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TAMIL NADU

Statue of Iyothee Thass Pandithar

1. Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin unveiled the statue of **anti-caste activist** Iyothee Thass Pandithar at **Gandhi Mandapam in Chennai**.
2. Iyothee Thass Pandithar is also known as the **“Dravida Peroli”** and **‘Father of Social Reforms in South India’**.

Kalki Subramaniam

1. Transperson activist **Kalki Subramaniam** has been named the representative from the Southern region in the **National Council for Transgender Persons**.
2. The **Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment** is the **ex-officio chairperson** of the panel.
3. Shraddha A. Joshi (**West region**) Shobha Thakur (**North region**), Vidya (**East region**), and Rituparna Neog (**North East region**) are the **other representatives from the transperson community** in the panel.

Cyclone Michaung



1. It was **named by Myanmar**.
2. The intensity of a **‘severe’ storm (wind speeds of 88 kph to 166 kph)**.



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3. It crossed the **south Andhra Pradesh coast, close to Bapatla.**
4. It is between the cities of **Nellore and Machilipatnam** in Andhra Pradesh.
5. Climatologically, about **five cyclones** develop in the **North Indian Ocean basin** — comprising the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea — every year.

FDI inflow in to Tamil Nadu

1. **Tamil Nadu ranks fourth in attracting FDI** in the period between October 2019 and September 2023, after **Maharashtra, Karnataka and Gujarat.**
2. Cumulative Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow in to Tamil Nadu has touched nearly **\$10 billion** in the **last four years** from the period between October 2019 and September 2023.
3. Up to September of the current fiscal, the State attracted FDI worth **\$1.3 billion.**

State	FDI inflow in \$ b (Oct 2019 to Sept 2023)
Maharashtra	61.92
Karnataka	47.30
Gujarat	34.16
Tamil Nadu	9.85
Haryana	8.79
Telangana	5.92

Makkaludan Mudhalvar scheme

1. **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister** launched 'Makkaludan Mudhalvar', a scheme.
2. It is aimed at **disposing off grievances or petitions** filed by people on merit **within 30 days.**

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3. The special camps will be conducted in phases in all 38 districts in the state to collect petitions from people concerning various departments and issues.
4. The **first phase** will cover the rain-hit districts of **Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kanchipuram, and Chengalpattu.**

6th Khelo India Youth Games

1. The 6th Khelo India Youth Games will be held from **19 to 31 January 2024** in Tamil Nadu .
2. **Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports and Tamil Nadu Sports Minister** released the mascot for the 6th Khelo India Youth Games in **Chennai.**



3. The **mascot** of the games is **Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar.**
4. For the **first time, Squash** will be included in these games.

Welfare board for Gig Workers





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1. The **labour welfare and skill development department** has constituted the Tamil Nadu Platform Based **Gig Workers Welfare Board**.
2. It will cater to workers in **e-commerce services** including online food delivery and cab aggregators.
3. The labour department expects **more than one lakh workers** to register in the welfare board.

STATE

Transplant Games

1. For the 1st time, **Kerala** is organizing Transplant Games.
2. It is **International multi-sport** events that take place **every two years** for organ transplant recipients and donors.
3. The WTGF organizes the World Transplant Games (WTG).
4. The World Transplant Games Federation (WTGF) is a **non-profit organization** based in the **United Kingdom**.



GI tags in Uttarakhand

1. For the first time, **18 products of Uttarakhand** have got GI tag together in a **single day**.
2. GI tag is provided to local products by the GI Registry Wing of the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**.

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3. These products got **GI tag**: Berinag Tea, Manduwa, Jhangora, Gahat Dal, Red Rice, Black Bhatt, Malta, Amaranth (Ramdana), Lakhauri Chilli of Almora, Toor Dal, Buransh Juice, Nettle (Kandali) Nettle Fiber, Nainital Candle, Rangwali Pichhoda, Litchi of Ramnagar, Peach of Nainital, Chamoli mask, Uttarakhand wood art.

Total Fertility Rate - Kerala

1. Kerala is the **only State** in the country with **high total fertility rate** among educated women.
2. This is revealed by the **Sample Registration System Statistical Report 2020**.
3. The rate of fertility is **0.2 among the illiterates** compared to the fertility rate of **1.5 among 'literate' women**.
4. The total fertility rate of Kerala **in both categories is 1.8**.
5. At the national level, the total fertility rate for women with educational status 'illiterate' is **3.1**, much higher than the '**literate**' group (**1.9**).

Breeding centre in Banni grassland



● Spread over 3,000 sq km, Banni, Asia's largest grassland, is a reserve forest

● Around 48 villages, populated by around 8,000 families, are part of the Banni grassland

● Around 1 lakh animals graze on the grassland

● Out of the 8,760 hectares of encroached land in Banni, 540 hectares land cleared so far

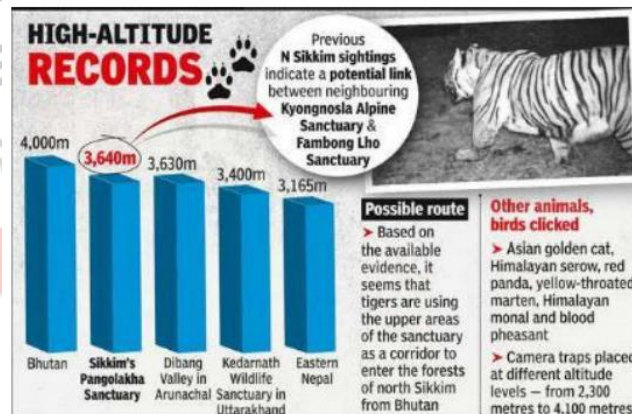
HOME TO RICH FLORA AND FAUNA: The Banni area consists of two ecosystems – wetlands and grasslands – in juxtaposition. Banni falls under the Dichanthium-Cenchrus Lasiurus type of grass cover. These grasslands are home to a rich array of flora and fauna including 192 species of plants, 262 species of birds, several species of mammals, reptiles and amphibians. Traditionally, Banni grasslands were managed following a system of rotational grazing.

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1. **Gujarat** had prepared a project to set up a **breeding centre of cheetahs** in Banni grassland.
2. Spread over **2,500 sq km in Gujarat's Kutch district**, Banni is among the **finest and largest grasslands** in India.
3. A **protected forest** is known for the coveted Banni breed of buffaloes.

Tiger in Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary

1. **Pangolakha Wildlife reserve of Sikkim** have captured a tiger at an **elevation of 3640 metres**.
2. This is the **highest elevation** in India where tigers have been spotted.
3. Before this, the highest altitude where tigers have been spotted in India was in **Arunachal Pradesh at a height of 3,630m**.
4. In **Bhutan**, tigers have been found at an elevation of more than **4,000m**.



Food adulteration cases

1. **Hyderabad** has ranked **first in the country** for food adulteration cases, according to the data released by the **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)**.
2. **Telangana** stands **first**, closely followed by **Andhra Pradesh**.
3. In 2022, a total of **291 cases** of food adulteration were reported across **19 major cities** in India.

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4. Out of these cases, a staggering **246** were reported solely in **Hyderabad**.

Black Tigers in India

1. There are **10 black tigers (melanistic tigers) in India** and all are found exclusively in **Odisha's Simlipal tiger reserve**.
2. Based on genetic composition, the Simlipal Tiger Reserve has been identified as a **distinct genetic cluster** for conservation.



India's first-ever gyrocopter safari

1. **Uttarakhand** is all set to launch **India's first-ever gyrocopter** safari by the year's end.
2. It aims to **redefine the concept of adventure tourism** in the state.



3. The first gyrocopter trial flight was successfully completed at **Bairagi Camp**.
4. A gyrocopter is distinguished by the absence of an engine turning the rotors, and resembles a small helicopter.



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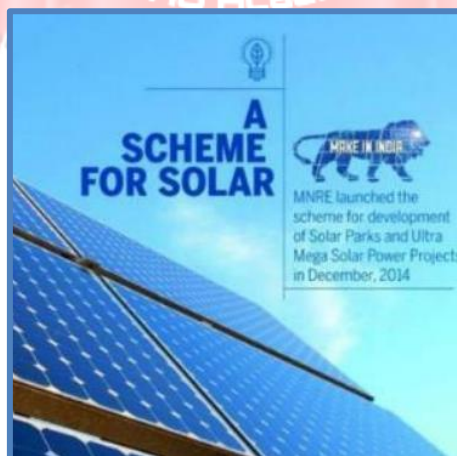
India's First AI City

1. **Uttar Pradesh** is planning to build the country's **first AI city in Lucknow**.
2. This city is intended to accommodate and foster the AI ecosystem.
3. The AI city aims to serve as a breeding ground for innovative ideas and the development of future professionals.

Most preferred State to work

1. **Kerala** has emerged the most preferred State to work in the **India Skills Report 2024**.
2. **Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram** have come **second and fourth respectively** among cities where both men and women prefer to work regardless of their age.
3. **Kochi** is the first **among the top 10 cities** where **most women prefer** to work.
4. **Kerala** is the second state with the **most employable resources** among the **18-21 age group**.

Solar Park scheme



1. Two states - **Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh** - have deployed higher capacities through the solar park scheme.

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2. The Scheme for "**Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects**" was rolled out in December 2014 with an aggregate **capacity of 20,000 MW**.
3. Further, the capacity of the Solar Park Scheme was enhanced to **40,000 MW in March 2017** to set up **at least 50 Solar Parks**.
4. The timeline of the scheme is up to 2023-24.
5. Of the 10,401 MW capacity, **Rajasthan** has so far commissioned **3065 MW** of capacity, while **Andhra Pradesh** has commissioned **3050 MW**.
6. **Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh** have commissioned **2000 MW and 1000 MW** capacity respectively.

NATIONAL

PM Vishwakarma under PIDF scheme

1. Reserve Bank has been decided to include PM Vishwakarma under the **Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF)** Scheme.
2. It also extends the tenure of the scheme by **another two years**.

Fast Track Special Court (FTSCs)



1. The **Union Cabinet** has approved the continuation of Fast Track Special Court (FTSCs) as, a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)** from **01.04.2023 to 31.03.2026** with **financial implication**.

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2. The government's unwavering priority towards **ensuring the safety and security of women and children** is evident through several initiatives, such as the '**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**' programme.

India's First Woman Aide De Camp

1. **Squadron Leader Manisha Padhi** has been appointed as the first Indian women Aide-De-Corp (ADC) from the Indian Armed Forces.
2. She is a distinguished officer from the 2015 batch of the Indian Air Force.



Ayushman Arogya Mandir

1. The Union Government has decided to rename the **existing Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres** (AB-HWCs) as 'Ayushman Arogya Mandir' with the tag-line '**Arogyam Parmam Dhanam**'.
2. Ayushman Bharat aims to shift from selective healthcare to offering a **full spectrum of services**.

First:

- The creation of 1,50,000 Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs) for free Comprehensive Primary Health Care.

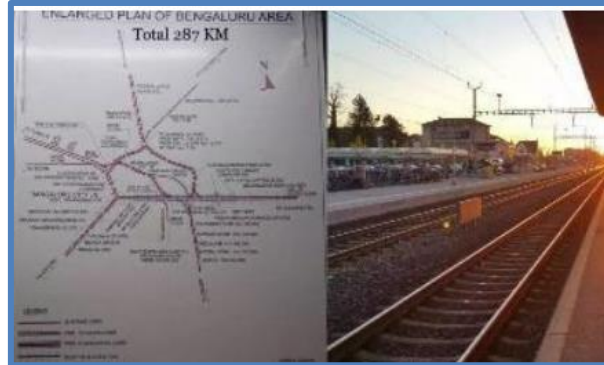
Second:

- **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** (PM-JAY), extends health insurance of **Rs.5 lakhs per year to over 10 crore** impoverished families for **secondary and tertiary care**.

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Largest circular Railway

1. India's largest circular railway will be established in **Bengaluru**.
2. The total length of this circular railway will be **288 km**.



Mission Antarctica

1. A team of Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, **Darjeeling** carried out 'Mission Antarctica'.
2. The expedition, which commenced in 2021, was undertaken by a team of three trekkers, led by **Group Captain Jai Kishan**.
3. The team hoisted the **National Flag**, measuring **7,500 sq ft and weighing 75 kilograms** across the length and breadth of the country.
4. They also hosted atop **Mt Rhenock in Sikkim Himalayas** at an **altitude of 16,500 feet**.

Bhashini AI Tool



1. **Prime Minister** used a real-time artificial intelligence-based tool – 'Bhashini' – during his address at **Kashi Tamil Sangamam** in Varanasi.



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2. 'Bhashini' was tailored to serve the **Tamil-speaking audience** specifically during the event.
3. It allows individuals to **communicate in their native language**, bridging language barriers.

Project PRAYAS

1. The **International Organisation for Migration (IOM)** launched Project PRAYAS.
2. It aims to **facilitate safe, orderly and regular migration for Indian workers and students**.
3. The PRAYAS stands for **Promoting Regular & Assisted Migration** for Youth and Skilled Professionals.

YUVAi initiative

1. **India**, the Chair of the **Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI)**, successfully hosted the GPAI Summit New Delhi.
2. YUVAi-Youth for **Unnati and Vikas with AI'**- is a collaborative initiative of National e-Governance Division (NeGD) and Intel India.

Extended Version of Mission Karmayogi

1. On the occasion of **Good Governance Day**, the Extended Version of Mission Karmayogi has been launched.
2. Three new features launched on the iGOT Karmayogi platform are **My iGOT, Blended Programs and Curated Programs**.
3. A new blended learning programme named **VIKAS (Variable & Immersive Karmayogi Advanced Support)** also launched.



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INTERNATIONAL

International Maritime Organization – India

1. India has been **re-elected to the International Maritime Organization** (IMO) Council for the **2024 - 25 biennium** with the highest tally.
2. Maritime India Vision (MIV) 2030, India aims to **enhance its representation at IMO** by appointing permanent representatives at IMO headquarters in **London**.

EU's AI Rules

1. The **EU becomes the very first continent** to set clear rules for the use of **Artificial Intelligence**.
2. This legislation is likely to come into **force by 2025**.

Green Voyage 2050 Project

1. **India has been selected** as pioneer lead country for International Maritime Organization (IMO) Green Voyage 2050 Project.
2. It aims to **assist developing countries** in their efforts to **reduce Green House Gases (GHG)** emissions from ships.
3. It is a partnership project between the **Government of Norway and IMO, launched in 2019**.



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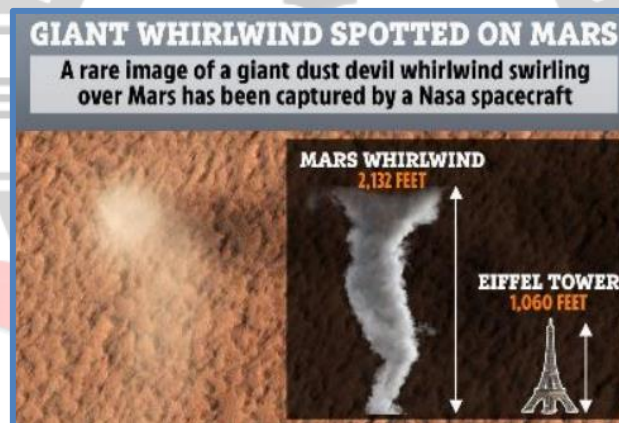
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

AI Model Gemini

1. Google has officially launched its latest **AI system, named Gemini.**
2. Gemini AI introduces three distinct modes: **Ultra, Pro, and Nano.**
3. Google aims to compete **OpenAI's ChatGPT.**

Dust Devil on Mars

1. NASA's '**six-wheeled geologist,**' the **Perseverance rover** has captured a Martian dust devil on camera.
2. A dust devil is a **dust tornado**, similar to the tornadoes we see on Earth.
3. The rover spotted the dust devil on a location nicknamed "**Thorofare Ridge.**"



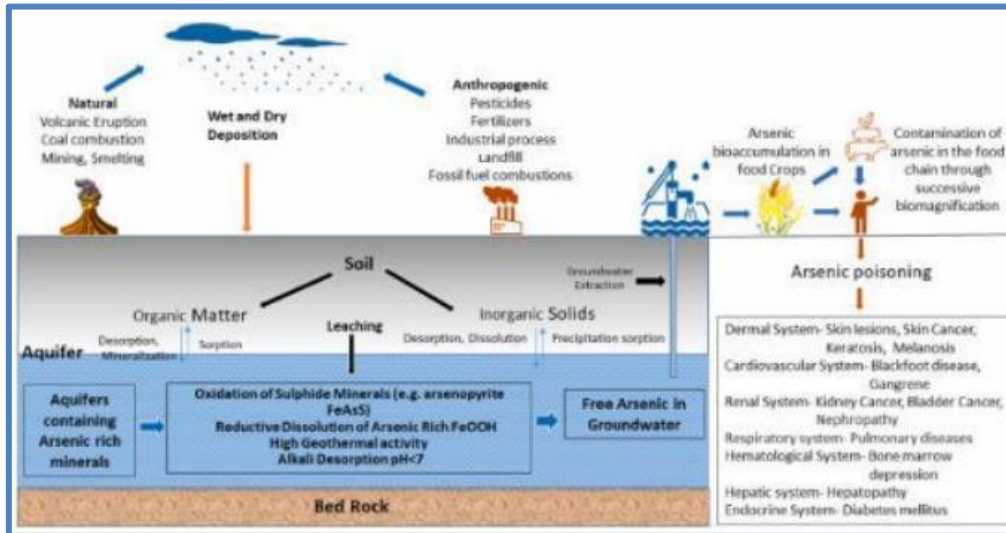
AMRIT technology

1. The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Madras** has developed a technology called 'AMRIT' for the **removal of Arsenic and Metal ions from water.**
2. AMRIT' stands for **Arsenic and Metal Removal by Indian Technology.**

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ENVIRONMENT

Arsenic and Fluoride in India



1. Arsenic has been detected **in groundwater** in parts of **230 districts** in **25 states** and Fluoride in 469 districts in 27 states.
2. The **groundwater contamination** reported by the **Central Ground Water Board (CGWB)** is mostly **geogenic in nature** and does not show significant change over the years.
3. A recent MOU between the **CGWB and Geological Survey of India** targets groundwater contamination studies.
4. It is including arsenic and fluoride, in **eight states**: Punjab, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, and Assam.

UNFCCC COP 28 Summit

1. It was **hosted at Dubai** by the **UAE**.
2. It is the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference or Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC.
3. **Sultan Al Jaber** was named President-Designate of COP28 UAE
4. It has been **held annually** since the first UN climate agreement in **1992**.

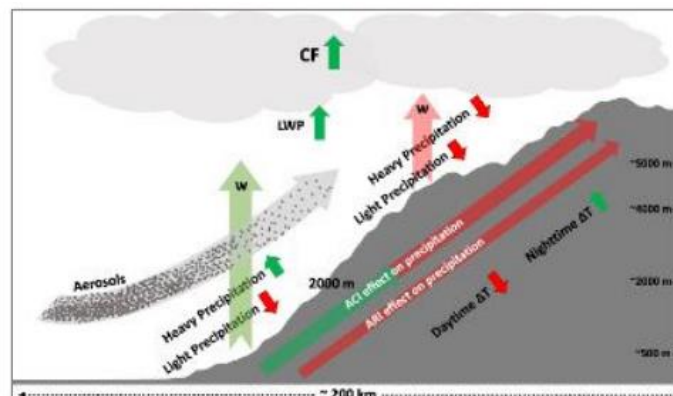
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5. The **Paris agreement 2015** Keep **global average temperature** rise **below 2°C**, with efforts to limit it **to 1.5°C above** pre-industrial levels.
6. **India** offers to host the **33rd edition of COP in India in 2028**.
7. It also advocated "**Green Credit initiative**," a non-commercial effort to create a **carbon sink**.
8. COP28 is the first COP to discuss the impact of **climate change on public health**.



Aerosol Impact on Climate in the Himalayan Region

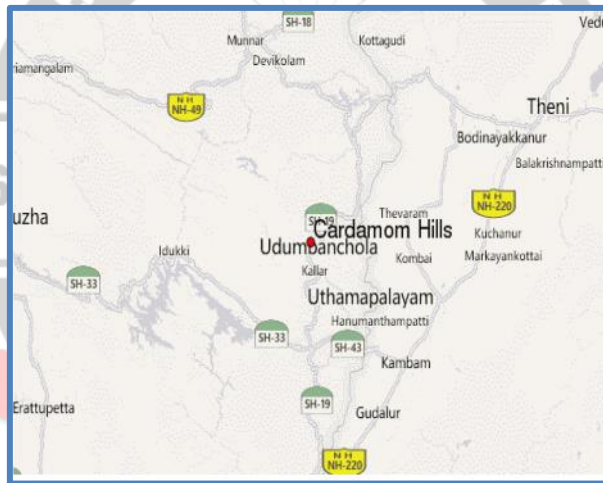
1. **ISRO's Ahrnedabad**-based Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) has found that the **aerosols are heating up the Himalayas**.
2. It will remain a key factor driving **climate change over the Hindu Kush-Himalaya- Tibetan Plateau (HKHTP) region"**.
3. Aerosols alone account for **over 50% of the total warming (aerosols + greenhouse gases)** of the lower atmosphere.



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Pappathi Chola

1. The government has suspended its plans to declare 364.5 hectares of land at **Chinnakkanal as reserve forest.**
2. Pappathi Chola, known for its **high butterfly population**, derived its name from the **Tamil word Pappathi meaning butterflies.**
3. While Pappathi means butterfly, **Chola means shola land.**
4. Pappathi Chola is also regarded as a **hub of balsams (Impatiens balsamina) and rare varieties of orchids.**
5. It is located right in the **middle of the Chathurangappara hills and Mathikettan shola.**
6. Last year, the region witnessed the **blooming of Neelakurinji.**



Accredited Compensatory Afforestation (ACA) Program



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7. Finishing second was **Uttar Pradesh**, with a total of 62 medals, including 25 gold, 23 silver and 14 bronze.
8. Tamil Nadu finished **third** with 20 gold , eight silver and 14 bronze medals.



ITF World Champion

1. **Novak Djokovic and Aryna Sabalenka** were named the ITF World Champions following their incredible 2023 tennis seasons .



FIH Hockey Star Awards 2023





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1. India women's team **captain Savita Punia** and men's team **vice-captain Hardik Singh** have bagged FIH Hockey Star Awards 2023.
2. Savita has won the **women's goalkeeper of the year** award for the third time in a row.

National Sports Awards 2023

1. **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports** announced the National Sports Awards 2023.
2. The Arjuna Award was confirmed for **26 sportspersons** , including **India pacer Mohammed Shami and archery's breakout star of 2023 Aditi Gopichand Swami.**
3. **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award** for 2023 were given to **Chirag Shetty and Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy (badminton).**
4. **Dhyan Chand Award** for lifetime achievement are **Manjusha Kanwar (badminton), Vineet Kumar Sharma (hockey) , Kavitha Selvaraj (kabaddi).**

79th National Squash Championship - Chennai

1. **Anahat Singh** (15) of Delhi becomes the **second youngest** to win the national squash championship title 2023 (women).
2. **Velevan Senthilkumar** from Tamil Nadu won the **Senior National Squash Championships** 2023 in men's category.
3. **Joshna Chinappa** from Chennai holds the record for **being the youngest champion in India.**





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Nansen Award

1. Established in **1954**, the UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award honours individuals, groups and organizations, as well as internally displaced and stateless people.
2. UNHCR, the **UN Refugee Agency**, announced that **Abdullahi Mire will be the UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award's 2023 global laureate.**
3. Mire is a **former refugee and journalist** who has championed the right to education while putting 100,000 books in the hands of **refugee children in Kenya.**

VR Lalithambika - Kerala

1. She is a distinguished **scientist and former Director** of the **Human Spaceflight Programme** at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
2. She was honored with the **prestigious 'Legion d'Honneur' in France.**
3. She is the **second ISRO scientist** after **former ISRO chairman A S Kiran Kumar** to be awarded the Legion d'Honneur of France.

Safeena Husain

1. She is the **founder of 'Educate Girls'**, a NGO.
2. She has been awarded the **prestigious WISE Prize for Education.**
3. The prize was awarded by the **NGO "Qatar Foundation"** at the 11th Edition of the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) Summit in Doha, Qatar.
4. It is one of the most prestigious awards in **the field of education.**
5. She is the **second Indian** to receive this award.



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Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2023

1. The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2023 has been jointly awarded to **Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad**.
2. This is awarded for their efforts in bringing together the youth and peoples of Israel and the Arab World for a **non-violent resolution of the Israel-Palestine conflict**.

Sahitya Akademi Awards for 2023

1. Tamil writer **Devibharathi's novel Neervazhi Padoom**, has won the Sahitya Akademi award for 2023.
2. It is depicting the **life of the Kudi Navithar**, the **community barbers in the Kongu region** of Tamil Nadu.
3. Neervazhi Padoom is a line from **Purananuru poem**, a Sangam age literary work.
4. The lines Neervazhi Padoom "punaipol aaruyir muraivazhi padoom" translates to a float that **sails on the way of the water**, indicating that life travels on the path chalked out by fate.
5. **Telugu writer T. Patanjali Sastry and Malayalam litterateur E.V. Ramakrishnan** were among those named for the Sahitya Akademi Awards for the year 2023. ★ ★ ★
6. The Sahitya Akademi, founded on **March 12, 1954** is an autonomous body under the **Union Culture Ministry**.



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UNESCO's 2023 Prix Versailles

1. **Bengaluru 's Kempegowda International Airport** has achieved a prestigious recognition at UNESCO's 2023 Prix Versailles.
2. Bengaluru airport's **Terminal 2 (T2)** has earned distinction as one of the '**World's most beautiful airports**'.
3. It secured the coveted '**World special prize for an interior 2023.**'
4. Terminal 2 was previously honored with the **prestigious IGBC platinum certification by the Indian Green Building Council.**



UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards 2023

1. **Six heritage projects** from India have secured prestigious spots among the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation .



2. The **Rambagh Gate** - Amritsar received the Award of Excellence.

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3. The **Church of Epiphany** - Gurugram, Haryana, **David Sassoon Library and Reading Room** - Mumbai, India; and **Bikaner House** - New Delhi earned the Award of Merit.
4. The **Kamikara Mandapam** at Kunnamangalam Bhagawati Temple in Kerala and **Pipal Haveli of Gurdaspur district** in Punjab, was honoured for its sustainable development .
5. Among the 12 recognised sites, five are from China, **six from India**, and one from Nepal.

PERSONALITIES

R. Vaishali – Chess Player from Tamilnadu

1. She became only the third woman from India to get the Grandmaster (GM) title.
2. She completed the final requirement – 2,500 Elo points – during the ongoing Llobregat Open tournament in Spain.
3. Vaishali and Praggnanandhaa make history as the first-ever brother-sister duo to become Grandmasters.
4. Koneru Humpy was the first and the other Indian female GM is Dronavalli Harika.





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REPORTS AND INDICES

Crime in India 2022

1. It is the **National Crime Records Bureau** (NCRB) report released by the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.
2. **Kolkata** has secured its position as **India's safest city for the third** consecutive year in the rate of recognizable crimes (IPC) per lakh population among metropolises.
3. **Pune (Maharashtra) and Hyderabad** (Telangana) secured the second and third positions, respectively.
4. It is followed by **Chennai, Coimbatore** and Surat.

NCRB Data on Farmer Suicides 2022

1. India saw **11,290 suicides** in the farming sector in 2022.
2. **Maharashtra** reported the **highest number of farmer suicides** (4,248), contributing to **38% of all cases** in India.
3. **Vidarbha and Marathwada** district report most of the suicides in the state.
4. **Karnataka (2,392), Andhra Pradesh (917), Tamil Nadu (728),** and Madhya Pradesh (641) followed.

Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India (ADSI) 2022 Report

1. It was released by the **National Crime Record Bureau's** (NCRB). **Maharashtra tops** Maximum suicides.
2. It is followed by **Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala** and Telangana.
3. **Mizoram had no cases** of atrocities on SC and ST in 2021.

2023 World Digital Competitiveness Ranking

1. The **International Institute for Management Development** (MD) unveiled this.

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2. **India** ranks **49th** in this index.
3. The **United States** ranks **first** in the index.
4. **Netherlands** is in **second** place and **Singapore** is in **third** place.

Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2024

1. **India** has been ranked **seventh in climate performance** during 2022.
2. **Denmark** retained the **top** spot (4th) with a score of 75.59 per cent.
3. **Estonia and the Philippines** occupied the second and third ranks respectively with 72.07 and 70.70.
4. **Saudi Arabia** was at the **bottom** of the list.





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IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
December 01	World AIDS Day	“Let communities lead”
December 02	National Pollution Control Day	“Sustainable Development for a Clean and Healthy Planet”.
December 02	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	Fighting slavery’s legacy of racism through transformative education.
December 04	Indian Navy Day	“Operational Efficiency, Readiness, and Mission Accomplishment in the Maritime Domain.”
December 05	World Soil Day	‘Soil and Water, a Source of Life’.
December 07	Armed Forces Flag Day	To honour the martyrs and the men in uniform.
December 07	International Civil Aviation Day	“Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development”.
December 09	International Anti Corruption Day	‘UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption.’
December 10	Human Rights Day	‘Freedom, Equality and Justice for All.’



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December 10	Nobel Prize Day	Marks the death anniversary of Alfred Nobel.
December 11	UNICEF Foundation Day	“For every child, every right.”
December 11	International Mountain Day	“Restoring Mountain Ecosystems”
December 12	Universal Health Coverage Day	Health for All: Time for action.
December 18	World Usability Day	'Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion'
December 18	World Science Day	“Promoting Safe Migration.”
December 22	National Ayurveda Day	Birth anniversary of the great mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.
December 29	National Education Day	Convention on Biological Diversity came into force in 1993.