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IMPORTANT DAYS

NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>THEME</u>
February 1	47th Raising Day of Indian Coast Guard	-
February 10	National Deworming Day	-
February 12	National Productivity Day	-
12 to 18 February	National Productivity Week	Productivity, Green Growth, and Sustainability: Celebrating India's G20 Presidency
February 13	National Women's Day	-
February 24	Central Excise Day	-
February 27	4th National Protein Day	-
February 28	National Science Day	Global Science for Global Wellbeing

INTERNATIONAL WISE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>THEME</u>
February 2	World Wetlands Day	Wetland Restoration
February 4	3rd International Day of Human Fraternity	-
February 4	World Cancer Day	Close the care Gap: Uniting our voices and taking action
February 6	12th International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation	Partnership with Men and Boys to transform Social and Gender Norms to End FGM
2nd Day (Tuesday) of the 2nd week of February(February 7)	20th Safer Internet Day	Together for a better internet
February 1-7	World Interfaith Harmony Week	-
February 10	World Pulses Day	Pulses for a sustainable future
February 11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	Innovate, Demonstrate, Elevate, Advance, Sustain. (IDEAS): Bringing communities Forward

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		for sustainable and equitable development
February 11	World Unani Day	Unani Medicine for Public Health
February 11	31st World Day of the Sick	Take care of him: Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing
February 12	International Darwin Day	-
February 13	12th edition of World Radio Day	Radio and Peace
February 13	International Epilepsy Day	Stigma
February 15	International Childhood Cancer Day	Better Survival' is achievable #throughtheirhands
3 rd Saturday of February (February 18)	12th World Pangolin Day	-
February 20	World Day of Social Justice	Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice
13 to 17 February	Financial Literacy Week	-
February 21	International Mother Language Day	Multilingual education – a necessity to transform education
February 22	World Thinking Day	Our World, Our Peaceful Future: The environment, peace, and security
February 27	World NGO Day	
Last day of February (February 28)	Rare Disease Day	Share Your Colours

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SPORTS

CRICKET

- Indian pacer Joginder Sharma announced his retirement from all forms of cricket
- Australia's T20 International Batter & Captain Aaron Finch announced his retirement from International Cricket
- The Oval Stadium of London will hosts 2nd edition of the ICC World Test Championship 2023 final from June 7 to 11.
- ICC T20 Women's World Cup held in South Africa (From Feb 10) - With the opening match between the hosts team and Sri Lanka.
- ICC Player of the Month of January - Men's Player of the Month: Shubman Gill (India). Women's Player of the Month: Grace Scrimshaw (England).
- England's Eoin Morgan announced his retirement from Cricket
- Board of Control for Cricket in India has awarded the title sponsorship rights to TATA Group

ICC Rankings 2023:-

Test Ranking:

Rank	Team
1	Australia
2	India
3	England

ODI Ranking:

Rank	Team
1	India
2	Australia
3	New Zealand

T20I Ranking:

Rank	Team
1	India
2	England
3	Pakistan

Football

- Saudi Arabia will host 2027 Asian Football Cup

- Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay launched their official joint bid to host the Football World Cup in 2030.
- 76th National Football Championship for the Hero Santosh Trophy (held till 20 feb) - The Santhosh Trophy was held abroad for the 1st time in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Chess

- Ashok Kulkarni Rapid Chess Tournament -- Shreeraj Bhosale of Kolhapur won 1-day rapid chess tournament by defeating Aditya Savalkar.

Shooting

- 37th International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup Rifle/Pistol in Cairo, Egypt - Varun Tomar won bronze medal in the men's 10m air pistol.

Volleyball

- Volleyball Club World Championships will be held in India for the 1st time - Volleyball World + Federation Internationale de Volleyball organised the Men's Club World Championships for 2 years (2023&2024) in partnership with the Prime Volleyball League.

Wrestling

- Zagreb Open Wrestling 2023 held in Croatia
- India's Aman Sehrawat clinched a bronze medal by defeating Zane Raye Rhodes Richards of USA.
- Aliabbas Rzazade of Azerbaijan won the gold by beating Yuto Nishiuchi of Japan in the final.

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Iran	8	6	5	19
Japan	6	3	2	11
United States	6	2	6	14
India	0	0	2	2



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Events

- 5th Khelo India Youth Games 2022 - Khelo India Youth Games 2022 was held at Upper Lake area in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Rank	State/UT	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Maharashtra	56	55	50	161
2	Haryana	41	32	55	128
3	Madhya Pradesh	39	30	27	96

- 3rd edition of Khelo India Winter Games - Gulmarg in the northern region of Jammu and Kashmir was hosted the event.
- India's 1st 'Frozen-Lake Marathon' held at Pangong Tso in Ladakh - At the height of 13,862 feet, the Indian Army and Indo-Tibetan Border Police have been roped in to implement a proper action plan for the event.

Others

- National Open and flagship golf tournament Indian Open is set to held from February 23 to February 26 after a break of 3-year due to the pandemic at the DLF Golf & Country Club.
- Ibrahim Moustafa 2023 Wrestling Ranking-Series held in Alexandria, Egypt - Indian Greco Roman wrestler Ankit Gulia (72kg) has won a bronze medal in the Ibrahim Moustafa ranking series.

OBITUARY

- Telugu Filmmaker Kalatapasvi K Viswanath passed away in Hyderabad - He won Padma Shri in 1992 and in 2017 the Central govt presented him with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award.
- Padma Bhushan awardee Vani Jairam passed away - The singer was awarded Padma Bhushan by the Govt. of India ahead of Republic Day 2023.
- Former President of Pakistan Pervez Musharraf passed away at the age of 79 in Dubai.
- Film Editor Robert Dalva passed away at the age of 80 - He earned an Oscar nomination for his work on the family adventure 'The Black Stallion'.
- Indian Football legend Tulsidas Balaram dies at the age of 85 - He played two Olympics in 1956 & 1960 and won gold medal in the 1962 Asian Games in Jakarta by defeating South Korea. He received the Arjuna Award from Gol in 1962 and the West Bengal govt honoured him with the Banga Vibushan in 2013.

RANKING

National Ranking

- Ladakh, country's 1st ever Frozen Lake Marathon on Pangong Tso - in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's highest Frozen Lake marathon at an altitude of 4,350 m above the mean sea level.
- Nature Index Publications Rankings - The ranking for the period of December 2021 to November 2022, SRM University-AP ranks 3rd among all the private universities in India with 11 quality research publications.
- CCTNS PRAGATI Ranking for January - Manual registration of FIRs has stopped in the state and all FIRs are being registered electronically in CCTNS at all police stations

Rank	State/UT	Score
1	Himachal Pradesh	99.77
2	Uttar Pradesh	99.01
3	Gujarat	97.08
4	Delhi	96.72
5	Haryana	96.40

Global Ranking

- NSE is the world's largest derivatives exchange for fourth straight year in 2022
- Top 20 richest people on World's Real-time Billionaires list of Forbes
 - Ambani overtook Adani to become the richest Indian in the world.

Rank	Name	Net Worth
1	Bernard Arnault	USD 213.5 billion
2	Elon Musk	USD 195.3 billion
3	Jeff Bezos	USD 121.4 billion
4	Larry Elison	USD 111.6 billion
5	Warren Buffet	USD 106.9 billion
6	Bill Gates	USD 105.4 billion
10	Mukesh Ambani	USD 82.3 billion
21	Gautam Adani	USD 58.8 billion

Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) 2021

GQII Rank	Metrology Rank	Standardisation Rank	Accreditation Rank	Country
1	2	2	1	Germany
2	3	1	3	China
3	1	8	2	United States
4	4	4	6	United Kingdom
5	5	3	12	Japan
6	7	6	11	France
7	6	7	17	Republic of Korea
8	15	5	4	Italy
9	13	10	7	Spain
10	21	9	5	India

- ICAO's Aviation Safety Oversight Ranking: DGCA - India's aviation safety oversight ranking has jumped to 55th position from 112th place with a significant improvement in the country's score under the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)'s coordinated validation mission.
- India emerged as the top nation in a fintech study - The study of 9 South Asian & Southeast Asian countries including Indonesia, Singapore, Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) National Entrepreneurship Context Index (NECI) report - India has been ranked fourth out of 51 countries in having a quality entrepreneurship ecosystem, reflecting the steady rise in the nation's business environment over the years.
- India - 1st in terms of AI Skill Penetration and AI Talent Concentration and 5th in AI scientific publications as per the report of NASSCOM.
- UK surpasses India as the world's 6th-largest equity market in the world
- S&P Global Commodity Insights Top 250 Global Energy Company Rankings 2022 - NTPC has been ranked No.1 Independent Power Producers and Energy Traders Globally in the S&P Global Commodity Insights Top 250 Global Energy Company Rankings-2022 based on its asset worth, revenues, profits and return on investment.
- 11th International Intellectual Property Index 2023
 - The Index was released by the US Chambers of Commerce.
 - It evaluates the protection of IP rights in the world's 55 major economies.

Rank	Country
1	United States
2	United Kingdom
3	France
4	Germany
5	Sweden
42	India

BANKING AND FINANCE

RBI

RBI's 6th Bi- monthly Monetary Policy of February 2023

- Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of RBI raised the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.50% from 6.25%.
- 6th Bi- monthly Monetary Policy projected the India's GDP growth to 6.4% for FY24 with FY24's Q1 at 7.8% Q2 at 6.2% Q3 at 6% Q4 at 5.8%.
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) Inflation/ Retail Inflation is projected at 5.3% for FY24 with FY24's Q1 at 5% Q2 at 5.4% Q3 at 5.4% Q4 at 5.6%.
- Inflation is projected at 6.5% in FY23 with Q4FY23 at 5.7%.

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

- RBI's Digital Payments Index jumps to 377.46 in September 2022 from 349.30 in March
- Innoviti Technologies + Reliance Retail + ICICI Bank + Kotak Mahindra Bank - Announced to launch in-store acceptance of retail payments via Digital Rupee Retail [e₹-R].
- PhonePe - a cross border UPI payments service
- RBI - the pilot project on QR code-based Coin Vending Machine (QCVM)
- RBI - its 'Alert List' for the public on unauthorised forex trading platforms
- RBI announced the 2nd Global Hackathon 'HARBINGER 2023- Innovation for Transformation' - The Hackathon was hosted on Application Programming Interface Exchange (APIX) Platform on the theme of 'Inclusive Digital Services'.

- RBI - 'in-principal approval' to 32 existing payment aggregators to act as online payment aggregators
- RBI - Vikramaditya Singh Khichi in the advisory committee of Reliance Capital
- RBI - the licence of Garha Co-operative Bank in Guna, Madhya Pradesh as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects.
- RBI extended UPI for inbound travellers from G20 nations - To make local payments using while they are in India.
- RBI + NPCI launched a 'UPI One World' for foreign nationals visiting India.
- RBI imposed several restrictions on 5 cooperative banks - Including on withdrawals in the wake of the deteriorating financial condition of the lenders for 6 months.

Public Sector Banks

SBI

- SBI planned to raise around USD 500 million through green bonds to provide sustainable project finance.
- RailTel Corporation of India under the Ministry of Railways has received a work order from SBI - For providing 4G LTE connectivity to 15,000 offsite ATMs spread across India.
- Drone manufacturer IoTechWorld Avigation + SBI - To provide concessional loans to farmers for purchasing agri drones under the central govt scheme.
- SBI launched a new retail term deposit scheme 'Amrit Kalash Deposit' - With a specific duration of 400 days and benefits with higher interest rate offered on this tenure is 7.10% for regular citizens, 7.60% for senior citizens.
- SBI + Online Payment System of Singapore PayNow - For cross-border payments after the countries established a real-time payments system linkage using the UPI platform.

Bank of Baroda

- Bank of Baroda and CG Power and Industrial have been included in the MSCI India index of around USD 145 million and USD 161 million respectively while Biocon has been excluded from the index of USD 68 million.
- Bank of Baroda established the 'Bank of Baroda Rashtrabhasha Samman' - To encourage and promote the mutual interchange amongst Indian languages and to make the best Indian literature available to the general public in Hindi.

Bank of Maharashtra

- Bank of Maharashtra celebrates its 88th Business Commencement Day - BoM launched a slew of digital products and services to add fillip to its digital footprints.
- Bank of Maharashtra has emerged as the top performer among state-owned lenders in terms of loan growth in 21.67% during the 3rd quarter of 2022-23, an analysis of the latest financial results of public sector banks.
- Bank of Maharashtra + Experian India - To provide a comprehensive suite of services such as credit risk, advanced analytics and fraud prevention with the rise of digital sourcing, lending and servicing to create a secure banking ecosystem.

Indian Bank

- Indian Bank + Toyota Kirloskar Motor - To offer vehicle financing options to its customers buy their favourite Toyota Vehicle with ease.

UCO bank

- UCO bank + MeitY launched a 'Digital Payment Utsav: Digital Payment Se Pragati Ko Gati' in New Delhi

Private Sector Banks

Axis Bank

- Axis Bank enabled cross-border transactions in real-time via the UPI Network

Kotak Mahindra Bank

- Kotak Mahindra Bank - has implemented the 1st phase of the RBI's Digital Rupee (eRs), Kotak Mahindra Bank is among the 8 banks shortlisted by RBI to implement a pilot project for issuance of Digital Rupee.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank - fully acquired Microlender Sonata Finance for Rs.537 crore for an aggregate all-cash consideration.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank took corporate digital banking portal 'Kotak fyn' live

South Indian Bank

- South Indian Bank + Geojit Financial Services Ltd - Launched a wealth management platform SIB Wealth, an exclusive value-added service helps the bank's high net worth (HNI) customers to invest their money in the best financial instruments available in the market.

- South Indian Bank + Telangana State Treasury (Cyber Treasury) for online payments
- South Indian Bank + Maruti Suzuki signed MoU - To provide dealer finance options and customised auto retail financing solutions for customers.

ICICI Bank

- ICICI Bank + BNP Paribas signed a MoU - To cater the banking requirements of European Corporate operating in India and Indian Companies in the European Union.

HDFC bank

- HDFC bank began offline payment pilot under RBI sandbox
- HDFC Bank has become the 1st private sector lender to offer its customers the option to use their Rupay credit cards on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with the BHIM App and other UPI enabled apps to enable safe and secure transactions.
- HDFC Bank + UAE Financial Services Company Lulu Exchange signed an agreement - To strengthen cross-border payments between India and GCC region.
- HDFC Bank announced that it has raised USD 750 million through a dollar bond sale

Karnataka Bank

- Karnataka Bank and Paisalo Digital Ltd have entered into a co-lending arrangement

Payments Bank

- Paytm launched a special G20 theme and QR Code - To celebrate India's presidency of the inter-governmental forum and the country's leadership in mobile payments.
- Paytm Payments Bank became 1st to launch UPI LITE feature - Designed by the National Payments Corporation of India for multiple small value UPI transactions.

Small Finance Bank

- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank launched a mobile banking application 'Hello Ujjivan' with three Vs - Those 3 Vs denotes Voice, Visual and Vernacular enabled



features to provide banking access to individuals who have limited reading and writing skills.

- Jana Small Finance Bank launched a Smart Merchant Program - To provide an invaluable support and resources to current account holders, empowering them to streamline their business operations and saving cost in payments.

ADB

- Asian Development Bank - a USD 130 million loan to increase agricultural productivity and promote horticulture agribusinesses to raise farmers' income in Himachal Pradesh.

Insurance News

- LIC reduced its stake in Industrial Investment Trust Ltd from 5.433% stake to 3.362%

Others

- SBM Bank (India) - raised Rs.99 crore through the issuance of the second tranche of Basel-III compliant tier II bonds.
- Indian-origin Senior Banking Executive, Swati Dave appointed as the inaugural Chair of the Advisory Board to the Centre for Australia-India Relations to strengthen the business and cultural understanding between Australia and India.
- Fintech firm IRIS Business Services + Vayana - To help MSMEs in their GST compliance burden and meet other financial needs through a mobile application.
- Payment Solutions Platform CAMSPay - in-principle approval from RBI to operate as a Payment Aggregator
- Muthoot FinCorp launched 'Vyapar Mitra Business Loans' - To provide working capital and business loans to SMEs including traders, business owners and self-employed individuals.
- National Stock Exchange has received a final approval from SEBI - To set up a Social Stock Exchange (SSE) as a separate segment of the NSE.
- DBS Bank + eSamudaay (a SAAS-based solutions provider owned by Nirmund Digital Distributions) - eSamudaay focuses on non-metro towns and cities by

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providing a digital solutions on both the buyer and seller side and logistic support to make doing business on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) for smaller players in the market.

- IDFC Mutual Fund - the Industry's 1st International Debt Fund 'IDFC US Treasury Bond 0-1 Year FOF (fund of funds)'

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- Gross GST revenue of January is Rs.1,55,992 crore
- UPI transaction value rise to 1.3% in January worth Rs.12.98 lakh crore
- US National Science Foundation (NSF) + India - Signed an implementation arrangement to streamlines the funding process of research projects between the two nations.
- IOC flagged off the 1st export consignment of AVGAS 100 LL to Papua New Guinea
- Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced that India will have its 1st hydrogen train designed and manufactured locally by December 2023 on the Kalka-Shimla historic circuit.
- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance - Sustainable Equity Fund for investors to offer stocks with high ESG (Environment (E), Social (S), and Governance (G) factors) scores.
- KFin Technologies Ltd (KFintech) - launch of its operations in GIFT City, Gandhinagar.
- Indian Oil Corp signed MoU with sustainable fuel tech provider LanzaJet to produce sustainable aviation fuel at its Panipat Refinery in Northern India.
- GAIL + Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) - Signed an advance pricing agreement for determining the transfer pricing margin payable on the long-term LNG the firm sources from US.
- Retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in January 2023 - Consumer Price Index (CPI)/Retail Inflation for January 2023 rose to a 3-month high of 6.52% from 5.72% in December 2022 as per the data released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.
- India's annual Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based Inflation declined to 24-month low of 4.73% in January 2023 from 4.95% in December 2022.
- National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) + HDFC Life - NSDC will support HDFC Life in inducting trained life insurance advisors and strengthening the Entrepreneurial Skills.

- NSE extended the market trade hours for interest rate derivatives to 5pm
- NSE Indices launched the India's 1st-ever Municipal Bond Index
- Amazon planned to integrate its logistics network (from pickup to delivery) and Smart Commerce services with the Open Network for Digital Commerce.
- Nokia redesigned its logo to signal strategy shift from phone business to enable faster growth as the world increasingly adopts 5th-generation mobile technologies.
- Bharti AXA Life Insurance - its bancassurance partnership with Unity Small Finance Bank (Unity Bank) for the distribution of life insurance products through the Bank's network.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book Name	Author Name	Published By	Details
"Behram's Boat"	Adi Pocha	-	It was Pocha's debut fiction Novel.
"Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani"	Ram Bahadur Rai	-	Released by PM Narendra Modi.

APPOINTMENTS

National Appointments

Newly appointed State/UT Chief Justice

Name	State Name
Justice Sonia Giridhar Gokani, Judge, Gujarat High Court	Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court
Justice Sandeep Mehta, Judge, Rajasthan High Court	Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court
Justice Jaswant Singh, Judge, Orissa High Court	Chief Justice of Tripura High Court
Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Judge, Gauhati High Court	Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh
Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra, Judge, Uttarakhand High Court	Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Rajan Pental	Executive Director of YES Bank	-
K Satyanarayana Raju	MD and CEO of Canara Bank	LV Prabhakar
Aniket Sunil Talati	President of ICAI	-
Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar	Vice Chief of Army Staff	Lt Gen B S Raju
Lt Gen B S Raju	Jaipur- headquartered South Western Army Commander	Lt Gen Kumar
BVR Subrahmanyam	CEO of NITI Aayog	Parameswaran Iyer
Dr Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi	Drugs Controller General of India, Central Drugs Standard Control Organization	Dr PBM Prasad
Former bureaucrat Shailesh Pathak	FICCI Secretary General	-

International Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Manuela Roka Botey	1st Female Pm of Equatorial Guinea	-
Prashant Agrawal	Next Ambassador of India to Laos	-
M Subbarayudu	Next High Commissioner of India to Namibia	Prashant Agrawal
Nikos Christodoulides	President of Cyprus	-
Mohammad Shahabuddin Chuppu	22nd President of Bangladesh	Mohammad Abdul Hamid
Indian-American Neal Mohan	CEO of YouTube	Susan Wojcicki
Hindi Actor Ayushmann Khurrana	UNICEF India National Ambassador	-
Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Girish Chandra Murmu)	External Auditor of the International Labour Organization, Geneva	The Supreme Audit Institution of Philippines

AWARDS

National Awards

- 13th CII Food Safety Award 2022 - SGS Food Testing laboratory in Ambattur, Chennai received the Food Safety Award 2022 for Outstanding Laboratory Performance and Food Testing Laboratories.
- NTPC bagged 'ATD Best Awards 2023' - For 6th consecutive year by the Association for Talent Development USA.
- ATMA Annual Conclave 2023 in New Delhi - Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) has conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award to K M Mammen, Chairman & MD of MRF Ltd for his contribution to the Indian tyre industry.
- 14th Banking Excellence Awards of the Year 2022 - Bank of Baroda was named as the 'Best Bank' in the Large Public Sector Banks category.
- Governance Now announced 9th PSU Awards - The award honoured with Central and State PSUs leveraging in digital technologies, business operations and operating models.
- Chairman and MD of JSW Group Sajjan Jindal - the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2022
- India Today Tourism Survey - J&K Tourism for Best Adventure Tourism Award

Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023

- Dadasaheb Phalke Award is the India's highest award in the field of Cinema.
- Mumbai hosts the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival organized by the Government of India (Directorate of Film Festivals).

S. No	Category	Winner
1.	Film of the year	RRR
2.	Best Film	The Kashmir Files
3.	Best Actress	Alia Bhatt
4.	Best Actor	Ranbir Kapoor
5.	Critics-Best Actor	Varun Dhawan
6.	Critics-Best Actress	Vidya Balan
7.	Best Director	R Balki
8.	Best Cinematographer	PS Vinod
9.	Most Promising Actor	Rishab Shetty (for KANTARA)
10.	Best Playback singer	Sachet Tandon
11.	Best Playback Singer-Female	Neeti Mohan
12.	Best Web Series	RUDRA
13.	Most versatile Actor	Anupam Kher

14.	Television Series of the Year	Anupama
15.	Best Actor in Television series	Zain Imam for Fanaa
16.	Best Actress in Television Series	Tejasswi Prakash

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Asian Waterbird Census-2023 - 52 avian species were observed in the Asian Waterbird Census-2023 conducted in Ladakh.
- DRDO developed a major subsystem for space radar - DRDO's Bengaluru lab Electronics and Radar Development Establishment (ERDE) developed a major subsystem for space radar to holds significant potential for ISRO and Military.
- ERDE has been involved in the development of space-borne imaging radar that consists electronic radar subsystems and antenna deployment mechanisms for installation on satellites.
- NASA + IBM - To develop Artificial Intelligence (AI) based models that will make it easier to mine vast datasets to advance scientific knowledge about Earth and help the world to adapt to changing the environment.
- SpaceX launched and deployed a new batch of 53 Starlink internet satellites into low-Earth orbit
- IIT Madras got a grant of Rs.242 crore for 5 years from the Union department of commerce
- Government has revised the definition of broadband connectivity, raised minimum download speed of 2 Mbps after the recommendation of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).
- IIT Madras + ISRO to curate a training module for Indian Spaceflight Programme on the basis of Augmented Reality (AR)/ Virtual Reality (VR) / Mixed Reality (MR).
- Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) started e-catering services through its website and e-catering app Food on Track.
- Samsung Semiconductor India Research + Indian Institute of Science (IISc) - To promote research and development in the field of on-chip Electrostatic Discharge protection.
- Reliance Industries Ltd unveiled India's 1st Hydrogen Internal Combustion Engine Technology Solution - For heavy-duty trucks flagged off by PM Narendra Modi at the India Energy Week in Bengaluru.

- Artificial Intelligence-based self-driving robot 'Aurus' and AI-based monitoring system 'Triton' are being introduced to save lives on Goa beaches.
- ISRO + Indian Navy carried out initial recovery trials of the crew module as a part of the former's human space mission tests at the Water Survival Test Facility of the Indian Navy in Kochi.
- ISRO - Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV-D2) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota
- SpaceX test fired Super Heavy booster in milestone for debut orbital launch - One half of the company's starship rocket system briefly roared to life for the first time in a test firing to put behemoth moon and Mars vehicle closer to its first orbital flight.
- 31 of the Super Heavy's 33 Raptor rocket engines fired for roughly 10 sec at SpaceX's facilities in Boca Chica.
- NASA - a Mars Science Mission on Jeff Bezos run Blue Origin's Rocket
- USA test launched Unarmed Intercontinental Ballistic Missile - An unarmed intercontinental ballistic missile has been launched from California to test the defense system.
- GE Marine + Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd said that have signed a MoU - To explore the expansion of HAL's manufacturing capabilities including Assembly, Inspection and Testing (AIT) of the LM500 marine gas turbine.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd + General Atomics Aeronautical Systems (GA-ASI) - To provide MRO support for Predator drones in India and helps to maintain MQ-98 Guardian High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) drones manufactured by GA-ASI.
- Thales + Bharat Dynamics Ltd signed a MoU for setting up manufacturing facilities in India for precision strike 70mm laser guided rockets (FZ275 LGR).
- Garuda Aerospace unveiled its solar-powered drone 'SURAJ' at the Aero India 2023



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- IIT Kanpur developed an energy-efficient compressed Air-based Pipeline System - For transporting coal and minerals by offers round the clock monitoring with considerable savings time and costs.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd received the ITSO authorisation from DGCA
- 14th Aero India 2023 PM Modi inaugurated the event at Bengaluru Airshow in IAF Yelahanka Airforce Station to highlight India's expanding aerospace and defence capabilities. Theme: "The runaway to a billion opportunities".
- Bharat Electronics Ltd + IISc Bengaluru signed the MoU - To work together in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) and other emerging technologies.
- Bharat Electronics Ltd + Globals ITES signed the MoU - For cooperation in technology development, co-creation and co-innovation, joint marketing and sales in the fields of cyber warfare and cyber defence systems.
- NDDDB Mrida signed an agreement with India's leading biogas company Sistema.bio - To work with smallholder dairy farmers and provide sustainable solutions in waste-to-energy and open avenues of generating additional income for farmers.
- Rangsons Aerospace signed MoU with German firm HENSOLDT - To explore new business opportunities, support new technological advancements and helps to improve technological expertise in the domain in step with India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat campaign.
- Delhi Metro launched an indigenously developed Signalling Technology - For operations on the Red Line of the Delhi Metro.
- All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) launched the, - Curriculum for 2 new programs designed for design and manufacturing in semiconductors to provide a variety of employment roles and salary incentives for students.
- UIDAI launched a new Interactive Voice Response Service (IVRS) - With the launch of this new IVRS service residents can now avail the services by calling a toll-free number 1947 at any time for Aadhaar related services.
- India's 1st agri chatbot Ama KrushAI launched in Odisha - Governor Ganeshi Lal launched chatbot Ama KrushAI at the valedictory session of 'Krushi Odisha 2023'.
- Bharat Electronics Ltd + Aeronautical Development Agency + DRDO signed a MoU - For the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme.

- Supreme Court launched the use of Artificial Intelligence & Technology - Powered by the Natural Language Processing on a trial basis to provide live transcriptions of court hearings.
- UAE's leading defence group EDGE + Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd signed a MoU - To explore the areas of cooperations including joint design and development of missile systems and unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) at the International Defence Exhibition and Conference (IDEX) is held in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- 20th BioAsia Summit 2023 - Theme: 'Advancing for ONE: Shaping the next generation of humanized healthcare' to celebrate the spirit of collaboration and promoting human prosperity.
- HAL gets DGCA nod for new variant of passenger aircraft Hindustan 228-201 LW - This variant has maximum take-off weight of 5,695 kg with 19 passenger capability.
- SpaceX launched 21 Starlink V2 Mini satellites to low-Earth orbit - The 2nd generation Starlink satellites lifted off on Falcon 9 launch vehicle from Space Launch Complex 40 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.
- NASA named Solar Physicist as Agency's Science Chief - Nicola Fox, former top scientist on the Parker Solar Probe mission studying the sun, was named as NASA's associate administrator for the agency's Science Mission Directorate.
- ISRO conducts key rocket engine hot test for Chandrayaan-3 - ISRO announced the success of the flight acceptance hot test of the CE-20 cryogenic engine to power the cryogenic upper stage of the launch vehicle for the Chandrayaan-3 mission.
- IIT Madras set up an Innovation and Entrepreneurship fund of Rs.100 crore to support student and faculty's efforts to establish start-ups.

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

- India set target of 5 MMT annual green hydrogen productions by 2030 -
- Uttar Pradesh + Denmark - To promote ethanol production in an eco-friendly manner
- Government of India + International Energy Agency (IEA) - Works together to strengthen cooperation in the field of data and research to enhance the global energy security, stability, and sustainability.
- Jio introduced E20 blended petrol - The E20 fuel is a 20% blend of ethanol and 80% of fossil-based fuel.

- European Investment Bank joined India Hydrogen Alliance (IH2A) - The bank also joined to increase the support for large-scale green hydrogen hubs and projects with an indicative funding of EUR 1 billion.
- India's 1st solid waste to hydrogen plant will be set up in Pune - At a total cost of over Rs 430 crore to treat 350 tonnes of solid garbage every day.
- Govt has given in-principle approval to 9 more ethanol projects - Under its ethanol interest subvention scheme to add the additional capacity of about 35 crore litres and brings investments of about Rs.1,034 crore.
- Nepal + India signed an agreement to increase the power import and export capacity through the Dhalkebar-Muzaffarpur transmission line from 600 MW to 800 MW.
- Assam emerged as the Northeast India's 1st-ever Compressed Biogas Plant
- India approved its largest hydropower project - At the mountainous north-eastern region bordering China as the country seeks to build renewable generation to meet rising power demand.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- Indian-American Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi - Ranking Member of a newly created House committee on China
- Ambassador of Republic of Congo, Raymond Serge Bale signed the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement with the Indian External Affairs Ministry to join in the International Solar Alliance.
- India handed over the Instrument of Ratification to Brazil - Brazil has become a full member of the International Solar Alliance for enhanced solar energy technology deployment in member nations to ensure energy security and drive the energy transition.
- 2nd Cyber Dialogue between India and Netherlands was held in New Delhi
- India, France and UAE unveiled an ambitious roadmap for cooperation in the areas of defence, energy and technology under the trilateral framework.
- India has signed a MoU with Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle Joint Business Council - To promote the adoption of energy efficiency and sustainable practices in the region on the occasion of the Working Group Meeting of G20 on energy transition concluded in Bengaluru.
- Germany-based Uniper has signed MoU with Greenko ZeroC - To source green ammonia from the latter's Kakinada facility in Andhra Pradesh.

- India signed an agreement with Philippines for the implementation of Quick Impact Projects (QIP).
- Russia's key gas producer PAO NOVATEK + India's Deepak Fertilisers and Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd signed a non-binding MoU for the supply of LNG and low-carbon ammonia.
- India + Brazil + US, as leading biofuel producers and consumers
- 8th Foreign Office Consultations between India and Kazakhstan held in New Delhi
- India + Fiji signed a MoU - On visa exemption for holders of diplomatic and official passports to encourage the greater travel between the countries.
- India chaired the 62nd session of the UN Commission for Social Development - Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj has been chosen to serve as the commission's chair during the 62nd session.
- 4th Dharma Guardian 2023 -India and Japan conducted a 2-week mega military exercise in the Japanese province of Shiga to share best practices and develop interoperability.
- United Arab Emirates is set to host 1st vice-ministerial meeting of I2U2 in Abu Dhabi
- 2nd round of the India-Iraq Foreign Office Consultations was held in Baghdad - For strengthening the bilateral relations and the future direction of the growth of bilateral cooperation.
- Singapore and India link Digital Payments Systems for Cross-Border Transactions
- UAE + India launched the UAE India Business Council-UAE Chapter (UIBCUC) - To strengthen economic ties and supports joint mission to increase bilateral trade and investment.



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- APEDA + Lulu Hypermarket + Ministry of Commerce signed a MoU at Dubai - For the promotion of millets and value added products around the world during the International Year of Millet 2023.
- Crown Prince of Denmark Frederik André Henrik Christian and Crown Princess Mary Elizabeth visits India for 5-days
- India has joined a Global Platform Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate - Aims to accelerate investment and support for climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation.
- 7th Asia Economic Dialogue held in Pune - Theme for the Dialogue is 'Asia and the Emerging World Order'.
- 31st New Delhi World Book Fair commenced at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi - The event was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Education Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.
- 8th Raisina Dialogue 2023 - Organised by the Observer Research Foundation + Ministry of External Affairs, GoI.
- Ajay Banga nominated to lead World Bank

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Prime Minister Modi News

- PM Modi inaugurated the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's Helicopter Factory - Country's largest chopper manufacturing facility in Tumakuru district of Karnataka.
- PM Modi inaugurated the Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit 2023 in Lucknow
- PM Modi inaugurated the National Tribal Festival 'Aadi Mahotsav' - The Festival was held at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi to pay a tribute to tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda, who belonged to the Munda tribe.
- PM virtually inaugurated the Jal Jan Abhiyan in Sirohi district of Rajasthan
- PM Modi released the 13th instalment of over Rs.16,000 crore under PM-KISAN scheme in Belagavi , Karnataka

President Droupadi Murmu News

- Murmu inaugurated the 7th International Dharma-Dhamma Conference in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Ministry News

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

- Ministry of Cooperation signed MoU with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, NABARD and CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd - To enable Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) to provide services offered by Common Service Centers.

Ministry of External Affairs: S Jaishankar

- External Affairs introduced the 'mPassport Police App' - To streamline and expedite the process of police verification of passport issuance and expected to cut the time for police verification of passport applicants to 5 days.

Ministry of Finance & Corporate Affairs: Smt Nirmala Sitharaman

- Nirmala chaired the 49th meeting of the Goods and Services Tax Council in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Narendra Singh Tomar

- Agriculture Ministry + Private Social Enterprise Digital Green signed MoU under the PPP - To build a national-level digital extension platform to host a digital library of curated multi-format multi-lingual content and deliver curated content to farmers on time and upskill the vast network of extension workers in agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, livestock and rural livelihood missions.

Ministry of Education, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship:

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

- Pradhan launched a Learning-Teaching Material called 'Jaadui Pitara' in New Delhi
- Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched the, - 2nd Semicon India Future Design Roadshow in Bengaluru to encourage startups, next generation innovators and global and Indian Semiconductor majors to invest in the semiconductor design ecosystem of India.

Ministry of Railways, Communication, Electronics & IT: Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw

- Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the Digital Payments Utsav in New Delhi - For the promotion of Digital Payments across the country.
- Minister of State for Electronics & IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched the, Grievance Appellate Committee (GAC) to look into their concerns regarding content and other issues.

Ministry of Heavy Industries: Mahendra Nath Pandey

- Minister of State for Heavy Industries Krishan Pal Gurjar launched 2 PLI Schemes with a vision to make India self-reliant - PLI Scheme for Automobile and Auto Component Industry to boost India's manufacturing capabilities in the automobile and the auto components sector with a total budgetary outlay of Rs.25,938 crore over a period of 5 years.

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

- 10th International Exhibition and Conference on Technical Textiles 'Technotex 2023: Envisioning Indian Technical Textiles @2047'

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

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched a Nationwide Campaign named 'Sarva Dawa Sevan/Mass Drug Administration' to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis by 2027.
- Mandaviya inaugurated 2-day Chintan Shivir on "Drugs: Quality Regulation and Enforcement" in Hyderabad

Ministry of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj: Giriraj Singh

- Giriraj Singh inaugurated the Mission Antyodaya Survey 2022-23 in New Delhi
- Ministry of Rural Development + Meesho signed a MoU to drive digital inclusion of all women registered under the State Rural Livelihood Missions and enable them to sell online.

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

- Tourism Ministry will organise 1st Global Tourism Investors' Summit - The Summit held in May 17-19, 2023 in New Delhi to showcase opportunities in the tourism and hospitality sector.
- Culture Minister organised the 14th Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav - The festival is being commenced at Dr. Karni Singh Stadium in Bikaner, Rajasthan

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

- Hardeep Singh extended the PMAY-U Scheme up to next year - To complete all houses sanctioned during the last financial year.

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

- Shipping Ministry hosted 'Me-Dam-Me-Phi', a festival of Assam's Tai Ahom community to worship and pay respect to the ancestors.

Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying: Parshottam Rupala

- Purushottam Rupala has launched phase 2 of the National Surveillance programme
- Grand Startup Conclave on Animal Husbandry and Dairy held at Convention Centre in Hyderabad
- Parshottam Rupala unveiled 3rd phase of Sagar Parikrama from Hazira Port in Gujarat at resolving fishermen's issues.

**Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Labour and Employment:
Bhupender Yadav**

- Bhupender Yadav announced the translocation of 12 Cheetahs from South Africa to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.

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

- Jitendra Singh - 2nd SCO Young Scientist Conclave in Bengaluru for the growth of SCO in Science, Technology and Innovation Sectors.

- Jitendra Singh organized an International Conference on Biotechnology in Imphal, Manipur

State News

Andhra Pradesh

- Andhra Pradesh will hosts Investment Drive in Chennai
- Andhra Pradesh govt hosting an investment drive in Mumbai

Assam

- Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi - the Smart Shiksha (Mobile Digital Bus) and Solar Lighting Services at Nartap ME school and Anganwadi Centre in Sonapur, Kamrup district of Assam.

Haryana

- Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar - the foundation stone of the Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Charitable Hospital in Faridabad, built at an estimated cost of Rs.12.30 crore.

Himachal Pradesh

- Himachal Pradesh + Goa will work together to promote tourism in both states.

Jharkhand

- Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren launched the country's 1st digital portal named 'Johar Khiladi Sports Integrated Portal' - For sports and sportspersons to strengthen the idea of digitisation of sports and inculcate sports culture among youths and develop Jharkhand as a nursery for sports.

Karnataka

- Karnataka Dept. of Collegiate & Technical Education + Samsung Semiconductor India Research signed MoU - To set up 'Industrial Internet of Things Labs' (IoT Innovation Labs) in 35 government polytechnics across the state with the cost of Rs.1.52 crore.



Kerala

- Kerala becomes the 1st state to use robotic scavengers to clean manholes

Madhya Pradesh

- Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the Narmada Jayanti Programme - Chouhan renamed the historic Islam Nagar in state capital Bhopal to Jagdishpur during the programme.
- Indore Municipal Corporation has ranked top in Cleanliness Survey for the 6th consecutive time
- 49th Khajuraho Dance Festival 2023 - Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel inaugurated the festival, the spring of art will blossom in the amphitheater of Khajuraho.

Maharashtra

- 96th Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan, the prestigious literary summit held in Wardha district of Maharashtra.

Nagaland

- Nagaland + Patanjali Foods Ltd signed a MoU - For the development and area expansion under palm oil cultivation and processing for Zone-II (Mokokchung, Longleng Mon districts) of Nagaland under the National Mission on Edible Oils- Oil Palm.

Odisha

- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the annual Adivasi Mela & Sanskrutika Ustav 2023
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the BMC-ICOMC tower on Janpath road

Punjab

- Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann approved the New Industrial and Business Development Policy 2022 - Aims to spurring industrial development and creating employment opportunities in the state and will be applicable for 5 years from October 17, 2022.
- Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann launched an e-timber portal -To enable farmers to sell timber through the online mode, developed by the forest department.
- Punjab Police conducts a special operation called 'Operation SEAL' to control illegal smuggling, drug trafficking and anti-social elements across the state.

Tamilnadu

- Tamil Nadu launched an Electric Vehicles Policy-2023 - Aim to increase the usage of electric vehicles to transform the state into a preferred destination for EV manufacturing.
- Vellore Spiny Brinjal and Ramanathapuram Mundu Chilli of Tamil Nadu have been conferred with the prestigious Geographical Indications (GI) tag for its unique physical and geographical characteristics.

Uttar Pradesh

- India Health Link + Uttar Pradesh signed MoU - To set up health ATMs for screening of various health parameters at more than 4,600 community and primary health care centres in the state under their InvestUP programme.
- Uttar Pradesh signed a Memorandum of Association of over Rs.5,000 crore with Tata Technologies to upgrade 150 ITIs in the state.

Uttarakhand

- Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhama inaugurated the, - Sewage Treatment Plant of the Municipal Corporation of Haldwani-Kathgodam with a capacity of 28 MLD costs Rs.35.58 crore.

Jammu & Kashmir

- Lt Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated - 11 day SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2023 at Bagh-e-Bahu in Jammu.
- J&K - the 1st State/UT in India to introduce GPS based attendance for teachers and take online monthly feedback from students of Class 6 and above for the performance of their teachers.
- J&K govt initiated a vital programme - To support its farmers and promote sustainable agriculture in the Union Territory.
- Lt Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated - Forest Resource Management Centre (FRMC) and launched the National Transit Pass System at Narwal in Jammu to ensure required protection and management of our forests.
- Lt Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the North Zone Youth Festival 'KSHITIJ'
- J&K has approved Rs.30.40 crore for Sensor-based Smart Agriculture project - Envisaging integration of agriculture with technology driven by Artificial Insemination and IoT for automation of practices, enhanced resource use efficiency and profitability.

- Govt has approved a 5-year project on 'Innovative Extension Approaches for Revitalising Agriculture in J&K'

Puducherry

- Puducherry launched country's 1st Marine Spatial Planning Framework

Cabinet & Centre News

- Union Cabinet approved the construction of 4.1km Shinkun La Tunnel - On the Nimu-Padam-Darcha road link to provide all weather connectivity to the border areas of Ladakh.
- Centre aims to double the Seafood Exports to USD 14 billion by 2025

NITI Aayog

- United Nations Development Programme and NITI Aayog hosted the 'LIFEathon' - LIFEathon is a hybrid hackathon with young people from across the world to contribute the ideas and innovations to promote sustainable living and climate positive behaviour as part of the Govt's Mission LIFE.

G20 News

- Inception Meeting of Startup20 was concluded in Hyderabad
- G 20 Education Working Group Meeting began at Chennai
- Shipping Ministry Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the 1st ever G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting was held in Guwahati, Assam.
- G20 Employment Working Group Meeting was held at Jodhpur
- 1st Youth20 (Y20) Inception Meeting 2023 - The meeting was hosted by the IIT Guwahati to provide an opportunity for the students to voice their opinions to the audience worldwide.
- 1st G20 Tourism Working Group meeting commences in Rann of Kutch, Gujarat.
- 1st Environment & Climate Sustainability Working Group Meeting held in Bengaluru

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- G20: Urban-20 City Sherpas' meeting held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 1st G20 meeting of the Culture Track held in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh
- 1st meeting of Agriculture Deputies' held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- Manipur hosts 3-day G20 dialogue forum -B20 Session is the official G20 Dialogue Forum for the global business community held in Imphal, Manipur.
- Women 20 Inception meeting under India's G20 Presidency - Minister for Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated a 2-day Women 20 (W20) Inception Meeting at Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar in Aurangabad, Maharashtra.
- Anurag Singh Thakur addressed Youth 20 Consultation Programme in Raipur - The programme was organized by the India Institute of Management (IIM), Raipur.
- Shri Ram College of Commerce + Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports conducted a Brainstorming Workshop in New Delhi under the Y20 engagement group of G20.

Cabinet & Centre News

- Union Cabinet approved the, - Extension of the term of 22nd Law Commission of India upto 31st August, 2024 and the tenure of present 22nd Law Commission of India was ends on 20th February, 2023.
- Centre directed States & UTs to align admission age for grade 1 to 6+ years - Centre advised to initiate the process of designing and implementing a 2-year diploma course in pre-school education (DPSE).

Others

- Dredging Corporation of India Ltd + Inland Waterways Authority signed Rs 204.5 crore agreement - For the 'development and maintenance' of various national waterways in the northeast India.
- NABARD has estimated a credit potential of Rs.34,082 crore
- Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights launched its WhatsApp chatbot called 'Bal Mitra' - To enable 2-way communication between people and the child rights panel.

- 36th Surajkund International Crafts Mela commenced in Faridabad - Organised by the Surajkund Mela Authority and Haryana Tourism in collaboration with the Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture and External Affairs.
- Govt hiked the investment limit of Senior Citizen Savings Scheme by Rs.15 lakh to Rs.30 lakh from April 1, 2023.
- International Arbitration Mediation Centre + National Academy of Legal Studies and Research University signed MoU - On promoting Alternative Dispute Resolution culture from the grassroots level.
- 3rd ASEAN Digital Ministers Meeting held in New Delhi - India-ASEAN Digital Work Plan 2023 has been approved at the meeting.
- Knight Frank announced that - Mumbai and Bengaluru are among 5 Best Performing Residential Markets in Asia Pacific in terms of annual price growth with 7% increase in rates in both the cities.
- Indian Railways + India Post launched 'Rail Post Gati Shakti Express Cargo Service'- A Joint Parcel Product of Railways and India Post consonance with the 'Gati Shakti Master Plan' to provide seamless solutions for the movement of parcels in compliance with the FY2022-23 budget.
- IEPFA organised the 'Financial Literacy in Amrit Kaal-Empowering Investors' Conference in Aizawl, Mizoram
- Government set up a committee to monitor the impact of rise in temperature on the wheat crop
- Railway Protection Force host the International Union of Railways' (The Railway Sector promotes rail transport worldwide) 18th World Security Congress in Jaipur.
- Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud launched the 'neutral citations' to ensures a uniform pattern of citing the decisions of the Supreme Court.

DEFENCE

- Quad Senior Cyber Group Met in New Delhi - To discuss the collective approach to enhance the Cybersecurity Cooperation and Resilience.
- Defence Ministry inked a contract with L&T - To procure 41 sets of modular bridges for the Corps of Engineers of Indian Army at a cost of Rs.2,585 crore.
- Home Minister Amit Shah presents the President's Colour award to the Haryana police - Presented at the Haryana Police Academy in Karnal on behalf of President Droupadi Murmu in recognition of the Haryana Police's exceptional service.

- India aims to triple annual defence exports to USD 5 billion by 2024-25 from USD 1.5 billion
- Defence Ministry handed over the Health Usage & Monitoring System for MIG29K to Indian Navy
- Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd + Indian Air Force signed a MoU to supply sustainable aviation fuel (Bio-ATF).
- Indian Air Force developed Vayulink platform for jam-proof communication with base station - An innovative solution would aid pilots in dealing with bad weather and provide jam-proof uninterrupted communication with the base station.
- India-Uzbekistan Joint Military Training Exercise DUSTLIK 2023 held in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand
- INS Sumedha - NAVDEX 23 and IDEX 23 in Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 7th Annual Defence Dialogue between India and Sri Lanka was held in New Delhi
- Desert Flag VIII Exercise 2023 - Indian Air Force contingent comprising of 110 Air Warriors at Al Dahfra airbase of United Arab Emirates and scheduled to be held from 27th February to 17th March.
- Indian Navy's aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya carrying out sea trials post-refit
- Cobra Warrior Exercise held at the Waddington Air Force Base in United Kingdom - IAF contingent comprising 145 Air Warriors with five Mirage 2000 fighters, two C-17 Globemaster and an IL-78 mid air refueller aircraft.



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