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IMPORTANT DAYS**NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
May 01	63 rd Foundation Day of Maharashtra Day/Maharashtra Diwas	-
	63 rd Foundation Day of Gujarat Day/Gujarat Sthapana Divas	-
May 04	National Coal Miners Day	-
May 07	64 th Raising Day of Border Roads Organisation (BRO)	-
May 11	25 th National Technology Day	School to Startups- Igniting Young Minds to Innovate
May 16	National Dengue Day	-
May 16	Sikkim celebrates its 48th Statehood Day	-
May 21	32 nd National Anti-Terrorism Day	-
May 23	Indian Commonwealth Day	Forging a Sustainable and Peaceful Common Future
3rd Friday of May (May 19, 2023)	18 th National Endangered Species Day	Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act!

INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
May 01	International Labour Day / May Day / International Workers Day	-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
May 02	World Tuna Day	-
May 03	30th World Press Freedom Day	Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for all other human rights
May 04	International Firefighters' Day (IFFD)	-
May 05	International Midwife Day	Together again: from evidence to reality
May 05	World Hand Hygiene Day	Together, we can accelerate action to prevent infections and antimicrobial resistance in health care and build a culture of safety and quality in which hand hygiene improvement is given high priority.
May 05	African World Heritage Day	-
May 05	World Cartoonist Day	-
May 05	World Portuguese Language Day	-
May 06	International No Diet Day	-
May 07	World Athletics Day	Athletics for All-A New Beginning
May 08	World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day	Everything we do comes #fromtheheart
May 08	World Thalassaemia Day	Be Aware. Share. Care: Strengthening Education to

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
		Bridge the Thalassaemia Care Gap
May 08 & 09	The Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War	-
May 10	International Day of Argania	Socio-economic development & sustainability of the Argan ecosystem
May 12	International Nurses Day	Our Nurses. Our Future
May 12	2nd International Day of Plant Health	Plant Health for Environmental Protection
May 13	World Migratory Bird Day	Water: Sustaining Bird Life
May 15	International Day of Families	Demographic Trends and Families
May 16	International Day of Living Together in Peace	-
May 16	6th International Day of Light	-
May 17	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	Empowering the least developed countries through information and communication technologies
May 17	International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT)	Together Always: United in Diversity
May 17	World Hypertension Day	Measure your blood pressure accurately, control it, live longer



<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
May 18	47th International Museum Day	Museums, Sustainability and Well-being
May 18	World AIDS Vaccine Day/HIV Vaccine Awareness Day	-
May 20	World Bee Day	Engaging in Pollinator-Friendly Agricultural Production
May 20	World Metrology Day	Measurements supporting the global food system
May 21	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	-
May 21	International Tea Day	-
May 22	International Day for Biological Diversity	From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity
May 23	World Turtle Day	I love Turtles
May 23	International Day to End Obstetric Fistula	20 years on- progress but not enough! Act now to end fistula by 2030!
May 24	World Schizophrenia Awareness Day	-
May 25	World Thyroid Awareness Day	-
May 25	International Missing Children's Day	-
May 28	World Hunger Day	Celebrating sustainable solutions to Hunger and Poverty



<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
May 28	World Menstrual Hygiene Day	Making menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030
May 29	75th International Day of UN Peacekeepers	Peace begins with me
May 29	International Everest Day	-
May 29	World Digestive Health Day	Your Digestive Health: A Healthy Gut From The Start
May 29	International Day of Action for Women's Health/International Women's Health Day	Our Voices, Our Actions, Our Demand: Uphold Women's Health and Rights Now
May 30	World Vape Day	-
May 31	World No Tobacco Day	We need food, not tobacco
1 st Tuesday of May Month (May 02)	World Asthma Day	Asthma Care for All
3 rd Thursday of May (18th May)	Global Accessibility Awareness Day	-
May 15-21	7th UN Global Road Safety Week	Sustainable Transport

SPORTS

Cricket

- Shabnim Ismail - South African Cricketer & fast bowler announced her retirement from international cricket
- Katherine Sciver-Brunt - England Cricketer & Right-arm Seamer announced her retirement from international cricket
- ICC Player of the Month of April 2023 - Men's Player of the Month: Fakhar Zaman (Pakistan). Women's Player of the Month: Naruemol Chaiwai (Thailand).
- BCCI - Adidas as its kit sponsor for the Indian cricket team for 5 years
- CSK batter Ambati Rayudu- announced his retirement from IPL

- 16th Indian Premier League (Tata IPL 2023) - Chennai Super Kings (CSK) clinched the IPL title to secured a 5-wicket over the Gujarat Titans (GT).

Badminton

- Badminton Asia Championships 2023 (KhiladiX.com Dubai Badminton Asia Championship 2023) - Held at the Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Indoor Hall in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (Indonesia)	Loh Kean Yew (Singapore)
Women's Singles	Tai Tzu-ying (Chinese Taipei)	An Se-young (South Korea)
Men's Doubles	Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (India)	Ong Yew Sin and TeoEe Yi (Malaysia)
Women's Doubles	Yuki Fukushima and Sayaka Hirota (Japan)	Baek Ha-na and Lee So-hee (South Korea)
Mixed Doubles	Jiang Zhenbang and Wei Yaxin (China)	Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong (China)

- 38th edition of Slovenia Open 2023 - The International Badminton Tournament held at the Sport Hall Centre Dras in Maribor, Slovenia.

Category	Winners
Men's Singles	Sameer Verma (India)
Women's Singles	Huang yu-hsun (Chinese Taipei)
Men's Doubles	Low Hang Yee and Ng Eng Cheong (Malaysia)
Women's Doubles	Liu Chiao-yun and Wang yu-qiao (Chinese Taipei)
Mixed Doubles	Jesper Toft and Clara Graversen (Denmark)



- Perodua Malaysia Masters 2023 - A badminton tournament took place at the Axiata Arena in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	H.S Prannoy (India)	Weng Hongyang (China)
Women's Singles	Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)	Gregoria Ma Tunjung (Indonesia)
Men's Doubles	Kang Min-hyuk & Seo Seung-jae (South Korea)	Man Wei Chong & Kai Wun Tee (Malaysia)
Women's Doubles	Baek Ha-na & Lee So-hee (South Korea)	Tan Pearly & Thinaah Muralitharan (Malaysia)
Mixed Doubles	Dechapol Puavaranukroh & Sapsiree Taerattanachai (Thailand)	Feng Yan Zhe & Huang Dong Ping (China)

Volleyball

- NSC-CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup 2023 - India won the title of NSC-CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup, by defeating Kazakhstan in the final.

Tennis

- Rome Challenger/Roma Open/Rai Open (ATP Roma Garden Open) - Tennis Club Garden in Rome, Italy

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Sumit Nagal (India)	Jesper De Jong (Netherlands)
Men's Doubles	Nicolas Barrientos (Colombia) and Francisco Cabral (Portugal)	Andrey Golubev (Kazakhstan) and Denys Molchanov (Ukraine)

- Madrid Open 2023 - Held in Madrid, Spain.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Jan-Lennard Struff (Germany)
Women's Singles	Aryna Sabalenka (Russia)	Iga Swiatek (Poland)

Men's Doubles	Karen Khachanov (Russia) and Andrey Rublev (Russia)	Rohan Bopanna(India) and Matthew Ebden (Australia)
Women's Doubles	Victoria Azarenka (Belarus) and Beatriz Haddad Maia (Brazil)	Coco Gauff (USA) and Jessica Pegula (USA)

- 80th edition of Italian Open 2023 - Held at Foro Italico in Rome, Italy.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)	Holger Rune (Denmark)
Women's Singles	Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan)	Anhelina Kalinina (Ukraine)
Men's Doubles	Hugo Nys (Monaco) and Jan Zielinski (Poland)	Robin Haase and Botic van de Zandschulp (Netherlands)
Women's Doubles	Storm Hunter and Elise Mertens (Belgium)	Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula (USA)

Chess

- FIDE World Chess Championship held in Astana, Kazakhstan - China's Ding Liren has become 17th World Chess Champion and the 1st from China by defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi.
- Dubai - the inaugural edition of the Global Chess League - The International Chess Federation (FIDE) has partnered with digital transformation provider Tech Mahindra for the Global Chess League with India's Viswanathan Anand as its mentor.
- Telangana's Praneeth Vuppala - India's 82nd Grandmaster

Shooting

- ISSF World Cup 2023. - Indian rifle and pistol shooters finished the ISSF World Cup 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan with 4 medals.

Weightlifting

- Asian Weightlifting Championships 2023 - Held in Jinju, South Korea and India finished with 3 silver medals.

Grandprix

- 74th edition of the Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023 - The Formula 1 World Championship held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

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

- 2nd edition of the Miami Grand Prix 2023 - The Formula 1 Crypto.com Miami Grand Prix 2023 was held at the Miami International Autodrome in Miami Gardens, Florida.

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

- Seiko Golden Grand Prix 2023 - The athletics meet in the women's long jump event held in Yokohama, Japan.

Winner	Medal	Country
Maryse Luzolo (Jump oj 6.79m)	Gold	Germany
Brooke Buschkuehl (Jump oj 6.77m)	Silver	Australia
Shaili Singh (Jump oj 6.65m)	Bronze	India

- Indian Grand Prix 4 2023 - The athletics meet in the women's long jump event held in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Winner	Medal
Shaili Singh	Gold
Nayana James	Silver
Karthika Gothandapani	Bronze

- Monaco Grand Prix 2023

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)	Netherlands
2	Fernando Alonso (Aston Martin)	Spain
3	Esteban Ocon (Alpine)	France

Events

- MVA High Performance Athletics Meet 1 held in Chula Vista, USA - Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar won the gold medal with a leap of 8.29m at the event.
- Snooker's World Championship 2023 - Belgium's Luca Brecel became the first player from continental Europe to win Snooker's World Championship by defeating Mark Selby in the final at the Crucible in Sheffield.
- Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur - the mascot, logo, jersey and anthem of the Khelo India University Games 2022 (KIUG) on the occasion of Buddha Purnima in Lucknow.
- Doha Diamond League 2023 - Indian Javelin Thrower Neeraj Chopra won the gold medal in the Javelin Throw Men's event by registering a throw of 88.67m.
- 3rd National Ranking Pickleball Tournament held from May 19 to 21 - Held at the Fatorda Stadium in Goa.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Kuldip Mahajan (Maharashtra)	Divyanshu Kataria (Rajasthan)
Women's Singles	Snehal Patil (Maharashtra)	Sonukumar (Jharkhand)

- Gatka Martial Art - included in the 37th National Games
- Bahrain Para Badminton International 2023 - The event was held at Manama, Bahrain; Indian Para Team won 23 medals including 3 gold, 8 silver and 12 bronze.
- 3rd Khelo India University Games (KIUG) took place in Uttar Pradesh - The event held from 25th May to 3rd June, 2023.
- The inaugural edition of the Indian Taekwondo Premier League (TPL) - take place at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi from June 22 to June 26.
- T-Meeting 2023 Athletics Meet held in Tilburg, the Netherlands - Jyothi Yarraji bagged the gold medal in the women's 100m hurdles event, while Angel Agwazie of Belgium

and Dutch athlete Mira Groot clinched the silver medal and the bronze medal respectively.

BANKING AND FINANCE

RBI

- Under India's G20 presidency, RBI and BIS Innovation Hub (BISIH) of the Bank for International Settlements have jointly launched the 4th edition of the G20 TechSprint.
- RBI - monetary penalty of Rs.1.73 crore on The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd (HSBC)
- RBI's gold reserves rose 4.5% to 794.64 tonnes at the end of March 2023 - RBI has increased its gold reserves by 4.5% at 34.22 tonnes year-on-year to reach 794.64 tonne in the fiscal year 2022-2023.
- RBI - imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.2.92 crore on Canara Bank
- RBI has granted the Certificate of Registration (CoR) to Profectus Capital Pvt Ltd - Under the Factoring Regulation Act, 2011 to provide factoring services to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
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- RBI - Rupee (INR)-only settlement of fees charges levied by 'Authorised Persons' on International Debit Cards, Store Value Cards, among others, and payable in India.
- RBI announced a '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign - For banks to trace and settle the top '100 unclaimed deposits' of every bank in every district of the country within '100 days', will commence the campaign from June 01, 2023.
- RBI announced the withdrawal of Rs.2,000 currency notes from circulation - An existing note in circulation can either be deposited in bank accounts or exchanged by September 30, 2023.
- RBI - Rs.87,416 crore dividend payout to the central government for 2022-23, the dividend payout was Rs.30,307 crore for the FY 2021-22.
- RBI - sanctioned the voluntary scheme of amalgamation of Maratha Co-op Bank with Cosmos Co-operative Bank





- RBI - a penalty of Rs.84.50 lakh on Central Bank of India for non-compliance with certain provisions of norms related to frauds classification and reporting.

Public Sector Banks State Bank of India

- Agritech firm Rukart has partnered with SBI - To help potential customers in getting easy loan options to buy the cold storage system 'Subjee Cooler'.
- Oil Palm Business, Godrej Agrovet - 1st of its kind finance offering for oil palm farmers in partnership with SBI

Bank of Baroda

- Bank of Baroda + National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) - Have jointly launched a electronic bank guarantee (e-BG) on Bank of Baroda's BarodaINSTA platform.
- Bank of Baroda introduced 2 new customer service channels - These 2 initiatives are, A Live Video Calling service- bob Video Chat and A Live Web Chat facility- bob Live Chat on its website.

Punjab National Bank (PNB)

- PNB - a week-long shopping festival named "PNB SHOPPING FESTIVE-ONE"

Indian Bank

- Indian Bank signed an agreement with Indian Clearing Corporation Ltd (ICCL) - Indian Bank has been empanelled as a Clearing and Settlement Bank with the ICCL.

Private Sector Banks HDFC Bank

- HDFC Bank has introduced a digital distribution platform HDFC Bank Smart Saathi - To connect Business Correspondents (BCs) and Business Facilitators (BFs) to the bank.
- HDFC Bank - customised programme 'Vishesh' for customers in semi-urban and rural locations (SURU) areas
- HDFC Bank + Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK) signed a MoU - To promote employment of fresh graduates and post-graduates.
- HDFC Bank + IKEA India - To offer a hassle-free and convenient consumer financing option for its customers.
- HDFC Bank - 2-special tenure fixed deposit schemes with an overall tenure of 35 and 55 months - The special tenure fixed deposit schemes have availed on a deposits





under Rs.2 crore, Customers can avail 7.20% interest on fixed deposits held for 35 months and 7.25% interest on fixed deposits held for 55 months.

ICICI Bank

- ICICI Bank + Pine Labs - the acceptance of Digital Rupee (e₹)/CBDC on its PoS terminals
- ICICI Bank + Zomato - launch its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) offering called Zomato UPI

Axis Bank

- Axis Bank + India Shelter Finance Corporation (IndiaShelter) to offer MSME loans - Under the co-lending model to offer secured MSME loans to middle and low-income borrowers in semi-urban areas.
- Axis Bank - enabled the linkage of RuPay credit cards with Unified Payments Interface (UPI)
- Axis Bank has launched 'Sarathi' - Sarathi is a 1st of its kind digital onboarding platform to enable easy installation of Electronic Data Capture (EDC) or Point of Sale (POS) for merchants.

South Indian Bank

- South Indian Bank + National E-Governance Service Ltd (NeSL) - e-BG (Electronic Bank Guarantee) facility

Yes Bank

- Cashfree Payments and Yes Bank partnered to offer 'Global Collections' - 'Global Collections' is an international collection service for Indian exporters with Yes Bank account, to simplify the way Indian exporters receive payments from across the world.
- Yes Bank launched a Solar Financing Scheme "YES KIRAN" - To provide financial assistance to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) manufacturers who wish to install solar panels at their premises.
- YES BANK + Mastercard and Worldline India to launch YES PAY EASY mobile app - For small-scale merchants such as traders, retailers, and professionals to accept card and digital payments from their customers' smartphones.
- YES BANK + Red Hat - Jointly adopted the Azure Red Hat OpenShift to redefine the mobile banking experience for its customers.
- YES Bank unveiled its new logo as part of its "refreshed brand identity" - The bank launched a new brand campaign with the slogan of Life Ko Banao Rich.





Kotak Mahindra Bank

- Kotak Mahindra Bank - re-domiciled Alchemy India Long Term Fund from Mauritius to GIFT City in Gandhinagar
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched a premium banking programme 'Privy League' - the flagship premium banking program and is designed to celebrate its customers' achievements and targeting High Net Worth Individuals (HNI), offers a lifestyle privileges and bespoke financial solutions.

Federal Bank

- Federal Bank + National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) - To launch an electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) facility for its customers can now digitally obtain a Bank Guarantee by replacing the traditional paper-based process.

RBL Bank

- RBL Bank - gone live with 'Direct Tax Collections' through the Tax Information Network (TIN2.0) portal

IDFC First Bank

- Plotch, a SaaS firm + IDFC First Bank - Jointly introduced NodePe, an ONDC-focused payment solution.

Payments Bank

- Airtel Payments Bank + NPCI - introduce Face Authentication for Aadhaar-enabled Payment System (AePS)
- Paytm - partnered with SBI Card, NPCI to launch Co-branded RuPay Credit Cards - The co-branded RuPay Credit Card named the 'Paytm SBI Card' launched on the RuPay network.
- Paytm launched UPI SDK - It will allow the customers of online merchants to make UPI payments directly and in-line from the merchant's mobile app without getting redirected during checkout.

Small Finance Bank

- Mumbai-based Dvara SmartGold + Jana Small Finance Bank - To offer gold loans to customers in Tamil Nadu, Chattisgarh, and Maharashtra.
- AU Small Finance Bank has partnered with RuPay to introduce the Business Cashback RuPay credit card - To meet the financial requirements of self-employed (i.e. MSME's) customers and promote financial inclusion.





- Max Life Insurance + Capital Small Finance Bank - partnership to offer a range of savings, protection, retirement, and group life insurance plans to the latter's customers.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank - signed an agreement with IBM Consulting to design and build a digital banking platform

Insurance News

- LIC has introduced a Group Post Retirement Medical Benefit Scheme - It is a Non-Linked, Non-Participating, Life, Group Savings Insurance Product.
- Reliance General Insurance has partnered with Swiggy - To provide tailored health insurance along with personal accident and mobile phone insurance coverage to its 3 lakh delivery partners.
- Max Life Insurance has partnered with the Indian Industries Association (IIA) - To provide life insurance plans to the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector's workforce in Uttar Pradesh.
- LIC - increased its shareholding in HPCL from 6,95,16,128 to 7,11,13,128 equity shares from 4.901% to 5.013% of the paid-up capital.
- IRDAI has constituted a 5-member expert committee comprising medical experts and insurers - The committee constituted under the chairmanship of Pratima Murthy, Director of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS)
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launched a new debt fund 'ICICI Pru Constant Maturity Fund' - It will enable the customers to lock-in their investments at current interest rates with the company's flagship Unit Linked Insurance Plans (ULIP).
- IRDAI Relaxed Norms for 'Surety Bonds' - A type of insurance policy protecting parties involved in a transaction or contract from potential financial losses due to a breach of contract or other types of non-performance.
- ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company + Actyv.ai - to Introduce Revolutionary Insurance Solutions for Small and Midsize Enterprises (SMEs)
- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance - an industry-1st Small-Cap Fund in its ULIPs (Unit Linked Insurance Plans) segment
- SBI General Insurance - 'General Surety Bond Bima (Conditional & Unconditional)' insurance product for infrastructure projects
- LIC - reduced its stake in NHPC from 3.48% to 3.19% with the number of shares held dropping from 522.6 million to 319.9 million.
- LIC - increase its shareholding in Bata India Limited from 5,780,329 to 8,395,740 equity shares at 4.497% to 6.532% of the paid-up capital of Bata India Ltd..





- LIC - increase its shareholding in Tata Power Company Ltd from 189,070,215 to 253,537,551 equity shares at 5.917% to 7.935% of the paid-up capital of Tata Power Company Ltd.
- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance - an exclusive term plan "Bajaj Allianz Life Diabetic Term Plan Sub 8 HbA1c"

SEBI

- Tata Play and ideaForge Technology - received SEBI approval to raise funds through initial public offerings (IPOs)
- SEBI introduced Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) system - For issuers that have listed or planning to list non-convertible securities, securitised debt instruments and security receipts.
- Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) has received the SEBI's approval to launch futures contracts in Steel Rebar - The contracts will have a trading unit will be of 5 tonnes with a base value of one tonne.
- SEBI has reconstituted its Intermediary Advisory Committee - This committee suggests on matters pertaining to changes in legal framework and enhancing transparency in systems and procedures of market intermediaries including stock brokers, depository participants and clearing members (chaired by S Ravindran Jain)

World Bank

- World Bank has approved a USD 82 million loan for India - For Animal Health System Support for One Health Program (AHSSOH) that will support India's Livestock Health and Disease Control Program.
- World Bank has approved a grant of Rs.51 crore - To set up an integrated road safety enforcement system in Shimla and Nurpur police districts of Himachal Pradesh and develop the Palampur-Sheela chowk in Kangra as a "safe corridor".

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- ADB and the Indian government have signed a USD 141.12 million loan agreement - To support the development of high-quality infrastructure such as roads, water supply systems and electricity distribution network in three industrial clusters in Visakhapatnam and Srikalahasthi-Chittoor nodes in Andhra Pradesh.

Others

- JPMorgan Chase - acquired a substantial majority of assets and assumed certain Liabilities of First Republic Bank



- BharatPe - acquired a 51% stake in Trillion Loans Fintech, a Mumbai-based non-banking financial company (NBFC)
- IFSCA + IHub-Data, IIT Hyderabad - support FinTech and TechFin entities
- Credit Card Platform Kiwi - "Credit on UPI" for customers - The solution has been certified by the NPCI, making Kiwi the 1st app in India to provide "Credit on UPI" by issuing Rupay Cards in collaboration with banks.
- Visa - CVV-free payments for tokenised credit and debit cards
- Ahmedabad-based start-up Online PSB Loans (OPL) - a GST Sahay app for instant loan to MSMEs
- Aurionpro Payment Solutions (AuroPro) received in-principle approval from the RBI - To operate as payment aggregator under the Payment and Settlement Act, 2007.
- BharatPe - rebrands PAYBACK India, multi-brand loyalty program as 'Zillion'
- PhonePe gone live with UPI LITE - PhonePe has gone live with the UPI Lite feature on its app.
- Ora Finance, a subsidiary of Unnati - the 1st firm to receive NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company) licence in agritech space
- The deadline for linking the Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar - extended until June 30 of 2023 by the Central Board of Direct Taxes under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961.
- PayNearby - a PayNearby Mall, a meta commerce platform to enable easy availability of good and services in an assisted mode at the last mile.
- RuPay - a CVV (Card Verification Value) free payment experience for its tokenized cardholders
- HDFC Asset Management Company has launched India's 1st Defence Sector-focused Mutual Fund - It will provide investors an opportunity to participate in growth potential of this space.
- Mumbai - 13th Banking and Finance Conference of the Indian Merchant Chamber
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs - rolled out an Automated Scrutiny of GST returns
- Geojit Financial Services has launched its latest mobile trading platform, FLIP - FLIP will replace the current platform SELFIE.
- IDBI Capital, BOB Capital and SBI Capital - appointed to manage Initial Public Offering (IPO) of IREDA
- India's leading payments, Cashfree Payments + Singapore-based cross-border payments company Tazapay - To provide seamless cross-border payments to Indian exporters.



- State Bank of India (SBI) Funds Management - the approval from RBI to acquire up to 9.99% stake of HDFC Bank for within a period of 6-months (i.e by November 15, 2023).
- India's leading payments, Cashfree Payments + Singapore-based cross-border payments company Tazapay - To provide seamless cross-border payments to Indian exporters.
- Japan-based JCB International + NPCI - offer 40% cashback for RuPay JCB Cardholders
- Integrated financial services platform Airpay - live on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) to access an array of local businesses offering multiple products and services on ONDC to consumers.
- Paytm Money - bond investing on its platform for retail investors
- Tide + Transcorp International Ltd - Jointly launched India's 1st recycled (rPVC) Rupay card along with MCT Cards& Technology and NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India).
- Maruti Suzuki India + Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company - an MoU to facilitate inventory financing for its dealer partners.
- Razorpay launched Turbo UPI, a one-step payment solution for the UPI network - Razorpay has partnered with Axis Bank and the National Payments Council of India (NPCI) to launch this payment solution.
- BOB Financial Solutions - opens up its entire RuPay Credit Card base for linking on UPI
- Manappuram Finance - a digital lending platform Ma-Money - To capitalize on the expanding of digital lending industry.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IIT News

- IIT Kanpur+ the Indian Army's Military Engineer Services (MES) Jhansi -To transform Army stations into carbon-neutral campuses.
- IIT Madras + Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) - To develop a cutting-edge 'Piezoelectric MEMS (Micro Electro Mechanical System) technology', the underwater sensor technology will support the development of next-gen SONAR for the Indian Navy.
- IIT Madras has signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Israel - To build an 'India-Israel Center of Water Technology' (CoWT) in Water Resources Management and Water Technologies at IIT Madras.
- The Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) of IIT Kanpur + YES Bank signed a MoU - To provide financial support to the startups incubated at SIIC.





- NHIDCL (National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd) + IIT Guwahati signed a MoU - This collaboration aims to leverage the expertise of IIT Guwahati, a prestigious institute known for its contributions to civil engineering, road construction, planning, and design, to facilitate research and development (R&D) in these areas.

Space News

- SpaceX - a powerful Falcon Heavy rocket for the 6th time and 3 satellites to the distant geostationary orbit - The Falcon Heavy carrier rocket was launched from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- Dhruva Space Pvt Ltd - tested and space qualification of its 2 satellite orbital deployers 3U Satellite Orbital deployer (DSOD-3U), 6U Satellite Orbital deployer (DSOD-6U) and its orbital link Dhruva Space Orbital Link launched aboard ISRO PSLV-C55 mission.
- IBM - partnered with NASA to convert satellite data into high-resolution maps
- Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX) - 51 Starlink internet communications satellites that rode atop SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket, whose 1st stage was successfully landed on Earth and are destined for insertion into low-Earth orbit (LEO).
- ISRO - carried out the 1st test of a semi-cryogenic engine at ISRO propulsion complex (IPRC) in Mahendragiri
- China - successfully placed the Tianzhou-6 cargo spacecraft into orbit using the Long March-7 Y7 carrier rocket
- SpaceX Falcon 9 Rocket - the Crew of 4 astronauts including the 2 Saudi Arabian Astronauts with the Dragon Capsule spacecraft on the all-private Ax-2 chartered flight to the ISS from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, the USA.
- Iran - test-launched a ballistic missile 'Kheibar' with a potential 2,000 km range
- South Korea - a commercial-grade satellite named Next generation Small Satellite-2 for the 1st time
- NASA - completed a flight test of its super pressure balloon carrying the Super Pressure Balloon Imaging Telescope (SuperBIT) science mission
- SpaceX - a telecommunication Satellite Arabsat BADR-8 into Orbit
- ISRO launched the GSLV-F12/NVS-01 mission - It was placed a 2nd-generation Navigation Satellite, NVS-01 into geosynchronous transfer orbit.
- China - the Shenzhou-16 mission, sending 3 astronauts to their space station
- Israel - a test of a naval anti-missile "Iron Dome" aerial defense system
- SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket - 52 Starlink Satellites to Provide Global Broadband



DRDO

- DRDO conducts Design Validation Trial of Vertical Shaft-based Underground Ammunition Storage Facility - By detonating 5,000 kg of Trinitrotoluene (TNT) in one of the chambers of the underground facility.
- Indian Navy + DRDO - a successful maiden test trial of 'ADC-150' from an IL 38SD aircraft off the coast of Goa

India in Science & Technology

- IAF's 1st C 295 tactical lift aircraft undertook its maiden test flight in Seville, Spain - Rajnath Singh signed a Rs.21,935 crore contract to supply 56 transport aircraft to the Indian Air Force (IAF) in 2021.
- Garuda Aerospace + Naini Aerospace, a subsidiary of HAL signed a joint development partnership deal - To manufacture advanced precision drones indigenously for various applications.

Environment & Energy

- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has signed an MoU with Emjay Control Systems Pvt Ltd - To jointly manufacture and develop business for state-of-the-art, electro-mechanical bollards for use in various Defence, Homeland Security, Paramilitary and export projects.
- ACME Group + Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL) signed a MoU - To explore business opportunities in the green hydrogen sector and promote the adoption of green hydrogen and generate demand for it within India.
- Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd (SJVN) - given permission to develop a 2nd hydropower project in Nepal

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Australia

- India and Australia signed a Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement - To facilitate the mobility provision of students, academics, professionals and others including through a new skilled pathway named MATES (Mobility Agreement for Talented Early Professionals Schme) specifically created for India.

Bangladesh

- India and Bangladesh launched a '50 start-ups exchange programme' - This collaboration aimed at strengthening bilateral relations and promoting cooperation in the start-up and innovation sectors.

- Indian Railways - handed over 20 Broad Gauge (BG) locomotives to Bangladesh

Canada

- 6th India-Canada Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment (MDTI) held in Ottawa - The dialogue was co-chaired by the Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Mary Ng, Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development, Govt. of Canada.

Israel

- India + Israel - MoU on Industrial Research and Development Cooperation

Maldives

- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) + The Chartered Accountants of the Maldives (CA Maldives) signed an MoU - To establish mutual co-operation for the advancement of Accounting Knowledge, Professional and Intellectual Development, Advancing the interests of their respective members and positively contributing to the development of the Accountancy Profession in the Maldives and India.

Nepal

- Indian embassy in Nepal and Sushila Thakur Memorial Health Foundation (STMHF) signed a MoU - For the distribution of LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) stoves and cylinders in Mahottari District, Nepal with the Indian grant assistance of Rs.50 million under India-Nepal Development Cooperation.
- The Embassy of India + Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration of Nepal signed an MoU - For undertaking 2 High Impact Community Development Projects in Nepal under the grant assistance of GoI in health care and education sectors at a total cost of NRs. 80.33 million.

Russia

- India + Russia - explore acceptance of RuPay (India) and Mir (Russia) payment cards for cross-border transactions





Sri Lanka

- India extended the USD 1 billion credit line to Sri Lanka Amid Economic Crisis - For providing the much-needed funds to pay for essential imports.
- India extended its \$1 billion credit line to Sri Lanka for another year - To help the island nation hit hard by an unprecedented economic crisis procure much-needed food, medicine and other essential items.

United States

- Indian Ministry of Education and the US Department of State - Launched the India-US Working Group on Education and Skill Development to enhance cooperation between the two countries in the field.

Summit/Event

- Laos will hosts the annual ASEAN Tourism Forum in 2024 in its capital Vientiane - The theme of the forum is "Quality and Responsible Tourism- Sustaining ASEAN Future".
- 6th edition of the Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) took place in Dhaka, Bangladesh - Theme: "Peace, Prosperity, and Partnership for a Resilient Future."
- Brussels, Belgium - 1st meeting of the India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC)
- Washington DC - 17th meeting of the India-US Defence Policy Group (DPG)

Exercise

- 1st ASEAN(Association of South East Asian Nations)-India Maritime Exercise (AIME) - The opening ceremony of the exercise was held at the Changi Naval Base in Singapore and was co-hosted by the Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN).
- The Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy - the 35th edition of the India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) in the Andaman Sea
- 4th India-Indonesia Bilateral exercise "Samudra Shakti-23" - Batam, Indonesia
- Indian Navy + Royal Saudi Naval Force - For the maiden afloat training of Saudi cadets
- Al-Jubail, Saudi Arabia - 2nd edition of India-Saudi Arabia Bilateral Naval Exercise "Al Mohed Al Hindi-23"

Others

- WHO - an initiative called PRET to make the world better prepared for future pandemics
- SCO - adopt India's Proposal to to support the development and adoption of India's Digital Public Infrastructure
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) + Egyptian Competition Authority (ECA) signed an MoU - The MoU envisages the promotion and strengthening of cooperation in



competition law and policy through exchange of information, sharing of best practices as well as through various capacity building initiatives.

- Department of Health Research (DHR) + World Health Organization (WHO) has signed the Project Collaboration Agreement - For promoting access to high quality affordable assistive technology through fostering research, innovation and capacity building.
- India - 20th edition of the Congress of International Agricultural Museums
- 76th session of the World Health Assembly is being held in Geneva, Switzerland - Theme: "WHO at 75: Saving lives, driving health for all".
- Mukesh Ambani - member of the Advisory Committee to the President of the COP28 to the UNFCCC
- The United Nations - Brazil to hosts the International Climate Meeting, COP30 in the Amazonian city of Belem do Para in 2025.
- India - host the 22nd summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in the virtual format on July 4 - The theme of this summit is 'Towards a SECURE SCO'.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

National Affairs Prime Minister Narendra Modi

- PM Modi - attend France's Bastille Day Parade as Guest of Honour on July 14
- 8th anniversaries of 3 social security (Jan Suraksha) schemes - Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) were completed 8 years.
- PM Modi - India's 17th Vande Bharat Express between Puri (Odisha) to Howrah (West Bengal) route
- PM Modi - the International Museum Expo 2023 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi
- PM Modi - the 42 inches tall bronze bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Hiroshima, Japan
- PM Modi - conferred the country's highest civilian award, the "Companion of the Order of Fiji" in recognition of his global leadership.
- PM - conferred the "Companion of the Order of Logohu" by Papua New Guinea for championing the cause of unity of Pacific Island countries and spearheading the cause of the 'Global South'.
- PM Modi - the inaugural run of Vande Bharat Express from Dehradun to Delhi via video conferencing
- PM - flagged off Northeast's 1st and India's 18th Vande Bharat Express connecting Guwahati to West Bengal's New Jalpaiguri
- PM Modi - the New Parliament Building; Installed Sengol; Launched a special ₹75 coin

Ministry News

Ministry of Defence: Shri Rajnath Singh

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited Maldives - Rajnath Singh handed over the 2 naval vessels, Fast Patrol Vessel and a Landing Craft Assault ship to the Maldives National Defence Forces (MNDF).
- Rajnath Singh - the 1st-of-its-kind Indian Air Force Heritage Centre in Chandigarh's sector 18 - To highlight the IAF's various aircraft and its contributions in various wars.
- Rajnath Singh - the 4th Positive Indigenization List (PIL) of 928 strategically-important Sub-systems, Spares & Components worth Rs.715 crore
- New Delhi - Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) signs 25.0th contract and 100th SPRINT (Navy) Contract
- A total of 164 equipment and items were indigenised by December 2022 as part of the 'positive indigenisation list' - It put the annual import substitution values of the items at Rs.814 crore.

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

- MoS for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai - the Dawki Land Port in Meghalaya's West Jaintia Hills district - To promote trade and commerce between India and Bangladesh and also boost the tourism and business sectors.

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways: Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari

- Gadkari - mobile applications named 'Rajmarg Yatra' and 'NHAI One' - To enhance the commuting convenience on the National Highways.

Ministry of Finance & Corporate Affairs: Smt Nirmala Sitharaman

- Department of Expenditure, Min. of Finance - Vivad se Vishwas Relief to MSMEs for COVID-19 period - The scheme was announced in the Union Budget 2023-24 by the finance minister.
- Finance Ministry - 22 finance companies to undertake Aadhaar-based verification of clients
- The Union Govt - reduced the threshold for e-invoicing from Rs.10 crore to Rs.5 crore for all business-to-business (B2B) transactions following which it will be mandatory for smaller businesses to carry business transactions via e-invoices from August 1, 2023.
- CBDT - raised the tax exemption limit on Leave Encashment for Non-Government Salaried Employees

Ministry of External Affairs: Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

- External Affairs Minister Jaishankar is on a 3-day visit to Sweden - He participates in the EU Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum and conducted several high-level discussions.

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Shri Narendra Singh Tomar

- Agriculture Ministry - set a target of 3,320 lakh tonnes (332 million tonnes) production of foodgrains for the year 2023-24 - As against the latest estimate of 3,235 lakh tonnes produced the previous year.

Ministry of Women & Child Development: Smt Smriti Zubin Irani

- Smriti - organised a national event for the launch of the 'Poshan Bhi, Padai Bhi' scheme in New Delhi
- Ministry of Minority Affairs + Ministry of AYUSH - For the development of the Unani Medicine system.

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

- National Skill Development Corporation has signed an MoU with Pernod Ricard India Foundation (PRIF) - To develop a multi-skilling centre in the Gumla district of Jharkhand and focused on empowering women within the local tribal population.
- The Ministry of Education + National Assessment Regulator PARAKH - Jointly organised the 1st workshop to brainstorm school assessments, examination practices and equivalence of boards across the country.

**Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Mines:
Shri Prahlad Joshi**

- MoPSW - 2nd position among 66 ministries in the highly influential DGQI Assessment for 2022-2023 Q3
- Prahlad Joshi - 1st Mining StartUp Summit at IIT Bombay in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- AYUSH Ministry has organized the National AYUSH Mission Conclave (NAMC) - MoHFW Mansukh Mandaviya has delivered the inaugural address of the event.

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

- MoS for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shantanu Thakur flagged off MV-ITT Lion (V-273) Ship from Kolkata - The cargo operations between Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata and the Sittwe Port in Rakhine state of Myanmar.

- MoS for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shantanu Thakur flagged off the vessel 'M.V. MSS Galena' from V.O. Chidambaranar Port - The Direct Shipping Service between Tuticorin and Maldives
- Sonowal + Myanmar's Deputy PM Admiral Tin Aung San jointly - the Sittwe Port in Rakhine, Myanmar
- Sarbananda Sonowal - a "Harit Sagar" Green Port Guidelines-2023 , in New Delhi
- Ministry of AYUSH + Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) signed a MoU - To promote and collaborate on integrative health research and strengthen research capacity through the training of Ayush researchers.
- MoPSW- secured a 2nd position among 66 ministries in the highly influential DGQI Assessment for 2022-2023 Q3
- AYUSH Ministry has organized the National AYUSH Mission Conclave (NAMC) -
- MoHFW Mansukh Mandaviya has delivered the inaugural address of the event.
- MoPSW made 5 major announcements named 'Panch Karma Sankalp' - Focusing green shipping and digitization of the ports during the culmination of the minister's 2nd Chintan Shivir held in Munnar, Kerala.
- Sonowal inaugurated the "e-Office portal of PCIM&H" and "Online portal" - He launched during his visit in Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H), Ghaziabad.

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

- Giriraj Singh launched the 'SAMARTH Campaign' - To promote Digital Transactions in 50000 Gram Panchayats under the AmritMahotsav in Lucknow.

Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Steel: Jyotiraditya Scindia

- Jyotiraditya - the 5.1 version of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN)

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

- MoS for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar - the 3rd Semicon India Future DESIGN Roadshow at IIT Delhi
- Ashwini Vaishnaw - a Citizen Centric Portal 'Sanchar Saathi Portal' in New Delhi -To prevent fraud by misusing mobile phones and through which the mobile users can now track and block their lost mobile phones.
- MeitY - a pilot project Electronics Repair Services Outsourcing (ERSO) - To validate certain transformational policy and process changes that will position India as the

preferred destination for repair services of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) products worldwide.

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

- MoHUA - extended the deadline for the Smart Cities Mission till June 2024
- MoHUA + Min. of Railways jointly signed an MoU with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) - For 'Station Area Development along Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (Project-SMART)'.
- MoHUA - the campaign 'Meri LiFE, Mera Swachh Shehar' in New Delhi

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

- Bhupender Yadav - a mobile app Meri LiFE (My life) in New Delhi to activate the youth action for climate change
- Bhupender Yadav - Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management (CoE-SLM) at Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education in Dehradun.
- NTCA under the MoEFCC has constituted an 11-member Cheetah Project Steering Committee - The committee will be headed by Rajesh Gopal, Secretary General of Global Tiger Forum.

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

- Health Ministry renamed the govt programme for Non-Communicable Diseases - The Ministry rename National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) as 'National Programme for Prevention & Control of Non-Communicable Diseases [NP-NCD]'.
- MoS for MoHFW Bharati Pravin Pawar launched the 3rd phase of the Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana (TBSY) - To provide financial assistance for a package cost of 10 lakhs per HSCT (Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant) program, a CIL's CSR-funded initiative.
- Union Health Secretary, Rajesh Bhushan - the SAKSHAM Learning Management Information System (LMIS) of MoHFW
- MoHFW launched the "75/25" initiative for people with hypertension - The ministry launched the 75/25 initiative based on screening and putting 75 million people with hypertension and diabetes on Standard Care by 2025.

- Mandaviya - the 2-day 8th International Conference on Pharma and Medical Device Sector 2023 in New Delhi

Ministry of Heavy Industries: Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey

- Ministry of Heavy Industries - ordered reduction in subsidies for electric 2-wheeler vehicles registered on or after June 1, 2023 under FAME-II (Faster Adoption of Manufacturing of Electric) scheme.

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

- Rupala - a Veterinary Council of India (VCI) portal on World Veterinary Day
- Rupala - the Sagar Parikrama Yatra Phase-V in Karanja, Raigad, Maharashtra
- Rupala - the 6th phase of 'Sagar Parikrama' in the Andaman at Panighat's Fish Landing Centre

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

- MyGov + Ministry of Culture launched a painting talent hunt "YUVA PRATIBHA" - To promote India's rich heritage and culture at the grassroots level on a national scale by identifying and recognising the new art talent in various painting styles

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 8th All India Pension Adalat in Delhi -This initiative has been organised by the Department of Pensions and Pensioners' Welfare, aims to resolve chronic pension-related cases.

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State News Andhra Pradesh

- Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy - the foundation stone for Rs.21,844 crore Vizag Tech Park in Visakhapatnam
- Andhra Pradesh CM - the foundation stone for the Rs. 4592 crore Bhogapuram Greenfield International Airport
- Andhra Pradesh CM launched "Jaganannaku Chebudam (Let's tell Jagan brother)" - It is an improvised version of "Spandana", a platform for resolving people's grievances.
- Andhra Pradesh - the 'e-Chits' app to regulate chit funds through online-only transactions; developed by Andhra Pradesh Revenue, Registration and Stamps department.
- Visakhapatnam district of AP launched Niramaya Health Insurance scheme - provide free medical services for children who suffering from autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, multiple disabilities and others

Arunachal Pradesh

- Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu - 6 new online services under the state's ambitious e-Governance programme - The launched portals are CM e-Jansunwai, CM Arunachal e-Seva, CM Dashboard 2.0, e-Pragati, Hospital Management Information System and e-Telemedicine.

Assam

- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma launched Ayushman Asom Scheme- MukhyaMantri Jan Arogya Yojana - A family-floater health assurance scheme offering cashless medical treatment upto Rs.5 lakh per family per year and aimed at promoting accessible and affordable healthcare across the state.
- Assam CM dedicated 'Digitising Asom' to the public - A community project 'Digitising Asom' is aimed at the digitisation of rare Assamese journals and books published between 1813 and 1970 for public use at an event organised at Janata Bhawan in Guwahati, Assam.
- Amit Shah inaugurated the 'Assam Police Sewa Setu' mobile app = Developed by the Assam Police and the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL)

Himachal Pradesh

- Himachal Pradesh State Cabinet approvals - CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu-led Cabinet approved the provision of Rs.1,500 per month as Indira Gandhi Mahila Samman Nidhi to all the eligible women of above 18 years in the Spiti Valley.
- Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched 'Him Data Portal' - digital platform to integrate data of all government wings for the delivery of welfare schemes developed by the Indian School of Business (ISB).
- Himachal Pradesh CM launched the Himcare scheme - For jail inmates, by providing Himcare cards to the prisoners at Model Central Jail, Kanda in Shimla.

Haryana

- Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar - a community policing and outreach programme 'Haryana Uday'

Kerala

- Kerala - become the 1st state to launch Institutional Ranking Framework
- 5th edition of the Global Ayurveda Festival 2023 - be held at Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala from December 1-5
- Kerala - the 1st state to launch welfare fund for MGNREGS workers
- Kerala - become the India's 1st e-governed state

Madhya Pradesh

- Bhopal - the 1st Indian city to measure the progress of UNs Sustainable Development Goals
- Madhya Pradesh - 'Mukhyamantri Sikho Kamao Yojana' (Chief Minister Learn and Earn Scheme) - For unemployed youths who have passed class 12th, ITI, Graduation and post graduation in the state and a stipend amount will also be given to them for learning skills.
- Madhya Pradesh - a Mukhyamantri Krishak Byaaj Maafi Yojana-2023 (Chief Minister Farmer Loan Waiver Scheme) -A farm loan interest waiver scheme would benefit over 11 lakh farmers in the State.
- Madhya Pradesh - the 1st State to provide Free Air Travel to Pilgrims

Maharashtra

- Maharashtra Government - to set up the Maharashtra State Infrastructure Development Corporation - To speed up the construction of good quality roads across the state and ensures the maintenance and repairs.
- Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde - "Hindu Hruday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray Aapala Dawakhana" in 317 taluks of the state to provide medical services to people who are deprived of the facilities.
- Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde - the "Shasan Aplya Dari (Government at Your Doorstep)" initiative
- Maharashtra cabinet - a Namu Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana to provide farmers with Rs.6,000 per year - Rs.6,000 will be paid to each of more than one crore farmers in the state.
- Maharashtra - renamed the Ahmednagar district as the Ahilya Nagar, announced during the birth anniversary of Ahilya Bai Holkar who was the hereditary noble queen of the Maratha Empire

Odisha

- Odisha - the survey under the Odisha State Commission for Backward Classes (OSCBC) Act, 1993 and OSCBC (Amendment) Act, 2020 in both online and offline mode and will continue till May 27
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launches State Dashboard & CM Dashboard - A State Dashboard is a data and analytics-powered platform which will streamline performance monitoring of government schemes, aiding data-driven decision-making.
- Odisha's Higher Education Department has signed a MoU with Infosys Limited and Nasscom -To enhance the skills and employability of students in Higher Education Institutions in Odisha.
- Odisha Cabinet chaired by CM Naveen Patnaik approved a new housing scheme "MO GHARA" - To provide financial assistance to meet the aspiration of the lower and lower-middle-income households of rural areas in Odisha.

Punjab

- Punjab Police - a 2-day special checking operation named 'Operation Vigil' against anti-social elements across the state



Rajasthan

- Rajasthan government - a proposal for developing 3D models of 4 cities based on the GIS

Tamil Nadu

- Tamil Nadu Health minister Ma Subramanian - a mobile app and website of the Food Safety Department for grievances - Launched at an event held at the Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital in Omandurar Estate, Chennai.
- Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin - a 570m long and 4.2m wide skywalk bridge connecting the Mambalam railway station and T Nagar bus terminus, built by the Greater Chennai Corporation at a cost of Rs.28.45 crore.
- Tamil Nadu Government - signed 6 MoUs with Singapore institutions during the Singapore Investment Conclave.
- Tamil Nadu government – MoU with Japanese firms worth Rs.818.90 crore.

Telangana

- Telangana has become the 1st state to launch a state Robotics Framework - To provide a roadmap for the state to create a sustainable robotic ecosystem and be a leading state in the field of robotics.
- Telangana CM K.Chandrasekhar Rao - a Geeta Karmikula Bhima Scheme/Insurance for Toddy Tappers community

Uttar Pradesh

- Uttar Pradesh has become the 1st to make digital health cards for children - The Urban Development Department and the Lucknow Smart City have launched "School Health Program".
- Uttar Pradesh Chief secretary Durga Shankar Mishra - an online rural education programme 'Pahal' -This programme has been developed by the Department of Secondary Education + IIT Kanpur.
- Uttar Pradesh Police + Amazon India - To launch the consumer awareness campaign named #MissionGraHAQ to tackle the menace of online shopping scams.

Uttarakhand

- Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami approved CM's Skill Upgradation and Global Employment Scheme - Mukhya Mantri Kaushal Unnayan aur Vaishavik Rozgar Yojana will help youths of the state to pursue careers in foreign nations.
- Uttarakhand CM - mobile app 'Patch Reporting App' to report potholes

- Goa and Uttarakhand - signed an MoU to strengthen tourism cooperation

Union Territory News Delhi

- Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal - a scheme to introduce premium buses run by private aggregators
- Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi announced the Motor Vehicle Aggregator Scheme 2023 -It marks a significant milestone in the regulation of cab aggregators and delivery service providers.
- Delhi govt's Transport Department + University of Chicago Trust signed an MoU - To combat vehicular pollution in the national capital and aims to design& evaluate innovative policy interventions through the establishment of a research unit in Delhi.
- Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) - a WhatsApp-based ticketing service for commuters

Union Cabinet News

- Centre - a New Flagship Scheme for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Tribes - The new scheme has been named as 'PM Social Inclusion Mission for Welfare of SCs and STs (PMSIM)'.
- Union Cabinet - Rs.17,000 crore Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme 2.0 for IT Hardware
- Union Cabinet - City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0) CITIIS 2.0 is a program from 2023 to 2027
- Union Cabinet - Establishment of a Regional Office of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in New Delhi
- Union Cabinet - Rs.1 lakh crore programme to increase foodgrain storage capacity by 700 lakh tonne in the cooperative sector.
- Union Cabinet - Constitution and Empowerment of an Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) for facilitation of the "World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector"

G20 News

- Goa - 3rd meeting of the G20 Development Working Group (DWG)
- G20 conference on 'Crime and Security in the Age of Non Fungible Tokens (NFTs) and Metaverse' is held on July 13& 14 - Ministry of Home Affairs will organise the event in Gurugram, Haryana.
- Bhubaneswar, Odisha - The 2nd meeting of the G20 Culture Working Group Meeting

- Mumbai - The 3rd meeting of the G20 Energy Transitions Working Group Meeting (ETWG)
- Mumbai, Maharashtra - 3rd G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) meeting
- Rishikesh, Uttarakhand - 2nd G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting
- Bengaluru, Karnataka - 2nd G20 Trade & Investment Working Group meeting
- New Delhi - B20 International Conference on 'Chemicals and Petrochemicals: Sustainable transitions through Green Technologies and digitalization'

NITI Aayog

- NITI Aayog - the "Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023" in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Others

- The Government blocked the 14 messenger Mobile Applications - The apps were blocked under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000.
- Bangaram Island in Lakshadweep - Science 20 Thematic Conference on Universal Holistic Health
- Gangtok, Sikkim - Sustainable and Resilient Communities (SRC) Conclave of Civil 20 (C20)
- The Central Government - the implementation of Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in Ladakh
- Council of Foreign Ministers meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) held in Goa - External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has chaired the meeting.
- 23rd edition of FICCI FRAMES 2023 held in Mumbai, Maharashtra - Organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce Industry (FICCI).
- University Grants Commission (UGC) - a new portal named 'CU-Chayan' for faculty appointments in central varsities.
- India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant - the India Tourism Conference 2023 in New Delhi
- The Indian government has constituted an 11-member committee to restructure 94-year-old Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - chairmanship of the Additional Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education and Secretary of ICAR, Sanjay Garg to meet the objective of AmritKal.
- India Post + Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) + Tripta Technologies - MoU for Logistics Services

- Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud - the 'e-filing 2.0' and launched the 'e-Sewa Kendra and Facilitation Centre' - The lawyers are that the facility for filing cases electronically will be now available around the clock.
- The government has set up the Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE) - The centre has been set up by the corporate affairs ministry at the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) in Manesar, Haryana.
- G7 Health Ministerial meeting on Global Health Architecture - Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the meeting in Nagasaki, Japan.
- India - 3rd Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Startup Forum in the form of 1st-ever physical event in New Delhi
- 8th meeting of Agriculture Ministers of SCO member countries - Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has addressed the meeting virtually.
- Chairman of the UGC, M Jagadesh Kumar - the redesigned UGC website, UTAH, POP portals
- MoS for Health and Family Welfare Bharati Pravin Pawar - the 6th Health Ministers meeting of the SCO member states virtually.
- Inland Waterways Authority of India, Sagarmala Development Corporation Ltd, Assam Tourism Development Corporation and the Department of Inland Waterways Transport of Assam have signed an MoU - For the development of 'Riverine Based Religious Tourism Circuit'.
- University Grants Commission (UGC) launched a new initiative "NEP SAARTHI" - NEP-SAARTHI (Student Ambassador for Academic Reforms in Transforming Higher Education in India) to involve students in the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- 14th Clean Energy Ministerial and 8th Mission Innovation meeting will be held in Goa from 19th-22nd of July, 2023 - The Theme of meeting is "Advancing Clean Energy Together".
- Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) Water Scheme - extended for another 2 years



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- Gross GST revenue in the Month of April is Rs 1,87,035 crore - Out of which CGST-Rs 38,440 crore, SGST-Rs 47,412 crore, IGST-Rs 89,158 crore, cess-Rs 12,025 crore.
- UPI processed a record of 890 crore transactions in April 2023 worth Rs.14.05 trillion - Volume of transactions in April was declined to 7.96% and the value of transactions was declined to 9.51% as compared to March.
- New GST regulations for businesses with the turnover of Rs.100 crore - From May 01, 2023, businesses with an annual turnover of Rs.100 crore or more will be required to abide by a new GST rule.
- ZVC India - received a Unified License from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
- Fintech unicorn Groww - acquired a 100% stake in the mutual fund business of Indiabulls Housing Finance for Rs.175.62 crore.
- NSE - the rupee-denominated NYMEX WTI Crude Oil and Natural Gas Futures Contracts in its commodity derivatives segment
- REMC - set up a National Energy Management Centre (NEMC) for Indian Railways at its office in Delhi
- WPI (Wholesale Price Index) inflation rate in April 2023 - WPI declined to -0.92% in April on an annual basis from 1.34% in March, according to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- BSE relaunched Sensex and Bankex derivative contracts - To boost derivative trading at the country's premier bourse.
- Nifty derivatives contracts traded on the Singapore Exchange (SGX) have been renamed to GIFT Nifty - Earlier, it was referred to as SGX Nifty.
- NSE - the rupee-denominated NYMEX WTI Crude Oil and Natural Gas Futures Contracts in its commodity derivatives segment
- PhonePe - raised an additional USD 100 million (Rs.828 crore) from growth equity firm General Atlantic
- Indian Steel Association + ASEAN Iron and Steel Council (AISC) - For the bilateral cooperation between Indian and ASEAN steel industry.
- TCS - an advance purchase order valued over Rs.15,000 crore from BSNL for the deployment of a 4th-generation mobile (4G) network across India.
- Tata Group's Tejas Networks Ltd- an order worth Rs.696 crore from BSNL for the upgradation of its all-India IP-MPLS based Access and Aggregation Network (MAAN).
- Uber + GeM portal - offer taxi services to govt offices, agencies and PSUs at fixed price

- Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) launched “e appeal” Scheme 2023 - To address the issue of pending appeals related to Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) default issues and tax collection at source (TCS).
- The unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above in urban areas - declined to 6.8% during January-March 2023 from 8.2% a year ago, a data released by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO).

RANKING

National Ranking

- ODF (open defecation-free) Plus Ranking - Wayanad, Kerala has become the 1st district in the country to be declared ODF (open defecation-free) Plus Rankings of the Swachh Bharat Mission in 3-star category.
- National Manufacturing Innovation Survey 2021-22 - A survey on the degree of innovation among manufacturing firms found that Karnataka as the most 'innovative' state, followed by Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Haryana.

International Ranking

- World Press Freedom Index 2023 - The Report was released by the Global Reporters Without Borders (RSF). Total Countries: 180

Rank	Country
1	Norway
2	Ireland
3	Denmark
4	Sweden
5	Finland
161	India
178	Vietnam
179	China
180	North Korea

- Forbes' World's Top 5 Highest-paid Athletes List in 2023

Rank	Name	Country	Sports	Total Earnings
1	Cristiano Ronaldo	Portugal	Football	USD 136 Million
2	Lionel Messi	Argentina	Football	USD 130 Million
3	Kylian Mbappe	France	Football	USD 120 Million
4	LeBron James	USA	Basketball	USD 119.5 Million
5	Canelo Alvarez	Mexico	Boxing	USD 110 Million

- Prime Global Cities Index (PGCI) Q1 2023
 - The Report was released by the Real-estate Consultant Knight Frank India.

Rank	City	Country
1	Dubai	UAE
2	Miami	USA
3	Zurich	Switzerland
4	Berlin	Germany
5	Singapore	Singapore
6	Mumbai	India
16	Bengaluru	
22	Delhi	

- 2nd edition of the UBI Global World Benchmark Study 2021-2022 of Business Incubators and Accelerators - This event was held as part of the World Incubation Summit in Ghent, Belgium.

Category	Awardee
Public/Private Business Incubator	Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), India
Public/Private Business Accelerator	EIT Health Accelerator, Europe
University Business Incubator	ITU Cekirdek, Turkiye
University Business Accelerator	Interuniversity Microelectronics Centre (IMEC) Belgium

- Data Centre Q1 2023 Report - The Report was released by Knight Frank in association with DC Byte

Rank	City	Country
1	Shanghai	China
2	Tokyo	Japan
3	Mumbai	India

- BCG Most Innovative Companies 2023 List - Boston Consulting Group (BCG) has released the report.

Rank	Company	Country
1	Apple	California, US
2	Tesla	Texas, US
3	Amazon	Washington DC, US
4	Alphabet	California
5	Microsoft	Washington DC
20	Tata Group	Mumbai, India



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- 61st edition of Top 500 Global Supercomputing List - The list was released at the International Supercomputing Conference (ISC 2023) in Germany.

Rank	Super Computer Name	Country
1	Frontier	USA
2	Fugaku	Japan
3	LUMI	Finland
4	Leonardo	Italy
5	Summit	USA
India's Supercomputers in Top 500 List		
Rank	Super Computer Name	Installed At
75	AIRAWAT	C-DAC
131	PARAM Siddhi	C-DAC
169	Pratyush	Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune
316	Mihir	National Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting, Noida

AWARDS

National Awards

- UP CM Yogi Adityanath was conferred with the 13th edition of the Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award - For his efforts in creating a fear-free Uttar Pradesh.
- Prof. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar - the Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award in Pune
- Trichy Airport's New Terminal Project - The International Safety Award - The award conferred under the 1st- class merit category by the British Safety Council.
- Goan Writer Damodar Mauzo - the 57th Jnanpith Award

International Awards

- British-Indian playwright and actor Meera Syal - the prestigious BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) fellowship.
- UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize 2023 - Three imprisoned Iranian female journalists Niloufar Hamedji, Elaheh Mohammadi, and Narges Mohammadi have been named the winners of the 2023 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.
- 2023 Babacar Ndiaye Super Prize - The Africa Road Builders Selection Committee has named Madagascar's President Andry Rajoelina as the winner of the prestigious Babacar Ndiaye Trophy for his commitment to infrastructure development in the island state.
- Russian literature Maria Stepanova honoured with the Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding 2023 - for her volume of poetry entitled 'Madchen ohne Kleider' (Girls Without Clothes).
- 24th edition of the Laureus Sports Awards 2023

Category	Winner	Country	Related Sport
World Sportsman of the Year	Lionel Messi	Argentina	Football
World Sportswoman of the Year	Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce	Jamaica	Athlete
World Team of the Year	Argentina Men's Football Team	Argentina	Football
World Comeback of the Year	Christian Eriksen	Spain	Tennis
World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability Award	Catherine Debrunner	Switzerland	Para-athlete Wheel racer
World Action Sportsperson of the Year	Eileen Gu	China	Freestyle skiing
Laureus Sport for Good	TeamUp	-	Global

- Tata Sons Chairman N.Chandrasekaran was conferred with France's highest civilian honour "Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur" - For his contributions to strengthen the trade relationship between India and France.
- Airports Council International's (ACI) Green Airports Recognition 2023 -The award was presented at the 18th ACI Asia-Pacific regional assembly, conference and exhibition in Kobe, Japan.

Category-I	Category-II	Winners
Over 35 million passengers per annum	Platinum	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport Single Use Plastic Free Airport – Mumbai
	Gold	Hong Kong International Airport Accelerating the reduction of single-use plastics at Hong Kong International Airport
	Silver	Indira Gandhi International Airport Single Use Plastic Free Delhi Airport
Between 15-35 million passengers per annum	Platinum	Kempegowda International Airport (Project: Plastics Circularity at KIAB)
	Gold	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (Project: Single-use Plastic free RGI Airport)
	Silver	Jeju International Airport (Project: The introduction of reusable cups to airport)
Between 8-15 million passengers per annum	Platinum	Central Japan International Airport (Project: Bottle to Bottle' sustainable use of PET bottle)
	Gold	Adelaide Airport (Project: Single-use plastics free precinct)
	Silver	Bahrain International Airport (BIA) (Project: Combating single use plastics at BIA)

Less than 8 million passengers per annum	Platinum	Mangaluru International Airport (Project: SUP Free Airport)
	Gold	Christchurch International Airport (Project: Waste Strategy to Circular Solutions)
	Silver	Kaohsiung International Airport (Project: Plastic-Free Life at the Airport)

- Border Security Force personnel Shishupal Singh and Sanwala Ram Vishnoi and ShaberTaher Ali - honoured posthumously with the Dag Hammarskjold Medal.
- Bulgarian writer Georgi Gospodinov's novel "Time Shelter" has been translated into English by Angela Rodel - The International Booker Prize 2023.
- 23rd NEXA International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards - Held in Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Category	Winners
Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male)	Anil Kapoor for Jugg Jugg Jeeyo
Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Female)	Mouni Roy for Brahmastra: Part One-Shiva
Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male)	Hrithik Roshan for Vikram Vedha
Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female)	Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
Outstanding Achievement for Fashion in Cinema	Manish Malhotra
Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema	Kamal Haasan
Outstanding Achievement in Regional Cinema	Marathi film Ved directed by Riteish Deshmukh
Best Director	R Madhavan for Rocketry: The Nambi Effect
Best Film	Drishyam 2

Category	Winners
Best Adapted Story	Aamil Keeyan Khan and Abhishek Pathak for Drishyam 2
Best Original Story	Perveez Sheikh and Jasmeet Reen for Darlings
Best Debut (Male)	Shantanu Maheshwari for Gangubai Kathiawadi and Babil Khan for Qala
Best Debut (Female)	Khushali Kumar for Dhoka Around the Corner
Best Playback Singer (Male)	Arijit Singh for the song Kesariya from Brahmastra: Part One- Shiva
Best Playback Singer (Female)	Shreya Ghoshal for the song Rasiya from Brahmastra: Part One- Shiva
Best Music Direction	Pritam for Brahmastra: Part One- Shiva
Best Lyricist	Amitabh Bhattacharya for the song Kesariya from Brahmastra: Part One- Shiva
Best Cinematography	Gangubai Kathiawadi
Best Screenplay	Gangubai Kathiawadi
Best Dialogue	Gangubai Kathiawadi
Best Choreography for title track	Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2
Best Sound Design	Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2
Best Editing	Drishyam 2
Best Special Effects (Visual)	Brahmastra: Part one- Shiva
Best Background Score	Vikram Vedha
Best Sound Mixing	Monica O My Darling

- 76th annual Cannes International Film Festival - Held in: Cannes, France.

Feature Films 2023 winners list:

Category	Winners
Palme d'Or	Justine Triet for "Anatomy of a Fall"
Grand Prix	Jonathan Glazer for "The Zone of Interest"
Camera d'Or for Best First Film	Thien An Pham for "Inside the Yellow Cocoon Shell"
Best Actor	Koji Yakusho for "Perfect Days"
Best Actress	Merve Dizdar for "About Dry Grasses"
Best Director	Tran Anh Hung for "The Pot-au-Feu"
Best Screenplay	Yuji Sakamoto for "Monster"
Best Short Film	Flora Anna Buda for "27"
Jury Prize	Aki Kaurismaki for "Fallen Leaves"

APPOINTMENTS**National Appointments**

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Justice T S Sivagnanam	Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court	Justice Prakash Shrivastava
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre Director, Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty	Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission and the Secretary of Department of Atomic Energy	K N Vyas
Polavarapu Mallikharjuna Prasad	Chairman and Managing Director of Coal India (CIL)	Pramod Agrawal
Ace Fighter Pilot Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit	New Deputy Chief of Air Staff	Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari
Chairman and MD of THDC India RK Vishnoi	Chairman of BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry	-

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Parminder Chopra	1st women Chairman and MD of Power Finance Corporation (PFC)	Ravinder Singh Dhillon
S N Subrahmanyam	Chairman and Managing Director of Larsen & Toubro	A M Naik
Rajiv Dhar	Interim MD& CEO of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Ltd	Sujoy Bose
CMD of THDCIL Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi	Chairman& MD of NHPC (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation)	-
Karnataka DGP Praveen Sood	Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)	Subodh Kumar Jaiswal
Ravneet Kaur	1st woman and non-secretary bureaucrat to be appointed as Chairperson of CCI	Sangeeta Verma who has been serving as the interim chairperson of CCI since October 2022 after Ashok Kumar Gupta
Former Coal Secretary, Anil Kumar Jain	Chairman of the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)	Dinesh Kumar Sarraf
Bhavesh Gupta	President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Paytm	-
Manoj Soni	Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)	Pradeep Kumar Joshi
Rajeev Dogra	MD& CEO of Raheja QBE General Insurance Company	Pankaj Arora
Arjun Ram Meghwal	Independent charge as MoS of Law and Justice in	Kiren Rijiju

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
	addition to his existing portfolios	
Kiren Rijju	Ministry of Earth Sciences	Jitendra Singh
Iqbal Singh Bains	Chief secretary of Madhya Pradesh	-
RN. Jayaprakash and Monal D Chokshi	Both are re-elected as the President & Secretary of Swimming Federation of India (SFI)	-
Siddaramaiah	24th Chief Minister of Karnataka	Basavaraj Bommai
Jayakumar S. Pillai	Deputy Managing Director of IDBI Bank	Samuel Joseph Jebaraj
Paytm CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma	Part-time Chairman of Paytm Payment Bank	-
Executive Vice Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions, R Dinesh	President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2023-24	Sanjiv Bajaj
CEO of Dream Sports, Harsh Jain	Chairman of Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMA) for 2023-25	Sanjay Gupta
Srikrishnan Harihara Sarma	MD and CEO of Karnataka Bank	Mahabaleshwara
Praveen Kumar Srivastava	Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)	Suresh N Patel
Sandeep Batra	Re-appointed as the Executive Director of ICICI Bank	-
Executive Director of Indian Bank, Ashwani Kumar	MD & CEO of UCO Bank	Soma Sankara Prasad

Newly appointed Chief Justice of 5 High Courts

High Court Name	Chief Justice Name	Replaced By
Bombay High Court	Justice Ramesh Deokinandan Dhanuka	Justice Sanjay Vijaykumar Gangapurwala (Acting Chief Justice of Bombay)
Madras High Court	Justice Sanjay Vijaykumar Gangapurwala	Justice S Vaidyanathan (Acting Chief Justice of Madras)
Himachal Pradesh High Court	Justice Mamidanna Satya Ratna Sri Ramachandra Rao	Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan (Acting Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh)
Kerla High Court	Justice Sarasa Venkatanarayana Bhatti	Justice S Mani Kumar
Rajasthan High Court	Justice Augustine George Masih	Manindra Mohan Shrivastava (Acting Chief Justice of Rajasthan)

International Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Indian-American business leader Ajay Banga	14th President of the World Bank	David Malpass
Former England Cricketer & Veteran Commentator Mark Nicholas	President of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)	Stephen Fry
Santiago Pena	52nd President of Paraguay	Mario Abdo Benitez
Former NBCUniversal advertising chief Linda Yaccarino	1st Female CEO of Twitter	Elon Musk
Amy Pope	1st Women Director General and the 11th DG of the International Organization	-

	for Migration	
Ludovit Odor	Slovakia's Caretaker Prime Minister	Eduard Heger
Mawlawi Abdul Kabir	Caretaker Prime Minister and Interim Head of the Cabinet of Afghanistan	Mullah Hassan Akhund
Senior Judge Ioannis Sarmas	Caretaker Prime Minister of Greece	Kyriakos Mitsotakis
Girish Chandra Murmu	Re-elected as the External Auditor of WHO from 2024 to 2027	-
Bola Ahmed Tinubu	16th President of Nigeria	Muhammadu Buhari
Recep Tayyip Erdogan	12th President of Turkey	-
Edgars Rinkevics	President of Latvia	Egils Levits

Brand Ambassadors

Name	Brand Ambassador
Former Indian cricket team captain Sourav Ganguly	Tripura Tourism

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book Name	Author Name	Published by
"Made in India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise"	Former CEO of NITI Aayog Amitabh Kant	Rupa Publications India



OBITUARY

- Tori Bowie - American sprinter and long jumper
- Kemal Dervis - Former Chief of UNDP and Turkish Minister
- Samaresh Majumdar - Sahitya Akademi Award winner Bengali Writer
- A.R. Khaleel - Former All India Football Federation (AIFF) Vice-president
- Antonio Carbajal - Mexican Goalkeeper and the 1st player to appear in 5 World Cups
- Kalyani Kazi - Eminent singer
- Robert Lucas - American Economist & Nobel laureate
- Srichand Parmanand Hinduja - Chairman of Hinduja Group
- Owen Davidson - Australian Tennis Player, who won 13 Grand Slam doubles titles
- Rattan Lal Kataria - Former Union minister and the BJP MP from Ambala (Haryana)
- Karumuttu T Kannan - Industrialist and Philanthropist
- Govindaray H Nayak - Kannada writer and literary critic
- Vellayani Arjunan - Eminent Scholar, Linguist, Academician and Writer

DEFENCE

- Exercise Buland Bharat - The Indian Army conducted a division-level integrated surveillance and firepower training exercise held in the High-Altitude Artillery Ranges of Eastern Theatre in West Kameng and Tawang districts of Arunachal Pradesh.
- A mutual firefighting exercise 'Agni Daman-23' - The exercise was conducted to raise awareness and train the personnel of both civil and military agencies at 29 Field Ammunition Depot (FAD), Dehu Road under the Indian Army's HQ, Southern Command Pune.
- Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari - the foundation stone for India-Sri Lanka Friendship Auditorium at Sri Lanka Air Force Academy, Trincomalee, will be built under a grant assistance of 25 crore Lankan rupees.
- Indian Navy Ship Magar - decommissioned after serving the country for 36 years
- BrahMos supersonic cruise missile - successfully test-fired from the Indian Navy's frontline guided missile ship INS Mormugao
- Gajraj Corps of the Indian Army - a Joint Flood Relief Exercise 'Jal Rahat' at Hagrama Bridge on Manas River in Assam
- INS Vaghsheer - The 6th Scorpene Submarine of Project-75, Yard 11880, Indian Navy's Kalvari class has commenced its sea trials
- India - an 'Operation Karuna' to provide Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief for people in Myanmar hit by Cyclone Mocha

- AirAsia India flight i5-767 - operated India's 1st commercial flight -The flight was took-off using an indigenously produced Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) blended Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) from Pune to Delhi.
- Spanish company Indra and the Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) - Begun the delivery of the naval version of its Lanza 3D surveillance radar to the Indian Navy.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) - the GAINS-2023 in Kolkata, West Bengal
- MiG-29K fighter aircraft - its 1st Night Landing on the indigenously-built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant
- Indian Navy + ISRO - the Gaganyaan Recovery Training Plan at the Water Survival Test Facility (WSTF) of INS Garuda in Kochi
- Indian Army's Shatrueet Brigade& the Western Command - a joint exercise with Indian Air Force along the western border
- GRSE - signed contract for supply of Ten 30 mm Naval Surface Guns by the Ministry of Defence/Indian Navy
- Sapta Shakti Command of the Indian Army - the 'Sudarshan Shakti 2023' exercise along the western borders in Rajasthan and Punjab

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