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# **IMPORTANT DAYS**

# **NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
June 02	Telangana Formation Day/Telangana Day	-
June 19	27th National Reading Day	-
June 28	National Insurance Awareness Day	-
June 29	National Statistics Day	Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring Sustainable Development Goals

#### **INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
June 01	World Milk Day	The potency of milk and the milk industry
	Global Day of Parents	-
June 02	International Sex Workers' Day/International Whores' Day	-
June 03	World Bicycle Day	-
June 04	UN International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	-
June 05	6th International Day for the Fight against Illegal	-







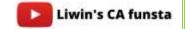


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	Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing	
June 05	World Day Against Speciesism	-
Julie 05	50th World Environment Day	Beat Plastic Pollution
June 06	World Pest Day/World Pest Awareness Day	-
Julie 00	UN Russian Language Day	-
June 07	World Food Safety Day	Food Standards Save Lives
June 08	World Oceans Day	Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing
	World Brain Tumour Day	Protect yourself, avoid stress
June 09	World Accreditation Day	Accreditation: Supporting the Future of Global Trade
June 12	21st World Day Against Child Labour	Social Justice for All. End Child Labour!
June 13	International Albinism Awareness Day	Inclusion is strength
June 14	World Blood Donor Day	Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often
June 15	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	Closing the Circle: Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Older Age Policy, Law and Evidence-based Responses







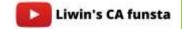


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June 15	ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) Dengue Day	ASEAN's Commitment to Fight against Dengue
	Global Wind Day/World Wind Day	-
June 16	International Day of Family Remittances	Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction
	World Crocodile Day	-
June 17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Her land Her rights
	UN's Sustainable Gastronomy Day	-
June 18	Autistic Pride Day	-
Julie 16	International Picnic Day	-
	2nd International Day for Countering Hate Speech	-
	9th International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	-
June 19	World Sickle Cell Day/World Sickle Cell Awareness Day	Building and strengthening global sickle cell communities, formalizing newborn screening and knowing your sickle cell disease status







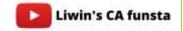


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June 20	World Refugee Day	Hope away from home
	9th International Yoga Day	Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"- Yoga for The World is One Family.
June 21	International Day of Celebration for the Solstice	
	41st World Music Day	Music on the Intersections
	World Hydrography Day	Innovative Public Service Delivery: Ensuring No One Is Left Behind
June 23	World Olympic Day/International Olympic Day	Let's Move
	UN's International Widows Day	Innovation and Technology for gender equality
	United Nations Public Service Day	Innovative Public Service Delivery: Ensuring No One Is Left Behind
June 24	International Day of Women in Diplomacy	Breaking Barriers, Shaping the Future: Women in Diplomacy for Sustainable Development
June 25	Day of the Seafarer	MARPOL at 50- Our commitment goes on
	World Vitiligo Day/Vitiligo Awareness Day/Vitiligo Purple Fun Day	Vitiligo: Looking into the Future









<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking/World Drug Day	People first: Stop stigma and discrimination, strengthen prevention
June 26	United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	-
	World Refrigeration Day	Next Generation Cooling: The Future is in our hands
June 27	6th Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day	Future-ready MSMEs for India@100
June 18-24	World Allergy Week 2023	Managing Allergic Diseases amidst Climate change
June 29	International Day of the Tropics	-
	UN's World Asteroid Day	-
June 30	International Day of Parliamentarism	Parliaments for the Planet















# **SPORTS**

#### Cricket

- Sachin Tendulkar the 'Smile Ambassador' for an oral hygiene campaign "Swachh Mukh Abhiyaan" in Maharashtra
- 2nd edition of ICC World Test Champions 2023 The Australian men's cricket team captained by Pat Cummins defeated Indian men's cricket team captained by Rohit Sharma by 209 runs in the finals held at The Oval in London, UK.
- ICC Player of the Month of May 2023 Men's Player of the Month: Harry Tector (Ireland), Ireland's 1st-ever recipient of the Men's category. Women's Player of the Month: Thipatcha Putthawong (Thailand).
- Nahida Khan Pakistan opening batter announced her retirement from international cricket
- Jhulan Goswami, Eoin Morgan, Heather Knight the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)
   World Cricket Committee

#### **Badminton**

• 41st Kapal Api Group Indonesia Open 2023 (Indonesia Open 2023) - Held at: Gelora Bung Karno Sports complex in Jakarta, Indonesia.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Winner</u>	Runner
Men's Singles	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (Indonesia)
Women's Singles	Chen Yufei (China)	Carolina Marin (Spain)
Men's Doubles	Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty (India)	Aaron Chia & Soh Wooi Yik (Malaysia)
Women's Doubles	Baek Ha Na & Lee So Hee (South Korea)	Yuki Fukushima & Sayaka Hirota (Japan)
Mixed Doubles	Zheng Si wei & Huang Ya Qiong (China)	Yuta Watanabe & Arisa Higashino (Japan)

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#### Football

- Zlatan Ibrahimovic announced his retirement from Football AC Milan striker Zlatan will retire after they played season's final game against Hellas Verona.
- 132nd edition of Football Durand Cup 2023 The organising committee announced that the Durand Cup football event will take place from August 3 to September 3.
- 3rd Hero Intercontinental Cup 2023 Indian Men's Football Team (Blue Tigers)
  captained by Sunil Chhetri won the title by defeating Lebanon team captained by
  Hassan Maatouk (2-0) in the finals.
- Ghana's Asamoah Gyan announced his retirement from professional football
- International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) announced Indonesia as the host nation of 2023 U-17 World Cup, replacing Peru

#### **Hockey**

- Junior Men's Hockey Asia Cup 2023 India won the Dhofar Municipality Men's Junior Asia Cup 2023 defeating Pakistan in the finals.
- 8th edition of Women's Under-21 Junior Asia Cup 2023 Indian Women's Junior Hockey Team won its 1st-ever Women's Junior Asia Cup title by defeating South Korea in the finals held in Kakamigahara, Japan.

#### **Tennis**

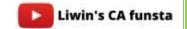
127th edition of French Open (Roland-Garros) and the 2nd Grand Slam event of 2023 The Grand Slam tennis tournament held at the Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner</u>
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Casper Ruud (Norway)
Women's Singles	lga Swiatek (Poland)	Karolína Muchova (Czech Republic)
Men's Doubles	Ivan Dodig (Croatia) & Austin Krajicek (USA)	Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen (Belgium)
Women's Doubles	Hsieh Suwei (Taiwan) & Wang Xinyu (China)	Leylah Fernandez (Canada) & Taylor Townsend (USA)
Mixed Doubles	Miyu Kato (Japan) & Tim Pütz (Germany)	Bianca Andreescu (Canada) & Michael Venus (New Zealand)









Surbiton Trophy 2023 - A tennis tournament was held in Surbiton Racket and Fitness Club of Surbiton, United Kingdom.

Category	<u>Winner</u>	Runner
Men's Singles	Andy Murray (United Kingdom)	Jurij Rodionov (Austria)
Women's Singles	Yanina Wickmayer (Belgium)	Katie Swan (United Kingdom)
Men's Doubles	Liam Broady and Jonny O'Mara (United Kingdom)	Alexei Popyrin and Aleksandar Vukic (Australia)
Women's Doubles	Sophie Chang (United States)& Yanina Wickmayer (Belgium)	Alicia Barnett and Olivia Nicholls (United Kingdom)

#### **Table Tennis**

2023 International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Table Tennis (WTT) Championships - 57th edition of the WTT Championship was held in Durban, South Africa.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner</u>
Men's Singles	Fan Zhendong (China)	Wang Chuqin (China)
Women's Singles	Sun Yingsha (China)	Chen Meng (China)
Men's Doubles	Wang Chuqin and Fan Zhendong (China)	Jang Woo-jin and Lim Jong- hoon (South Korea)
Women's Doubles	Chen Meng and Wang Yidi (China)	Shin Yu-bin and Jeon Ji-hee (South Korea)
Mixed Doubles	Wang Chuqin and Sun Yingsha (China)	Hina Hayata and Tomokazu Harimoto (Japan)

#### Chess

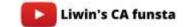
23rd Dubai Open 2023 - Grandmaster (GM) AravindhChithambaram of India won the 23rd Dubai Open 2023 for the second consecutive year.



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### Wrestling

• U-17 Asian Wrestling Championships held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan - India concluded the U-17 Asian Wrestling Championships 2023 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan with a total of 24 medals.

# Grandprix

 Spanish Grand Prix - This event was officially known as Formula 1 AWS Gran Premio de Espana 2023 held at Montmelo, Spain.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Country</u>
1	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)	Netherlands
2	Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes)	UK
3	George Russell (Mercedes)	UK

• Canadian Grand Prix - Held: Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

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

#### **Events**

 Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2022 - 3rd edition of KIUG 2022 held in Uttar Pradesh across 4 cities, Lucknow, Varanasi, Greater Noida and Gorakhpur and only the shooting events were scheduled in New Delhi.

Rank	<u>University</u>	Gold	Silver	<u>Bronze</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Panjab University	26	17	26	69
2	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	24	27	17	68
3	Jain University, Karnataka	16	10	6	32
4	Punjabi University, Patiala	12	14	8	34
5	Guru Kashi University	9	10	9	28











- Paris Diamond League 2023 Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar secured a 3rd place in the Paris Diamond League with a jump of 8.09m.
- 16th edition of Asia Cup 2023 will commence from August 31 to September 17 -Pakistan will set to host four matches and the rest of the games will be held in Sri Lanka.
- 4th edition of the Squash World Cup 2023 TN Sports Development, Udayanidhi Stalin inaugurated the event and unveiled the Squash World Cup at the Express Avenue, Royapetta in Chennai.
- Goa CM Pramod Sawant launched the mascot for the 37th National Games MOGA -CM unveiled the official mascot 'Moga' at the Dr.Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium in Taleigao, Goa.
- Asian Fencing Championships 2023 C.A. Bhavani Devi created history by securing India's first-ever medal- a bronze at the Asian Fencing Championships 2023.

# **BANKING AND FINANCE**

#### RBI

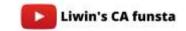
- Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) + IIT Madras Research Park (IITMRP) + IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC) - To introduce a voice-banking solutions and to eliminate language barriers across the country.
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das launched a financial inclusion dashboard 'Antardrishti' The dashboard will provide the required insight to assess and monitor the progress of
  financial inclusion by capturing relevant parameters.
- RBI's 2nd Bi- monthly Monetary Policy of FY 2023-24 of June 2023

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









- RBI proposed to expand the scope of e-RUPI digital voucher By permittig non-banking Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI) companies can now issue vouchers.
- RBI permits banks to issue RuPay Prepaid Forex (Foreign Exchange) Cards
- RBI assigns additional responsibilities to 3 Deputy Governors after MK Jain exit -
- RBI Penalty of Rs.30 lakh has been imposed on Standard Chartered Bank India for non-compliance with certain provisions of Reserve Bank of India (Know Your Customer (KYC)) Directions, 2016.
- RBI cancelled the banking license of Karnataka-based Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank, Dharwad - To function as Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).
- RBI the Centralised Information Management System (CIMS) for Data Management

## **Public Sector Banks SBI**

SBI launched Project Kuber in Bengaluru - This project includes the establishment of four Transaction Banking Hubs and one Corporate Salary Package Hub in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

### **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)**

- IOB 'My Account My Name' for savings bank account customers
- IOB + Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission (TNSRLM) signed a MoU To foster the growth of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the State and provide them with vital financial support.

# **Punjab National Bank (PNB)**

PNB - 1st public sector bank to introduce an IVR (Interactive Voice Response)-based UPI solution-UPI 123PAY in collaboration with NPCI

#### Bank of Baroda

Bank of Baroda - the Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) facility using UPI on its ATMs

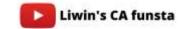


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Bank of Baroda + National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) - To launch a
Electronic Bank Guarantee (BG) system to enable the public sector banks to issue
inland bank guarantees electronically on its digital platform BarodalNSTA.

#### **Union Bank of India**

 Union Bank of India launched four niche bank account schemes - For women, women entrepreneurs and professionals, pensioners and cooperative housing societies.

#### **Indian Bank**

Manipal Technologies partners with Indian Bank to offer customised banking solutions
 To empower millions of underserved individuals across India.

#### **Canara Bank**

 Canara Bank has introduced the facility of UPI payments to merchants through RuPay Credit Card - Canara Bank has become the 1st Public Sector Bank to introduce this Facility in association with NPCI.

# Private Sector Banks Axis Bank

Axis Bank - the One-View- Multi-Bank Aggregator feature on its Mobile App

#### **HDFC Bank**

- HDFC Bank its 'Global Trade& Forex Talks' (GTFT), a learning-cum-engagement initiative for its customers
- HDFC Bank new credit card "Millennia", offering a cashback over e-commerce platforms and multiple benefits

#### **ICICI Bank**

 ICICI Bank - donate Rs.1,200 crore from its CSR funds to the Tata Memorial Centre expand its cancer treating facilities

#### **RBL Bank**

RBL bank - a "ACE Fixed Deposit scheme" with an interest of up to 8.50%

#### Kotak Mahindra Bank

 Kotak Private Banking, a division of Kotak Mahindra Bank - a savings programme Kotak Reserve









- Kotak Mahindra Bank + National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) Jointly introduced the facility of linking its RuPay Credit Card to UPI (Unified Payments Interface) apps.

#### **Federal Bank**

 Federal Bank launched the 'I am Adyar, Adyar is me' campaign in Chennai - To transform an entire bank branch into a museum of local stories.

#### **South Indian Bank**

South Indian Bank - a digital account opening platform SIB SWIFTe

#### **IndusInd Bank**

 IndusInd Bank + Wise, the global technology company - To offer online inward remittance services to Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) residing in the USA and Singapore.

### **Payments Bank**

- Fino Payments Bank + Sequoia Capital-backed fintech Hubble Money To introduce India's first spending account to helps the customers manage their finances, track expenses and earn rewards on purchases.
- Airtel Payments Bank + Care Health Insurance To offer customers health insurance coverage ranging from Rs.50,000 to Rs.5 lakh.
- Paytm announced its partnership with Shriram Finance Ltd To offer financial services to its users, including loan products.

#### **Insurance News**

- IRDAI SBI Life Insurance as the acquirer-insurer of the business of Sahara India Life Insurance Company (SILIC)
- Aegon Life Insurance 1st insurance company to launch a policy that covers surrogate mothers and egg donors
- Go Digit received an approval from IRDAI to conduct the life insurance business in India - IRDAI granted the Certificate of Registration (CoR) to Go Digit Life Insurance.
- LIC increased its stake in Tech Mahindra to 8.88% from 6.86% at an average cost of Rs 1,050.77 apiece.
- LIC increased its stake in the Steel Authority of India (SAIL) to 8.687% from 6.686%.









- Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance (Kotak Life) + Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) signed a MoU - To offer employment opportunities to Ex-Servicemen of the Defence Services.
- Max Life Insurance Company picked a 2.99% equity stake in Jalandhar-based Capital Small Finance Bank for a consideration of Rs.49.50 crore.
- LIC reduced its stake in iron ore producer National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) to 9.62% by selling a little over 2% stake for about Rs.649 crore.
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance a new retirement solution ABSLI "Nishchit Pension Plan"
- LIC a new close-ended plan "LIC's Dhan Vridhhi (Plan 869)"
- Kotak Mahindra General Insurance + actyv.ai To offer insurance products to new-age Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) companies.
- ICICI Lombard General Insurance and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance jointly launched an insurance solution, 'iShield' -iShield will provide customers with both health and life insurance.
- Tata AIA Life Insurance partner WhatsApp and PayU to introduce a industry's 1st premium payment feature

# Asian Development BAnk (ADB)

- Government of India + ADB have signed a USD 130 million loan agreement To increase the agricultural productivity, improve access to irrigation and promote horticulture agribusinesses to raise farmers' income in Himachal Pradesh.
- ADB approved USD 295 million loan to widen and upgrade h ighways in Bihar -At around 265 kms of state highways, improving transport connectivity and safety in the state of Bihar in India.

#### World Bank

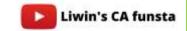
- World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved a USD 148 million loan to support West Bengal -In harnessing surface and ground water through better irrigation practices in rural areas of the state.
- World Bank its 1st dedicated road safety project in South Asia with a USD 358 million financing agreement with Bangladesh
- World Bank has approved USD 150 million loan to support the Resilient Kerala programme - To strengthen Kerala's preparedness for natural disasters, climate change impact and disease outbreaks.
- World Bank USD USD 255.5 million to improve technical education in government-run institutions in India



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- World Bank USD 391 million for Assam and Tripura to improve access to healthcare services and boost economic opportunities
- World Bank USD 300 million loan to expand and improve the quality of education in government-run schools in Chhattisgarh
- World Bank provided USD 200 million (Rs.1,600 crore) to Himachal Power Sector Development Program - To bring improvements in renewable energy integration in the state.
- World Bank USD 1.5 billion to accelerate India's low-carbon energy infrastructure

#### SIDBI

- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) + HDFC Bank signed a MoU To provide complete financial product and services to the customers under Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in a seamless manner.
- SIDBI launched a mission EVOLVE (Electric Vehicle Operations and Lending for Vibrant Ecosystem) - SIDBI launched it in partnership with NITI Aayog, World Bank, Korea-World Bank partnership facility and Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund to finance MSMEs in the electric vehicles (EV) space.
- Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME) has received the in-principal approval from SIDBI - For designing and structuring a sustainable and scalable NBFC (Non-Banking Finance Company) Growth Acceleration Program (NGAP).
- Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu + SIDBI signed a MoU To launch a joint initiatives/projects to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country during the 6th annual convocation of IIM at Jammu.

#### **Others**

- Stellapps' fintech arm mooPay, in partnership with IBISA Network, HDFC ERGO and Gramcover - To launched a unique heat Index-based insurance plan to provides financial compensation to mooMark dairy farmers, to offset income loss due to a fall in milk productivity during heat waves in summer.
- Karbon Card India's 1st mobile-based expense management card named "Card ++"
- JP Morgan a real-time interbank US dollar settlement pilot project in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)
- HSBC India a campaign 'My Account Starts Today' featuring cricketer Virat Kohli as its new brand influencer
- International Finance Corporation (IFC) + National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) signed a MoU - To develop a pipeline of investment-ready public-private partnership (PPP) projects in infrastructure across India.







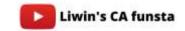


- Bajaj Finserv its mutual fund (MF) business named Bajaj Finserv Mutual Fund
- PhonePe Group its Account Aggregator (AA) services after receiving the NBFC-AA license from RBI
- Google Pay a new feature that enables users to set up UPI (Unified Payments Interface) using Aadhaar card number via National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) sold around 1.7% stake of Kotak Mahindra Bank for Rs.6,123 crore through an open market transaction.
- SAMCO Asset Management Pvt Ltd has launched SAMCO Active Momentum Fund It is India's 1st actively managed momentum fund, it capitalizes on trending stocks whose momentum is typically higher than the overall market.
- YES SECURITIES + Healthcare Platform WatchYourHealth To provide investment solutions to healthcare professionals through the 'Wellth-Where Investments and Health Unite' program.
- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank Launched a new deposit scheme 'Vikas Ashadeep 400 days' - The scheme is offers a tenor of 400 days with an interest rate of 7.5% for senior citizens and 7% for general public.
- NBFC Equitas Holdings Ltd surrendered its Certificate of Registration i.e. NBFC licence to RBI
- SBM Bank India launched the SBM World Elite Metal Debit Card Powered by Mastercard, is designed and being offered exclusively to SBM Private customers and is valid for a period of 5 years.
- Amp Energy India has secured up to USD 250 million (around Rs.2,061 crore) -It is secured rom SMBC Bank of Japan (Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation), ICG (Intermediate Capital Group), and AIIB (Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank).
- India's leading digital credit platform, RING + National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) -To add NPCI's newly launched UPI Plug-in functionality to RING's pre-existing suite of digital services.
- PhonePe rolled out its own in-app payment gateway to assist MSMEs in India
- The government has fixed the issue price at Rs.5,926 per gram of gold for the 1st tranche of the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2023-24 The issue will be open for the subscription of 5 days from June 19-23, 2023 with the settlement date of June 27, 2023.
- Cashfree Payments a CVV-free card payments for partner businesses









- RBI a monetary penalty of Rs.20 lakh on Manappuram Finance for non-compliance with certain provisions of NBFC as it did not classify certain gold loan accounts with overdues of more than 90 days as Non-Performing Assets (NPAs).
- Ashok Leyland + IDBI Bank signed a MoU to offer customised financial solutions for its dealers - This partnership will enable them to serve numerous businesses in India.
- Investment management firm, Airavat Capital launched a Airavat Global Technology
   Fund R (AGTF R) at GIFT City To invest in top listed technology companies around the globe.
- Infosys signed a USD 454 million deal with Danske Bank for a period of 5 years

# **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

- Gross GST revenue in the Month of May is Rs 1,57,090 crore
- UPI processed a record high of 9.41 billion (941 crore) transactions in May 2023 worth Rs.14.3 trillion
- EPFO a 3 committees to frame draft schemes for pension, provident fund and insurance
- NSE International Exchange (NSE IX) a new brand identity/ logo of GIFT Nifty at IFSC in GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- UK-based asset management company, Abrdn Investment sold its entire 10.2% stake in HDFC Asset Management Company.
- Global engineering services company L&T Technology + Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) - To drive and enable global enterprises in their private 5G network deployments.
- National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) signed MoU with MIDAS (Manchester's Inward Investment Agency) and MAG (Manchester Airports Group) - To promote innovation, investment and technological exchange between Greater Manchester, the UK and India











# **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

#### **IIT News**

- IIT-Madras-incubated space-tech startup, GalaxEye the world's 1st multi-sensor earth observation satellite "Drishti"
- IIT Kanpur successfully test flight artificial rain via cloud-seeding The experiment was conducted with the proper authorisation of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

#### **Space News**

- Iran its 1st indigenously-made hypersonic ballistic missile "Fattah"
- SpaceX Falcon 9, a two staged rocket carrying 22 second- generation starlink satellites 'V2 Mini' to Low-Earth Orbit
- Israel the first test of an autonomous flying taxi to ease traffic congestion
- Tata Elxsi has partnered with ISRO for the upcoming Gaganyaan Mission -The leading global engineering company, Tata Elxsi has designed and developed the Crew Module Recovery Models (CMRM) for the recovery team training of the space mission.
- China launched the Long March 2D rocket with 41 satellites into space The rocket blasted off from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in Shanxi province.
- Indonesia collaborated with SpaceX launch a communications satellite 'SATRIA-1' into geosynchronous transfer orbit
- China launched a Long March-6 carrier rocket to place a new experiment satellite in space - The rocket carrying the Shiyan-25 experiment satellite lifted off from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in the northern province of Shanxi.
- Skyroot Aerospace conducted the flight qualification test of the Raman-I engine -The Raman-I engine will be employed for roll attitude control in the company's underdevelopment Vikram-I rocket to ensures the rocket's ability to manage its rotation and orientation.
- French General Armaments Directorate (DGA) carried out a test firing of a probe rocket from the Biscarosse DGA missile tests site

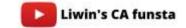
#### **DRDO**

- Indian Navy and DRDO successfully engaged an underwater target with an indigenously developed heavyweight Torpedo "Varunastra"
- DRDO flight-tested a New Generation Ballistic Missile 'Agni Prime' (Agni-P) The test was conducted from the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.









- DRDO and the Indian Navy demonstrate transfer of command and control of TAPAS
   201 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) The TAPAS took off from a remote ground
   station to onboard INS Subhadra, 148 km away from Karnataka's Karwar naval base.
- Larsen& Toubro + DRDO signed a contract For the realisation of two Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) System Modules for Kalvari Class of submarines of the Indian Navy.
- DRDO organised "Anusandhaan Chintan Shivir" in New Delhi To encourage Defence Research and Development (R&D) within the industry and academia.

### India in Science & Technology

- India conducted a training launch of the medium-range ballistic missile Agni-1 A training launch was carried out by the Strategic Forces Command from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, in Odisha.
- World's 1st 3D printed Hindu temple built in Telangana Situated within Charvitha Meadows, a gated villa community at Burugupally in Siddipet.
- India's Azista BST Aerospace launched its 1st satellite, ABA First Runner (AFR), onboard the SpaceX Transporter-8 Mission - The satellite lifted off from the Space Launch Complex 4E at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California, the United States of America (USA).
- Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) has developed a a unique space telescope Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT) - It telescope was delivered to ISRO for its ADITYA-L1 solar mission.

# **Environment & Energy**

- JSW Steel the 1st Manufacturer to achieve CII's GreenPro Ecolabel for its 'Automotive Steel' Products
- NTPC Green Energy Limited + Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited signed a MoU in Lucknow - To collaborate in the development of Renewable Energy Parks and Projects and to facilitate the Government of India's efforts towards energy transition.
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) + Ashok Leyland Jointly initiated a pilot project for ethanol blended diesel to test the effectiveness of ED7 (diesel blended with 7% ethanol) fuel.
- A consortium led by Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd (TRSL) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) signed a contract - To manufacture 80 fully assembled Vande Bharat sleeper train sets by 2029 and maintain it for a period of 35 years.









# **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

#### Belgium

 India - an agreement on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters with Belgium at the Egmont Palace, Brussels

#### China

- Beijing, China World's Most Powerful Wind Tunnel "JF-22"
- Canada
- India Post signed an agreement with Canada Post To introduce International Tracked Packet Service (ITPS) between the two countries to facilitate e-commerce exports.

#### Nepal

PM Narendra Modi and PM of Nepal Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' - signed a 7
 MoUs in various sectors

#### Namibia

 External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar - the India Namibia Centre of Excellence in Information Technology (INCEIT) in Namibia

### **Philippines**

Indian + Philippines signed a MoU - A MoU between the Department of Economic
Affairs, Ministry of Finance, GoI and the Department of Finance, Govt of Philippines on
Financial Technology (FinTech) cooperation, was signed in Manila.

#### **United States**

- India and the United States agreed upon an "ambitious new roadmap" for defence industrial cooperation
- India and the United States have agreed to set up a Monitoring Group To review progress in deepening cooperation in the bilateral high-tech trade and technology partnership.
- India-US the India-US Defense Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X) at an event in Washington DC

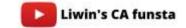
#### **United Arab Emirates**

• 1st Meeting of the Joint Committee of the India-UAE CEPA (Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement) held in New Delhi









#### **Vietnam**

Vietnam received the missile corvette INS Kirpan as a gift from India - Defence
 Minister Rajnath Singh announced this after the bilateral meeting with his Vietnamese
 counterpart General Phan Van Gang who visits India.

#### **Exercise**

- Maldives 6th edition of India Navy and Maldives Navy conducted the "Exercise Ekatha"
- Gulf of Oman 1st edition of India, France and UAE Maritime Partnership Exercise
- Chaubatia, Uttarakhand 12th edition of Joint Military Exercise between India and Maldives "Ex Ekuverin"
- Germany the biggest ever air exercise of NATO forces named Air Defender 23
- South Sulawesi, Indonesia 4th edition of Multilateral Naval Exercise "Komodo" (MNEK 2023)
- Multinational Peacekeeping Joint Exercise "Ex Khaan Quest 2023" It was inaugurated by the President and Commander in Chief of the Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) Ukhnaagiin Khurelsuk at the Five Hills Training Area, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

#### **Others**

- UNGA elected 5 new non-permanent member of UN Security Council United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) elected Algeria, Guyana, Sierra Leone, Slovenia and South Korea to the United Nations Security Council for 2-year terms starting from Jan 2024 to Dec 2025.
- Bar Council of India signed a MoU with Bar Council of England and Wales& Law Society of England and Wales - For an exchange programme of lawyers and law students for the mutual exchange of training and learning amongst each other's jurisdiction.
- UNDP Launches 3rd Cohort of 4 Ocean Innovators To demonstrate the compelling roles of marine spatial planning (MSP), marine protected areas (MPAs) and new environmentally& socially sustainable economic activities for a healthy and resilient ocean.
- UNGA adopted the draft resolution introduced by India To establish a memorial wall in honour of fallen peacekeepers who have made the supreme sacrifice on UN blue flag missions.
- 3 multilateral development banks, African Development Bank, European Investment Bank and Islamic Development Bank partnered with WHO To launch the new Health Impact Investment Platform during the Summit of New Global Financing Pact in Paris.









 Bangladesh - member of the Executive Council of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) for a period of 2023-25

# **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

#### **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

- PM Modi a 2 new schemes, Amrit Dharohar Yojana and MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes) Yojana
- PM Modi inaugurated the 1st-ever National Training Conclave The conclave was launched at the International Exhibition and Convention Centre in Pragati Maidan, Delhi.
- Prime Minister Modi conferred with the 'Order of the Nile', Egypt's highest honour The award presented by the Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi.
- PM Narendra Modi flagged off 5 Vande Bharat trains from Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

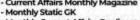
# President Droupadi Murmu News Ministry News Ministry of Defence: Shri Rajnath Singh

- Ministry of Defence has inked a contract with ICOMM Tele For the procurement of 1,035 numbers of 5/7.5 Ton Radio Relay Communication equipment containers.
- Defence Ministry approved the acquisition of 31 weaponised Predator/MQ-9B Sea Guardian drones from the USA - The decision was taken by the Cabinet Committee on Security(CCS) during the meeting of Defence Acquisitions Council (DAC) headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Integrated Simulator Complex (ISC) 'Dhruv' at Southern Naval Command, Kochi for Indian Navy - The ISC 'Dhruv' hosts modern state-of-the-art indigenously built simulators which will significantly enhance practical training in the Indian Navy.
- Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) under the Department of Ex-Servicemen
   Welfare, MoD signed a MoU with IBM To engage ex-servicemen and to facilitate their seamless integration into the civilian workforce.









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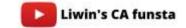












# Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Cooperation: Shri Amit Shah

 Amit Shah announced that, - The central government will provide over Rs.8,000 crore for the 3 schemes announced by the Centre for disaster management in the country.

# Ministry of Road Transport and Highways: Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari

 e-Bank Guarantee and Insurance Surety Bonds are now allowed by the MoRTH for bid security and performance security in projects

# Ministry of Finance & Corporate Affairs: Smt Nirmala Sitharaman

- IFS the revamped website of PPPININDIA& online portals for IIPDF and the Best Practices in Infrastructure
- The Centre has raised the interest rate on small savings schemes for July-September quarter

Savings Scheme	Interest rate April- June 2023	Interest rate July- September 2023
Post Office Savings Account	4%	4%
Post Office Recurring Deposit	6.2%	6.5%
Post Office Monthly Income Scheme	7.4%	7.4%
Post Office Time Deposit (1 year)	6.8%	6.9%
Post Office Time Deposit (2 years)	6.9%	7.0%
Post Office Time Deposit (3 years)	7.0%	7.0%
Post Office Time Deposit (5 years)	7.5%	7.5%
KisanVikas Patra (KVP)	7.5% (115 months)	7.5%
Public Provident Fund (PPF)	7.1%	7.1%
SukanyaSamriddhiYojana	8.0%	8.0%
National Savings Certificate	7.7%	7.7%
Senior Citizens' Saving Scheme (SCSS)	8.2%	8.2%











# Ministry of Agriculture& Farmers Welfare: Shri Narendra Singh Tomar

- Narendra Singh Tomar launched a PM-Kisan Mobile App with Face Authentication
   Feature The app was launched under the central government's ambitious and popular scheme for income support to farmers "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi".
- MoAFW + Pixxel Space India Pvt Ltd signed a MoU To develop geospatial solutions, a significant step towards leveraging advanced satellite imaging technology for the benefit of the Indian Agriculture Ecosystem.

### Ministry of Women & Child Development: Smt Smriti Zubin Irani

- Meta and the Women and Child Development Ministry has launched the Amrit Generation campaign - To empower and engage the youth of India by encouraging them to express their aspirations and dreams for the future by creating Reels on Instagram and Facebook using the #Amrit Generation.
- Ministry of Women & Child Development has shut down its 2 autonomous bodies and the internal division - It includes the autonomous bodies Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) and Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB), as well as the internal division Food and Nutrition Board (FNB).

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

- Microsoft + Directorate General of Training under the Ministry of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship signed a MoU - To train 6000 students and 200 educators at government-led Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and National Skills Training Institutions (NSTIs).
- Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the 'Project Gajapati to Gabon' It is the Gabon's 1st Agriculture Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Project& Power Transformers Project from New Delhi.

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

 MSME Ministry - Champions 2.0 Portal and Mobile App to support MSMEs projects -The Champions 2.0 Portal and app are designed for Geo-tagging of Cluster Projects and Technology Centers.

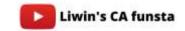
# Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ministry of AYUSH: Shri Sarbananda Sonowal

 MoPSW - India's 1st maiden International Cruise Vessel "MV Empress" from Chennai to Sri Lanka in Chennai

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- MoPSW launched 'SAGAR SAMRIDDHI' an online dredging monitoring system developed by National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC) the technological arm of MoPSW.
- MoPSW + Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Parshottam Rupala) -Laid the foundation stone of Modernisation and Upgradation Works of Cochin Fishing Harbour at Thoppumpady, Kerala with an estimated cost of Rs.169.17 crore.
- MoPSW 'Sagar Samajik Sahayyog' the new guidelines of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in New Delhi

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

 Panchayati Raj Shri Kapil Moreshwar Patil released the Report on Panchayat Development Index (PDI) - During the National Workshop on PDI held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

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

 MeitY and Google - announced the further collaboration to drive citizen awareness on Cyber Safety

# Ministry of Jal Shakti: Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

- Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched the Unified Registration Portal for GOBARdhan -This portal will serve as a centralized repository for assessing investment and participation in the Biogas/CBG (Compressed Biogas) sector at a pan India level.
- Malviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) in Jaipur + National Dam Safety
  uthority of MoJS had signed a MoU For setting up a National Centre for Earthquake
  Safety of Dams to focus on studying seismic hazards, developing new dams and
  enhancing the protection of existing ones.

# Ministry of Law and Justice: Shri Kiren Rijiju

- Department of Legal Affairs in the Ministry of Law& Justice has constituted a 16member expert committee - Chaired by the Former Secretary of the Department of Legal Affairs and Padma Shri awardee (2017-Civil Service) T.K. Viswanathan
- Department of Justice under the MoL&J has partnered with National Legal Services
   Authority (NALSA) and CSC e-Governance Service India Ltd -For mainstreaming legal
   aid to the marginalised communities through the system of TeleLaw.
- Ministry of Power, Minstry of New and Renewable Energy: Shri Raj Kumar Singh









- Raj Kumar Singh launched the Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research (MAHIR) - To leverage emerging technology and drive innovation in the power sector.
- Raj Kumar Singh extended the deadline for the 'Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Park Projects' till FY26
- MoS for Ministry of Power Krishan Pal has established a Centre of Excellence (CoE), UTPRERAK (Unnat Takniki Pradarshan Kendra) -To accelerate adoption of the energy efficient technologies seeks to play a catalytic role in improving energy efficiency of Indian industry and scale up India's contribution to the global energy transition.
- Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) under the Ministry of Power decided to extend
  a financial assistance of Rs.3,045 crore to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation for the
  establishment and development of Metro Lines under Phase-II project of Bangalore
  Metro.
- MoS for Ministry of Power Krishan Pal established a Centre of Excellence (CoE), UTPRERAK (Unnat Takniki Pradarshan Kendra)

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

- Prime Minister's Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme completed 3 years - PM SVANidhi is a Special Micro-Credit Facility launched by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in 2020 for providing affordable loans to street vendors.
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) + Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) - To empower women to make wellinformed career choices in the field of entrepreneurship.
- MoHUA launched the 8th edition of the World's Largest Urban Cleanliness Survey The ministry launched the Field Assessment Swachh Survekshan 2023-Mera Shehar, Meri Pehchan.

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

- Mandaviya the National Training Centre for FSSAI in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
- Mandaviya the 5th State Food Safety Index (SFSI) of FSSAI on the World Food Safety Day at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi
- Mandaviya addressed the 8th Global Pharmaceutical Quality Summit 2023 in Mumbai









### Ministry of Heavy Industries: Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey

 Mahendra Nath Pandey launched the Dugdh Sankalan Sathi/ 'Milk Collection Partner Mobile App for Indian Dairy Industries in Mussoorie - This innovative application was designed and developed by Rajasthan Electronics& Instruments Ltd, Jaipur.

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

- Parshottam Rupala launched NANDI (NOC Approval for New Drug and Inoculation System) portal at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - to timely process the applications and grant NOC (No Objection Certificates) for veterinary drugs and vaccines.
- Parshottam Rupala an android-based mobile app Report Fish Disease (RFD) for aquatic animal diseases

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

- USA-based online marketplace, Airbnb + Ministry of Tourism signed MoU To promote cultural tourism and heritage homestays to showcase Indian heritage to foreign visitors.
- Ministry of Culture + Canara Bank signed a MoU For disbursal of financial assistance to veteran artists under the "Scheme for Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists".

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

 Anurag Singh - "Bharat in Paris" campaign with a short marathon of 7 km at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi

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

Jitendra Singh - the 2-day "Lavender Festival" in Bhaderwah Valley of J&K

# Ministry of State Corporate Affairs: Rao Indrerjit Singh State News Andhra Pradesh

- Ministry of Finance has sanctioned an additional fund of Rs.12,911.15 crore For the ongoing Polavaram irrigation project across the Godavari river in Andhra Pradesh.
- Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy the 'Jagananna Amma Vodi' scheme for the 4th year









#### **Arunachal Pradesh**

- Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu the 'Arunpol' mobile app of the Arunachal Pradesh Police
- Paytm Payment Services Ltd signed an MoU with Arunachal Pradesh Innovation and Investment Park (APIIP) - To create a startup ecosystem for the youth in the northeastern state.

#### Assam

- Assam government inked MoUs with Northeast Frontier Railways (NFR) and Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) - for the construction of 2nd entry to Guwahati railway station with NFR and the supply of high speed diesel for IWT (inland water transport) vessels with NRL.
- Assam Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department a web portal for cattle transportation aiming to prevent the illegal transportation of cattle.
- Guwahati- based Jettwings Airways received the no objection certificate (NOC) to operate Scheduled Commuter Air Transport Services under the UDAN scheme in India.
- Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services (ARIAS) Society + Caspian Impact Investment Adviser (Caspian Equity) signed an MoU - To strengthen rural infrastructure, employment opportunities and foster agricultural productivity in the state.

#### **Bihar**

• Bihar + Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed a MoU - For the development of Civil Enclaves at Darbhanga Airport and Purnea Airport in Bihar.

#### Guiarat

- Tata Group subsidiary Agratas Energy Storage Solutions signed an MoU with Gujarat To set up a giga-factory for the manufacturing of India's 1st-ever lithium-ion cells, with
  an estimated initial investment of around Rs.13,000 crore (\$1.6 billion).
- Gujarat + US-based computer storage chip maker Micron signed a MoU In a bid to set up a USD 2.75 billion semiconductor assembly and test facility at Sanand in Ahmedabad district.

#### Haryana

 Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar - a Monthly Pension of Rs.10,000 for the Padma Awardees from the state









#### **Himachal Pradesh**

- Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated the online portal of the HPNRC - Himachal Pradesh Nurses Registration Council
- Himachal Pradesh its Department of Information Technology as the Department of Digital Technologies and Governance, has become the 1st state to have this nomenclature reflecting to transform the state into a digitally advanced state.

#### **Jharkhand**

 Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren launched a Panchayat-level Drugs Dhop Scheme - At making an essential medicines available in remote areas and to promote employment.

#### Karnataka

- Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah launched a Flagship Scheme Shakti Under this scheme, the women in the state will be able to travel free on government buses.
- Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah launched a portal 'Brand Bengaluru' and WhatsApp number - For people to share suggestions, comments and opinions from stakeholders and residents on problems that affect Bengaluru.

#### Kerala

- Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan the ambitious Kerala Fibre Optical Network (KFON)
- Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) + Kerala signed a MoU To improve access and business opportunities in various sectors in the state.

# Madhya Pradesh

 Madhya Pradesh launched a Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao Yojana (CM Learn and Earn Scheme) - To address unemployment among youth.

#### Maharashtra

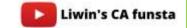
- Maharashtra cabinet the implementation of gender inclusive tourism policy 'Aai'
- Maharashtra + Bajaj Finserv signed a MoU in Pune For a Rs.5,000 crore investment for development projects in Pune which is expected to create 40,000 jobs.
- Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde Asia's largest, ambitious and historic cluster development scheme in Thane
- Maharashtra government renamed the Versova-Bandra Sea Link as Veer Savarkar Setu and Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) as Atal Bihari Vajpayee Smruti Nhava Sheva Atal Setu
- NHPC & Torrent Power signed MoU with Maharashtra Pumped Storage Schemes and Other Renewable Energy Source Projects











Maharashtra government - signed a tri-partite agreement with the National Stock
 Exchange and Moneybee institute

#### Manipur

• The Central government has constituted a peace committee in Manipur - Under the chairmanship of the Governor of Manipur, Anusuiya Uikey.

#### **Odisha**

- Odisha celebrates the 3-day Raja Parba festival during the month of Asadha -Dedicated to honouring Earth and celebrating womanhood
- NHPC + GRIDCO (Grid Corporation of Odisha) a MoU for developing a 1GW Solar Energy Projects in Odisha

#### Rajasthan

Rajasthan launched India's 1st Pregnancy, Child Tracking& Health Services
 Management System (PCTS) mobile monitoring app - For an Accredited Social Health
 Activist (ASHA) worker in the state to keep track of the health facilities provided to the
 pregnant and children daily.

#### **Tamil Nadu**

- Tamil Nadu government has collaborated with Tata Technologies To provide Industry
   4.0 skills to students and youth of the state.
- GeM (Government e-Marketplace) + Tamil Nadu Small Tiny Industries Association (TANSTIA) -To enhance the GeM seller base in the State.
- Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin a new web portal: http://tnagriculture.in/mannvalam to encourage farmers
- The Greater Chennai City Police (GCP) launched 'Police Drone Unit' For aerial surveillance over vast areas and quick detection of criminal activities in Chennai.

#### **Uttar Pradesh**

- Uttar Pradesh launched the Nand Baba Milk Mission scheme at a cost of Rs 1,000 crore - To provide milk producers the facility of selling their milk at a reasonable price in villages through dairy co-operative societies.
- Uttar Pradesh launched a portal for the creation of Family ID under 'One Family One Identity' scheme To establish a comprehensive database of family units of the state and to connect at least one member of each family with employment.









- Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanth launched 'Polytechnic Chalo Abhiyan 2023' To create employment opportunities for youth by connecting them with technical education and take admission in polytechnic institutes.
- Uttar Pradesh Police Department a 'Operation Conviction' to combat criminals and mafias in the state
- Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai has given tags to 7 different products from Uttar Pradesh - The 7 products are, Amroha Dholak, Mahoba Gaura Patthar Hastashlip, Mainpuri Tarkashi, Kalpi Handmade Paper, Baghpat Home Furnishings, Barabanki Handloom Product and Sambhal Horn Craft.

#### Uttarakhand

 Uttarakhand's Naini Saini Airport in Pithoragarh - an aerodrome license from the DGCA to operate civil flights

#### **West Bengal**

- West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC) + Amazon + Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce& Industry (FICCI) - Jointly organised an eExport Haat in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- West Bengal partnered with the Dun& Bradstreet (D&B) India For the MSME sector and exporters of the state.

# <u>Union Territory News</u> <u>Delhi</u>

• Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal launched the 'One Time Settlement Scheme' - For pending water bills of consumers in the national capital.

#### Ladakh

• The annual 2-day Hemis Festival/HemisTsechu - celebrated by Hemis Gompa (monastery) in Leh, Ladakh

#### **Union Cabinet News**

- PM Modi approved the extension of Metro Connectivity from HUDA City Centre to Cyber City - The extension of Metro Connectivity from HUDA City Centre on the Delhi Metro's Yellow Line to Cyber City in Gurugram (Haryana) by covering the distance of 28.50 km having 27 stations on the route.
- The Cabinet approved the third revival package for Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) - With a total outlay of Rs.89,047 crore that includes allotment of 4G/5G spectrum for BSNL through equity infusion.

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- Cabinet approved the continuation of Central Sector Scheme of 'Exploration of Coal and Lignite Scheme' - With an estimated expenditure of Rs.2,980 crore with an extension time period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 co-terminus with the 15th Finance Commission cycle.
- Cabinet increased the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandated Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2023-24
- Union Cabinet Approval for ratification of the Headquarters Agreement (HQA) between Government of India (Gol) and Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) to provide CDRI an independent and international legal persona so that it can carry out its functions internationally, more efficiently.

#### **G20 News**

- 3rd Employment Working Group (EWG) meeting of G20 held in Geneva, Switzerland -The meeting was chaired by Ms. Arti Ahuja, the secretary of Ministry of Labour& Employment, Government of India.
- G20 Development Ministers' meeting began in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh The meeting was chaired by the External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.
- Goa G20 Supreme Audit Institutions-20 (SAI20) Engagement Group meeting
- Agriculture Working Group (AWG) of G20 is held in Hyderabad, Telangana The meeting was inaugurated by the MoS for Agriculture and Family Welfare, Kailash Choudhary.
- 2-day Science-20 conference under India's G20 Presidency held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh Professor Ashutosh Sharma, President of the Indian National Science Academy has addressed the event.
- Pune, Maharashtra- 4th Education Working Group meeting (EWG) of G20
- Goa 4th Tourism Working Group of G20
- G20 co-branded event titled 'Health of Youth-Wealth of Nation' held in New Delhi

#### **NITI Aayog**

 NITI Aayog and the United Nations in India signed the "Government of India-United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027" - The Gol-UNSDCF was signed by B.V.R.Subrahmanyam, CEO of NITI Aayog and Shombi Sharp, UN Resident Coordinator, India.

#### **Others**

 Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) - expanded the scope of the network by enabling business to business (B2B) transactions









- Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) Chairman Prasoon Joshihas its revamped website and the mobile app in Mumbai to focus on making user-friendly to learn, locate valuable information.
- Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) + Amazon Kisan signed a MoU To guide farmers who enrolled on Amazon's 'Kisan store' on scientific cultivation of different crops and help them to achieve optimum yield and income.
- Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) + Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) signed a MoU - To synergise the professional capabilities of IICA and RRU towards capacity building, education, research and consulting in the domain of Internal Security, Financial Crimes, Law Enforcement, Corporate Frauds.
- Global DPI Summit 2023 held in Pune, Maharashtra The DPI Summit was held as the part of the side event of 3rd meeting of G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG).
- Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society has been renamed as the Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society - It was announced during the meeting presided over by Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh who is the Vice-President of the Society.
- Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) signed a tripartite MoU with Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) and Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd (TCIL) - To produce new communication products and services for smart cities.
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) a "knowledge-sharing platform" for highways development
- Indian Railways + United States Agency for International Development (USAID) signed a MoU - To combat climate change and achieve Indian Railways' target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2030.
- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) IS 18267: 2023 "Food Serving Utensils Made from Agri By-Products- Specification"
- Gol extended the timeline for the disbursement of loans for the completion of ethanol projects up to 30th September 2023
- Global engineering services company L&T Technology + Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) - To drive and enable global enterprises in their private 5G network deployments.
- National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) signed MoU with MIDAS (Manchester's Inward Investment Agency) and MAG (Manchester Airports Group) - To promote innovation, investment and technological exchange between Greater Manchester, the UK and India.









# **RANKING**

# National Ranking 50 Most Valuable Indian Brands List 2023

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Brand</u>	<u>Brand Value</u> (INR Millions)
1	Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)	1,095,766
2	Reliance Industries	6,53,208
3	Infosys	5,33,238
4	HDFC	5,02,910
5	Jio	4,90,273

8th Edition of India Rankings 2023 - MoS for Education and External Affairs,
 Dr.Rajkumar Ranjan Singh released the India Rankings 2023, which implements the
 National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).

# India Rankings 2023: Overall

Rank	Name of the Institutions	Location
1	IIT Madras	Chennai, TN
2	Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru	Karnataka
3	IIt Delhi	Delhi
4	IIT Bombay	Maharashtra
5	IIT Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh

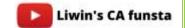












## Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) Report 2023

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<u>Rank</u>	<u>State</u>
1	Telangana
2	Madhya Pradesh
3	Delhi
4	Gujarat

## Brand Finance India 100 2023 Top 5 India's Most Valuable Brands:

Rank	<u>State</u>	<u>Value</u>
1	Tata Group	USD 26.4 billion
2	Infosys	USD 13 billion
3	LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India)	USD 9.8 billion
4	Airtel	USD 7.5 billion
5	Reliance Group	USD 7.4 billion

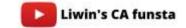
## **Top 5 India's Strongest Brands:**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>State</u>	Overall Rank
1	Тај	78
2	AMUL (Anand Milk Union Ltd)	16
3	Britannia	29
4	Jio Group	11
5	Royal Enfield	46









 Wind Energy Adoption Ranking during the FY 2022-23 -The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has joined the global celebration of Global Wind Day 2023 by organising the 1-day event under the central theme of "Pawan- Urja: Powering the Future of India".

<u>Rank</u>	State/UT
1	Rajasthan
2	Gujarat
3	Tamil Nadu

# Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2023- Randstad India India's Most Aattractive Employer Brand:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Company</u>
1	Tata Power Company
2	Amazon
3	Tata Steel
4	TCS
5	Microsoft

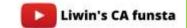
## **India's Top Electronics Exporter of FY 2022-23**

Rank	State/UT	Amount USD Billion
1	Tamil Nadu	5.37
2	Uttar Pradesh	4.90
3	Karnataka	4.52
4	Maharashtra	2.68

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International Ranking
5th edition of THE (Times Higher Education) Impact Ranking 2023

Rank	University Name	<u>Country</u>
1	Western Sydney University	Australia
2	University of Manchester	UK
3	Queen's University	Canada
4	Universiti Sains	Malaysia
5	University of Tasmania	Australia

**Indian Universities in THE Impact Ranking:** 

Rank	University Name
52	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
101-200	Lovely Professional University (Punjab)& Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences (Himachal Pradesh)
201-300	Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) University (Odisha)

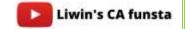
 Mercer's Cost of Living Survey 2023 - The survey was conducted across 227 cities from across five continents.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>City</u>
1	Hong Kong
2	Singapore
3	Zurich, Switzerland
147	Mumbai, India
169	New Delhi, India
184	Chennai, India









<u>Rank</u>	<u>City</u>
189	Bengaluru, India
202	Hyderabad, India
211	Kolkata, India
213	Pune, India

## Forbes' 2023 Global 2000 list

<u>Rank</u>	<u>City</u>
1	JPMorgan
2	Saudi Aramco
3	ICBC, China Construction Bank, Agriculture Bank of China
45	Reliance Industries Ltd
77	State Bank of India
128	HDFC Bank
163	ICICI Bank

Community Spirit Index - 53 cities from different countries have been given ranks based on how friendly and unfriendly their residents are.

Rank	Top Friendliest Cities in the World	<u>Top Unfriendliest Cities in the</u> <u>World</u>
1	Toronto	Ghana
2	Sydney	Morocco
3	Edinburgh	Mumbai
4	Manchester	Kuala Lumpur
5	New York	Rio de Janeiro
6	Montreal	New Delhi











Julius Baer's Lifestyle Index 2023- World's 25 Most Expensive Cities

<u>Rank</u>	<u>City</u>
1	Singapore
2	Shanghai
3	Hong Kong
18	Mumbai

17th Edition of World Economic Forum's annual Global Gender Gap Index 2023

Rank	City	
1	Iceland	
2	Norway	
3	Finland	
4	New Zealand	
5	Sweden	
127	India	

• 2022 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500- A 6-month update

**Top 5 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500-Special Report:** 

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Headquarters</u>	MD/CEO
1	Reliance Industries	Mumbai	Mukesh Ambani
2	Tata Consultancy Services	Mumbai	Rajesh Gopinathan
3	HDFC Bank	Mumbai	SashidharJagdishan
4	ICICI Bank	Mumbai	Sandeep Bakhshi
5	ITC	Kolkata	Sanjiv Puri

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**Top 5 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500: Unlisted Companies** 

Rank	Company	<u>Headquarters</u>	MD/CEO
1	Serum Institute of India	Pune	Adar Poonawalla
2	National Stock Exchange of India	Mumbai	Ashishkumar Chauhan
3	BYJU'S	Bengaluru	Byju Raveendran
4	Dream11	Mumbai	Harsh Jain
5	Razorpay	Bengaluru	Harshil Mathur

- TIME 100 Most Influential Companies 2023 Retail digital payments firm National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and shopping app Meesho has been featured on Time's list of 100 most influential companies 2023 list under the pioneer category.
- Global Liveability Index 2023 Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) released the Global Liveability Index 2023.

Most liveable		<u>Least liveable</u>		India Cities in the List	
Rank	City	Rank	City	Rank	City
1	Vienna, Austria	173	Damascus, Syria	141	New Delhi
2	Copenhagen, Denmark	172	Tripoli, Lebanon	141	Mumbai
3	Melbourne, Australia	171	Algiers, Algeria	144	Chennai
4	Sydney, Australia	170	Lagos, Nigeria	147	Ahmedabad
5	Vancouver, Canada	169	Karachi, Pakistan	148	Bengaluru

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11th Times Higher Education's (THE) Annual Asia University Rankings 2023

Rank	<u>University</u>	
1	Tsinghua University (China)	
2	Peking University (China)	
3	National University of Singapore (Singapore)	
4	University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)	
5	Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (Singapore)	
48	Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru	
68	The Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeswara (JSS) Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mysore, Karnataka	
77	Shoolini University in Himachal Pradesh	
95	Mahatma Gandhi University or MG University, Kottayam, Kerala	
106	International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad	

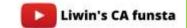
- 11th edition of Startup Genome's Global Startup Ecosystems Report (GSER) 2023
- Released By: International Institute for Management Development (IMD).
- Total Countries: 64.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Country</u>
1	Denmark
2	Ireland
3	Switzerland
4	Singapore
5	Netherlands
40	India









11th edition of Forbes List of top 50 global CMOs

Rank	<u>Country</u>	<u>Company</u>
1	William White	Walmart (which was 2nd in last year)
2	Marcel Marcones	Anheuser-Busch InBev
3	Conny Braams	Unilever
4	Greg Joswiak	Apple
5	Dirk-Jan van Hameren	Nike
10	Harish Bhat	Tata group
21	Asmita Dubey	L'Oreal
41	Sumit Virmani	Infosys

20th edition of Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2024

Rank	<u>University</u>	
1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA	
2	University of Cambridge, UK	
3	University of Oxford, UK	
4	Harvard University, USA	
5	Stanford University, USA	
	Indian Universities in the Ranking	
149	IIT Bombay	
197	IIT Delhi	
225	IISc Bangalore	
271	IIT Kharagpur	
278	IIT Kanpur	











# World Economic Forum (WEF) in collaboration with Accenture to released a Energy Transition Index 2023

<u>Rank</u>	Country
1	Sweden
2	Denmark
3	Norway
4	Finland
5	Switzerland
67	India

### **IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2023**

- Released By: International Institute for Management Development (IMD).
- Total Countries: 64

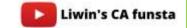
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Country</u>	
1	Denmark	
2	Ireland	
3	Switzerland	
4	Singapore	
5	Netherlands	
40	India	











## **AWARDS**

#### **National Awards**

- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank has received the national award For significant enrolment under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) from the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- Chennai-based lawyer-activist Lalitha Natarajan the 2023 Iqbal Masih Award for the Elimination of Child Labour
- South Indian Bank won two prestigious awards for creating superior customer experience - South Indian Bank has been recognised with 'Outstanding Digital CX-SME Loans' at the 6th Digital CX Awards held in Singapore, the 2nd international award for the bank.
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das "Governor of the Year" award at the London's Central Banking Awards 2023
- Geological Survey of India Training Institute (GSITI) of Hyderabad accredited as "Athi Uttam" by NABET
- 4th National Water Award 2022 The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti will organise the ceremony at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi for its work on conservation of water bodies.

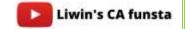
<u>Category</u>	<u>Winners</u>
	Madhya Pradesh
Best State (3 Awards)	Odisha
	Andhra Pradesh and Bihar as joint winners
	Ganjam, Odisha
Best District	Namakkal, Tamil Nadu
	Adilabad, Telangana
	Jagannadhapuram Village Panchayat, hadradriKothagudem district, Telangana
Best Village Panchayat	Kadavur Village Panchayat, Karur district, Tamil Nadu and Manickal Village Panchayat, Thiruvananthapuram district, Kerala as joint winners











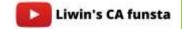
<u>Category</u>	<u>Winners</u>
	Kadegaon Village Panchayat, Jalna district, Maharashtra and Mawkyrdep Village Panchayat, BhoiRymbong Block, RiBhoi district, Meghalaya as joint winners
	Chandigarh Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh
Best Urban Local Body	Indore Municipal Corporation, Indore, Madhya Pradesh
	Surat Municipal Corporation, Surat, Gujarat and Malkapur Municipal Council, Karad, Satara, Maharashtra as joint winners
Best School	Jamiyatpura Primary School, Mehsana, Gujarat
	KGBV School, Chagalamarri, Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh
	Government Senior Secondary School (GSSS), Baori, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
	Advance Water Digest Private Limited Gurugram, Haryana
Best Media	Centre For Environment and Sustainable Development, Srinagar, Jammu And Kashmir and Regional News Unit, All India Radio, Guwahati, Assam as joint winners
	Network Eighteen, Gautam Buddh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh
Best Institution for Campus Usage	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Reasi, Jammu and Kashmir
	Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, Telangana











<u>Category</u>	<u>Winners</u>
	Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, Punjab
	The Sanjeevani Piyat Sahkari Mandli Ltd, Narmada, Gujarat
Best Water User Association	Water User Association Nine Y-II, Ganganagar, Rajasthan and Hathuka Vibhag Piyat Sahakari Mandali Ltd, Tapi, Gujarat as joint winners
	Keliya Jamnakantha Nehroni Sahkari Mandali Ltd., Ambach, Navsari, Gujarat
Best Industry	Barauni Thermal Power Station, Begusarai, Bihar
	Honda Motorcycle And Scooter India Pvt Ltd, Kolar, Karnataka
	Apollo Tyres Limited, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu and CCL Products India Ltd, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh as joint winners
	HCL Technologies Ltd., Noida, Uttar Pradesh
Best Industry for CSR activities	Coca Cola India, Gurugram, Haryana
	GHCL Limited, Gir Somnath, Gujarat
	Arpan Seva Sansthan, Udaipur, Rajasthan
Best NGO	AROH Foundation, NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh
	Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana, Pune, Maharashtra
	Accion Fraterna, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh Special Mention (Consolation)











- Guwahati Railway Station awarded Eat Right Station Certification by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- The Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2021 Gita Press, Gorakhpur (UP) announced by the Ministry of Culture.
- President Droupadi Murmu presents National Florence Nightingale Award in 2022 and 2023

National Florence Nightingale Awards for 2022

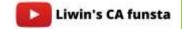
<u>Category</u>	Winners
ANM	Namita Kalita
ANM	Sujata Peter Tuscano
ANM	Dimkhanman Hangshing
ANM	Tejavath Susheela
ANM	Rita Mondal
Nurse	Athodo Linggi
Nurse	Anita Nakra
Nurse	Smita Devrani
Nurse	Poreddi Vijayalakshmi
Nurse	Hindumbi.K
Nurse	Sebati Sahoo
Nurse	Neeraj Tamboliya
Nurse	Ganapathi Santhy











Nurse	Manju Kaira
LHV	Reliance Pyrngap

**National Florence Nightingale Awards for 2023** 

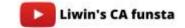
<u>Category</u>	Winners	
ANM	Suchitra Mistry	
ANM	Gayatri Kumari	
ANM	Nagarathna T	
ANM	Manjulatha Maharana	
ANM	Suganthi K	
Nurse	Firdousa Jan	
Nurse	Geetha A R	
Nurse	Brig Amika Devrani	
Nurse	Pushpa Shrawan Podey	
Nurse	Irom Chandrabala Devi	
Nurse	C. Zopari	
Nurse	Sathiyakani Thangaraj	
Nurse	Madhavi Rane Chikhale	
Nurse	Abishmita Ghosh	
LHV	Ambika Pradhan	

 Boxing champion Mary Kom - the Global Indian Icon of the Year award at the 5th annual U.K-India Awards 2023









#### **International Awards**

- Dev Shah Indian-American 8th-grader from Florida, who correctly spelled the word 'psammophile' has won the prestigious 2023 Scripps National Spelling Bee.
- Suriname conferred its highest civilian honour to President Droupadi Murmu The Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star, the highest civilian honour of Suriname.
- Author Paterson Joseph the 2023 Royal Society of Literature (RSL) Christopher Bland
   Prize For their debut novel 'The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho'.
- Indian-origin professor Joyeeta Gupta the Spinoza Prize 2023
- Jagdish Sudhakar Bakan the 2023 Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management from UNESCO
- India is set host the 71st edition of Miss World 2023 pageant India will host the event after a gap of 27 years.
- 4th Annual Health for All Film Festival World Health Organization (WHO announced the winners of the 4th Annual Health for All Film Festival held at Geneva.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Winners</u>
Special Prize Climate Change and Health Film	"When Climate Change Turns Violent" directed by Vandita Saharia from Rajasthan
UHC "Grand Prix"	"Jonathan's Miracle Feet"
Health Emergencies "Grand Prix"	"Nurses facing Covid / Na Lihna de Frente"
Better Health and Well-being "Grand Prix"	"One in 36 Million: Story of Childhood Lead Poisoning in Bangladesh"
Special Prize Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Film	"Vulvo and Dynia"
Student Film Prize	"Gasping for life"
Special Prize Very Short Film	"Mirrors"









Films receiving a award with Special Mention:

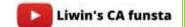
<u>Category</u>	<u>Winners</u>	
Health Emergencies Special Mention	"My roots: Mayas during Covid-19"- Guatemala/COVID-19	
Better Health and Well-being Special Mention	"Love Shades"- Sweden/Mental health, depression and empathy	
Climate Change and Health Special Mention	"Freedom to breathe: a child's right to breath clean air"- Global/Asthma and air pollution	
Very Short Film Special Mention	"I am naked/Je suis nue"- France/Violation of privacy; Mental health; Emotional violence against women	

- England all-rounder Moeen Ali awarded Order of the British Empire (OBE) For his services to cricket during the Queen's birthday honours
- UEFA Manchester City's Midfielder Rodrigo Hernandez Cascante, as the 2022/23
   UEFA Champions League Player of the season.
- PM Narendra Modi Penned the Song 'Abundance in Millets' with the Grammy Award winner Falu
- Indian Writer and Activist Arundhati Roy the 45th European Essay Prize 2023
- British-American author Salman Rushdie the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade 2023
- Skytrax World Airline Awards 2023 (Also known as the Oscars of the Aviation lindustry) - Star Alliance has won the title of the World's Best Airline Alliance Award for Singapore Airlines for the 5th year.
- Angela Bassett, Mel Brooks and editor Carol Littleton honoured with the Oscars at the motion picture academy's annual Governors Awards
- 2023 list of 'Great Immigrants' President of the World Bank Ajay Banga has been named among the list.
- British PM Rishi Sunak honour Rajindar Singh Dhatt with the Points of Light award









## **APPOINTMENTS**

**National Appointments** 

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	Succeeded by
Amarendu Prakash	Chairman and MD of Steel Authority of India	Soma Mondal
Ajay Yadav (IPS)	MD of Solar Energy Corporation of India	Suman Sharma (IRS)
The govt has extended the tenure of Atul Verma	As the Director General of the Competition Commission of India (CCI)	-
Janardan Prasad	Director General of Geological Survey of India (GSI)	Dr S Raju
G Viswam	Director of Electronics& Radar Development Establishment (LRDE), DRDO	Dr P Radhakrishna
K Krithivasan	MD& CEO of Tata Consultancy Services	Rajesh Gopinathan
Gurdeep Singh, CMD of NTPC	Additional Charge of the CMD of NEEPCO	P C Pankaj
Deputy General Manager of SBI, Prathapa Reddy	Chairman of Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank	K. Praveen Kumar
Sanjay Swarup	Chairma & MD of Container Corporation of India (CONCOR)	V Kalyana Rama
V Anantharaman	Non-executive Chairman of TransUnion CIBIL	M V Nair
Kerala IPS Officer Nitin Agarwal	Director General of Border Security Force.	Sujoy Lal Thaosen

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	Succeeded by
KK Mishra	New Head of BCCI's Anti- Corruption Unit	Shabbir Khandawala
Director (Finance) of NMDC, Amitava Mukherjee	Extended the tenure of additional charge of Chairman& MD of NMDC	-
Amit Agrawal	CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)	Saurabh Garg
Subodh Kumar Singh	Director General of National Testing Agency	Vineet Joshi
IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers	Chair-elect of the International Air Transport Association Board of Governors	Yvonne ManziMakolo, the CEO of Rwandair
Gopichand Hinduja	Chairman of the Hinduja Group	Srichand P Hinduja
RBI re-appointments P.N Vasudevan	As the MD& CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank	-
Kamal Kishore Chatiwal	MD of of Indraprastha Gas (Joint Venture of GAIL + BPCL)	Sanjay Kumar
Former RBI Deputy Governor NS Vishwanathan	Part-time Non-Executive Chairman of Axis Bank	-
Senior IPS officer of the Chhattisgarh Cadre, Ravi Sinha	New Chief of India's External Intelligence Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW)	Samant Goel
U Saravanan	Chairman& MD of National Fertilizers Ltd	-











<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	Succeeded by
MD of SBi, Swaminathan Janakiraman	Deputy Governor of RBI	Mahesh Kumar Jain
Hasmukh Adhia	Chairman of GIFT City	Sudhir Mankad
Rajat Verma	MD& Head of DBS Institutional Banking Group, India	Niraj Mittal
RohitJawa	MD& CEO of Hindustan Unilever Ltd	Sanjiv Mehta
RBI approved the appointment of AP.Hota	As part-time chairman of Federal Bank	-
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Dr V Venu	Chief Secretary of Kerala	VP Joy
Shiv Das Meena	Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu	V Irai Anbu

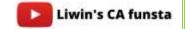
**International Appointments** 

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India Meteorological Department Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra	One of the three vice- presidents of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)	-







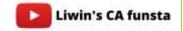


<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	Succeeded by
Trinidadian Ambassador Dennis Francis	President of the 78th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)	Csaba Korosi of Hungary
Justice Minister Marian- Catalin Predoiu	Acting Prime Minister of Romania	-
Abiodun Richards Adejola of Nigeria	New Chairman of International Labour Organization (ILO)	Tijjani Muhammad Bande
Petteri Orpo	Prime Minister of Finland	Sanna Marin
Aalok Kumar	Member of the ADB's High- level Advisory Group on Digital Technology for Development	Katsumi Emura
Eddie Wu Yongming	CEO of Chinese tech giant Alibaba	Daniel Zhang Yong
Kyriakos Mitsotakis	Prime Minister of Greece	Ionnis Sarmas
Indian-origin n satellite industry expert from UK, Aarti Holla-Maini	Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) in Vienna	Simonetta Di Pippo of Italy
Haoliang Xu of China	Under-Secretary-General and Associate Administrator for UNDP	Usha Rao-Monari
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Haoliang Xu of China	Under-Secretary-General and Associate Administrator for UNDP	Usha Rao-Monari









<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	Succeeded by
Gol extends Brajendra Navnit's tenure	As India's Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the World Trade Organization (WTO)	-

## **OBITUARY**

- Ved Kumari Ghai Veteran Sanskrit Scholar and Padma Shri awardee
- Sulochana Latkar Veteran Actress
- Jim Hines American athlete
- Gitanjali Aiyar India's 1st English female news presenters on Doordarshan
- Havildar Alby D'Cruz Kerala's 1st Ashoka Chakra Award winner
- Silvio Berlusconi Former Prime Minister of Italy
- Cormac McCarthy Pulitzer Prize-winning writer
- Glenda Jackson 2-time Oscar-winning actress and UK's former politician
- John Bannister Goodenough an American co-inventor of Lithium-ion batteries and a co-winner of the 2019 Nobel Prize for Chemistry

## **DEFENCE**

- Indian Navy + Indian Maritime University signed MoU at New Delhi for Technical Collaboration
- Quantum Technology Startup Company, QNu Labs partnered with the Indian Navy For the procurement and deployment of Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) based systems.
- Indian Air Force and the Indian Army Jointly carried out a joint exercise within the central sector with the deployment of multiple combat assets to check the operational readiness of the two forces.
- Indian Army has signed a deal with Astrome Tech Pvt Ltd For the procurement of the indigenously-developed "Tactical LAN Radio Systems".
- M/s Suryadipta Projects the contract for the construction of 11 x Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barge







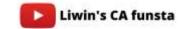


- Germany-based Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) + Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
  Ltd signed a MoU To build six submarines for Indian Navy with an outlay of over USD
  5.2 billion.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) two Warships INS Anjadip& INS Sanshodhak
- Indian Navy launched an outreach programme "Julley Ladakh" (Hello Ladakh) To raise awareness about the naval service in the Himalayan region and engaging with youngsters and civil society members in the state.
- Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta inaugurated the NAISS and NADS at INS Dega in Visakhapatnam - Naval Airfield Integrated Security System (NAISS) was developed by Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) and features Al-enabled multi-layered area security system.
- Mahindra Defence India's 1st Armoured Light Specialist Vehicle (ALSV) named "Armado" to the Indian Army
- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd + Argentina's Fabrica Argentina de Aviones (FAdeA) signed an MoU - To explore the possibilities of collaboration in the field of maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) of aircraft components, systems and structures during the Paris Air Show 2023 held at Paris, France.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) + Kongsberg Maritime (KM) of Finland signed a MoU - For co-production of indigenous Water Jets (WJs) of up to 3.5 MW.
- Udupi Cochin Shipyard Ltd secured an order from Norway-based Wilson Shipowning AS to construct six new-generation diesel-electric 3800 DWT general cargo vessels at an approximate cost of Rs.580 crore.
- The "Future proof Dry Cargo Vessel" designed by Conoship International, Netherlands an environmentally friendly diesel-electric vessel ready for installation of wind foil units and battery hybrid systems.
- Indian Army conducted the massive military exercise "Agneyastra-1" in Eastern Ladakh To showcase India's fire power supremacy, Agneyastra means firearms in Hindi.
- Aerospace Unit of General Electric + Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) signed a MoU -To produce fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force (IAF) and also includes the potential joint production of GE Aerospace's F414 engines in India.
- Himachal Futuristic Communications Ltd (HFCL) Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) signed an MoU - To indigenously develop and deploy emerging technologies and technical solutions to address the requirements of defence, telecom and railway sectors for 2 years.









- Directorate General Resettlement under Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare,
   Ministry of Defence signed MoU with M/s Adecco India Pvt Ltd in New Delhi
- Indian Air Force 'Ranvijay' exercise with a focus on integration
- MoD signed a contract worth Rs. 2725 crore with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd For Medium Refit with Life Certification (MRLC) of Sub-Surface Killer (SSK) Class of Submarine "INS Shankush".

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