TROPEX held in Indian Ocean Region
- India flight-tested a Hypersonic Technology Demonstration Vehicle from the Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast
- Indian Air Force conducts mega exercise 'Poorvi Aakash' in Northeast
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers + Rolls Royce Solutions of Germany signed MoU
- Indian Army gets the 1st batch of India-made AK-203 Kalashnikov assault rifles produced at an Amethi facility in Uttar Pradesh, set up by the Indo-Russian Rifles Pvt Ltd.
- DRDO has signed an agreement with the Naval Group France under which the indigenous Fuel Cell-based Air Independent Propulsion System to be fitted on INS Kalvari.



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