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IMPORTANT DAYS

NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
July 01	National Doctor's Day	Celebrating Resilience and Healing Hands
	National Chartered Accountants Day/CA Day	'Empowering Financial Excellence
	6th Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day	-
July 10	23rd National Fish Farmers Day	-
July 22	National Flag Adoption Day	-
	National Day of the Mango	-
July 23	National Broadcasting Day	-
July 24	Income Tax Day/Aaykar Diwas	-
July 26	24th Kargil Vijay Diwas/Kargil Victory Day	-
July 27	85th Foundation Day of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)	-

International Important Days

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
July 01	International Day of Cooperatives	Cooperatives for Sustainable Development
July 02	World UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) Day	-
	World Sports Journalist Day	-
July 03	International Plastic Bag Free Day	-
July 06	World Zoonoses Day	-
July 07	2nd World Kiswahili Language Day	Unleashing Kiswahili's potential in the digital era
July 11	World Population Day	Unleashing the power of gender equality: Uplifting the voices of women and girls to unlock our world's infinite possibilities
July 12	International Malala Day	-
	World Paper Bag Day	-
July 15	World Youth Skills Day	Skilling teachers, trainers, and youth for a transformative future
July 17	World Day for International Justice	-
July 18	Nelson Mandela International Day	Climate, Food & Solidarity
July 20	International Chess Day	-



<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
July 22	Pi Approximation Day	-
	10th World Brain Day	Brain Health and Disability: Leave No One Behind
July 25	3rd World Drowning Prevention Day	Anyone can drown, no one should
	World In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Day/World Embryologist Day	-
July 26	8th International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem/World Mangrove Day	-
July 28	World Hepatitis Day	One life, one liver
	World Nature Conservation Day	Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet
July 29	13th International Tiger Day	-
July 30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind
July 31	World Ranger Day	-

SPORTS

Cricket

- Tamim Iqbal - Bangladesh ODI captain announced his retirement from international cricket
- ICC Player of the Month of June 2023 - Men's Player of the Month: Wanindu Hasaranga (Sri Lanka); Women's Player of the Month: Ashleigh Gardner (Australia).
- 60th edition of Duleep Trophy/Mastercard Duleep Trophy 2023 - South Zone has clinched its 14th Duleep Trophy Championship title by defeating West Zone by 75 runs.
- Lahiru Thirimanne - Sri Lankan cricketer announced his retirement from all forms of international cricket
- 5th edition of Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Emerging Teams Men's Asia Cup 2023 - Pakistan A cricket team won the title by defeating India A in the finals.
- Stuart Broad - England pacer announced his retirement from cricket after the end of the 3rd day of the 5th and final Ashes Test

Badminton

- Canada Open 2023 Badminton Tournament - Held In: Calgary, Canada.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Lakshya Sen (India)	Li Shi Feng (China)
Women's Singles	Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)	Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand)
Men's Doubles	Anders Skaarup Rasmussen & Kim Astrup (Denmark)	Frederik Søgaard & Rasmus Kjær (Denmark)
Women's Doubles	Nami Matsuyama & Chiharu Shida (Japan)	Mayu Matsumoto & Wakana Nagahara (Japan)
Mixed Doubles	Hiroki Midorikawa & Natsu Saito (Japan)	Amalie Magelund & Mathias Thyri (Denmark)

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- Yonex US Open Badminton 2023 - Held at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa, USA.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Li Shi Feng (China)	Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Thailand)
Women's Singles	Supanida Katethong (Thailand)	Gao Fang Jie (China)
Men's Doubles	Goh Sze Fei and Nurlzzuddin (Malaysia)	Fang-Chih Lee and Fang-Jen Lee (Chinese Taipei)
Women's Doubles	Liu Sheng Shu and Tan Ning (China)	Maiken Fruergaard and Sara Thygesn (Denmark)
Mixed Doubles	Ye Hong Wei and Lee Chia Hsin (Taiwan)	Mathias Thyrri and Amalie Magelund (Denmark)

- 30th edition of Korea Open 2023 - Korea Open 2023 is the 17th tournament in the 2023 BWF World Tour calendar and the 5th Super 500 event of the season.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Anders Antonsen (Denmark)	Loh Kean Yew (Singapore)
Women's Singles	An Se young (South Korea)	Tai Tzu-ying (Chinese Taipei)
Men's Doubles	Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty (India)	Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto (Indonesia)
Women's Doubles	Chen Qing chen and Jia Yi fan (China)	Kim So Yeong and Kong Hee Yong (South Korea)
Mixed Doubles	Feng Yan zhe and Huang Dong ping (China)	Jiang Zhen Bang and Wei Ya Xin (China)

- 40th edition of Daihatsu Japan Open 2023 Badminton Championships - Held at: Yoyogi National Gymnasium in Tokyo, Japan.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)	Jonatan Christie (Indonesia)
Women's Singles	An Se Young (South Korea)	He Bing Jiao (China)
Men's Doubles	Lee Yang and Wang Chi Lin (Chinese Taipei)	Takuro Hoki and Yugo Kobayashi (Japan)
Women's Doubles	Kim So Yeong and Kong Hee Yong (South Korea)	Chen Qing Chen and Jia Yi Fan (China)
Mixed Doubles	Yuta Watanabe and Arisa Higashino (Japan)	Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Sapsiree Taerattanachai (Thailand)

Football

- All India Football Federation (AIFF) - the winners of AIFF annual awards for the 2022-23 season.

Category	Winner
AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year	Lallianzuala Chhangte Chhangte (Mizoram)
AIFF Women's Player of the Year	Manisha Kalyan (Punjab) for the 2nd time
AIFF Men's Emerging Player of the year	Akash Mishra
AIFF Women's Emerging Player of the year	Shilji Shaji
AIFF's Men's Coach of the Year	Clifford Miranda
AIFF's Women's Coach of the Year	Priya Parathi Valappil

- 14th edition of SAFF Championships 2023 - Indian Football Team named 'Blue Tigers' won the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Bangabandhu Championship 2023 by defeating Kuwait national football team.

- 24th edition of Men’s 2023 UEFA European Under-21 Championship - England Football team clinched its 3rd Men’s 2023 UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) European Under-21 Championship title by defeating Spain.
- 132nd edition of the Durand Cup Football Tournament - Kolkata from August 3-September 3, hosted by the Durand Football Tournament Society in collaboration with the Indian Army.

Hockey

- 4th edition of Federation Internationale de Hockey (FIH) Hockey Pro League 2022-23 - Antwerp, Belgium.

Men’s FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-23:

Rank	Country
1	Netherlands
2	Great Britain
3	Belgium
4	India

Women’s FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-23:

Rank	Country
1	Netherlands
2	Argentina
3	Australia

Table Tennis

- India’s Table Tennis League Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) - IndianOil as the title sponsor for the Ultimate Table Tennis Season-4. Goa Challengers defeats Chennai Lions to win the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) 2023.

Tennis

- 3rd Mallorca Championships 2023 - Held at the Santa Ponsa Tennis Academy in Santa Ponsa, Spain.



Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Christopher Eubanks (United States)	Adrian Mannarino (France)
Men's Doubles	Yuki Bhambri (India) and Lloyd Harris (South Africa)	Robine Hasse (Netherlands) and Philipp Oswald (Austria)

- 136th edition of the Wimbledon Championships 2023 - Held at the centre court, All England lawn tennis and croquet club, Wimbledon in London, United Kingdom.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
Women's Singles	Marketa Vondrousov (Czech Republic)	Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)
Men's Doubles	Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands) and Neal Skupski (UK)	Horacio Zeballos Jr (Argentina) and Marcel Granollers (Spain)
Women's Doubles	Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic) and Hsieh Su-wei (Taiwan)	Elise Mertens (Belgia) and Storm Hunter (Australia)
Mixed Doubles	Mate Pavić (Croatia) and Lyudmyla Kichenok (Ukraine)	Xu Yifan (China) and Joran Vliegen (Belgian)

- ITF Women's W60 World Tour - India's Karman Kaur Thandi has clinched her second W60 ITF title by defeating Yulila Starodubtseva of Ukraine.
- 41st editon of Tampere Open 2023 - Held in Tampere, Finland.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Sumit Nagal (India)	Dalibor Svrčina (Czech Republic)
Men's Doubles	Piotr Matuszewski and Szymon Kielan (Poland)	Vladyslav Orlov (Ukraine) and Adam Taylor (Australia)

Chess

- Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa - the champion of V Geza Hetenyi Memorial Super GM chess tournament 2023
- Aditya S Samant, a 17-year-old chess prodigy from Maharashtra - the India's 83rd Chess Grandmaster (GM)

Weightlifting

- Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2023 - India finished with a total of 20 medals (9 Gold, 9 Silver, 2 Bronze) at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2023.

Grandprix

- 5th Austrian Grand Prix 2023 - Held at the Circuit Red Bull Ring, Spielberg, Austria.

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)	Netherlands
2	Sergio Perez (Red Bull)	Mexico
3	Fernando Alonso (Aston Martin)	Spain

- British Grand Prix 2023 -Held at Silverstone Circuit in Northamptonshire, England (UK).

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)	Netherlands
2	Lando Norris (McLaren)	UK
3	Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes)	UK

Hungarian Grand Prix 2023

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)	Netherlands
2	Lando Norris (McLaren)	UK
3	Sergio Perez (Red Bull)	Mexico



- Belgian F1 Grand Prix - Held in: Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps in Stavelot, Belgium.

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)	Netherlands
2	Sergio Perez (Red Bull)	Mexico
3	Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)	Monaco

Events

- 2023 Lausanne Diamond League -Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra clinched the prestigious Diamond League title for the 2nd consecutive time by throwing his spear to 87.66m.
- Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023 -India defeats Iran with a score of 42-32 in the final of the Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023 in Busan, Korea.
- World Archery Youth Championships 2023 - India won 11 medals (6 Golds, 1 Silver, 4 Bronze) at the World Archery Youth Championships 2023 held in Limerick, Ireland.
- 25th edition of the Asian Athletics Championships, the flagship event of the Asian Athletics Association(AAA) - Held in Supachalasai National Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand.

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total Medal
1	Japan	16	11	10	37
2	China	8	8	6	22
3	India	6	12	9	27
4	Sri Lanka	3	2	3	8
5	Qatar	2	1	1	4

- 110th edition of the Tour de France - Denmark's Jonas Vingegaard of the Jumbo-Visma, Dutch professional bicycle racing team has won the Tour de France 2023 title

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Shooting

- 3rd edition of the ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) Junior World Championships 2023 - Held at the Changwon Shooting Range in Republic of Korea.

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total Medal
1	China	12	9	7	28
2	India	6	6	5	17
3	Ukraine	5	3	2	10
4	Kazakhstan	4	4	2	10
5	Italy	4	3	4	11

Others

- National Anti-Doping Agency + South Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organisation (SARADO) signed a MoU in New Delhi -The MoU aims to increase Regional Cooperation in anti-doping in sports.
- Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has chosen the Harbin City to host the 2025 Asian Winter Games - Harbin is the capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, this decision was taken during the OCA's 42nd Congress held in Bangkok, Thailand.
- 7th edition of Hero Asian Champions Trophy 2023 - This event was held at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Chennai from August 3 to August 12.

BANKING AND FINANCE

RBI

- RBI and the Central Bank of UAE (CBUAE) signed two MoUs in Abu Dhabi - For establishing a framework to promote the use of local currencies Indian Rupees and the UAE Dirham for cross-border transactions and cooperation for interlinking their payment and messaging systems.
- RBI - included NongHyup Bank in the list of Scheduled Banks under Schedule II of the RBI Act, 1934
- RBI - permitted 20 banks operating in India to open 92 Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs) of partner banks from 22 countries
- RBI has extended the validity of restrictions imposed on, - Indian Mercantile Cooperative Bank Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) from the close of business on January 28, 2022 under sub-section (1) of Section 35 A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 till October 27, 2023.

- RBI's Digital Payments Index - increased to 395.57 in March 2023 from 377.46 in September 2022 and 349.30 in March 2022

Public Sector Banks

SBI

- SBI - revamped its digital banking app 'YONO for Every Indian' and launched Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) facilities
- SBI will set up a new trustee company as its wholly-owned subsidiary - For managing the Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF).
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Indian Bank

- Indian Bank + NeSL (National E-Governance Services Limited) -To roll out digital services under the project WAVE (World of Advance Virtual Experience).
- Indian Bank launched Resources Acquisition Centre (RAC) - The primary objective of the initiative is to strengthen the retail deposit portfolio, which encompasses current deposit, savings bank and term deposit accounts.

Indian Overseas Bank

- IOB - all new RuPay Select Debit card via tweet with luxury benefits - Rupay Select debit card will provide customers with a comprehensive blend of luxury, convenience and security, all in one card.

Bank of India

- Bank of India (BoI) has rolled out Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme -The scheme was announced by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during her Budget speech this year.
- BoI - its IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) in the International Financial Services Centre at GIFT City in Gandhinagar



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Punjab National Bank

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) - a virtual branch, PNB Metaverse
- Punjab National Bank - the launch of its environmental initiative 'PNB Palaash'

Bank of Baroda

- Bank of Baroda + Telangana State Police (TSP) signed a MoU - To provide the "Baroda Police Salary Package" to its serving personnel and pensioners.
- Bank of Baroda - the Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme (MSSC)

Bank of Maharashtra

- Bank of Maharashtra has launched a several new digital products and utilities - To enhance the banking experience for both its customers and staff members.

Union Bank of India

- Union Bank of India + M/s IBM India Private Limited - To accelerate a state-of-the-art Digital Business Platform with future-ready capabilities.

Private Sector Banks

Axis Bank

- Flipkart + Axis Bank -To offer lending options to its customers, with loans of up to Rs 5 lakh.

IDFC First Bank

- IDFC First Bank, Club Vistara, and Mastercard - Launched a travel credit card that combines banking services with travel benefits.

HDFC Bank

- HDFC Bank - a UPI QR code interoperable with the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)
- Swiggy has partnered with HDFC Bank to launch a co-branded credit card
- Chennai-based NBFC, Dvara KGFS has entered into a co-lending partnership with HDFC Bank

IDBI

- IDBI Bank - a special fixed deposit (FD) scheme of 375 days named "Amrit Mahotsav FD"
- IDBI Bank signed a MoU with Ashok Leyland - To provide personalized financial solutions specifically designed for dealers by the partnering entities.

Karnataka Bank

- Karnataka Bank - the 1st edition of 'KBL-FinOne', a fintech partnership event in Bengaluru

Federal Bank

- Federal Bank - a unique Non-Resident savings account for Non-Resident Indian (NRI) women named NRE Eve+

Yes Bank

- Yes Bank - the launch of UPI payments through RuPay Credit Cards

Payments Bank

- Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with Park+ -o enable FASTag-based smart parking solution at Varanasi's Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport in Uttar Pradesh.
- Fino Payments Bank's Board - approved the proposal for the transition of the bank into Small Finance Bank (SFB) license

Small Finance Bank

- Fincare Small Finance Bank - a multilingual campaign 'The Great Indian FD Fest'

Insurance News

- LIC - gradually reduced its stake in the India Cements Ltd. from 5.87% to 3.83%.
- Max Life Insurance has partnered with DCB Bank - To provide a variety of life insurance products to the latter's customers.
- Tata AIG General Insurance - the lead non-life insurer for Maharashtra by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance launched a Bajaj Allianz Life ACE, a non-linked, participating, early income life insurance plan - The policy offers enhanced flexibility to customers to make the cash flows as per their unique financial requirements.
- Bajaj Markets has joined hands with SBI General Insurance - offer consumers motor and health insurance plans
- IRDAI - the Cholamandalam MS Insurance has the lead insurer for West Bengal
- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance - collaboration with ace cricketer, Shubman Gill to take forward its brand journey of being life goal enablers.
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance - ICICI Pru Protect N Gain
- LIC introduced a new term assurance plan 'Jeevan Kiran' - LIC Jeevan Kiran is an individual, savings and life Insurance plan, is available for individuals from 18 years to 65 years, offers life cover with return of premium.

- Future Generali India Life Insurance + JM Financial Services - To elevate its product offerings and extend its market presence across the country.

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- ADB + Government of India have signed an agreement for USD 295 million loan - To upgrade around 265 km state highways with climate and disaster resilient design and road safety elements in Bihar.
- India + ADB have signed a USD 200 million loan agreement - For Rajasthan's Secondary Towns Development Sector Project to expand water supply and sanitation systems and enhance urban resilience and heritage living in selected towns.

Others

- London-based HSBC launched a global private banking business in India -To serve high-net-worth (HNW) and ultra-high-net-worth (UHNW) professionals, entrepreneurs and their families.
- Education lending Fintech startup, Propelld - procured a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) license from RBI
- A Bangalore-based financial institution, Groww - integrated UPI feature in its broking platform with 'Pay' feature
- RBI - cancelled the banking licenses of two co-operative banks in Maharashtra and Karnataka
- RBI imposed a certain restriction on Bengaluru-based National Co-operative Bank
- Indian banks have received Rs.5,729 crore from the "Depositor Education and Awareness" (DEA) Fund - To facilitate the refund of unclaimed deposits with their claimants.
- Department of Post (India Post) under the Ministry of Communication + ITC has released a special postal stamp 'My Stamp' on Mission Millets - To raise awareness about the importance of Millets in commemorating the International Year of Millets.
- Razorpay launched a MoneySaver Export Account specifically for small and mid-size exporters - The facility offers 50% savings on international bank transfers for exporters.

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- PhonePe - launched a Point of Sale (POS) solution for its merchant partners
- RBI - granted permission to UBS, the owner of Credit Suisse to retain the banking license for operations in India.
- Indian Banks' Association (IBA) has constituted a 5-member working group - For implementing the recommendations of the RBI's committee on the "working of the Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs)".
- National Housing Bank (NHB) - operationalises Rs.10,000 crore Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF)
- Citi Commercial Bank launched a new platform 'CitiDirect Commercial Banking' - For enhancing Digital Banking Services to address the needs of Citi Commercial Bank (CCB) clients.
- Razorpay - its first international payment gateway for the Malaysian market with Curlec, known as 'Curlec by Razorpay' -To solve digital payment problems in emerging markets.
- Google Pay has rolled out UPI LITE on its platform to enhance digital payments - With the aim of making digital payments simple, fast and reliable.
- RBI - granted permission to UBS, the owner of Credit Suisse to retain the banking license for operations in India.
- PayU has collaborated with Amazon Web Services (AWS) India and venture capital firm Chiratae Ventures -To launched a a 45-day FinTech accelerator program for early-stage Indian start-ups called inFINity.
- RBI cancelled the licence of two cooperative banks - The bank include, Sri Sharada Mahila Co-operative Bank in Tumkur, Karnataka and Harihareshwar Sahakari Bank in Satara, Maharashtra as the lenders do not have adequate capital and earning prospects
- IIFL Home Finance - a USD 50 million loan from the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
- Saudi Arabia-based Banque Saudi Fransi (BSF) - a TCS BaNCS for payments, provided by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- PhonePe - India's 1st Health Insurance platform with monthly subscriptions
- RBI - cancelled the licence of Uttar Pradesh-based United India Co-operative Bank
- RBI imposed a certain restrictions on Bengaluru-based National Co-operative Bank - For its poor declining financial condition for a duration of six months under the provision of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IIT News

- IIT Kanpur - created India's 1st 100% Dimethyl Ether (DME)-fueled tractor for both on- and off-road operations
- Ministry of Education, GoI + IIT Madras + Ministry of Education and Vocational Training (MoEVT) Zanzibar-Tanzania signed a MoU -For setting up of campus of IIT Madras in Zanzibar-Tanzania.
- IIT Guwahati signed a MoU with the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) - To work together to build capacity/skills in international affairs and foreign policy.

Space News

- Europe's Ariane 5 rocket blasted off from French Guiana by carrying two military communications satellites -The 53m tall, three-stage launcher left the launch pad in the French spaceport of Kourou on its 117th and final mission.
- SpaceX has been granted two licenses by the Mongolian government -To function as an internet service provider utilizing starlink, satellite communications service operated by SpaceX.
- China's LandSpace, aerospace company - the world's 1st methane-liquid oxygen space rocket Zhuque-2 into orbit
- Elon Musk's artificial intelligence firm, xAI - the formation of the artificial intelligence (AI) start-up with the launch of its website.
- Chinese Startup Galactic Energy launched two satellites, Qiankun-1 and Taian into orbit - The satellites were launched via Ceres-1 carrier rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center.
- Skyroot successfully tested its Raman-II Engine at ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu - This testing was enabled by Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe).
- SpaceX launched 22 Starlink v2 satellites to Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) onboard the Falcon 9 rocket - Launched from the Space Launch Complex 40 (SLC-40) at Cape Canaveral Space Force Base in Florida, the USA.





- SpaceX launched Jupiter 3 mission, the world's largest commercial communications satellite - This mission launched to the Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) on a Falcon Heavy mission from Launch Complex 39A at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- ISRO - its PSLV-C56/DS-SAR Mission carrying seven Singaporean satellites from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota

India in Science & Technology

- Department of Telecommunications - Bharat 6G Alliance to drive innovation and collaboration in next-generation wireless technology
- Bengaluru-based firm Elena Geo Systems - India's 1st handheld NavIC-based (Navigation with Indian Constellation) navigator
- Voyager Space + NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL) signed a MoU - To foster collaboration in spacecraft launch and deployment opportunities on-board NSIL's Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) and Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).
- Voyager Space (Voyager) signed a MoU with ISRO + Department of Space + Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (IN-SPACe) - To explore opportunities for the utilization of ISRO's Gaganyaan crewed spacecraft to service Starlink, a first of its kind, continuously crewed free-flying space station.
- ISRO launched India's 3rd moon mission, Chandrayaan-3 - ISRO launched onboard a Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM-3) rocket from the second launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- ISRO joined hands with Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC) - On developing nuclear engines for rockets called Radio thermoelectric generators (RTGs).
- HCLTech has announced its participation with the XR Startup Program - XR Startup Program, an initiative between Meta and the MeitY Startup Hub to support extended reality (XR) technology startups in India.
- Power Finance Corporation (PFC) - joined hands with "Asia Transition Finance Study Group" (ATFSG)
- India AI + Meta signed an MoU - To establish a framework in Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Emerging Technologies, which also leads to making Meta's open-source AI models available to use in the Indian AI ecosystem.

Environment & Energy

- India's 1st indigenously developed 700 MW nuclear power reactor- the Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP) in Gujarat started a commercial operations



- AP-Genco and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) are setting up a Joint Venture (JV) - For implementing Pumped Storage Hydropower Projects (PSPHs) with a total generation capacity of 6,000 MW in Andhra Pradesh.
- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) - 1st CPSE in India to get certified for Anti-Bribery Management System (ABMS)
- Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd, a subsidiary of ONGC - become the largest PSU refinery (single location) in India for 2022-23

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Argentina

- India and Argentina have signed an agreement - For a bilateral exchange of young researchers and Startups, in the field of Biotechnology and Agriculture.

Bangladesh

- India and Bangladesh have started bilateral trade in rupees to lower dollar usage - It was launched during the event organised by the Bangladesh Bank and High Commission of India in Dhaka
- Adani Group - India's 1st transnational power project to supply electricity to Bangladesh -The commencement of power supply to Bangladesh from the 1600 MW Ultra Super-Critical Thermal Power Plant (USCTPP) at Godda, Jharkhand.
- India and Bangladesh signed a contract - For the installation of computer based interlocking signalling system for Dhaka-Tongi-Joydebpur rail line at Rail Bhaban, Dhaka.

France

- India and France have signed a various agreement - To enhance cooperation in space, science, sustainable development and cooperation at the institutional level during the PM Modi's 2-day visit to France to attend the Bastille Day celebrations.

Iran

- Iran - formally become a full member of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)



Italy

- Italy - a memorial to honor the Indian troops who fought in World War II

Japan

- India and Japan signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) - For boosting semiconductor ecosystem development, which will include design, manufacturing, equipment research and talent development and bringing resilience to the semiconductor supply chain.
- Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Kozhikode has approved the proposal of - Setting up an "India-Japan Study and Research Centre" for enhancing management education and research competencies in specific areas of mutual interest between both two countries.

Papua New Guinea

- MeitY of India + Ministry of Information and Communication Technology of Papua New Guinea have signed a MoU - To share INDIA STACK, a collection of open APIs and digital public goods that aim to facilitate identity, data and payment services on a large scale.

Panama

- Election Commission of India and the Electoral Tribunal (ET) of Panama signed a MoU in Panama City -To establish the institutional framework for their ongoing cooperation in the field of election management and administration.

Saudi Arabia

- Saudi Arabia has signed the Instrument of Accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) -Saudi Arabia has become the 51st High Contracting Party to the TAC.

Singapore

- India and Singapore - extended the MoU on Cooperation in the field of Personnel Management and Public Administration till 2028

Sri Lanka

- Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe on a 2-day official visit to India - India and Sri Lanka adopted a vision document to significantly expand connectivity and economic ties.

Tanzania

- India and Tanzania - Agreed on a roadmap to boost their time-tested ties by identifying new areas of cooperation in trade, investment, agriculture, defence, and education.

United Arab Emirates

- Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ) + Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) signed a MoU -To promote mutual growth and development in the food and agriculture sectors of the UAE and India.
- IIT Delhi has signed a MoU with Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) and the Ministry of Education in India - To set up its international campus in Abu Dhabi on the lines of the ongoing UAE-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).
- United Arab Emirates - the 1st Arab country to obtain observer status in the plenary of the Asia-Pacific Group (APG) on Money Laundering, a Financial Action Task Force-Style regional body, taking place in Vancouver, Canada.
- Indian Oil Corporation has signed long-term deals to import liquefied natural gas (LNG) - From UAE's Abu Dhabi Gas Liquefaction Co Ltd and Total Energies of France on a long-term basis.

United States

- United States and India - a 'Operation Broader Sword' to stop international shipments of illegal and dangerous drugs

United Kingdom

- UK - signed the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) trade bloc

Summit/Event

- The 3-day World Hindu Conference (WHC) is scheduled to be held on November 24 at a convention centre in Bangkok - The Conference is being organised by the World Hindu Foundation
- 1st-ever Foreign Ministers' meeting of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) began in Bangkok, Thailand - Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar was participate in this meeting
- 12th Mekong Ganga Cooperation (MGC) Mechanism meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand - External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar highlighted the importance of peace and prosperity in the Mekong region for India's Act East policy.

Exercise

- 7th edition of the bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2023 (JIMEX-23) - Hosted by the Indian Navy and is being conducted at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, aimed at promoting peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.
- 7th edition of Indian Navy-US Navy Salvage and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) exercise, SALVEX - conducted in Kochi, Kerala
- INS Sunayna - Combined Maritime Forces(CMF) Exercise 'Operation Southern Readiness 2023' at Seychelles
- 15th edition of India-Mongolia joint military exercise "Nomadic Elephant-2023" took place in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Others

- India - USD 10,00,000 to the United Nations to promote the usage of the Hindi language at the global organisation
- World Bank given approval to the Bank of Israel to join the International Committee on Credit Reporting (ICCR), as a member of the organization - Since November 2022, the World Bank has taken internal steps to approve the Bank of Israel's membership.
- India's permanent ambassador to UN Ruchira Kamboj - the chair of the 62nd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD)
- The General Council of the WTO - Dr Thani Bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, MoS for Foreign Trade at the Ministry of Economy, as Chair of the World Trade Organisation's 13th Ministerial Conference.
- 3rd International Conference: Financial Reporting and Control: Recent Development and Challenges held in New Delhi

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

- PM Modi inaugurated the 17th Indian Cooperative Congress (ICC) in New Delhi -
- Chaired by the Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.
- PM Modi - the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh
- PM Modi flagged off two Vande Bharat Express trains from Gorakhpur Railway Station in Uttar Pradesh -The two Vande Bharat trains are Gorakhpur to Lucknow Vande Bharat Express and Jodhpur to Ahmedabad (Sabarmati) Vande Bharat Express.
- PM Narendra Modi conferred the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour, France's highest award - The award was conferred by H.E. Emmanuel Macron, President of the Republic of France.
- PM inaugurated an international airport in Hirasar, Rajkot in Gujarat - It is the 1st greenfield airport in the state and has been built at a cost of Rs.1,405 crore.
- PM Narendra Modi - the newly constructed International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC) complex 'Bharat Mandapam' which has been built at a cost of about Rs.2,700 crore in New Delhi.
- PM Modi - Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) 2023 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 3rd anniversary of NEP 2020
- PM - "Urea Gold", a new variety of urea that is coated with sulphur to address sulphur deficiencies in the soil during an event in Rajasthan's Sikar.

Ministry News

Ministry of Defence: Shri Rajnath Singh

- Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) -For the procurement of two Dornier Aircraft for Indian Coast Guard (ICG) along with associated Engineering Support package at an overall cost of Rs.458.87 crore.
- Rajnath Singh launched the single window NCC Integrated Software for Cadets in New Delhi -NCC Integrated Software was developed in partnership with Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo Informatics (BISAG), designed on the 'Entry to Exit Model'.
- Ministry of Defence + Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) signed a MoU - To promote the use of millets and healthy eating practices among the Armed Forces and ensure safe and nutritious food.

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

- Amit Shah virtually - Made in India 'Akshar River Cruise' on Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Amit Shah - a "Scheme for Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the States"
- Amit Shah launched 'CRCS-Sahara Refund Portal' - For the disbursement against the legitimate dues of the genuine depositors of the Sahara Group of Cooperative Societies.

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways: Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari

- MoRTH has developed a five guidelines to enhance mountainous road infrastructure in India - The ministry has developed the guidelines with the technical assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Ministry of Finance & Corporate Affairs: Smt Nirmala Sitharaman

- Ministry of Finance has amended the, - Government Savings Promotion General Rules, 2018 with Government Savings Promotion General (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2023.
- 50th meeting of the GST Council - New Delhi under the chairpersonship of Nirmala Sitharaman
- Centre has implemented a key provision of the Competition (amendment) Act 2023 - Corporate Affairs Ministry is in the process of finalising rules for operationalising the provisions of the Competition (amendment) Act 2023 that vests power of appointment of Director General (Investigation) in the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- Nirmala Sitharaman - the AMC Repo Clearing Ltd (ARCL) and Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF)

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Shri Narendra Singh Tomar

- Manoj Ahuja, Secretary of MoA&FW has launched a one month-long campaign - For banks under the Agri Infra Fund named BHARAT (Banks Heralding Accelerated Rural & Agriculture Transformation).
- MoA&FW - several new technological initiatives under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana - To empower farmers and streamlining the operations.

Ministry of Women & Child Development: Smt Smriti Zubin Irani

- Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani launched a scheme -To provide shelter, food and legal aid for pregnant minor victims of sexual assault who have no family support.

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

- Dharmendra Pradhan launched the AI for India 2.0 - AI for India 2.0 is a free online training programme on Artificial Intelligence launched on the World Youth Skills' Day.
- Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the aegis of the MoSDE + Amazon Web Services (AWS) India - To upskill students in cloud computing, data annotation, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), to boost their capabilities and employability.

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

- Sarbananda Sonowal - a campaign to transform iconic 75 Lighthouses into Tourism Spots from Dwarka in Gujarat
- MoPSW inaugurated the 'SAGAR SAMPARK' Differential Global Navigation Satellite System (DGNSS) - To strengthen the digitalisation in the maritime sector.
- Ministry of Ayush + Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) - To establish Ayush-ICMR Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research (AI-ACIHR) at AIIMS across India.

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

- Ministry of Rural Development launched eSARAS mobile App -An eCommerce initiative was launched to strengthen marketing support for products made by women of Self-help Groups (SHGs), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).

Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Steel: Jyotiraditya Scindia

- Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) - the 1st airport in India to have four operational runways and dual Eastern Cross Taxiway (ECT) (elevated taxiways)
- Scindia inaugurated the 5th Helicopter & Small Aircraft Summit (Heli Summit) 2023 in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh - Organized by the Ministry of Civil Aviation + Government of Madhya Pradesh + Pawan Hans Ltd + Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- Agri-drone maker IoTechWorld Aviation has received a Type Certification from DGCA for its new indigenous product 'AGRIBOT A6' - This the second drone from IoTechWorld that has received a Type Certificate.

Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of Communications: Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw

- Department of Telecommunications (DoT) secretary K Rajaraman under the Ministry of Communication - Launched the Standards Coordination Portal to drive the country's engagement in global standardisation activities.
- Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the Curtain Raiser of 7th edition of India Mobile Congress (IMC 2023) - Hosted by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) will be held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi from October 27 to 29
- Meity signed a MoU with Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE) at the IISc Bengaluru + Lam Research India during the SemiconIndia 2023 in Gandhinagar

Ministry of Jal Shakti: Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

- Bureau of Water Use Efficiency under the National Water Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti + Indian Plumbing Association signed a MoU -For a Water Positive India by awareness creation& promotion of rain water harvesting structures, low flow fixtures& sanitary ware, treatment of grey& black water, water audit of built environment.

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

- The Power Ministry notified the 'Carbon Credit Trading Scheme 2023' - It was announced under the Energy Conservation Act, aims to set up a carbon credit trading market in the country.
- 3-day International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2023) is being organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi -Inaugurated by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Raj Kumar Singh.

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

- Mansukh Mandaviya - the 1st-ever Global Food Regulators Summit 2023 in New Delhi

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

- Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) implemented the Credit Guarantee Scheme under Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) - To strengthen the credit delivery system and facilitate smooth flow of credit to the Micro, Small& Medium Enterprise (MSMEs) engaged in Livestock sector without hassles of collateral security.

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

- Ministry of Culture + Canara Bank - a MoU to facilitate the provision of financial assistance to Veteran Artists under the "Scheme for Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists" earlier known as "Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artists".

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

- Anurag Thakur unveiled the coveted trophy for Hero Asian Champions Trophy 2023 - The hockey tournament will be held from 3rd August to 12 August 2023 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Sports Ministry has decided to recognise the Handball Association of India (HAI) as a National Sports Federation (NSF) - For the promotion and regulation of the sport in the country with immediate effect.

Ministry of State Corporate Affairs: Rao Indrerjit Singh

- MoS&PI's Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES) replaced by a Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS) - To review the framework and results of surveys conducted for the National Statistical Office (NSO).
- Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has released the data for the FY 2022-23 - Telangana leads the list of Indian states with the highest per capita income at Rs.3,08,732 in 2022-23 at current prices.

**State News
Arunachal Pradesh**

- Arunachal Pradesh gets 2 new GI (Geographical Indications) food products tag - The renowned Khaw Tai (Khamti Rice) grown by traditional Khampti tribal farmers in Namsai region and Yak milk product 'Yak Churpi' from West Kameng and Tawang districts got the GI food products tag.
- Arunachal Pradesh - the Chachin Grazing Festival

Assam

- Assam's Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) has been upgraded from Schedule B to Schedule A Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) by the GoI - The upgradation to Schedule A was notified by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Chhattisgarh

- The Chhattisgarh government has signed an agreement with Tata Technologies worth Rs.1,188.36 crore - For transforming 36 government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into an Industry 4.0 Technology Hub.

Gujarat

- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel + MoS for Communications Devusinh Chauhan - the Antyodaya Shram Suraksha Yojana
- Gujarat govt - the revamped Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana-Mukhyamantri Amrutam (PMJAY-MA) scheme - Under this scheme, people can avail free medical treatment up to Rs.10 lakh instead of the previous limit of Rs.5 lakh.
- Ministry of Textile + Gujarat govt have signed a MoU - For PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM-MITRA) Park in Vansi, Navsari district of Gujarat.
- Gujarat signed an MoU London-based OneWeb and the Gujarat's Department of Science and Technology - For setting up a country's first 'Satellite Network Portal Site' in Jotana taluka of Mehsana district of Gujarat..
- One District One Product (ODOP) program under the DPIIT in collaboration with the Government of Gujarat - To promote the indigenous crafts and artisans of the state in New Delhi.

Goa

- Goa govt has signed a 3 MoUs with Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), Paytm and ICAI - To strengthen MSMEs and enable digital payments in government departments.
- Goa Industrial Development Corporation - extended the validity of the "COVID-19 amnesty scheme" for industries till September 22, 2023

Himachal Pradesh

- Himachal Pradesh government signed MoUs worth Rs.200 crore -To manufacture drones with an aims to promote technology-driven governance in the state.
- Drone logistics provider Skye Air has signed an agreement with the Himachal Pradesh government -For deploying an unmanned traffic management system across the state.
- Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched the Aapda Rahat Kosh-2023 website - A digital platform aimed at aiding the disaster-affected people of Himachal Pradesh.
- Himachal Pradesh Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched a collateral-free loan scheme for women - The 'Sashakt Mahila Rin Yojna' is an initiative of Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank (HPSCB), to provide loans to women for pursuing their

entrepreneurial dreams, engage in livelihood activities, fulfill their day to day needs and uplift their families

Jharkhand

- Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren - a mobile application-based elephant movement tracking system

Karnataka

- Karnataka launched the world's largest Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme Gruha Lakshmi - For women, every woman head of the households in the state, will receive Rs.2000 every month in her bank account.
- Karnataka State Government's Finance Department + Global IT solutions provider, Kellton - To develop and implement Human Resource Management System (HRMS) Version 2.0 for over 600,000 state government employees in Karnataka.
- Bengaluru become the 1st Indian city to become part of the World Cities Culture Forum (WCCF) - WCCF is a global network of cities that share research and intelligence and explore the role of culture in future prosperity.
- Karnataka government and the Bengaluru civic body - entered into an agreement with the World Design Organisation (WDO) to transform the capital city with a focus on areas under the jurisdiction of Bengaluru Metropolitan Regional Development.

Kerala

- Kerala got the country's first Construction Innovation Hub (CIH) - To promote affordable and sustainable building facilities so as to foster collaboration, innovation and knowledge-sharing among the stakeholders.
- Kerala Startup Mission + International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) signed a MoU - For stronger support to nascent fintech and techfin firms through increased capital and a wider global network in the next three years.
- Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) has secured a grant of Rs.10 crore from NITI Aayog - To establish India's first Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) in fisheries at the University.

Maharashtra

- Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) under the Ministry of Textiles + Government of Maharashtra signed a MoU - For the launch of PM MITRA Park in Amravati in Mumbai at worth Rs.1320 crore.

Manipur

- Manipur launched the Chief Minister's College Students' Rehabilitation Scheme 2023 - To provide the required educational facilities to the undergraduate students displaced and affected due to the prevailing situation in the state.

Meghalaya

- Meghalaya government has signed a MoU with NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation) - To enhance the power infrastructure and clean energy generation in the state.

Odisha

- Odisha Government launched a 'Mo Jungle Jami Yojana' (My Forestland Scheme) - Intending to complete recognition of all rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights Act), 2006 in the next two years.
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched a 'Ama Pokhari' scheme -To rejuvenate around 2,000 large water bodies in all 115 urban local bodies of the state.
- Odisha Cabinet - the inclusion of Kui language in the 8th schedule of the Constitution of India
- Odisha Cabinet approved the 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' scheme with an allocation of Rs.4000 crore - To take measures to enhance rural infrastructure, leading to accelerated growth and to promote, preserve and protect the Jagannath culture and tradition of Odisha.
- Odisha Television Ltd (OTV) - the country's and state's 1st multi-lingual artificial intelligence (AI) news anchor named 'Lisa'
- Odisha cabinet has extended the Canal Lining and System Rehabilitation Programme (CLSRP) for a further period of 5 years - The scheme would be extended from the FY 2023-24 to 2027-28 with an outlay of Rs.2,032.92 crore.

Punjab

- Punjab signed a MoU with British Council Education India - To start an English language training course for government college students.

Rajasthan

- Rajasthan Introduces India's 1st Rajasthan Platform Based GIG Workers (registration and welfare) Bill, 2023 - It seeks to guarantee social security to gig workers.



Tamilnadu

- Tamil Nadu Police launched a new scheme “Pengal Pathukaaptu Thittam” (Women Safety Scheme) -To ensure the safety of the women travelling alone at night (between 10 pm and 7 am).
- Authoor Betel leaves from Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi district have received a Geographical Indication (GI) certificate.
- Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin inaugurated a camp, - To facilitate the registration of applications by women to avail the Rs.1,000 monthly basic income scheme.
- Tamil Nadu and United Kingdom (UK) signed a MoU - set up a botanic garden spread on 137 hectares at Kadambur in Chengalpattu.

Telangana

- Telangana + World Economic Forum (WEF) launched a “Saagu Baagu” project Phase-I insights report - The project aims to provide AI-based agritech services to farmers in Telangana.
- Walmart and Flipkart have signed a MoU with Telangana - To provide upskilling and support to local micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the state towards accessing a wider domestic market space, to leverage online retail and enable sustained growth and commercialisation.

Tripura

- Tripura CM Manik Saha - a mission to rename 75 border villages after freedom fighters in Tripura

Uttar Pradesh

- Max Life Insurance has been designated as the "Lead Insurer" for Uttar Pradesh by the IRDAI

Union Territory News Andaman and Nicobar

- PM Narendra Modi virtually - the integrated terminal building of the Veer Savarkar International Airport in Port Blair, built at a cost of Rs.707.73 crore to enhance connectivity to the island.

Delhi

- Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated the city's 1st 'Water ATM' - To provides drinking water treated using the reverse osmosis (RO) process, in Mayapuri Phase 2.

Jammu and Kashmir

- Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha - India's 1st Tele-MANAS chat-bot for people in mental distress in the UT
- Chief Secretary of J&K. Arun Kumar Mehta launched the path-breaking Mobile Dost App - It is sync with the vision of Apka Mobile Hamara Daftar, a pioneering initiative for mobile-based delivery of citizen-centric services in J&K.
- J&K government - "Department of Public Grievances" as a separate Administrative Department in the UT

Union Cabinet News

- National Institute for Training in Industrial Engineering (NITIE) in Mumbai is set to become an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) - After the Union cabinet approved a bill amending the IIM Act to upgrade the NITIE as the 21st IIM.

NITI Aayog

- OPPO India + NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) - the establishment of an Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) in Kerala
- NITI Aayog - the 2nd edition of NITI Aayog's Report 'National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI): A Progress Review 2023'
- NITI Aayog released the 3rd edition of Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2022 - The EPI 2022 was prepared by NITI Aayog in association with the Institute for Competitiveness (IFC).
- NITI Aayog - the Techno-Commercial Readiness and Market Maturity Matrix (TCRM Matrix) framework
- NITI Aayog released IESS to assess the integrated impact of various green energy policies - A Revamped India Energy Security Scenarios (IESS) 2047 V3.0 to assess the integrated impact of various green energy policies of Government of India was released by NITI Aayog.

G20 News

- Startup20 Shikhar Summit kicked off in Gurugram, Haryana - Organised by the Startup20 Engagement Group under India's G20 Presidency.
- 4th edition of the Space Economy Leaders Meeting under India's G20 Presidency held in Bengaluru
- Gujarat CM Bhupendrabhai Patel - the Urban 20 (U20) Mayoral Summit in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 3rd Trade and Investment Working Group Meeting under India's G20 presidency being held in Kevadia, Gujarat

- 3rd G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- G20 Young Entrepreneurs Alliance Summit held in New Delh
- 3rd G20 Sherpas meeting held in Hampi, Karnataka - Indian G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant chaired the meeting to co-create the Leaders Declaration in this historic city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Indore, Madhya Pradesh- 4th G20 Labour and Employment Ministers Meeting
- Goa - 4th Energy Transitions Working Group (ETWG) Meeting

Others

- DARPG launched the 3rd edition of the National eGovernance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) portal - V. Srinivas, Secretary of Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has launched the portal.
- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) in collaboration with Bayer - To launch a unique industry visit initiative under Atal Tinkering labs at Bayer's manufacturing facility in Vapi, Gujarat.
- International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) + Climate Policy Initiative-India (CPI) signed a MoU - For mutual assistance and cooperation to increase mobilization of global sustainable capital flows into India.
- International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) + PIEDS BITS Pilani signed a MoU - This MoU aims to setup a framework for cooperation and understanding between IFSCA and BITS Pilani PIEDS Finxcelerator to collaborate in supporting and facilitating FinTech and TechFin entities.
- Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) had implemented the Advance Authorisation Scheme under the Foreign Trade Policy - To allows duty-free import of inputs for export purposes.
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Absolute signed a MoU - To strengthen the government of India's flagship PM's Crop Insurance Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and support the resilience of farmers in India.
- Visakhapatnam - host the 25th edition of International Congress on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) from November 1-8, 2023
- Government has extended the unemployment scheme, the Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana (ABVKY) - This scheme is under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) for a period of 2 years up to June 30, 2024.

- Gol has granted the 'in-principle' approval for the establishment of 21 new Greenfield Airports - These airports will be set up in different regions of the country to enhance connectivity and boost air travel accessibility.
- Govt has decided to make the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT) as the nodal facilitation agency - For handling telecommunication intellectual property rights (IPRs) and Patents.
- PM Modi inaugurated the Semicon India 2023 conference - Organised by the India Semiconductor Mission at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Engineering firm RITES has signed a pact with the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) - To explore possibilities of collaborating in the railway eco-system and transport infrastructure sector.
- India will host the 5th World Coffee Conference (WCC) 2023 in Bengaluru from September 25-28 - Organised by the International Coffee Organisation (ICO) + Coffee Board + Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Gol + Govt. of Karnataka.
- 14th Clean Energy Ministerial and 8th Mission Innovation Meeting - The meeting held under the chairpersonship of the Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, R.K. Singh.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- Gross GST revenue in the Month of June is Rs 1,61,497 crore -Out of which CGST-Rs 31,013 crore, SGST-Rs 38,292 crore, IGST-Rs 80,292 crore, cess-Rs 11,900 crore.
- Meta officially launched its Twitter competitor, Threads
- Bombay Stock Exchange - its 149th Foundation Day on July 10, 2023 and unveiled its new logo
- Wholesale Price-based Inflation (WPI) rate - declined to (-)4.12% in June on easing prices of food, fuel and manufactured items from (-)3.48% in May, In June 2022 WPI was at 16.23%.
- BNP Paribas Arbitrage - acquired 88.85 lakh shares of private lender Bandhan Bank for Rs.187 crore through an open market transaction.
- Twitter owner Elon Musk and its CEO Linda Yaccarino - its new logo by dropping the blue bird on its website for an 'X' as part of a wider rebranding.
- The government - ratified the rate of interest at 8.15% rate on deposits under the Employees Provident Fund scheme for the FY 2022-23.
- Mahindra & Mahindra acquired a 3.53% stake in RBL Bank for Rs.417 crore and could make it further investments without exceeding 9.9% stake.

RANKING

National Ranking

CRISIL's Share and Quality Leaders, and Greenwich Excellence Awards 2023

Indian Large Corporate Banking Market Penetration-Local Banks		
Rank	Bank	Market Penetration (%)
1	HDFC Bank	69%
2	SBI	60%
3	Axis Bank	55%
4	ICICI Bank	54%
Indian Middle Banking Market Penetration-Local Banks		
Rank	Bank	Market Penetration (%)
1	HDFC Bank	70%
2	ICICI Bank	64%
3	Axis Bank	47%

- Canara Bank placed topped in the list of PSB with the highest lending of Rs.187,813 crore in FY22-23 - To corporations and PSUs of States&UTs for the 5th consecutive year.

International Ranking

- 17th edition of the Global Peace Index 2023 - The report was released by the Institute of Economics& Peace.

Rank	Country
1	Iceland
2	Denmark
3	Ireland
4	New Zealand

5	Austria
123	India (ranked 135 in 2022)
159	Democratic Republic of the Congo
160	South Sudan
161	Syria
162	Yemen
163	Afghanistan

- 9th edition of Forbes' America's 100 most successful self-made women 2023

Rank	Country	Net Worth
1	Diane Hendricks	USD 15 billion
2	Judy Love & family	USD 10.2 billion
3	Judy Faulkner	USD 7.4 billion
4	Lynda Resnick	USD 5.3 billion
5	Thai Lee	USD 4.8 billion
15	Jayshree Ullal	USD 2.2 billion
25	Neerja Sethi	USD 990 million
50	Neha Narkhede	USD 520 million
77	Indira Nooyi	USD 350 million

- THE (Times Higher Education) Young University Rankings 2023 - Only 3 universities were placed from India in the Top 100 THE Young University Rankings 2023.

Rank	University	Country
1	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore
2	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Hong Kong

3	Paris Sciences et Lettres-PSL Research University	Paris, France
4	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Hong Kong
5	Erasmus University	Rotterdam, Netherlands
77	Mahatma Gandhi University	India
79	JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research	
91	Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences	
101-150	Alagappa University	
	Indian Institute of Technology Indore	

- 7th edition of Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Global MBA Rankings 2023

Rank	University
1	HEC Paris, France
2	IESE Business School, Spain
3	Oxford (Said), UK
4	MIT (Sloan), US
5	Penn (Wharton), US
44	Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad
50	Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB)
68	Indian Institute of Management Calcutta
78	Indian School of Business (ISB) Hyderabad

- Henley Passport Index (3rd quarter) 2023 - Released by the London-based Henley& Partners.

Rank	University	Visa free travel to Countries
1	Singapore	192
2	Germany, Italy, Spain	190
3	Austria, Finland, France, Japan, South Korea, Luxembourg, Sweden	189
4	Denmark, Ireland, Netherlands, UK	188
5	Belgium, Czech Republic, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Switzerland	187
80	India, Togo, Senegal	57
99	Yemen, Somalia	35
100	Pakistan	33
101	Syria	30
102	Iraq	29
103	Afghanistan	27

● FIFA Men's Football World Ranking 2023

Rank	Country
1	Argentina
2	France
3	Brazil
4	England
5	Belgium
99	India

- Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Ranking on World's Best Student Cities 2024

Rank	City
1	London (For the 5th consecutive Time)
2	Tokyo
3	Seoul
4	Melbourne
5	Munich
118	Mumbai
132	Delhi
147	Bengaluru
154	Chennai

AWARDS

National Awards

- Department of Health and Family Welfare of the Health Ministry has awarded the Kreta Vikreta Gaurav Samman Samaroh 2023 -Under the "Highest Single Bid Procurements in FY22-23" category,
- NLC India Ltd, a navratna company under the Ministry of Coal has bagged GeM award in the "Timely Payments (CPSEs)" category for the year 2023 - For its outstanding contribution in improving the reliability of e-market practices in line with the vision of GeM (Government e-Marketplace).
- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance - the Insurer Innovation Award 2023 for the Asia Pacific region at The World's Digital Insurance Awards.
- Athletics Federation of India (AFI) - the prestigious best member federation award by the Asian Athletics Association in Bangkok
- Adani Transmission Limited (ATL) - the Golden Peacock Environment Management Award (GPEMA) 2023 - In the 'Power Transmission' sector from 'Institute of Directors (IOD)'.
- NTPC has received the prestigious Economic Times HR World Future Skills Awards 2023 - For "Best use of AI/AR/VR in Learning and Upskilling" and "Best Advance in Creating an Extended Enterprise Learning Programme".



- J&K Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) - the SKOCH Award under the theme of “State of Governance India 2047” in Gold category - For its outstanding efforts in creating marketing avenues for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the Union Territory.
- G Kishan Reddy, Ministry of Tourism, Culture - the 'Global Incredible Inc Leadership Award' by the US India SME Council
- Howrah railway station - the CII-IGBC gold rating
- President Droupadi Murmu conferred Bhoomi Samman Awards 2023 - Odisha is the best state of India for outstanding contribution in achieving the objectives of Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP).
- Coal Ministry - the “Best Engagement” award for Procurement through GeM Portal for two FY in a row
- Moksha Roy, 7-year old Indian-origin girl from Hertfordshire, the UK - the British PM’s Points of Light award
- Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur conferred the 8th and 9th National Community Radio Awards - The awards were conferred during the Inaugural Session of the 2-day Regional Community Radio Sammelan (North) is being held in New Delhi on the occasion of National Broadcasting Day on 23rd July 2023.
- Maharashtra government has honoured Ratan Tata, the Chairman of the Tata group, with the 1st prestigious Maharashtra Udyog Ratna Award

International Awards

- Britain’s King Charles III and Queen Camilla presented the Elephant Family Environmental Award to Indian conservationists -Filmmaker Kartiki Gonsalves behind Oscar-winning documentary ‘The Elephant Whisperers’ received the Tara Award.
- British children’s writer Michael Rosen has been awarded the PEN Pinter Prize 2023 - For their “fearless” body of work that provides a “lesson in humanity”.
- International Astronomical Union (IAU) has honoured Indian astrophysicist Aswin Sekhar by naming a minor planet after him - IAU named Minor Planets after 4 Indians named Aswin Sekhar, India’s prominent meteor astronomer from Kerala, Ashok Kumar verma, an Indian astrophysicist, Kumar Venkataramani, an Indian astronomer and Rutu parekh, planetary geologist from Gujarat.
- 34th International Biology Olympiad (IBO) 2023 - India won 4 gold medals and topped the medal tally at the IBO 2023 held at the United Arab Emirates University in Al Ain, UAE.
- Carnatic vocalist Aruna Sairam and flautist Shashank Subramanyam - the prestigious Chevalier award by the French government



- 15th edition of International Eni Award - Thalappil Pradeep, professor of the Department of Chemistry of the IIT Madras has been selected for the 15th International Eni Award under the Advanced Environmental Solutions Award,.
- Shankari Chandran - Miles Franklin Literary Award 2023 for 'Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens'
- 169-year-old Byculla railway station of Mumbai has bagged the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award - For cultural heritage restoration and conservation (Award of Merit), the award was presented by Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways.

APPOINTMENTS

National Appointments Newly appointed State Chief Justice

State High Court Name	Name	Replaced by
Telangana High Court	Justice Alok Aradhe	Justice Ujjal Bhuyan
Gujarat High Court	Sunita Agarwal	Ashish J Desai (Acting CJ of Gujarat HC)
Kerala High Court	Justice Ashish Jitendra Desai	Justice S V Bhatti
Orissa High Court	Justice Subhasis Talapatra	Justice S Muralidhar

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Senior IAS officer Anurag Verma	42nd Chief Secretary of Punjab	Vijay Kumar Janjua
Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved the re-appointment of Tushar Mehta	As the Solicitor General of India	-
PM Prasad	Chairman and MD of Coal India Limited (CIL)	Pramod Agrawal
Lt Gen M U Nair	New National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC)	Lt Gen (retd) Dr Rajesh Pant

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Qu Dongyu	Re-elected unopposed as the head of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	-
Kameshwar Rao Kodavanti	Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of State Bank of India	Charanjit Surinder Singh Attra
Tamil Nadu Basketball Association President, Aadhav Arjuna	President of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI)	K Govindaraj
Former India all-rounder Ajit Agarkar	Chairman of Team India's Senior Men's Selection Committee	Chetan Sharma
P Vasudevan	Executive Director of RBI	-
Justice Sheo Kumar Singh	Acting Chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT)	Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel
DoT secretary and 1989-batch IAS officer of TN Cadre, K.Rajaraman	Chairman of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)	Injeti Srinivas
Abhijit Chakravorty	MD& CEO of SBI Cards& Payment Services (SBI Card)	Rama Mohan Rao Amara
Dept. of Telecommunications has extended the tenure of Rajkumar Upadhyay	As the CEO of C-DoT(Centre for Development of Telematics)	-
Executive Director of SEBI, Pramod Rao	Member in the Board of International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA)	Sujit Prasad
Ramesh Babu has been re-	MD& CEO of Karur Vysya	-

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
appointed as the	Bank	
Nivruti Rai	MD& CEO of Invest India	Manmeet K Nanda
DG Rakesh Pal	25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)	-
Rajay Kumar Sinha	MD& CEO of SBI Capital Markets Ltd	-
Commodore A Madhava Rao (Retd)	Chairman& MD of Bharat Dynamics Ltd	-
Sat Pal Bhanoo	One of the MD of Life Insurance Corporation	Siddhartha Mohanty
Haryana cadre IPS officer, Manoj Yadava	Director General of the Railway Protection Force (RPF)	Sanjay Chander
Phangnon Konyak	As one of the vice chairpersons of Rajya Sabha	-
Govt has extended the tenure of Amitava Mukherjee	As the Chairman& MD of National Mineral Development Corporation	-
Ritesh Chauhan (IAS)	MD of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED)	-
Shivendra Nath	Chairman and MD of Engineering Projects (India) Ltd	-



International Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
NATO extended the tenure of Jens Stoltenberg	As the Secretary-General of NATO	-
Edgars Rinkevics	7th President of Latvia	Egils Levits
Shavkat Mirziyoyev	Re-elected as the President of Uzbekistan	-
Sheikh Talal Fahad Al-Sabah	New President of Olympic Council of Asia	
Irina Ghose	MD of Microsoft India	Anant Maheshwari
Pedro Sanchez	Caretaker Prime Minister of Spain	-
James Ferguson 'Jim' Skea of UK	Elected as the new chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in Nairobi, Kenya	-
Indian-American policy expert Nisha Desai Biswal	Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)	-

Brand Ambassadors

Name	Brand Ambassador	Key Points
Shah Rukh Khan	Brand Ambassador of ICC World Cup 2023	The World Cup will be held in India from October 5 to November 19, 2023.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book Name	Author Name	Published by	Details
Through The Broken Glass: An Autobiography	Former Chief Election Commissioner of India, TN Seshan	Rupa Publications	-
'Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Memories Never Die'	Dr. Nazema Maraikayar and co-authored by YS Rajan	-	

OBITUARY

- Alan Arkin - A Versatile and Prolific American Actor
- KM Vasudevan Namboothiri, also known as Artist Namboothiri - Namboodiri served as a chairman of the Kerala Lalithakalai Akademi.
- Nirmala Buch - Retired IAS officer and Madhya Pradesh's 1st and only woman chief secretary
- Luis Suarez Miramontes - Former Barcelona and Inter Milan midfielder
- Oommen Chandy - Former Kerala CM and Congress Working Committee Member
- Mangala Narlikar - Eminent Mathematician and Scientist
- Tony Bennett - The legendary pop and jazz singer

DEFENCE

- Indian Air Force's home-grown Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) 'Tejas' completes 7 years of service -LCA program was started in early 1980's with the Gol establishing the project in 1983 to replace Mig-21 fighters.
- Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) - received a new defence and non-defence orders worth Rs.2,191 crore
- Indian Coast Guard and the Indian Navy - a MoU with Indian Port Rail& Ropeway Corporation Ltd in Gandhinagar
- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) + European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) signed a MoU -This MoU will focuses on collaboration on Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Innovative Air Mobility between the two civil aviation authorities



- Larsen& Toubro and Navantia of Spain signed a teaming agreement (TA) to build submarines for the Indian Navy - To participate in a techno-commercial bid for the Indian Navy's six P75 (India)/P75 (I) submarine programme to be valued at USD 5.8 billion.
- Larsen and Toubro's Kattupalli Shipyard - signed a Master Ship Repair Agreement (MSRA) with the United States Navy for repairing of vessels
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh - the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) regional office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Defense Acquisition Council has approved the proposal to buy 26 Rafale-M fighter aircraft for the Indian Navy - These include 22 single-seated Rafale marine aircraft and four twin-seater trainer versions worth around Rs.90,000 crore.
- Tata Advanced Systems Ltd - signed a contract with Indian Army for the procurement of Tactical Access Switch
- Ashok Leyland has bagged the orders worth Rs.800 crore from Indian Army - The contracts include the procurement of the Field Artillery Tractor (FAT 4x4) and the Gun Towing Vehicle (GTV 6x6).
- First Barge of the series LSAM 7 (Yard 75) has been delivered to the Indian Navy - The barge was delivered in presence of Iftexhar Alam, Commanding Officer, INS Tunir.
- Ministry of Culture + Indian Navy signed a MoU to revive the ancient stitched shipbuilding method named Tankai method - Indian Navy will oversee the implementation and execution of the entire project.
- Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) - signed a MoUs with Gabriel Power& Energy Pvt Ltd and CoRover Pvt Ltd
- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) and Argentina's Ministry of Defence - a Letter of Intent (LoI) on productive cooperation and acquisition of Light and Medium Utility Helicopters for its armed forces.
- Indian Army + TVS Motor Company flagged off its women motorcycle rally 'Nari Sashaktikaran Motorcycle Rally'
- Airbus will deliver India's 1st tactical military transport aircraft Airbus C295 to Indian Air Force (IAF) in September 2023
- India gifts its in-service missile corvette INS Kirpan to Vietnam - INS Kirpan, an indigenously built Khukri-class missile corvette commissioned in 1991, was handed over to Vietnam in line with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's announcement.
- Space startup Pixxel - a defence ministry grant to build satellites for the Indian Air Force (IAF)
- Goa ShipyardLtd + BITS Pilani, Goa Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship Society (BGIIES, Goa) signed a MoU - To drive innovation and progress in the



shipbuilding and defence industry using cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies, which will use in warship construction and for military equipment.

- Germany-based leading naval company, Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems signed a MoU with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited - For the overhaul and modernisation of a Sub-Surface Killer (SSK) class submarine INS Shankush to extend its operational capability.

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