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Closed Sterlite copper plant

1. The **Tuticorin district administration** - has formed a **nine-member local management committee** to take up the upkeep of the closed Sterlite copper plant in Tuticorin.

Tamil Nadu electorate

1. The Tamil Nadu electorate **fell by eight lakh** and stood at more than 6.12 crore.

| Highest | Lowest | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Sholinganallur Constituency | Harbour Assembly Constituency | |
| Chengalpattu District | Chennai District | |
| 6,51,077 electors | 1,69,292 electors | |
| Kavundampalayam Constituency | Kilvelur Assembly Constituency | |
| Coimbatore District | Nagapattinam District | |
| 4,54,919 electors | 1,69,750 electors | |

Self – help group Day

- 1. Tamil Nadu government has announced **June 3rd** as Self-help group day on **birthday on Former CM M. Karunanidhi.**
- 2. In 1989 Self-help group scheme was launched during his ministry only.

Guidelines for issuing ST certificates

- 1. Recently the Narikoravan and Kurivikkaran communities were transferred from the Most Backward Communities (MBC) category to the list of Scheduled Tribes (ST).
- 2. They divided into three categories:
 - ➤ Those who do not have any community certificate,
 - > Those who have MBC certificate and
 - ➤ Those who have certificates with some complaints or related documents are missing in the taluk office concerned.

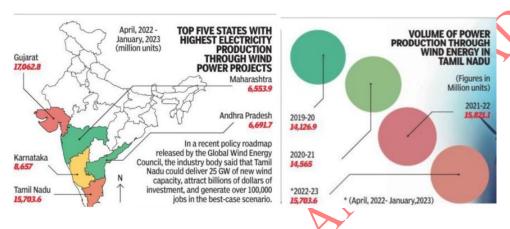
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Second largest producer of electricity

1. Tamil Nadu - emerged as the second largest producer of electricity **through wind power** nationally during the financial year 2022-23 (April, 2022 and January, 2023).

2. **Gujarat** is the top contributor of wind energy.



First train to Theni

- 1. The **Southern Railway** would introduce the first-ever express train connecting **Bodinayakanur in the district with Chennai** from June 15.
- 2. This would be the first train to link Theni district outside Madurai.
- 3. Then was formed by bifurcating Madurai district in 1996.



Kilnamandi Excavation site

- 1. Iron implements, mostly blades and axe heads, carnelian beads, offering pots and a stone nut-cracker were unearthed from the excavation site at Kilnamandi.
- 2. The team also unearthed 12 rectangular sarcophagi at the site.

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3. Kilnamandi is located around **20 km from Vandavasi town in Tiruvannamalai.**

Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission

- 1. The TN Govt launched the Tamil Nadu Wetland Mission at **Otteri Lake** inside Vandalur Zoo.
- 2. Under the wetland mission, the State Wetland Authority will ecologically restore 100 wetlands across the State.
- 3. **Otteri lake** is one among the 100 wetlands selected for restoration.

NIRF - Top colleges from Tamil Nadu

- ♣ 22 universities from Tamil Nadu find a place among top 100 in NIRF rankings.
- **Thirty-five colleges** from Tamil Nadu featured in the **top 100 colleges** in the NIRF list this year, three more than in the previous year.
- ♣ Around 20 universities and colleges are securing places in list of over all 100.

| India | Rankings | 2023. | College |
|--------|------------|-------|---------|
| IIIula | Rallkillgs | 2025. | College |

| Institute \$ | Name | City _{\$} | State | Score _{\$} | Rank _{\$} |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| IR-C-C-43921 | Presidency College | Chennai | Tamil Nadu | 71.18 | 3 |
| IR-C-C-41046 | PSGR Krishnammal College for Women | Coimbatore | Tamil Nadu | 71.05 | 4 |
| IR-C-C-44006 | Loyola College | Chennal | Tamil Nadu | 70.46 | 7 |
| IR-C-C-43965 | Madras Christian College | Chennai | Tamil Nadu | 66.61 | 16 |
| IR-C-C-36513 | Thiagarajar College | Madurai | Tamil Nadu | 65.08 | 18 |
| IR-C-C-41124 | PSG College of Arts and Science | Coimbatore | Tamil Nadu | 64.61 | 20 |
| IR-C-C-35860 | St. Joseph's College | Tiruchirappalli | Tamil Nadu | 62.48 | 25 |
| IR-C-C-41157 | V.O. Chidambaram College | Tuticorin | Tamil Nadu | 62.14 | 27 |
| IR-C-C-41106 | Kongunadu Arts & Science College | Coimbatore | Tamil Nadu | 61.56 | 29 |
| IR-C-C-41126 | Sri Krishna Arts and Science College | Coimbatore | Tamil Nadu | 59.74 | 33 |
| IR-C-C-35825 | Bishop Heber College | Tiruchirappalli | Tamil Nadu | 59.15 | 34 |
| IR-C-C-43931 | Stella Maris College for Women | Chennai | Tamil Nadu | 58.19 | 37 |
| IR-C-C-43964 | Madras School of Social Work | Chennai | Tamil Nadu | 58.02 | 39 |
| IR-C-C-35787 | Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli | Tiruchirappalli | Tamil Nadu | 57.88 | 40 |
| IR-C-C-36411 | Sacred Heart College (Autonomous) | Tirupattur | Tamil Nadu | 57.49 | 42 |

Ennum Ezhuthum Scheme

- 1. This scheme was launched in Tamil Nadu for the year 2022-23.
- 2. It was implemented upto **class III** to bridge gap in learning happened during COVID-19.

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- 3. The vision of Ennum Ezhuthum is to ensure foundational Literacy and Numeracy by 2025.
- 4. Currently, this scheme is extended upto class V for 2023-24.





Vembakottai archaeological site

- 1. The Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology has unearthed **two** pieces of gold in the second phase of excavation at Vembakottai.
- 2. It is located near Sattur in **Virudhunagar district**. The gold objects were found at a depth of **1.15 m to 1.59 m**.
- 3. While one gold piece is in a conical shape, the other one is rectangular.
- 4. Among the artefacts found in the second phase are an ivory dice, a terracotta smoking pipe, an earring and a stone weighing unit.

Green Champion Awards 2022

- 1. The **Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board** (TNPCB) on presented Green Champion Awards 2022.
- 2. For those who finding alternatives to single-use plastics will be awarded it may be individuals, colleges, schools and commercial establishments.
- 3. The **Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women** in Chennai or SIET College of Chennai received the award.
- 4. A total of **92 members** won the award with a **cash prize of ₹1 lakh each**.

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Highest rainfall in a day

- 1. A strong hailstorm hit many **parts of Vellore** recently.
- 2. The **highest rainfall** (55 mm) recorded in a day in the State for this season.
- 3. Vellore recorded **41.7 degrees Celsius**, which is the highest in the State for this summer.

Archealogical findings

1. A celt, belonging to the neolithic period, was discovered in **Poothinatham village in Dharmapuri district.**

QR ticketing system

- 1. The forest department is installing QR ticketing system in all forest sites starting with Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Vandalur and Guindy Children's Park.
- 2. **Vandalur zoo** will be the first to get QR payment and online payment modes, which will be extended later to all districts across Tamil Nadu.

Mettur dam opening 2023

- 1. Chief minister M K Stalin released water from the Stanley reservoir in Mettur.
- 2. It was the **19th time that the water was released** from the dam on June 12.
- 3. It is the traditional date for water release for **kuruvai crop cultivation**.
- 4. The CM announced a Rs 75.95crore Kuruvai Nel Sagupadi Thogppu thittam (kuruvai crop cultivation scheme).

Menhir and megalithic burial sites

I. The Tamil Nadu Department of Archaeology has declared **five 'menhir'** (single stone) and megalithic burial sites at **Kodumanal in Erode district** as protected monuments.

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- 2. **Potsherds containing names** inscribed in Tamil-Brahmi script were found in a large number, apart from **Roman silver coins**, precious stones and quartz.
- 3. These findings showed that an industrial and trade centre had existed here about **2,300 years ago**.



Engineering courses in Tamil

- 1. From 2024-2025 academic year, Anna University is likely to start Tamil courses in core engineering program such as ECE, EEE, Computer Science and Chemical Engineering.
- 2. Already civil and mechanical engineering are being offered in Tamil.

500 urban public health centres

- 1. Chief minister M K Stalin inaugurated 500 urban public health centres as part of the first phase of the project.
- 2. These centres will offer free healthcare services, including vaccines for pregnant women and children, tests for diseases such as tuberculosis, hypertension and diabetes, and medicines for ailments to urban poor.

Withdrawal of general consent

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu has withdrawn the general consent given to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

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- 2. The CBI should henceforth seek prior permission from the Tamil Nadu government for undertaking investigation.
- 3. A general consent to CBI granted by State governments enables the **central agency to carry out investigations** without such hindrances.
- 4. Currently **Nine States** Mizoram, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Kerala, Jharkhand, Punjab and Meghalaya had withdrawn their general consent given to CBI.



Reallocation of Ministerial portfolios

- 1. Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi approved the re-allocation of the portfolios.
- 2. The Electricity and Non-Conventional Energy Development portfolio has been allocated to **Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu**.
- 3. The subjects of Prohibition and Excise, Molasses, have been assigned to Housing and Urban Development **Minister S Muthusamy**.
- 4. They both assume these new portfolios in addition to their existing responsibilities.
- 5. The Minister Senthil Balaji would continue as a Minister without portfolio.

State Law Commission

1. The Tamil Nadu government - issued orders to reconstitute the State Law Commission.

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- 2. The new commission will include a **retired Supreme Court judge** as the chairperson, a retired judge of the high court, and a retired law secretary as fulltime members.
- 3. Additionally, **two retired district judges** will serve as part-time members, and an officer from the government law department will be a full-time member secretary.
- 4. Former Supreme Court judge Justice C Nagappan has been reappointed as the chairperson.

Project Kaatru

- 1. **IIT Madras** have developed a low-cost Internet of Things (IoT)-based **mobile air pollution** monitoring framework named as Project Kaatru.
- 2. It can be mounted on buses, cars and two-wheelers to gather spatio-temporal air quality data.
- 3. The devices can also asses road roughness, potholes and ultraviolet index among others.



Southern Railway's first elephant underpass

- 1. The construction of Southern Railway's first underpass for wild elephants entered final phase.
- 2. This is built for pachyderm movement on the Ettimadai Walayar section near Coimbatore.

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3. As per Forest Department statistics, a total of **11 elephants have been killed** in six major accidents since 2008 on the Tamil Nadu side alone.

Tamil Nadu Fintech City

- 1. Chief minister laid the foundation stone for the development of Fintech City and Fintech Tower in **Nandambakkam**.
- 2. The Fintech city is expected **to attract investments** to the tune of 12,000 crore and create employment opportunities to 80,000 people.
- 3. A Fintech wing has been set up in the **Guidance Bureau and a Fintech governing council** led by the industries minister has been constituted by the government.
- 4. The government provided incentives to firms investing more than 50 crores.
- 5. TN already released a special policy called Tamil Nadu FinTech Policy 2021 to make Tamil Nadu a global hub for FinTech companies by 2025.

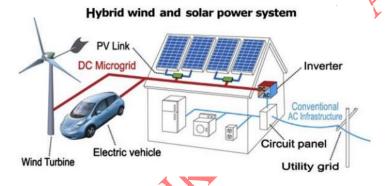


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Solar-wind energy hybrid system

- 1. Citizen Consumer and Civic Action Group (CAG) published a report recently on by capacity of renewable energy.
- 2. Although Tamil Nadu has more installed capacity of renewable energy than nonrenewable energy, the State still depends highly on coal to generate electricity.
- 3. Also, it is yet to develop a framework on hybrid solar-wind system.
- 4. The electricity generated through renewable energy was just 22% of the total electricity mix.



Live traffic monitor

1. The **Greater Chennal Traffic Police** - inaugurated a 'live traffic monitor' system for the city roads.



2. The new system will provide instant updates on **red and yellow zones** of traffic, fatal accidents, and other critical events on the road for officials to troubleshoot and implement solutions.

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3. The system does simultaneous live monitoring of all **300 junctions** covering around **1000 roads in Chennai** automatically by gathering data.

Kid's bones found in burial urn

- 1. A small burial urn which was unearthed at the **Adichanallur excavation** site has been found to contain the **bones of a child**.
- 2. It also contains ornaments, especially bangles of smaller sizes.
- 3. It could be of a **child aged five to eight years** since a small skull and hand bone were found inside.
- 4. There were four bangles made of a mixture of **bronze and silver**.



Third G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group

1. The Third G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG) meeting under India's G20 Presidency held in **Mahabalipuram**, **Tamil Nadu**.

New service for women's safety

- The Tamil Nadu police have introduced a new service where women travelling alone in remote locations could seek police assistance in case, they felt unsafe.
- 2. A woman travelling alone and requiring police help could dial 1091, 112, 044-23452365 and 044-28447701.

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Kalaignar Kottam

1. 'Kalaignar Kottam', a memorial for former chief minister M Karunanidhi was inaugurated at **Kattur in Tiruvarur**.



Second highest growth in GeM procurement

- 1. The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) is an online public procurement platform.
- 2. It has inked a deal with **Tamil Nadu Small and Tiny Industries Association** (TANSTIA) to jointly enhance GeM seller base in the State.
- 3. During the last fiscal year, Tamil Nadu recorded the second highest growth in GeM procurement amongst 36 States and Union Territories.

Chola-era artefacts

- 1. Nearly **400 antiquities**, including a Chola-era coin belonging to the period of **King Raja Raja Chola**, have been found in the second phase of the **Vadakkupattu excavation**.
- 2. It is located near Oragadam in Kancheepuram district.
- 3. The findings in the second phase include **two coins** that belong to the Chola period between the 9th and 10th century CE.
- 4. A copper bow, copper lid, glass beads and bangles also found here.

Rice requirement of Tamil Nadu

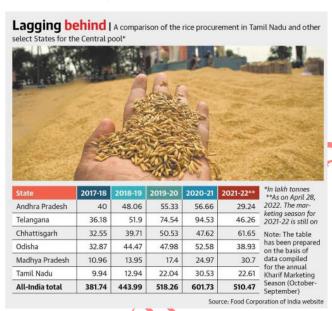
- 1. Food Corporation of India (FCI) reiterating its position of not providing more food grains to States under its Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS).
- 2. Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation (TNCSC) is negotiating with the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF)

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and other States to procure the additional quantity of 50,000 to 60,000 tonnes a month.

3. The monthly allocation by the Centre to Tamil Nadu is approximately **2.97 lakh tonnes of rice for the public distribution system** (PDS) under the National Food Security Act (NFSA).



One-year SIRPI programme

- 1. Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin distributed certificates to the **5,000 students** who successfully completed the one-year SIRPI programme at a function in Chennai.
- 2. The **SIRPI** (**Students in Responsible Police Initiatives**) **scheme** was launched by the chief minister on the floors of the state Assembly on **September 13, 2021**.

About the scheme

- government schools will be selected on a voluntary basis and will be given special training in moral education, sports and yoga.
- 2. The students will be taken to **eight tourist places** across the state and would be given special training in **history and general knowledge**.
- 3. The programme includes one hour of class every Wednesday for 10 months in an academic year.

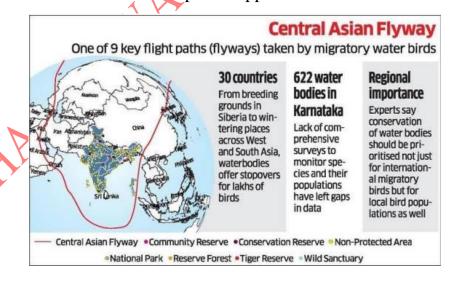
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State Bird Authority

- 1. Tamil Nadu government has constituted a State Bird Authority and it aims to **monitor and improve bird sanctuaries**, nesting conditions for birds, and ecotourism facilities.
- 2. Tamil Nadu has 17 bird sanctuaries of which 14 are Ramsar sites.
- 3. The Authority will
 - Undertake an **Integrated Management Plan** for all bird sanctuaries,
 - Map locations where native and migratory birds visit to create new protected areas for birds,
 - Improve visitor facilities and
 - Ecotourism development opportunities.



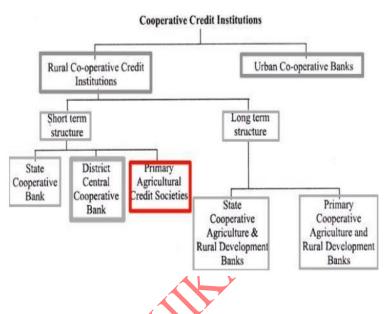
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India's first cooperative society

1. Restoration and conservation of a building belonging to India's first cooperative society, started at **Tirur in Tiruvallur district.**

2. The No1. Tirur Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society was started for farmers on **August 22, 1904**.



Equal share of property

1. The Madras high court held that women home makers are entitled to equal share of property purchased from their husband's income.

Statue of former Prime Minister VP Singh

1. Tamil Nadu Government has issued an order to erect a statue of former Prime Minister VP Singh at **Presidency College in Chennai** on the occasion of birth anniversary of VP Singh.

FSSAl's Eat Right certification – Cuddalore

- The **Thirupapuliyur Uzhavar Sandhai** in Cuddalore has obtained Eat Right (Fruits and Vegetable Market) certification from FSSAI.
- 2. The certification was issued as the **farmers' market had met the benchmarks** established by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.

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3. The Eat Right initiative aims at **promoting safe, healthy, and sustainable food** on campuses such as schools, universities, colleges, workplaces and food markets.



Zero cases of Covid in Tamilnadu

- 1. Tamil Nadu recorded zero cases of Covid on 26th June 2023.
- 2. This is the first time that no fresh case of Covid has been recorded in the State since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020.
- 3. The first case of Covid was reported on March 7, 2020.
- 4. The death toll stands at 38,080.

Cyber Alert app

- 1. **Police Commissioner Shankar** Jiwal launched a "Cyber Alert" mobile application.
- 2. The App, which was developed in-house, will be **useful to classify and group cybercrime complaints** and details of offenders for the benefit of investigating officers.

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3. This will help officers **to monitor cyber crime cases** and guide the investigating team accordingly.

Smart Ambulance Traffic Facilitation

- 1. The **Greater Chennai Traffic Police** (GCTP) launched a 'Smart Ambulance Traffic Facilitation' system to **enable green corridors for emergency ambulances.**
- 2. **The msiren platform** consists of signal "Transmitter" and "Receiver" components.
- 3. Whenever an ambulance reaches within 200 metres of these junctions, real-time alerts are displayed on the Variable Message Sign boards to alert traffic police and motorists to clear the way.
- 4. These boards will display the incoming direction of the ambulance along with the street names.
- 5. At present, three private hospitals (Kauvery, Rela and Global hospitals) having a fleet of 25 ambulances (msiren smart device installed) have been tied up for this operation.
- 6. The pilot project, aimed at **tackling the golden hour challenge**, is the first of its kind in the country.
- 7. In **Chennai**, ambulances' **average response time** (from receiving the call to admitting the patient at the nearest hospital) is **eight minutes**.

STATES

Telangana's woollen gongadi shawls

- 1. Initiatives to refashion Telangana's woollen gongadi shawls into shoes for farmers.
- 2. Gongadi is the traditional woollen blanket woven by the indigenous Kuruma communities.
- 3. It is made from the wool of the indigenous Deccani sheep, which is locally known as Nalla gorrae.

Swachh Mukh Abhiyan's Smile Ambassador

1. Sachin Tendulkar is appointed as Maharashtra's Swachh Mukh Abhiyan Smile Ambassador.

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- 2. It is an oral health mission.
- 3. The campaign highlights five main ideas, including the importance of brushing teeth, mouthwash use, healthy eating, quitting smoking, and biannual dental visits.

Karnataka's new schemes

- 1. **Kruha Lakshmi Aim** to provide financial security to women head of household. **Amount allotted Rs. 2000** per month
- 2. **Kriha Jothi Aim** free electricity to **200 unit**s consuming home.
- 3. Annabhakya BPL and Andhoya card holders will get 10kgs free rice.
- 4. **Shakthi** free bus service for women.
- 5. **Yuvanidhi Scholarships** for unemployed graduates Rs. 3000/- and graduates get Rs. 1500/-

Plan to largest solar city

- 1. The Kerala government launched a project to turn every rooftop in **Thiruvananthapuram** into a solar energy-producing station.
- 2. Through this project, the State capital is expected to become one of the largest 'solar cities' in the country.

KFON internet connectivity

- 1. The Kerala government, which was the first state to declare the right to the **internet** as a basic right.
- 2. It is mulling to **decrease the digital divide** with KFON and want to ensure **high-speed broadband** internet access to all houses and government offices.

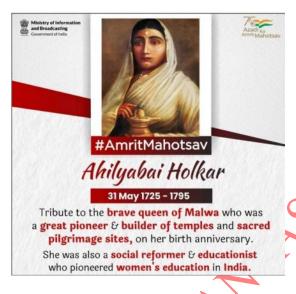
Ahmednagar Name Change

- 1. Maharashtra announced that Ahmednagar city would be renamed 'Ahilyanagar' after the 18th century Maratha queen Ahilyabai Holkar.
- 2. She established **Maheshwar** (in Madhya Pradesh) as the seat of the Holkar dynasty.

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3. Earlier the govt renamed Aurangabad as 'Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar' and Osmanabad as 'Dharashiv.'



Accelerator Programme

- 1. FarmersFZ' chosen by UN for food startup Accelerator Programme.
- 2. A startup located in **Kerala**, known as Farmers Fresh Zone (FarmersFZ), has been selected for the **United Nations' Accelerator Programme**.
- 3. FarmersFZ is the Kochi-based multichannel marketplace platform.
- 4. It got place on a list of 12 agri-food start-ups across the world for the FAO to develop business.



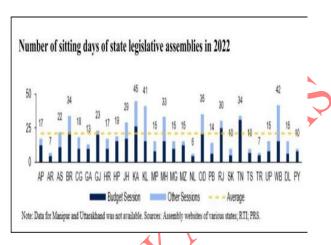
Legislative Research's Analysis of State Assembly Sessions

- 1. State assemblies in India met for an average of 21 days in 2022.
- 2. Only seven states in India met for more than 30 days in 2022.
- 3. **Karnataka** had the highest number of days with 45, followed by **West Bengal (42) and Kerala (41)**.

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- 4. Tamil Nadu spent **26 days** on the entire budget discussion.
- 5. **Nagaland passed** the fewest bills in 2022, with only three, compared to the average of 21 bills passed by the 28 states.
- 6. **56% of the bills** were passed within a day of introduction across the states.
- 7. Only around **5% of the bills** were **referred to the Committee** of the Assembly for detailed examination.



Carbon neutral village

1. India's first carbon neutral village is being developed in **Bhiwandi** taluka of Thane district, Maharashtra.

National conference of tribal writers

- 1. The first-ever national conference of tribal writers was held in **Jammu** and **Kashmir**.
- 2. The two-day conference was attended by **37 Adivasi writers**, poets and cultural experts from across the country.
- 3. The participants decided to set up a **national tribal writers' forum** to work for safeguarding authentic tribal literature.

Lavender Festival

1. The two-day "Lavender Festival" has been inaugurated in **Jammu and Kashmir's Bhaderwah Valley.**

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- 2. The festival, organized by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (**CSIR-IIIM**), is part of their 'One Week One Lab Campaign'.
- 3. It showcases the progress made in **lavender cultivation** and its impact on the local community in the region.
- 4. The **CSIR-aroma Mission** has been instrumental in promoting lavender cultivation in the temperate regions of Jammu and Kashmir.



Green Apple Awards

- 1. In the **Urban and Real Estate Sector category**, Telangana has been awarded with the International Green Apple Awards for Beautiful Buildings.
- 2. For the first time any building or structure in India has received these prestigious awards.
- 3. The awards are presented annually by **The Green Organization**, an independent non-profit organisation based in London.
- 4. The **five selected buildings** and structures from Telangana are as follows:
 - Mozzam-Jahi Market (Heritage category)
 - Durgam Cheruvu Cable Bridge (Bridge category)
 - o B R Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat Building falls under the aesthetically designed office and workspace category
 - o Integrated Command Control Center of Telangana Police is a distinctive type of office.
 - Yadadri Temple (Excellent religious structures category)

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Working presidents of the Nationalist Congress Party

- 1. NCP chief Sharad Pawar has named **Supriya Sule and Praful Patel** as working presidents.
- 2. The announcement was made at the 25th anniversary of the party.



Chief Minister's Learn and Earn scheme

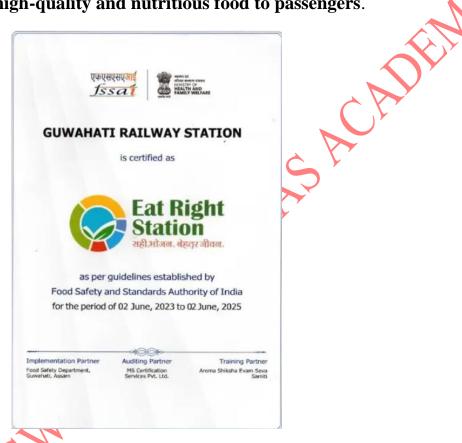
- 1. In **Madhya Pradesh**, a new scheme by name 'Chief Minister's Learn and Earn scheme' has been launched to **teach employable skills** to the youth.
- 2. The most important aspect of this learn-and-earn scheme is that along with learning skills, the youth will also be given an allowance of **Rs 8,000 to 10,000.**
- 3. At least **one lakh youth** will be provided training under the scheme.

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Eat Right Station tag

1. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has awarded the Eat Right Station certification to **Guwahati Railway Station** for its **provision of high-quality and nutritious food to passengers**.



Right to Freedom of Religion Act

- 1. The Karnataka cabinet decided to repeal the Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Act.
- 2. The Act, popularly known as the **anti-conversion law**, was brought in by the previous government.
- 3. The law aims to provide protection of right to freedom of religion and prohibition of unlawful conversion from one religion to another by misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, allurement or by any fraudulent means.
- 4. The cabinet also decided to repeal the **Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act** amended by the previous government and restore the original act with some modifications.

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Combined protected area

- 1. The Madhya Pradesh government has notified **Nauradehi and Durgavati** Wildlife Sanctuaries as a combined protected area.
- 2. With this, the state is all set to get its seventh tiger reserve.
- 3. Madhya Pradesh is known for its six tiger reserves Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Panna, Pench, Sanjay Dubri, and Satpura.

First Over Dimensional Cargo

- 1. The first consignment of over dimensional cargo (ODC) for expansion of Assam's Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL), transported through waterways.
- 2. The ODC was transported by IWAI ship MV Marine 66.
- 3. The ODC had left Kolkata on March 18 and travelled for nearly three months via the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route to reach the NRL jetty.



Reform Homes

- 1. UP prisons to be known as "Reform Homes".
- 2. The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, **Yogi Adityanath**, made a significant decision to reform the prison system in the state in June of 2023.

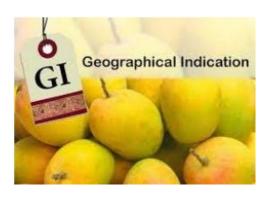
Kari Ishad mango

1. The Kari Ishad mango has bagged the **Geographical Indication (GI)** tag.

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2. It is prominently grown in **Ankola taluk of Uttara Kannada**, **Karnataka**.



- 3. The fruit is famous because of its sweet taste and pulp
- 4. The Ishad mango has two variants **Kari Ishad**, and **Bili Ishad**.

'Natural Arch' in Odisha

- 1. The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has proposed declaring the 'Brahmani Natural Arch' in Odisha as a Geo Heritage Site.
- 2. It is situated in Kanika range of Sundargarh forest division of Odisha.
- 3. If it declared so, it will be the biggest natural arch of the country to have the Geo Heritage tag.
- 4. The natural arch is composed of **ferruginous sandstone** from the **Upper Kamthi Formation**.
- 5. It dates back to the **lower to middle Jurassic age**, approximately 184 to **160 million years old**.
- 6. India currently has **two other natural arches**, located at **Tirumala hills** in **Tirupati and Andaman and Nicobar**, but both are smaller than the one in Sundargarh.



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Punjab Universities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023

- 1. The Punjab legislative assembly passed to **replace the governor with the Chief Minister** as the chancellor of state-run universities.
- 2. With this, Punjab becomes the **fourth state after Bengal, Kerala and Tamil Nadu to pass such a bill.**
- 3. None of the three states the bill has become a legislation as the respective governors have not given their nod.

Punjab Police (Amendment) Bill, 2023

- 1. The state seeks to appoint the head of the state police force itself by taking the selection process out of the sole purview of the union public service commission (UPSC).
- 2. Punjab is the third state to pass legislation, after Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, to take the process out of the UPSC's purview.



North India's first Skin Bank

- 1. North India's first Skin Bank has been inaugurated at New Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital.
- 2. It is a bank where deceased donors can donate their skin which will be helpful in treating burns.
- 3. The skin can be donated within **six hours of death** and utilized for burns and trauma patients after processing.
- 4. The country has **16 skin banks** seven in Maharashtra, four in Chennai, three in Karnataka, and one each in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha.

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Assam's First Underwater Tunnel

- 1. Assam's first underwater tunnel to be constructed between **Numaligarh** and Gohpur in Assam at a cost of Rs 6,000 crore.
- 2. This groundbreaking project, estimated to cost Rs 6,000 crores, will be the first rail-road tunnel under the **Brahmaputra River** in northeast India.



Operation Conviction

- 1. Uttar Pradesh Government launched "Operation Conviction" to convict 20 cases each in every district related to rape, murder, conversion cow slaughter etc within 30 days of framing of charges.
- 2. It aims to combat **criminals and organized crime** in the state.

ABADHA scheme

- 1. The **Odisha Cabinet** has approved the revised cost of the ABADHA scheme.
- 2. The Augmentation of Basic Amenities and Development of Heritage and Architecture (ABADHA) Scheme, launched during 2017-18, seeks to develop Puri as a "World-Class Heritage City"
- 3. The project at the abode of **Lord Jagannath** aims the completion of a number of projects at the heritage city of Puri.

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Unity Mall

- 1. The Union government had allocated Rs. 145 crore to **Nagaland** for the construction of a **Unity Mall in Dimapur**
- 2. The allocation is part of the **Union Budget 2023-24**, which has set aside Rs.5,000 crore.
- 3. The Unity malls are aimed at **promoting and showcasing the state's**One District One Product (ODOP) offerings.

SCHEMES

World's Largest Food Storage Scheme

- 1. Aimed at significantly expanding the foodgrain storage capacity in the cooperative sector.
- 2. The current grain storage capacity at **1,450 lakh tonnes**, this initiative seeks to add 700 lakh tonnes of storage over the next five years.
- 3. Inter-ministerial committee will be established for effective implementation constituted under the Chairmanship of Amit Shah.
- 4. India has **65,000** agricultural cooperative societies.
- 5. India produces about **3,100 lakh tonne** of foodgrains a year.
- 6. The country's current godown facilities can store only up to 47% of the produce.

PM SVANidhi Scheme

- 1. PM SVANidhi Scheme has completed three successful years.
- 2. The scheme, launched in **June 2020**, aimed to empower street vendors by restoring self-employment, self-sustenance, and self-confidence.
- 3. The Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (**PM SVANidhi**) Scheme is a **special micro-credit facility.**
- 4. Provides loans ₹10,000 to over 50 lakh street vendors.
- 5. **Implementation and management** Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- 6. **Technical partner** The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).

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Two Schemes for Wetland and Mangrove Conservation

- 1. Launch of the **Amrit Dharohar and MISHTI** schemes on World Environment Day reflects India's commitment to conserving wetlands and mangroves.
- 2. Contributing to the campaign for a green future and green economy.
- 3. **Amrit Dharohar Yojana** focuses on the conservation of existing **Ramsar sites** in India through active public participation.
- 4. The Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes (MISHTI) aims to restore and protect the mangrove ecosystem.

Mission on Advanced and High Impact Research

- 1. The Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy have jointly launched a National Mission.
- 2. The mission aims to **quickly identify emerging technologies** in the power sector and develop them indigenously, at scale, for deployment within and outside India.
- 3. The mission has been planned for an initial period of **five years** from 2023-24 to 2027-28.
- 4. It will follow the technology life cycle approach of 'Idea to Product'.

Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme

- 1. Scheme offers 35% capital subsidy on the project cost including land, plant, machinery, testing equipment and computing devices for small business owners from Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities.
- 2. The beneficiaries can also **get 6% interest subvention for loans** offered for a **period of 10 years** under the scheme.
- 3. Apart from **manufacturing**, **entrepreneurs** from industries like service and trading are also eligible under the scheme and a **maximum subsidy of Rs 1.5 crore** each will be awarded.
- 4. A committee **headed by district collectors** will evaluate and **select the entrepreneurs**.

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Imaigal Scheme

- 1. Tamil Nadu Police **North Zone**, introduced this scheme to **protect girls** from sexual crimes.
- 2. North Zone includes Chennai, Chengalpattu, Kanchipuram and Vellore.
- 3. This scheme ensures proper registeration against sexual offences, diligent investigation, filing of **chargesheet within 60days** etc.

NATIONAL

New Rules for Special Protection Group (SPG)

- 1. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) notified fresh rules.
- 2. Handled by an officer not less than the rank of an Additional Director-General belonging to the IPS.
- 3. Earlier, the SPG has been headed by an Inspector General of Police (IGP) rank officer.
- 4. Junior officers will be appointed on deputation for an initial period of six years.
- 5. According to a **2019 amendment to the SPG Act, 1988**, the force now protects only Prime Minister and members of his immediate family.
- 6. The force would also provide security to **former Prime Ministers** and their immediate family members staying with them at the residence allotted for a **period of five years after his office**.

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AISHE Survey 2020-21

- 1. Conducted under the Ministry of Education.
- 2. The enrolment of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (OBC) in higher education improved by 4.2%, 11.9% and 4%, respectively.

Muslim enrolment:

3. The Muslim community's enrolment declined by 8% - Uttar Pradesh (36%), followed by Jammu and Kashmir (26%), Maharashtra (8.5%) and Tamil Nadu (8.1%).

OBC and SC enrolment:

- 4. OBC community accounts for 36% of the total enrolment in higher education in the country.
- 5. The SCs bring up another 14%.

Teachers of all communities:

- 1. At an all-India level, teachers belonging to the General Category account for 56% of all teachers.
- 2. OBC, SC and ST teachers make up another 32%, 9% and 2.5% of the teachers, respectively.
- 3. Muslims constitute only about 5.6% of the teachers.

Foucault's Pendulum

- 1. The National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) based in Kolkata was installed the Foucault's Pendulum in new Parliament building.
- 2. The pendulum takes precisely **49 hours**, **59 minutes**, **and 18 seconds** to complete a full rotation.
- 3. It is a deceptively simple device used to illustrate the earth's rotation.
- 4. If the pendulum is installed at the North Pole, the pendulum will basically be swinging as the earth rotates 'below'.
- 5. Depending on where you are on Earth, the pendulum will appear to rotate in different ways.

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National Mission for Mentoring

- 1. Organized recently by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE).
- 2. Aims to create a robust system of mentorship that empowers teachers to enhance their **teaching practices** and overall effectiveness in the classroom.
- 3. The NMM was launched in pilot mode on 29th July 2022.

Deccan Queen

- 1. India's first deluxe train, Deccan Queen completes 93 years of service.
- 2. Operations between **Pune and Mumbai**.
- 3. Its inaugural journey on June 1, 1930 marked a significant moment in the history of the **Great Indian Peninsula (GIP) Railway,** the predecessor of **Central Railways**.

Periodic Labour Force 2023

- 1. The unemployment rate for both males and females aged 15 years and above declined to **6.8%** in Q4FY23.
- 2. The decline in male unemployment was much higher than female unemployment.
- 3. The unemployment rate remained **higher than 9%.**

Female labour force participation rate - States

- o Chhattisgarh 31.5%.
- o Andhra Pradesh 30.5%

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- o Tamil Nadu 27.4%,
- o **Uttar Pradesh** worst performer 13.3%.

Highest unemployment rate

Lowest unemployment rate

Chhattisgarh - 12.5% Rajasthan – 11.9% Delhi – 3.1% West Bengal – 4.2%

National Food Safety & Standards Training Centre

- 1. National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is inaugurated at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- 2. Urged citizens to adopt India's traditional food habits and way of life for wellness and preventive healthcare.

CITIIS 2.0 Program

- 1. It is a programme under the ambit of the Smart Cities Mission.
- 2. CITIIS stands for City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain.
- 3. It aims to promote integrated waste management and climate-oriented reform actions.
- 4. The CITIIS 2.0 will be implemented in **18 cities** which would be selected based on a competition.

Phukot Karnali Hydro-Electric Project

- 1. India and Nepal have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop this project.
- 2. The Phukot Karnali Hydro Electric Project will harness the flow of the **Karnali River for power generation**, with the electricity being integrated into Nepal's power system.
- The project will be capable to carry 480 MW of electricity and generate over 2448 GWh of power.

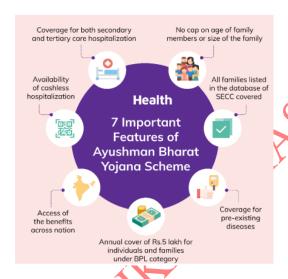
5 Crore hospital admissions under PM-JAY

1. The Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), has logged an impressive **5 crore hospital admissions**.

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- 2. The scheme, managed by the **National Health Authority**, is offering an annual health cover of ₹5 lakhs per family.
- 3. It provides benefits about 12 crore families with access to secondary and tertiary care hospitalization.
- 4. Currently, the program is **active in 33** of India's states and Union Territories, with Delhi, Odisha, and West Bengal being the exceptions.



International Cruise Vessel

- 1. Maiden International Cruise Vessel "MV Empress", India's first international cruise vessel from Chennai to Sri Lanka in Chennai.
- 2. The country has a **long coastline and a rich history and culture**, which make it an attractive destination for cruise passengers.



Draft Aircraft Bill – 2023

1. The Draft Aircraft Bill, 2023 has been prepared after reviewing the existing Aircraft Act, 1934.

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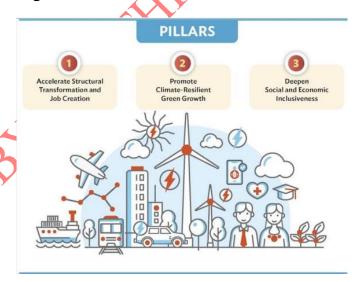
2. It has been issued by the ministry for public consultations for a **period of 30 days.**

Rare earth permanent magnets plant

- 1. The rare earth permanent magnet has been developed on the campus of **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in Visakhapatnam**.
- 2. It is a type of magnet that can **create a magnetic field** without needing any external power source.
- 3. It is called "permanent" because once it is magnetized, it can maintain its magnetism for a long time.
- 4. Rare earth permanent magnets are a type of permanent magnet that is made from rare earth elements.

Country Partnership Strategy for India: 2023-2027

- 1. The Asian Development Bank has announced its India strategy.
- 2. Its key focus is on employment creation and promoting green growth.
- 3. Its engagement with India is support its drive for robust, climate-resilient, and inclusive growth.



Minimum Support Price

1. The government - approved an increase in the minimum support price (MSP) of all **14 mandated kharif** (summer sown) crops for 2023-24.

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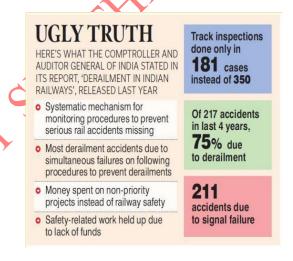
2. The MSP for key pulses like **moong** (**green gram**) **and oilseeds** such as sesamum and groundnut were **hiked over 10%**.

3. The MSP hike for **paddy is the second steepest increase** in the last decade.

| NEW N | ASP OF | KHARIF CI | ROPS IN 2023-24 | |
|----------------|--------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | Crop | New MSP* | % (Absolute*) | Hike over 2022-23 |
| do. | Moong | 8,558 | 10.4 | ₹803 |
| 5 | esamum | 8,635 | 10.3 | ₹805 |
| Groundnut | | 6,377 | 9 | ₹527 |
| 3 | Cotton | 6,620 | 8.9 | ₹540 |
| 4 | Ragi | 3,846 | 7.5 | ₹268 |
| . 12 | Jowar | 3,180 | 7 | ₹210 |
| 100 | Paddy | 2,183 | 7 | ₹143 |
| Soybean | | 4,600 | 7 | ₹300 |
| 0. | Maize | 2,090 | 6.5 | ₹128 |
| 00 | Bajra | 2,500 | 6.4 | ₹150 |
| Niger Seed | | 7,734 | 6.1 | ₹447 |
| Tur | | 7,000 | 6 | ₹400 |
| Sunflower Seed | | 6,760 | 5.6 | ₹360 |
| Urad | | 6,950 | 5.3 | ₹350 |

Derailment in Indian Railways report

1. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), submit his report on Derailments in Indian Railways 2022.



- 2. Total **422 derailments** were attributable to the Engineering Department.
- 3. Of the **1127 derailments during 2017-21**, the report said around 289 derailments (26%) were linked to track renewals.

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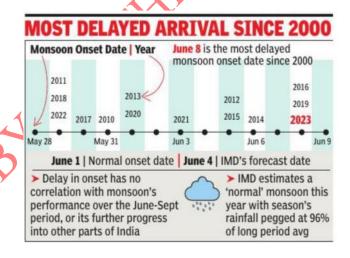
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National center for earthquake of dams

- 1. **Malviya National Institute of Technology** (MNIT) in Jaipur has been identified as the National Centre for Earthquake Safety of Dams.
- 2. It will be the first centre of its kind in the country.
- 3. The number of specified dams in the country is over **5,500** and about **70** of them are those of national importance.

Southwest Monsoon

- 1. India Meteorological Department (IMD) has said that Southwest Monsoon has set in over Kerala on June 8.
- 2. According to the IMD, the conditions are favourable for further advance of Southwest monsoon into some more parts of central Arabian Sea, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and southwest, Central and northeast Bay of Bengal.
- 3. The department announced the **monsoon's onset after the rainfall and cloud formations** met all the conditions including **depth of westerly winds** over southeast Arabian sea.



Commission of Railway Safety

- 1. The Commission of Railway Safety (CRS) plays a vital role in ensuring the safety of rail travel and train operations in India.
- 2. The Commission of Railway Safety (CRS) is a crucial **government** commission.

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3. Established during the British era, the CRS has evolved over time to become an **independent authority** under the **Ministry of Civil Aviation** (MoCA).

First all-women Haj flight

- 1. India's first all-women Haj flight successfully took off from **Kozhikode** to Jeddah in Saudi Arabia.
- 2. This remarkable feat was achieved by an all-women crew of **Air India Express (AIXL)**, India's first international budget airline.
- 3. India has the highest percent of female pilots in the world at 12.4%



71st edition of Miss World pageant

1. The 71st edition of Miss World pageant - is all set to be **hosted in India**, after **nearly three decades**.



- 2. Femina Miss India World 2022 **Sini Shetty** was also present at the event.
- 3. Contestants from about **130 countries** will gather to participate in talent showcases, sports challenges, and charitable initiatives.
- 4. India had last hosted the international pageant in 1996.

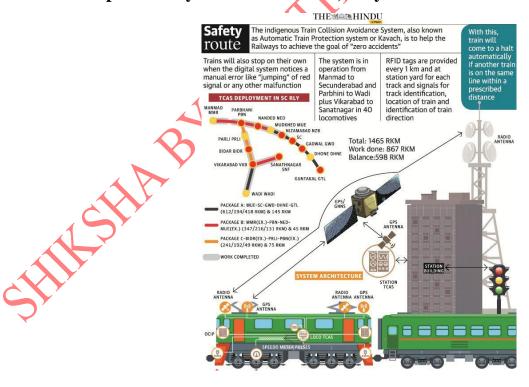
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5. India has won the prestigious title **six times** — Reita Faria (1966), Aishwarya Rai (1994), Diana Hayden (1997), Yukta Mookhey (1999), Priyanka Chopra (2000), and Manushi Chillar (2017).

Kavach System

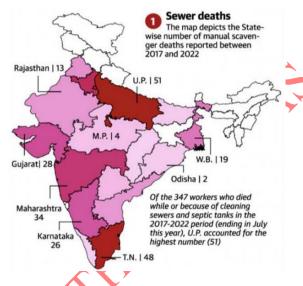
- 1. The KAVACH is an indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system.
- 2. It is developed by the **Research Design and Standards Organisation** (RDSO) in collaboration with the Indian industry.
- 3. It is a state-of-the-art electronic system with **Safety Integrity Level-4** (SIL-4) standards.
- 4. It is meant to **provide protection** by preventing trains to pass the **signal** at **Red** (which marks danger) and avoid collision.
- 5. It activates the train's braking system automatically if the driver fails to control the train as per speed restrictions.
- 6. An added feature is the **centralised live monitoring** of train movements through the **Network Monitor System**.
- 7. 'Kavach' is one of the cheapest, SIL-4 certified technologies where the **probability of error is 1 in 10,000 years.**



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Manual Scavenging report

- 1. Only **508 districts** (66%) **out of the total 766 districts** in the country have declared themselves manual-scavenging free.
- 2. In addition, around **22,000 of them (less than half)** have been connected to skills training programmes.
- 3. The scheme for rehabilitation of manual scavengers has now been merged with the NAMASTE scheme for 100% mechanisation of sewer work.



Nyaya Vikas Portal

- 1. A user-friendly and transparent web portal to facilitate better delivery of judicial infrastructural projects.
- 2. Under the Scheme, central assistance is provided to the State Government / UT for the construction of court halls and residential units for Judges of District and Subordinate Courts.
- 3. The funds sharing pattern under the Scheme for Centre and State is **60:40** in respect of States.

Demonstration of performance-based navigation

- 1. India conducted Asia's first demonstration of performance-based navigation for helicopters for a flight from **Juhu in Mumbai to Pune.**
- 2. This demonstration was conducted by using GAGAN satellite technology.

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- 3. The technology was jointly developed by the **Indian Space Research Organisation** and the **Airports Authority of India.**
- 4. **GAGAN GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation** is a state-of-the-art spacebased augmentation system which adds more accuracy.



Prerna: The Vernacular School

- 1. Prime Minister launched the **project 'Prerna: The Vernacular School'** to inspire the youth of the country to become **'catalysts of change'**.
- 2. **Gujarat's Vadnagar** is being developed as 'Prerna (inspirational): The Vernacular School'.
- 3. The school was established in 1888 and was functional until 2018.
- 4. **Two students from each district** of the country will take part in the program.



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Food Safety Index 2023

- 1. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)' released its 5th State Food Safety Index.
- 2. **Kerala** has topped the Food Safety Index 2022-23 by replacing Tamile Nadu.
- 3. Last year, **Tamil Nadu was in the top position** among 20 larger states, followed by Gujarat and Maharashtra.

| Category- Un | ion Territories | | | |
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| Delhi | 2 | | | |
| Chandigarh | 3 | | | |
| Category- | Small States | | | |
| Small State | Rank | | | |
| Goa | 1 | | | |
| Manipur | 2 | | | |
| Sikkim | 3 | | | |
| Category- Large States | | | | |
| Large State | Rank | | | |
| Kerala | 1 | | | |
| Punjab | 2 | | | |
| Tamil Nadu | 3 | | | |

SAGAR SAMRIDDHI

- 1. The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, launched the 'Sagar Samriddhi' online dredging monitoring system as part of the 'Waste to Wealth' initiative of the ministry.
- 2. The National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC) developed the system, which replaces the old Draft and Loading Monitor system and offers improved efficiency and transparency.

UGC Regulations – 2023

- 1. The UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023 was released recently.
- 2. It will pave the way for the establishment of more quality-focused deemed universities.
- 3. The earlier set of regulations were introduced in 2010 and subsequently revised in 2016 and 2019.
- 4. There are around **170 deemed institutions** in the country currently.

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UGC Act 1956

empowers the **central government** to **confer the status of Institutions** Deemed to be Universities on institutions other than universities.



Cyclone Biparjoy

1. Cyclone Biparjoy was likely to make landfall between **Mandvi in Kutch** district and **Karachi in Pakistan** on June 15 as a "very severe cyclonic storm" with winds gusting up to 145kmph.

PAKISTAN Biparjoy likely to make landfall between Mandvi (Gujarat) and Karachi Hyderabad ((Pakistan) around noon on June 15 Karachi as a very severe cyclonic storm with maximum sustained wind speeds of 125-135kmph gusting to 150kmph IMD red warning in Kutch, Jamnagar track (cone of uncertainty in & Devbhoomi Dwarka for extremely heavy rain and high winds on June 15 green) Tauktae (May 2021) was the last big Biparjoy: cyclone to hit Guj. Evacuations saved **Actual Path** lives but infrastructure was impacted

- 2. If the forecast is accurate, this would be the second major cyclone to hit the Gujarat coast in **two years**.
- 3. Earlier, **Tauktae** had made landfall near Una in **May 2021** and had caused widespread damage.

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4. The storm is one of the longest lasting cyclones to impact India in recent decades.

Report on Sedition law

- 1. The **22nd Law Commission of India** recently submitted its final report ("Usage of the Law of Sedition") on the constitutionality of **section 124A** of the Indian Penal Code.
- 2. The commission, while recommending that Section 124A of IPC, treats sedition as a criminal offence be retained.
- 3. It called for **safeguards and amending the law**, which has been prone to misuse.
- 4. To prevent misuse of Section 124A, it said the Centre may bring model guidelines to curb the same.



- 5. The recommendations made in the report are persuasive and **not binding.**
- 6. As for the penal provisions, the commission recommended a maximum life term, or seven years, or just a fine, depending on the case.
- 7. Currently, the penal provision has a maximum punishment of life term, or three years, or fine.

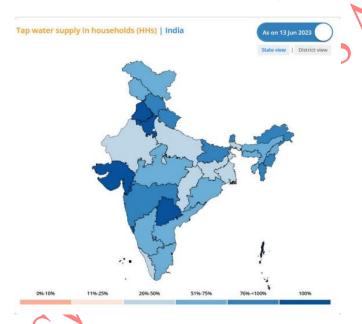
WHO Report on Potable Water

1. WHO highlights the substantial benefits of the 'Har Ghar Jal' program in India.

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- 2. **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** aims to provide piped potable water to all of Indians.
- 3. It would succeed in averting close to 4,00,000 deaths from diarrhoea.
- 4. Currently about **12.3 crore rural households**, or **62%**, have piped water connections up from 3.2 crore or about 16.6% from 2019.
- 5. **Five states** viz; Gujarat, Telangana, Goa, Haryana, and Punjab and 3 Union Territories Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Daman Diu & Dadra Nagar Haveli and Puducherry have **reported 100% coverage**.
- 6. Himachal Pradesh covered 98.87%, followed by Bihar at 96.30%.



Addiction Free Amrit Kaal

1. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) launched the National Campaign "Addiction Free Amrit Kaal" to promote a healthier and addiction-free India.

Amrit Generation campaign

- 1. Meta and Union Ministry of Women and Child Development (**MWCD**), launched the Amrit Generation campaign.
- 2. It invited **age group of 16-18** from across the country to showcase their creativity and share their aspirations by creating reels on Instagram and Facebook.

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13th Century tomb-like structure

- 1. A tomb-like structure was discovered in the **Siri Fort area in Delhi** by the Archaeological Survey of India.
- 2. Siri Fort was built in the **13th Century by Aladdin Khilji**, considered to be the most powerful ruler of the **Khilji dynasty**.
- 3. It was used as a garrison town where his army used to reside.



Vigyan Vidushi – 2023

- 1. It aims to address the gender balance in the discipline of Physics at the doctorate level.
- 2. It has commenced at the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), in Mumbai.

Modified Semicon India Program

- 1. The Government of India has invited new applications for setting up of **Semiconductor Fabs and Display Fabs** in India under the Modified Semicon India Program.
- 2. Under the modified program, a **fiscal incentive of 50%** of the project cost is available to companies/consortia/joint ventures for setting up of Semiconductor Fabs in India.
- 3. Similarly, a fiscal incentive of 50% of the project cost is available for setting up of Display Fabs of specified technologies in India.
- 4. India Semiconductor Mission is the designated nodal agency for the program.

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Digital payments rankings

- 1. **India** has emerged as the **global leader** in digital payments for the year 2022.
- 2. The data from the government's citizen engagement platform, MyGovIndia, reveals India's dominant position in the **digital** payment landscape.
- 3. According to the data, India recorded a staggering **89.5 million digital transactions** during the review period.



Right to Change One's Name

- 1. The right to change one's name has been a subject of **legal scrutiny in** recent cases.
- 2. The **High Courts of Allahabad and Delhi** have ruled that this right is an intrinsic part of the right to life under **Article 21 of the Constitution.**



Exploration of Coal and Lignite Scheme

1. The Centre approved the continuation of the central sector plan 'Exploration of Coal and Lignite scheme'.

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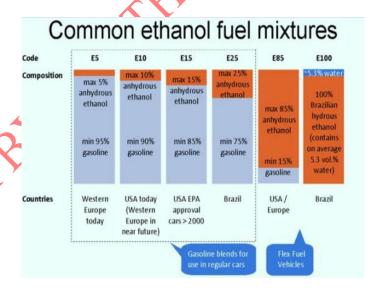
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- 2. The time period for the extension is from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- 3. Under this scheme, exploration for coal and lignite is conducted in two broad stages:
 - Promotional (Regional) Exploration and
 - Detailed Exploration in non-Coal India Limited blocks.



E27 Fuel

1. Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (NPCL) launched a pilot study on vehicles using E27 fuel and Ethanol Blended Diesel Fuel.



- 2. This was making it the **first Oil Marketing Company** in India to undertake such a comprehensive research program.
- 3. The centre's team is evaluating the effects and performance of different blends of ethanol-gasoline, ranging from **10 to 27 percent**.

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Most developed constituency

- 1. **Udhampur-Doda-Kathua' Parliamentary Constituency** from Jammu & Kashmir is one of the most developed constituencies in India among the 550 Parliamentary Constituencies.
- 2. It is only Constituency in India having three medical Colleges including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).



- 3. This constituency has earned its name as the birthplace of the 'purple revolution'.
- 4. The world's highest railway bridge the Chenab Bridge and the world's longest tunnel Dr Shyama Prasad Mookherjee tunnel are located here.

Fame-II Subsidy Cut

- 1. The government's reduction in the FAME subsidy for electric scooters in India, which came into effect from June 1.
- 2. The government has lowered the subsidies from 40 percent to 15 percent of the vehicle cost.
- 3. The FAME scheme commenced on April 1, 2019, for a period of three years.
- 4. It was further extended for a period of two years up to March 31, 2024.

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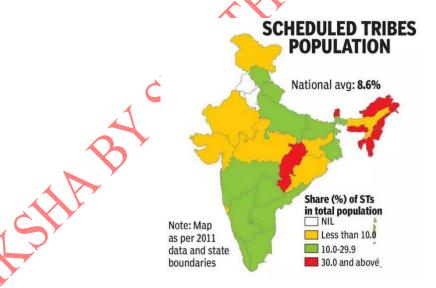


Athi Uttam

1. The Geological Survey Training Institute of India (GSITI), Hyderabad has been accredited as "Athi Uttam" by the National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET).

New Human Development Index for tribals

1. The Union government will develop a Human Development Index (HDI) of **75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)** communities across India.



2. About **28 lakh people** of the PVTGs living in over 22,000 villages across the country.

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3. This will be a part of the **three-year** Rs.15,000 Crore PVTG Mission, which was proposed in the 2023-24 budget.

Open Market Sale Scheme

- 1. The Indian government has decided to discontinue the sale of rice and wheat from the central pool under the **Open Market Sale Scheme** (**OMSS**) to state governments.
- 2. This move, aimed at curbing rising prices, will impact certain states, including **Karnataka**, that provide **free grains to the poor**.
- 3. However, rice sales under the OMSS will continue for northeastern states, hilly regions, and states facing law and order issues or natural calamities.



India's Rankings through Pharmaceuticals

- 1. The Indian Pharmaceutical industry is ranked 3rd in the world for producing medicines by volume.
- 2. The country through the pharma sector is considered to be one of the most valuable nations.
- 3. It holds the **14th position among all in terms of value**.

Reforming arbitration law

1. The centre has set up an expert panel led by former law secretary T K Viswanathan to recommend reforms in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

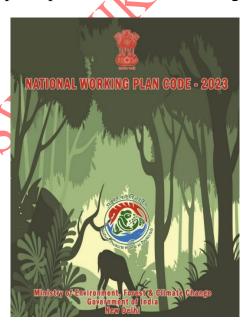
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- 2. Earlier in January 2017, constituted a High-Level Committee formed under the chairmanship of retired Supreme Court justice BN Sri Krishna.
- 3. The Act provides the procedure to be followed in arbitration proceedings, arbitral tribunal, the conduct of the tribunal along with the arbitral awards to be made in a dispute.
- 4. The decision is binding on the parties and given in the form of an arbitral award in an arbitration agreement.
- 5. It also prescribes the procedure of appeal to courts in case of discrepancies.

National Working Plan Code – 2023

- 1. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change released the "National Working Plan Code-2023".
- 2. This is for the scientific management of forests and evolving new approaches.
- 3. This is deals in detail with the essentials of forest management planning, incorporating the principles of sustainable management of forests.



Indian languages programme

1. **Google** launched the 'Indian Languages Programme' under its News Initiative to support **local news publishers** in India.

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- 2. It is a comprehensive initiative designed to **empower publishers** through various components.
- 3. It is including access to **training, technical support, and funding**, to help them **improve their digital operations** and reach more readers.

Top Achievers in Wind Energy Adoption

- 1. **Rajasthan, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu** are felicitated for their achievements during the financial year 2022-23.
- 2. Rajasthan was felicitated for achieving the highest wind capacity addition.
- 3. **Gujarat** was achieving the highest wind capacity addition through open access.
- 4. **Tamil Nadu** was initiating repowering of wind turbines.
- 5. Wind Atlas has been prepared by the **National Institute of Wind Energy** (NIWE).
- 6. It has estimated the **onshore wind potential** of the country at **1,164 GW** at **150 meters** above ground level

First Omicron-specific mRNA vaccine

1. India's first indigenous mRNA vaccine for the Omicron variant, GEMCOVAC-OM, was developed by Pune-based Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd.

Two new consulates

- 1. The USA will open two new consulates in **Bengaluru and Ahmedabad**.
- 2. India recently cleared a deal worth over USD 4 billion to buy 31 Predator drones from the US.

India's largest private rail coach factory

1. **Medha Servo Drives Private Limited**, India's largest private rail coach factory was inaugurated at **Kondakal village in Rangareddy** district near **Hyderabad**.

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4th National Water Awards

1. The **Jal Shakti Ministry** had announced a total of **41 winners**, covering **11 categories**, including joint winners, for the National Water Awards, 2022.



2. The awards focus on **encouraging good work and efforts** made by various individuals and organisations **to conserve water**.

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| Best Media | 2 nd - Akashvani of Guwahati | | |

Justice Clocks

1. The Electronic signage systems known as Justice Clocks have been across the court complexes of High Courts.

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2. The initiative will inform stakeholders about **court-related key parameters** and bring awareness among public by providing bird eye view of court-related data.



Levels of urban segregation in India

- 1. The level of segregation for **Muslim and Scheduled Caste residents** of Indian cities was as much as the current levels of segregation between Black and White Americans.
- 2. Group of international academics and economists released a paper titled, 'Residential Segregation and Unequal Access to Local Public Services in India: Evidence from 1.5m Neighbourhoods'.
- 3. It found that **26% of the Muslim population** lives in neighbourhoods with over 80% Muslim population and **17% of SC** live in neighbourhoods over 80% SC population.

CHAMPIONS 2.0 Portal

- 1. The Union Minister for MSME, launched key initiatives on International MSME Day.
- 2. These included the 'CHAMPIONS 2.0 Portal' for MSME support, a mobile app for geo-tagging cluster.
- 3. Celebrated 'Udyami Bharat-MSME Day' with a special event.

BIS Standards for Biodegradable Agri By-Product Utensils

1. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has issued standards for agricultural byproduct utensils.

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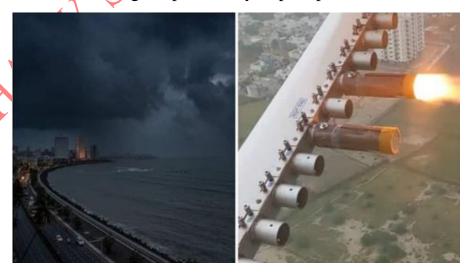
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- 2. It aims to reduce plastic pollution and promote sustainability.
- 3. The published standard will be IS 18267: 2023 "Food Serving Utensils Made from Agri By-Products Specification".

MOVE TO CUT PLASTIC POLLUTION IS 18267:2023 for wooden tableware will have far-reaching impact in controlling plastic pollution The standards will lay down guidelines for manufacturers to keep products free from harmful additives, ensuring consumer well-being The billion-dollar market will provide economic opportunities to farmers, MSMEs and support sustainable living

Test flight for cloud seeding

- 1. The **Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK)** has conducted a test flight for cloud seeding.
- 2. It aims to **help create conditions for rain** which would help to combat dry conditions and air pollution.
- 3. The Cloud seeding involves the utilisation of various **chemical agents** such as **silver iodide**, **dry ice**, **common salt**, **and other elements** with the aim of enhancing the probability of precipitation.



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One Nation One Helpline

1. The Centre decided to integrate women helpline, child helpline with ERSS-112 (Emergency Response Support System).



- 2. Childline services is defined in Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 under section 2(25).
- 3. As a **24-hours emergency outreach service** is for children in crisis which links them to emergency or long-term care and rehabilitation service.
- 4. The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Kerala will function as a total solution provider (TSP) for automation of child helpline-1098 and its integration with ERSS-112.

World Bank's loan to India

- The World Bank has approved a loan of \$255.5 million to enhance the quality of technical education in government-run institutions across India over the course of the next five years, benefiting more than 350,000 students annually.
- 2. The Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education Project of the World Bank will emphasise enhanced research capabilities, entrepreneurship, and innovation.

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Dawoodi Bohra Muslim Community

- 1. PM Modi's visit to the Al-Hakim Mosque **in Cairo**, Egypt signifies the deep-rooted historical and cultural connections between India and Egypt, with a particular focus on the Dawoodi Bohra Muslim community.
- 2. The Mosque have intricately carved inscriptions on the walls and doorways of the mosque which was **built in 1012**.
- 3. The Bohra community are known to have **originated from Egypt and** later shifted to Yemen.
- 4. They are establishing a presence in India in the **11th century**.



Jeetenge Hum

- 1. Gautam Adani Launches 'Jeetenge Hum' With 1983 Heroes Ahead Of Cricket World Cup 2023.
- 2. The goal of **rallying support for Team India** and boosting morale ahead of the upcoming ICC ODI Cricket World Cup 2023.



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India's First Hydrogen Train

1. The first prototype of the hydrogen train is expected to commence in the fiscal of 2023-2024 between Jind-Sonipat section of Northern Railway.

2. India's first hydrogen plant is being set up near the railway junction in **Jind district, Haryana**.



- 3. Currently, hydrogen-powered trains are running only in **Germany**.
- 4. Hydrogen trains use **hydrogen fuel cells** instead of diesel engines and These cells **produce electricity by combining hydrogen and oxygen,** which generates the electricity used to power the train's motors.
- 5. The by-products are water and a little heat.

"Report Fish Disease" App

- 1. Ministry of Fisheries & Animal Husbandry launched an android mobile app "Report Fish Disease" contributing to the vision of Digital India.
- 2. A significant step towards **digitizing the fish farming sector** with the launch of the android-based mobile app.

Rainbow diet campaign

- 1. The ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI) of Thiruvanantha Puram is gearing up to extend its tuber crop-based 'rainbow diet' campaign.
- 2. The CTCRI would launch the **campaign in Odisha** in the current fiscal.

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- 3. By the end of 2024-25, planned to **cover nine districts in that State**.
- 4. The initiative was aimed at **popularising biofortified tubers** and value-added products made from them **among the tribal communities** for tackling malnutrition and ensuring a balanced diet.
- 5. A typical 'rainbow diet' is a meal plan comprising different-coloured fresh fruits and vegetables.



'Dakshta' course

- 1. The central government introduced a new curated collection of courses called "Dakshta" on the **iGOT Karmayogi Platform**.
- 2. Dakshta stands for 'Development of Attitude, Knowledge, Skill for Holistic Transformation in Administration'.



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3. The iGOT (Integrated Government Online Training) Karmayogi platform is a **comprehensive portal** to **guide government officials** in their capacity-building journey.

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Global Wealth Conference

- 1. The Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI), a source on institutional investors and global capital's Global Wealth Conference (GWC) will be held **London.**
- 2. Sovereign wealth funds globally see India as a destination for direct investments.

India-EU Connectivity Conference

- 1. The India-EU Connectivity Conference, is set to take place in Meghalaya.
- 2. The conference aims to explore opportunities for enhancing connectivity investments in India's North Eastern States and its neighboring countries, including Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh.
- 3. Three essential pillars of connectivity: digital, energy, and transport.
- 4. The primary objective is to explore opportunities to boost connectivity investments in India's North Eastern States and its neighboring countries.

Health for All – WHO

- 1. 'Health for All: Transforming economies to deliver what matters' report was launched by WHO.
- 2. This is a roadmap to focus on the links between health and sustainable, inclusive and innovation-led economic growth.
- 3. It has recommended reorienting economies to deliver health for all across four interrelated themes viz. Value, Value, Innovation and Innovation.

Smoke - free Country

- 1. Sweden close to becoming first Smoke free country in Europe.
- 2. Only 5% in total population are smoking.

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Polio Eradication Efforts in West and Central Africa

1. Three countries - **Cameroon, Chad and Niger** - has kicked off Africa's largest polio vaccination campaign since 2020.

2. The vaccination drive started in response to 19 detections of type-2 Polioviruses.



Global Plan of Action for the Health of Indigenous People

- 1. World Health Organization accepted a draft resolution that proposed developing a Global Plan.
- 2. The world presently has **476 million indigenous people** across in about **90 countries**.
- 3. They speak **7,000 languages** and come from **500 different cultures**.
- 4. The **194 member** states were urged to **develop a collection of ethical data** to identify specific requirements of indigenous people and fill in the gaps.

Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo

- Lechina is participating with its warships in multilateral naval exercise hosted by Indonesia.
- 2. North Korea, Russia, South Korea and the United States also invited to this exercise.
- 3. The Chinese military also plans a joint drill, **Exercise Amana Youyi-2023** with Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam.

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World Conservation Congress

- 1. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has chosen **Abu Dhabi** as the venue in 2023.
- 2. Taking place from **October 10-21, 2025**, the conference will serve as a critical platform for global environmentalists to address pressing challenges and formulate innovative solutions for a sustainable future.

Centralized Laboratory Network

- 1. India has recently joined the Centralized Laboratory Network (CLN).
- 2. It currently has **15 partner facilities in 13 countries** that works to test vaccines which can be used during pandemic, epidemic disease outbreak.
- 3. This Network is the largest global group which has standardised methods and materials for testing.

Ban on domestic short-haul flights

- 1. France has banned domestic short-haul flights where train alternatives exist, in a bid to cut carbon emissions.
- 2. On average, the plane emits 77 times more CO2 per passenger than the train.
- 3. Recently, the **Schiphol airport in Amsterdam**, banned private jets and small business planes.

Helmand River Dispute

- 1. Afghanistan and Iran have a dispute over the Helmand River.
- 2. It is a critical source of **drinking water**, **irrigation and fishing for both** countries.
- 3. While the two countries signed a treaty on sharing water resources in 1973.
- 4. Treaty of 1973 states that Afghanistan must deliver water to Iran at a rate of **22 cubic metres per second per annum** with an additional four cubic metres per second.
- 5. Originates in the Afghan **Hindu Kush Mountain range** and flows across Afghanistan.

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6. It splits into **Shele Charak River - forms** border between the two countries, and the **Sistan River -** flows westward into Iran.



India's Top Choice for Foreign Direct Investment

- 1. **Dubai** ranks No. 1 as the Destination City for foreign direct investment (FDI) from India in calendar year 2022.
- 2. India ranked among the **Top 5 source countries** for announced FDI projects and estimated FDI capital.

Shenzhou-16 mission

- 1. China launched a spacecraft carrying three astronauts, including its first civilian, to **Tiangong space station**.
- 2. Country's **fifth manned mission** to a fully functional space station since 2021.
- 3. Zhu Yangzhu and Gui Haichao, the first Chinese civilian to travel to space.

Most powerful hypersonic wind tunnel

- 1. China has recently completed the construction of the most powerful wind tunnel in the world.
- 2. The wind tunnel, called **JF-22**, has a diameter of 4 metres (13 feet) and can generate incredibly high airflow **speeds of up to 10 kilometres** (6.2 miles) per second.
- 3. This makes it capable of simulating hypersonic flight conditions up to **Mach 30**, which is **30 times the speed of sound**.

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Non-permanent members of the UNSC

- 1. Five countries have been elected as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council following a vote in the General Assembly.
- 2. Algeria, Guyana, Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone and Slovenia will join the premier body for maintaining international peace and security.



Nova Kakhovka Dam collapse

- 1. The collapse of the Nova Kakhovka dam in southern Ukraine is one of the biggest industrial and **ecological disasters in Europe** for decades.
- 2. The dam is **one of the biggest in Europe**, was holding nearly **18 cubic-kilometres of water.**
- 3. The primary purposes of the dam were **hydroelectric power generation**, irrigation and navigation.



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Air Defender 23

- 1. The NATO military exercise Air Defender 23 has begun recently.
- 2. It's the biggest drill of its type since the military alliance was formed in 1949.
- 3. **Germany serves as the host** and logistical hub.
- 4. Up to 250 aircraft stationed across six military bases, with 25 countries taking part.



Virgin Birth in Crocodiles

- 1. Scientists say they have documented the first virgin (without male partner) birth in a crocodile.
- 2. The crocodile named Coquita, had been living alone in a Costa Rican Zoo called Parque Reptilandia for 16 years.
- 3. The ability of reproducing without males is not new in the animal kingdom.
- 4. It's called **facultative parthenogenesis**, where the offspring only has DNA from the mother.
- 5. It has been previously observed in **snakes and lizards** and some types of fish such as **sharks**, **rays and sawfish**.

Fraser Island Name change

1. The iconic Fraser Island in Australia has been officially renamed **Kgari.**

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- 2. The decision to rename the island as Kgari is a tribute to its traditional owners, the Butchulla people.
- 3. Kgari holds immense **cultural significance** for the Butchulla people, who have inhabited the land for thousands of years.
- 4. The name "Kgari" translates to "paradise" in the Butchulla language.
- 5. It is the largest sand island in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site.



Atlantic Declaration

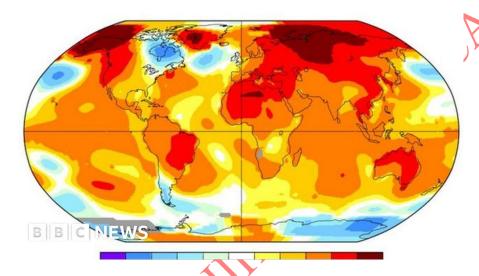
- 1. The United States and the United Kingdom have announced the Atlantic Declaration for a Twenty-First Century U.S.-UK Economic Partnership.
- 2. It aims to **boost industry ties on defence and renewable energy**, in the face of growing competition from China.
- 3. The Atlantic Declaration is focused on building a resilient, diversified, and secure supply chain, reducing strategic dependencies.



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Global Mean Temperature

- 1. According to the European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecast (ECMWF), the **1.5-degree Celsius threshold** for global mean temperatures was breached in the first few days of June.
- 2. This marks the first time the 1.5-degree threshold has been surpassed during the summer months.



Ethiopia-Lebanon labour deal

- 1. Poor protection for domestic workers in Ethiopia-Lebanon labour deal.
- 2. Hundreds of thousands of Ethiopian workers in Lebanon could be left without legal protections and minimum wage requirements, as revealed by a recently signed bilateral labour agreement.

Indian rupee accounts

- 1. **Sberbank, Russia's top lender**, has announced that individuals can now open accounts in Indian rupees, as the bank looks to decrease its reliance on the US dollar and euro.
- 2. Sberbank has more than 100 million retail clients and already offers deposits in China's yuan and UAE dirhams.

First Foreign Government to promote Yoga

1. **Oman Creates History** as First Foreign Government to Promote Country through Yoga

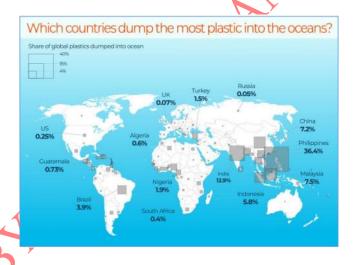
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2. Indian Embassy in the Sultanate of Oman has introduced an innovative video called 'Soulful Yoga, Serene Oman' on the eve of the International Day of Yoga 2023.

First ever High Seas Treaty

- 1. The **United Nations** has adopted the first-ever international treaty to **govern the high seas and protect remote ecosystems** vital to humanity.
- 2. This is Officially known as the **Treaty on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction.**
- 3. It aims to **protecting and governing** activities such as **fishing**, **mining**, and oil extraction in international waters.
- 4. The treaty still needs to be ratified by at least **60 member nations** to take effect.
- 5. The high seas cover more than **60 percent** of the earth's surface.



Memorial wall for fallen United Nations peacekeepers

- 1. The UN General Assembly has **adopted a draft resolution introduced by India** to establish a **memorial wall** in the UN Headquarters to honour fallen peacekeepers.
- 2. The resolution was co-sponsored by **nearly 190 UN Member States** and was adopted by consensus.

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3. In **2015**, **the Permanent Mission of India** to the UN launched a virtual memorial wall, dedicated to the Indian troops who made the supreme sacrifice.



Tripartite power trade agreement

- 1. India, Nepal, and Bangladesh have finalised the draft of a tripartite power trade agreement.
- 2. The agreement will also meet a long-standing demand from Nepal and Bangladesh to allow the trading of power through the Indian grid.



Ocean Ring of Yoga

The 'Ocean Ring of Yoga' event was organised in **onboard Indian naval ships** such as Kiltan, Chennai, Shivalik, Sunayna, Trishul, Tarkash, Vagir, Sumitra, and Brahmaputra on International Day of Yoga.

World's most liveable city

1. The Austrian capital **Vienna** - was ranked as the world's most liveable city, followed by **Copenhagen, Sydney, Melbourne and Vancouver.**

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- 2. This is based on the Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Index 2023.
- 3. The honour is attributed to Vienna's 'stability, good culture & entertainment, reliable infrastructure, and exemplary education & health services'.
- 4. Among **Asian countries**, only **Osaka in Japan** features among the top 10 most liveable countries at number 9.



Catastrophic implosion

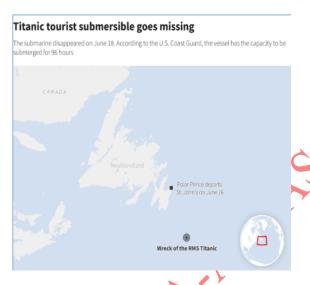
- 1. A deep-sea submersible **carrying five people** on a voyage to the wreck of the Titanic was found in pieces from a "catastrophic implosion".
- 2. The submersible, known as the **Titan**, was operated by the U.S. based company Ocean Gate Expeditions.
- 3. The **RMS Titanic**, which struck an iceberg and sank during its maiden voyage in **1912**, killed more than 1,500 people aboard.

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4. At the depth the Titanic rests, there is around **5,600 pounds per square** inch of pressure.

5. A catastrophic implosion is "**incredibly quick**," taking place within just a fraction of a **millisecond**.



Estonia legalizes same-sex marriage

- 1. Estonia's parliament passed a law legalizing same-sex marriage.
- 2. Two adults will be able to marry "regardless of their gender".
- 3. The amended Act will go into effect from January 1, 2024.
- 4. By this, it becoming the first ex-Soviet country to do so.



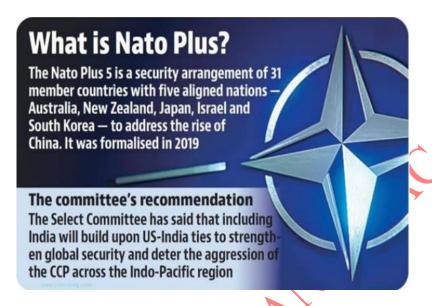
NATO Plus

1. US Senator plans to introduce a bill that would make India a part of the NATO Plus grouping.

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2. The NATO Plus security arrangement currently includes **NATO** and five aligned nations.



- 3. The 5 are Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Israel, and South Korea.
- 4. Its purpose is to boost defence and intelligence ties.
- 5. NATO is a transatlantic alliance of 31 like-minded North American and European countries.
- 6. It was established by the North Atlantic Treaty (Washington Treaty) 1949.

INDUS X event



1. India-United States Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS X) was launched at an event in **Washington DC**.

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- 2. The initiative aims to foster collaboration and innovation between Indian and US defence startups, promoting **technological advancements** in the sector.
- 3. It will create jobs for **working families in both countries** and promote global peace, security, and prosperity.

Bangladesh Floats Currency

- 1. **Bangladesh's central bank** will allow the currency to float freely for the first time in the country's history.
- 2. **Pakistan, Egypt and Lebanon** were among those that have dropped their fixed exchange rates this year.
- 3. A floating exchange rate is a regime where the currency price of a nation is set by the forex market based on supply and demand relative to other currencies.
- 4. This is in contrast to a fixed exchange rate, in which the government entirely or predominantly determines the rate.

USA's fish kill

- 1. Thousands of dead fish washed up on the beaches of southeast Texas of USA due to a phenomenon called "fish kill".
- 2. It is the sudden and unexpected death of many fish or other aquatic animals over a short period and mostly within a particular area.
- 3. It occurs mainly due to low levels of dissolved oxygen in the water that causes suffocation of the fish.



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St. Petersburg International Economic Forum

- 1. The 26th edition of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF), held recently in Russia's second-largest city.
- 2. SPIEF is a unique event in the world of business and economics.
- 3. It was probably the only such elite gathering of global business community leaders in this part of the world.

Digital nomad strategy

- 1. **Canada** has launched a "Digital Nomad Strategy" to address its skilled workers' shortage, particularly in the tech industry.
- 2. It aimed at **attracting talented individuals** from around the world.

The Hiroshima AI process

- 1. The annual Group of Seven (G7) Summit, hosted by **Japan**, took place in **Hiroshima**.
- 2. The **G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué** initiated the Hiroshima AI Process (HAP).
- 3. It aims to advance **international discussions** on **inclusive AI governance** and interoperability to achieve our common vision and goal of trustworthy AI.



'In-country' Renewable H-1B Visas

1. The US is set to introduce in-country renewable H-1B visas as part of the peopleto-people initiative.

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2. The move is set to smoothen the process of H-1B visa renewal for several Indians who are working in the US on a H-1B visa.

3. H-1B visa is a **non-immigrant visa that allows US companies** to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations.

| 2.7 million | Indian-origin persons in the US as of 2021, according to Migration Policy Institute |
|-------------|---|
| 73% | Share of H-1B visas given to Indians in 2022 |
| 5 | Number of Indian-origin members in the US Congress |
| #6 | India's rank in foreign tourist arrivals to the US (2022) |
| 28.60% | Share of US in foreign tourist arrivals to India, the highest (2021) |

- 4. The H-1B visas are issued for three years at a time.
- 5. Until **2004**, certain categories of non-immigrant visas, particularly the H-1B, could be **renewed or stamped inside the US**.
- 6. After that, for the renewal of H-1B, the workers have **to go to their own country** to get the H-1B extension stamped on their passport.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Daam Malware

1. 'Daam', the malware infects mobile phones and hacks into users' sensitive data like call records, contacts, history and camera has been found on Android devices.

Modular reactors

- India is taking steps for development of Small Modular Reactors (SMR), with up to **300 MW capacity** to fulfill its commitment to **Clean Energy transition**.
- 2. It is said that SMR is simpler and safer as compared to large nuclear plants.

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Navigational satellite – NVS 1

- 1. **ISRO** launched India's Next-Gen NVS-01 successfully.
- 2. NVS-01 is first of the India's **second-generation** NavIC satellites.
- 3. It is aimed to augment the navigational capabilities of the country.
- 4. The network covers an area including India and a region up to 1500 km beyond the Indian boundary.
- 5. The signals are designed to provide user position accuracy better than 20 meters and timing accuracy better than 50 nanoseconds.

Agni – 1 missile

- 1. India conducted a "successful launch" of the medium-range Agni-1 missile from the **APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast**.
- 2. The nuclear-capable Agni series of missiles are surface-to-surface missiles developed by the **DRDO**.
- 3. In October last year, India successfully fired 'Agni Prime' a new generation of ballistic missiles.

Israel-1 Supercomputer

- 1. Nvidia Corporation will build Israel-1, one of the world's most powerful AI supercomputers.
- 2. Expected to deliver up to 8 exaflops of peak AI performance.
- 3. An exaflop is a measure of performance for a supercomputer.
- 4. Calculate at least one quintillion (10¹⁸) floating-point operations per second.

Neuralink Chip

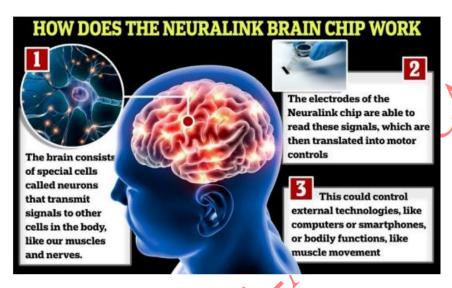
- 1. Efon Musk founded a neurotechnology company Neuralink in 2016.
- 2. Neuralink is now making a Class III medical device known as a brain-computer interface (BCI).
- 3. The device connects the brain to an external computer via a **Bluetooth** signal, enabling continuous communication back and forth.
- 4. The device itself is a **coin-sized unit called a Link**.

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5. It's implanted within a **small disk-shaped** cut out in the skull using a precision surgical robot.

6. The robot splices a **thousand tiny threads** from the Link to certain neurons in the brain.



Fattah or Conqueror

- 1. Iran's new missile, Conqueror, have a claim that can **penetrate any** regional missile Defense system.
- 2. This **hypersonic missile** capable of traveling at **15 times the speed of sound.**
- 3. It had a range of up to 1,400 kilometers (870 miles).



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Agni Prime

- 1. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**) successfully test-fired its New Generation Ballistic Missile 'Agni Prime' from **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha**.
- 2. The **first Pre Induction night** launch successfully demonstrated all objectives of the missile and validated the **accuracy and reliability** of the system.



Varunastra Torpedo

1. Indigenously designed and developed heavy weight torpedo (HWT) Varunastra was successfully test-fired recently.



- 2. Varunastra is a **ship-launched anti-submarine** torpedo having low drift navigational systems.
- 3. The torpedo has a maximum speed of **40 knots** and a maximum operating depth of **600 m**.

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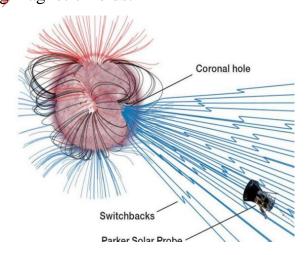
Light-powered Supercapacitors

- 1. The **Indian and Korean researchers** have jointly developed a portable super capacitor that can be charged using light.
- 2. It will be replacing the **conventional lithium-ion batteries** in portable and wearable devices such as smartphones and tablets.
- 3. However, supercapacitors' capability of getting **charged and discharged quickly.**
- 4. A supercapacitor device consists of an electrode, electrolyte and a current collector.



Source of Solar Wind

- The solar wind the flow of charged particles, or plasma, from the Sun radiates out over all the bodies in the solar system.
- 2. Parker probe was deployed to answer what accelerates the plasma and accompanying magnetic fields.



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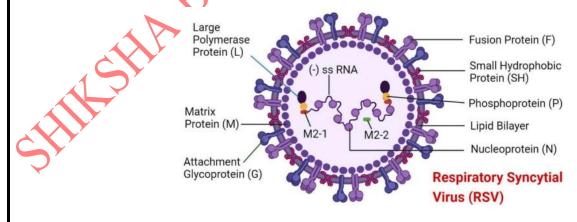
- 3. This solar wind travels at different speeds, fast and slow.
- 4. The data collected by the **Parker Solar Probe** has revealed fascinating insights into the **workings of coronal holes**.
- 5. These regions resemble showerheads on the sun's surface, characterized by jets appearing as bright spots.
- 6. The probe's findings indicate that these **coronal holes** are associated with the **supergranulation flows within the sun's atmosphere.**
- 7. Magnetic fields passing in and out of the photosphere create these supergranulation cells, resulting in intensified magnetic energy within the funnel structures.

Experiment on Frying in Space

- 1. The first fry in space has been made by researchers of the European Space Agency.
- 2. A study was recently carried out in **microgravity at a height of 2,000 feet** to see whether potatoes can be cooked to an edible level.
- 3. The concept of **buoyancy**, which makes **oil bubbles** leave the surface of the potato does not exist in outer space due to lack of gravity.
- 4. ESA teams managed to get a fried product in a simulated environment.

Controlling respiratory syncytial virus

- 1. A new study has shown that human T cells have an important role to play in **controlling Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) infection**.
- 2. T cells can independently control RSV infection in human lung tissue in the absence of an RSV-specific antibody response.



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- 3. But, a vaccine-induced **RSV-specific T cell response** would not be able to prevent infection.
- 4. RSV is a **highly contagious and seasonal respiratory virus** that mainly causes common cold symptoms in healthy adults.
- 5. It can cause more serious lung infections in infants, the immunocompromised and older individuals.

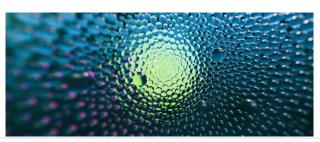
Tapas UAV

- 1. DRDO and the Indian Navy have successfully demonstrated transferring of command-and-control capabilities of the UAV.
- 2. The UAV was seamlessly flying around an altitude of 20,000ft (ASML).



Chiral Bose-liquid State

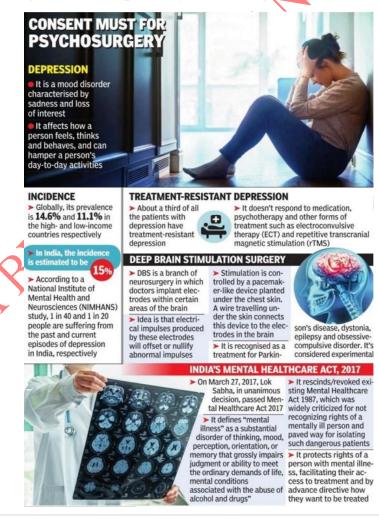
- 1. So far, all of us encounter matter in three states solid, liquid and gas.
- 2. The Chiral-Bose liquid state is formed by **bringing two layers of a** special material very close together at absolute zero.
- 3. It is a system with **built-in constraints** that prevent particles from interacting as they might typically.
- 4. In the quantum state, matter behaves in ways quite different from the three states that we are used to.



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Psychiatric Operation

- 1. A **38-year-old Australian woman** who had been battling depression for the past 26 years became the **first person** to undergo a psychiatric operation recently in Mumbai.
- 2. This is the first operation for depression in India since the new Mental Healthcare Act was passed in 2017.
- 3. Depression is the most common mental health problem, with some studies fixing it at 15% of the population.
 - About a **third of these patients** have depression that is resistant to various forms of treatment, be the **pills or shock therapy**.
 - As a last resort, some patients are offered deep brain stimulation (DBS) surgery in which electrodes are placed in the brain to change the neuro pathways.

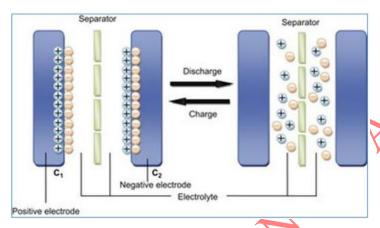


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Paper-based Supercapacitor

1. **Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute** (GERMI) have developed the **thinnest**, **lightweight and biodegradable** paper-based supercapacitor.



- 2. This supercapacitor can fully charge a device within 10 seconds.
- 3. It has been developed from **seaweed** (marine macroalgae).
- 4. The device is of **high tensile strength and performance**, as well as cost-effective,
- 5. A supercapacitor is an **electrochemical charge storage device** with a fast charging/discharging cycle, high power density and a longer lifecycle.

DEFENCE

Arctic exercises

- 1. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries have kicked off military exercises with a pledge to defend their newest member, **Finland.**
- 2. This exercise marks Finland's biggest modern-time land-force drill above the Arctic Circle.

Trilateral Maritime Partnership Exercise

1. India, France and UAE trilateral cooperation - completed its first-ever trilateral Maritime Partnership Exercise.

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2. INS Tarkash and French Ship Surcouf, both along with integral helicopters, French Rafale aircraft and UAE Navy Maritime Patrol Aircraft are participating in the exercise.



EX-EKATHA

1. Sixth edition of India-Maldives exercise held at Maldives.

Dhruv

- 1. The Union Defence minister has inaugurated the **Integrated Simulator Complex** (ISC) 'Dhruv' at **Southern Naval Command, Kochi**.
- 2. It is envisaged to give **real-time experience on navigation**, fleet operations and Naval tactics.

Julley Ladakh

1. The Indian Navy recently launched an outreach program called "Julley Ladakh" (Hello Ladakh) to increase awareness **about the Navy**.

Twin CBG operation

- 1 The Indian Navy carried out a massive operation in the Arabian Sea involving more than 35 aircraft as part of a Carrier Battle Group (CBG).
- 2. This was one of the most significant demonstrations of the Navy's operational capabilities to date, and comes at a time when there are increasing Chinese forays into the **Indian Ocean.**
- 3. A **CBG** is a **naval fleet comprising** an aircraft carrier and multiple escort vessels.

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4. **INS Vikramaditya and INS Vikrant,** involved, along with a diverse fleet of escort ships, submarines, and aircraft.

Warship of Indian Navy

- 1. The fourth ship of the Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) Project, named 'Sanshodhak' meaning 'Researcher', was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai by L and T/ GRSE for the Indian Navy.
- 2. **Anjadip** is the 3rd Anti-Submarine Shallow Water Craft (ASWSWC)



INS Kirpan

- 1. India gifts missile corvette INS Kirpan to Vietnam.
- 2. A warship from the **Khukri class** commissioned in **1991**.



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Ex Khaan Quest 2023

- 1. Multinational Peacekeeping Joint Exercise "Ex Khaan Quest 2023" featuring participation from **military contingents of over 20 countries** has commenced **in Mongolia**.
- 2. This **14-day exercise** aims to enhance interoperability and train uniformed personnel for **United Nations Peacekeeping Operations**.



ECONOMY

Fiscal Deficit Target

- 1. The Union government has successfully achieved its fiscal deficit target of **6.4%** of the gross domestic product (GDP) for the financial year 2022-23.
- 2. **Fiscal deficit** refers to the gap between a government's total expenditure and its total revenue in a specific financial year. It indicates the amount of borrowing required by the government to meet its expenditure needs.

100 Days 100 Pays Campaign

- 1. Aimed at tracing and settling the top **100 unclaimed deposits** of every bank in every district within a span of 100 days.
- 2. The RBI hopes to bring attention to the issue of unclaimed deposits and facilitate their resolution.
- 3. **Unclaimed deposits** refer to funds that have remained untouched or inactive for a period of ten years or longer.

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RBI Annual Report 2022-23

- 1. The report provides information on the RBI's functioning through the fiscal year as well as the state of the economy.
- 2. RBI's **total income** in 2022-23 was **₹2.35 lakh crore**. It is 47% more than the ₹1.6 lakh crore number for 2021-22.
- 3. Total Foreign Direct Investment (**FDI**) fell to a three-year low of **\$46** billion in 2022-23.
- 4. During 2022-23, headline **inflation** averaged 6.7%.

e-Appeals Scheme 2023

- 1. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) notified E-Appeals Scheme, 2023.
- 2. This will speed up hearing of appeals in IT matters.
- 3. Under the Faceless Appeal Scheme, all communication between the appellate commissioner and the taxpayer are routed through the National Faceless Appeal Centre (NFAC).
- 4. Under the E-Appeals Scheme, the communication between the Joint Commissioner of Income-Tax (Appeals) and the taxpayer is via the portal.
- 5. This will result in speedy flow of communication and should reduce the time gap in disposal of appeals.

Antardrishti

- 1. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das launched recently a **financial inclusion dashboard** named 'Antardrishti'.
- 2. To measure the extent of financial inclusion, RBI had constructed the **Financial Inclusion (FI) Index in 2021** based on three dimensions 'Access', 'Usage' and 'Quality'.

World's 2nd largest producer of crude steel

1. India has moved from **4th largest producer** of crude steel to the second largest producer of crude steel from 2014-15 to 2022-23.

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2. In the financial year 2022-23, India's total finished Steel Production was 122.28 MT.

Rise in Fake Rs 500 Notes

- 1. Around 91,110 pieces of fake Rs 500 notes were detected in FY23.
- 2. During 2022-23, 4.6 per cent Fake Indian Currency Notes were detected at the Reserve Bank and 95.4 per cent at other banks.

| Denomination (₹) | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2 and 5 | 9 | 1 | 3 |
| 10 | 304 | 354 | 313 |
| 20 | 267 | 311 | 337 |
| 50 | 24,802 | 17,696 | 17,755 |
| 100 | 1,10,736 | 92,237 | 78,699 |
| 200 | 24,245 | 27,074 | 27,258 |
| 500 (Specified Banknotes) | 9 | 14 | 6 |
| 500 | 39,453 | 79,669 | 91,110 |
| 1000 (Specified Banknotes) | 2 | 11 | 482 |
| 2000 | 8,798 | 13,604 | 9,806 |
| Total | 2,08,625 | 2,30,971 | 2,25,769 |

Highest exports of seafood

- 1. India's seafood exports, both in terms of volume and value, achieved an all-time high in 2022-23.
- 2. It shipped **1.7 million tonnes** of seafood during the financial year.
- 3. Frozen shrimp, retained its position as the most significant item.
- 4. **Frozen fish** is the second largest exported item.
- 5. The US, China, and the European Union are key markets for Indian seafood.
- 6. South East Asia is the fourth largest market.

First Loss Default Guarantee

- 1. RBI has granted its approval for First Loss Default Guarantee (FLDG) framework.
- 2. FLDG scheme allows Indian fintechs to partner with banks and NBFCs.

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- 3. This decision is seen as a big positive for data-tech NBFCs and finteens.
- 4. Further, the move will strengthen the digital lending ecosystem.
- 5. It is an arrangement between Regulated Entities (REs) and Lending Service Providers (LSPs) or between two REs involving default loss guarantee (DLG), commonly known as FLDG.

ENVIRONMENT

Cheetah Project Steering Committee

- 1. The Centre has set up yet high-level panel of national and international experts to oversee and monitor the ambitious Project Cheetah in India.
- 2. This step has taken after the **death of six cheetahs**, including three newborn cubs, at the **Kuno National Park** (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh.
- 3. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has constituted this Committee with 11 members.
- 4. The Committee will be chaired by **Rajesh Gopal** (former member secretary of the NTCA and currently with the Global Tiger Forum).
- 5. In October last year, the ministry had constituted a "Cheetah Task Force" to monitor India's cheetah introduction programme.

Gomphonema rajaguruii

- 1. A new species of single-cell algae, known as **diatoms**, from the northern Western Ghats.
- 2. It is named after a veteran geo-archaeologist, the **late Professor S N Rajaguru** as Gomphonema rajaguruii.
- 3. Found in a semi-aquatic environment along the wet walls of **Maharashtra's hill station, Mahabaleshwar.**

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- 4. It exhibits traits of two genera, **Gomphoema and Gomphoneis**, making it a noteworthy addition to diatom taxonomy.
- 5. Diatoms play a crucial role in the **ecosystem by supplying oxygen** to the atmosphere through photosynthesis.

NICE Endorses Rimegepant

- 1. Migraine is a debilitating neurological disorder affecting millions of people worldwide.
- 2. The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has endorsed rimegepant, also known as **Vydura**, as a preventive treatment.
- 3. In England, approximately **5.6 million individuals** experience episodic migraines.

Borealis Mud Volcano

- 1. **Methane-spewing volcano** at the bottom of the Barents Sea.
- 2. The volcano named 'Borealis Mud Volcano' lies approximately 70 nautical miles south of Bear Island at **400m depth**.
- 3. The volcano is the **second-ever mud volcano** found within **Norwegian** waters.
- 4. The volcano is situated inside a crater.

The Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme (EIACP)

- 1. **Central Sector** sub-scheme being implemented in alignment with **Mission LiFE**.
- 2. **Ministry**: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).
- 3. In 2023, The Environmental Information System (ENVIS) was renamed EIACP (Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme).
- 4. **ENVIS:** came into existence as in 1983. The focus of ENVIS was to provide environmental information to decision-makers, policy planners, scientists and engineers, research workers, etc. all over the country.

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5. Objective: it serves as a one-stop platform for the dissemination of environmental information.

Centre for Science and Environment

- 1. Released its annual compendium of data, 'State of India's Environment 2023: In Figures'.
- 2. Telangana Ranks 1st for Overall Environmental Performance.

'Saving Our Stripes' initiative

- 1. The **Times of India** newspaper launched the "Saving Our Stripes" campaign.
- 2. It aims to raise awareness about the **importance of tiger conservation**.
- 3. India's **first tiger anthem** a song and a short film on a tigress and her cub composed and created as part of this initiative.



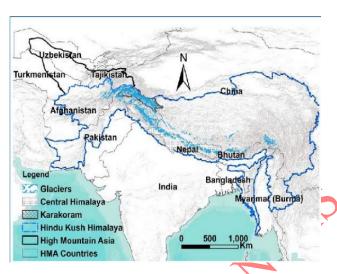
Glacier Mass Loss in the Hindu Kush Himalayas

- 1. The Hindu Kush Himalayas (HKH) have seen a 65 per cent faster loss of glacier mass.
- 2. The glaciers lost a mass of **0.28 metres of water** equivalent per year (m w.e.) between 2010 and 2019.
- 3. The Karakoram range, has also started showing a decline in glacier mass.
- 4. The average temperature in the region has increased by **0.28°C per** decade between 1951 and 2020.
- 5. Himalayan glaciers may lose 75 % of ice by 2100.

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6. The Hindu Kush Himalaya **stretches 3,500 km (2,175 miles)** across Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal and Pakistan.



LEED net zero certifications

- 1. **India has emerged as a top country** with LEED Zero green building projects.
- 2. Out of 150 LEED Zero certified projects, India has 45% or 73 such projects.
- 3. Haryana and Tamil Nadu leading the race in certifications.
- 4. The United States and China have the second and third most LEED Zero certifications, with 47 (30%) and 15 (10%) certifications respectively.



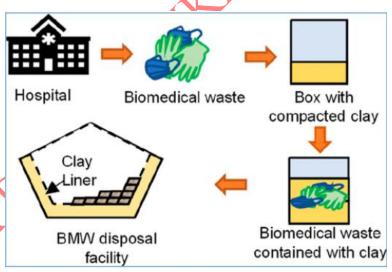
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- 5. LEED Zero recognises projects that have reached net zero or net positive status in the categories of carbon, energy, water, or waste.
- 6. The LEED Zero projects include office spaces, hospitality facilities, retail malls, industrial manufacturing projects and data centres.
- 7. Nearly one-third of all carbon emissions in India come from the **building** and construction sector.

Disposal of Medical Waste using Clay

- 1. **IIT Guwahati** proposes the use of compost natural clay to neutralise pathogens in waste.
- 2. The research findings revealed that viral decay was quicker on **bentonite** compared to kaolin clay.
- 3. It was observed that the **removal efficiency** of the virus depended on the quality of bentonite and multilayer absorption of the virus on clay surfaces.
- 4. **Biomedical waste** (**BMW**) that contains viruses poses significant risks to human health, food safety, animal health, and the environment.



Burmese Peacock Softshell Turtles

- 1. They also known as **Nilssonia Formosa** are only **found in Myanmar**.
- 2. They may have declined by at least 80 per cent over the past 90 years.
- 3. They are listed as a **critically endangered turtle species in IUCN list**.

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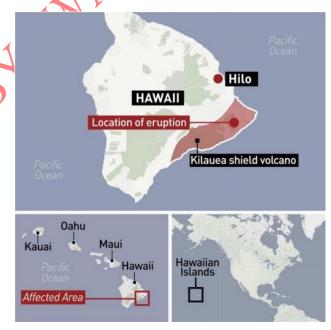
Blue Pansy (Junonia Orithya)

- 1. **Jammu and Kahsmir** administration have officially declared the Blue Pansy (Junonia Orithya) as the **official butterfly** of the union territory.
- 2. The Blue Pansy, a species of vibrant blue butterflies, can be found in various parts of **Southeast Asian countries**, **Australia**, and **Africa**.



Kilauea volcano

- 1. The Kilauea volcano in **Hawaii**, one of the **most active volcanoes**, began to erupt.
- 2. The eruption has commenced within Halema'uma'u crater in Kilauea's summit caldera, within Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.
- 3. The sulphur dioxide emission rate of around 65,000 tonnes per day.



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BOOKS AND AUTHORS

KK Gopalakrishnan's book

1. KK Gopalakrishnan has recently released a captivating book titled "Kathakali Dance Theatre: A Visual Narrative of Sacred Indian Mime."

Poet-diplomat Abhay K's book

1. Poet-diplomat Abhay K's book 'Nalanda', the acquisition of which has been announced by Penguin Random House India, delves into the history of the ancient seat of learning in Bihar.

BK Shiyani 's book

- 1. **HarperCollins India** is delighted to bring the **perfect thought booster**, an empowering book which is an essential guide to unleashing the power of the mind.
- 2. Make that dream life happen, BK Shivani's **The Power of One Thought:** Master Your Mind, Master Your Life.

India's Finance Ministers

1. Veteran Journalist Ashok Kumar Bhattacharya (AK Bhattacharya) has authored a new book titled "India's Finance Ministers: From Independence to Emergency (1947-1977)" which highlights the role of India'.

Ringside

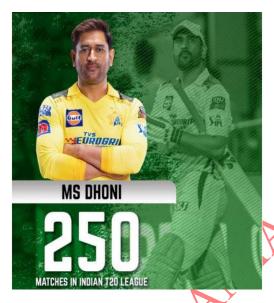
1. Renowned author and Congress MP Dr. Shashi Tharoor released the book "Ringside" written by Lokmat Media Group Editorial Board Chairman and former MP **Dr. Vijay Darda**.

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SPORTS

Highest dismissals in T20 cricket



- 1. Mahendra Singh Dhoni became the first Indian and only second cricketer to effect **300 dismissals** (catches and stumpings) in T20 cricket.
- 2. Dhoni has a total of 301 dismissals including 214 catches and 89 stumpings.
- 3. Dhoni also became the first player to feature in 250 IPL matches during the match.

ISSF Junior World Cup

1. India's Sainyam claimed the gold medal in the women's 10m air pistol competition at Suhl, Germany.



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Men's Junior Hockey Asia Cup 2023

- 1. The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team championed by beating Pakistan in the Final match of the Men's Junior Asia Cup 2023 in **Salalah, Oman**.
- 2. With this victory, India has **created a new record of winning** the maximum titles at the Men's Junior Hockey Asia Cup.
- 3. The team had previously won the title in 2004, 2008 and 2015.



Paris Diamond League

- 1. Top Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar secured **third place** in the Paris Diamond League with a **jump of 8.09m**.
- 2. Sreeshankar also became the only **third Indian to finish in top-three** of a Diamond League after Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra and former discus thrower Vikas Gowda.
- 3. Olympic champion Chopra is the reigning Diamond League champion in javelin throw.



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French Open 2023

1. **Novak Djokovic** won his men's-record **23rd Grand Slam title** with a victory over Casper Ruud in French Open Final.

2. He also becomes the **first man** to win all four majors at least three times.

List of Winners French Open 2023:

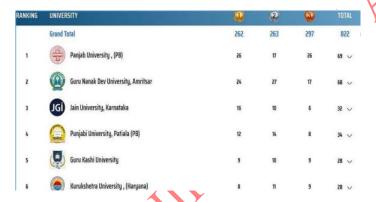
| Title | Winner | Runner up |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Men's Singles | Novak Djokovic | Casper Ruud |
| Women's Singles | Iga Świątek | Karolina Muchova |
| Men's doubles | Ivan Dodig and Austin Krajicek | Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen |
| Women's doubles | Hsieh Su-Wei and Wang Xinyu | Taylor Towsend and Leylah Fernandez |
| Mixed doubles | Miyu Kato and Tim Pütz | Bianca Andreescu and Michael Venus |



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3rd Khelo India University Games

- 1. The Khelo India University Games 2023 concluded in IIT Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- 2. **Panjab University** topped the medals tally with 26 gold, 17 silver and 26 bronze medals (**total 69 medals**).
- 3. **University of Madras got 9th rank** in the list with 7 gold, 8 Silver and 8 Bronze medals.
- 4. Other Tamil Nadu universities in the tally are: SRM University (37), Bharathiar University (42) and Madurai Kamaraj University (85).



Hockey Junior Asia Cup Champions

1. The Indian junior men's hockey team maintained its continental supremacy by beating arch-rivals Pakistan.

Football Under-20 World Cup title

- 1. **Uruguay beat Italy** to win their first Under-20 World Cup title.
- 2. The victory ends a streak of four consecutive wins of European teams in the tournament.



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Archery World Cup

- 1. Indian archer **Aditi Gopichand** made history by breaking the under-18 world record in the women's compound qualification round.
- 2. Aditi has surpassed the previous world record set by USA's Liko Arreola in May of **705 points**.



Indian Open Surfing

- 1. 4th Indian Open Surfing was held at Mangalore, Karnataka.
- 2. Champions Teens Kishore Kumar, Kamali Moorthy.

ICC World Test Championship 2023

1. Australia won the ICC World Test Championship 2023 after victory against India in the Final held at London.

Junior Asian track cyling championship

- 1. Seventeen-year-old Coimbatore girl Dhanyadha JP became the **first**Indian to win a 2 km individual pursut silver medal in the junior
 Asian track cyling championship in Nilai, Malyasia
- 2. With a timing of **2 min 28 sec**, she created a new national record in the 2 km category, breaking the earlier record of 2 min 31 second.

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World Squash Championship

- 1. The Squash World Cup 2023 is currently underway at the Express Avenue Mall in Chennai.
- 2. The Squash World Cup 2023 is being conducted in two phases.
- 3. Each team at the Squash World Cup 2023 consists of **four players two** men and two women.
- 4. **Egypt have been crowned the** Squash World Cup Champions conducted by **SDAT** (Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu) WSF(World Squash Federation) after beating Malaysia.



Asian Fencing Championships

1. Indian fencing's torchbearer CA Bhavani Devi - made history by bagging the country's first ever medal at the Asian Fencing Championships.



2. The **Chennai Olympian won a bronze** at the prestigious tournament in Wuxi, China.

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2023 Hero Intercontinental Cup

1. **India** clinched the 2023 Hero Intercontinental Cup Football title with a comprehensive win over Lebanon at the **Kalinga Stadium**, **Odisha**.

U-17 World Cup host

- 1. **Indonesia** has been officially selected as the host country for the U-17 World Cup.
- 2. **Ministry of Youth and Sports** Embraces FIFA's Decision and Outlines the Road Ahead.



Special Olympics World Games 2023

- 1. Germany hosted the 16th Special Olympics World Games for the first time.
- 2. Thousands of athletes with intellectual disabilities competed in 26 sports.



3. India ended their Special Olympics World Games campaign with a whopping **202 medals with 76 gold, 75 silver and 51 bronze** medals in the global multi-sport event.

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- 4. It is held every **two years.**
- 5. The **16th** Special Olympics World Games, the world's largest inclusive sports event, took place in Berlin, Germany, from **17th June to 25th June 2023.**
- 6. 2025 and 2027 editions will be held in Italy and Australia respectively

Ashes 2023

1. Australia's Steve Smith becomes **second-fastest ever** to score 9000 Test runs.



2. The 34-year-old accomplished this feat in **174 innings**, just two innings behind **Kumar Sangakkara**, **the former Sri Lankan captain**, who achieved the same milestone in **172 innings**.

Czech Republic Ladies Open

1. Promising Indian golfer **Diksha Dagar** – has emerged as the winner of the Czech Republic Ladies Open.



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- 2. The Czech Ladies Open is Dagar's **second title on the Ladies European Tour (LET).**
- 3. She is only behind **India's No. 1 golfer Aditi Ashok** (four) in terms of Indian golfers with most LET titles.
- 4. Diksha is a **two-time medallist at the Deaflympics**, including a gold medal in 2021 after taking a silver in 2017.
- 5. In 2021 she also participated at the Tokyo Olympics, becoming the first-ever golfer to compete at both Deaflympics and the Olympic Games.

Women's Kabaddi Final



1. Uma Kolkata team claimed the championship title against Punjab Panthers in the India's first-ever Historic Women's Kabaddi League held in Dubai.

FIFA Men's Football rankings



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- 1. The Indian men's national football team has climbed up to the **100th** rank on FIFA's latest world rankings surpassing teams like Lebanon and New Zealand to achieve the feat.
- 2. The Indian men's football team reached the 100th rank with a total points of **1204.90**.

World Cup trophy in space

- 1. The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** unveiled the ODI World Cup 2023 trophy in a very unique way.
- 2. It was launched into the space stratosphere, at an altitude of 1,20,000 feet above the Earth.
- 3. The **temperature** at that altitude was **-65 degree Celsius**.
- 4. The ODI World Cup 2023 will be played between October and November.



AWARDS AND EVENTS

Suriname's highest civilian award

1. **President Droupadi Murmu** became the first Indian to be honoured with the Grand Order of the **Chain of the Yellow Star**, the highest civilian award in Suriname.



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2023 Michel Batisse Award

1. Ramanathapuram district forest officer (DFO) **Jagdish S Bakan** was appreciated by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister for bagging the 2023 Michel Batisse Award for **Biosphere Reserve Management from UNESCO.**



WHO award

- 1. A documentary titled 'When Climate Change Turns Violent' has won a special prize in the 'Health for All' category.
- 2. The documentary has been directed by Vandita Saharia of Rajasthan.
- 3. She was the **only Indian** among the winners.



IMA award

1. **Dr. K. Venugopal of General Hospital, Alappuzha**, has been selected for an award instituted by the Indian Medical Association to commemorate National Doctors' Day.

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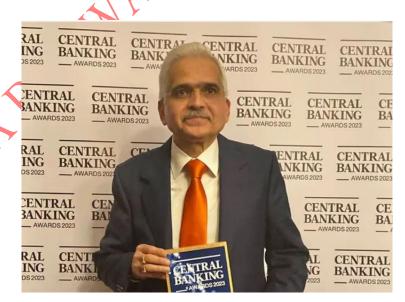
Spinoza Prize

- 1. Indian-origin scientist **Joyeeta Gupta** has been awarded the Spinoza Prize
- 2. It is the highest distinction in Dutch science which is also referred to as the 'Dutch Nobel Prize'.



London's Central Banking Awards

1. **Shaktikanta Das**, the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), was honored with the esteemed Governor of the Year Award for 2023.



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Elizabeth Longford Prize

1. Historian and writer Ramchandra Guha's book Rebels Against the Raj: Western Fighters for India's Freedom has won the Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography 2023.



Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021

1. The Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021 will be conferred on **Gita Press**, **Gorakhpur**, in recognition of its "outstanding contribution towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violent and other Gandhian methods".

Top trusted electronic media

1. **DD India and All India Radio** have been acknowledged as the most dependable electronic media entities in the nation in accordance with the **2023 issue of the Reuters Institute's Digital News Report**.





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German peace prize 2023

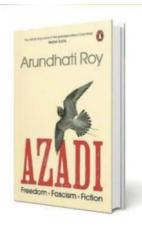
1. The Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for 2023 has been awarded to **British-American author Salman Rushdie**.



45th European Essay Prize

1. Writer and activist **Arundhati Roy** has been awarded the 45th European Essay Prize for lifetime achievement on the occasion of the French translation of her latest essay, '**Azadi**'.





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National Florence Nightingale Award 2022-23

1. The President conferred the National Florence Nightingale Award on **Major General Smita Devrani and Brigadier Amita Devrani** of the Military Nursing Service for 2022 and 2023 respectively.

2. It is given to recognise the meritorious services rendered by nurses and nursing professionals to society.



2023 Iqbal Masih Award

1. Chennai-based lawyer and activist **Lalitha Natarajan** has won US Department of Labor's **2023 Iqbal Masih Award** for the Elimination of Child Labour.

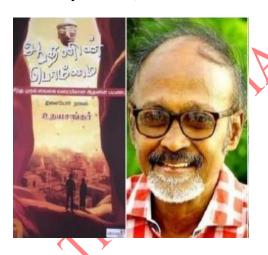


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Bal Sahitya Puraskar for Tamil

- 1. **Writer Udhayasankar** was selected for the Bal Sahitya Puraskar Award for his novel **Aadhanin Bommai.**
- 2. It was written with **Keezhadi excavations** as its theme and it makes known "our roots to the youth".
- 3. The books authored by him include Munnoru Kalathil (Once Upon a time), Pirithoru Maranam (One more death), Mayakkannadi (Illusion Mirror), and Kumarapuram Railway Stationil Oriraravu (A Night in the Kumarapuram Railway station).



Yuva Puraskar for Tamil

- 1. Ram Thangam was selected for Yuva Puraskar Award for Thirukarthiyal which was published in 2018.
- 2. It is a collection of short stories and his first book **Gandhiraman was** published in 2015.
- 3. Later, his works **Oor Sutri Paravai and Meenava Veeranukku Oru Kovil** were published. The awards conferred by Sahitya Akademi.



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UK-India Awards

- 1. Sporting legend and India's first-ever Olympic medallist in women's boxing, Mary Kom, has been honoured with the Global Indian Icon of the Year award.
- 2. Filmmaker Shekhar Kapur, directing Oscar-nominated 'Elizabeth: The Golden Age' received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to the field of cinema across both nations at the awards.



International Prize in Statistics

- 1. Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao (102), a prominent Indian-American mathematician and statistician, will receive the 2023 International Prize in Statistics.
- 2. It is equivalent to the **Nobel Prize in the field.**
- 3. This is awarded for his monumental work 75 years ago that revolutionised statistical thinking.
- 4. In 1945, he published a paper in the **Bulletin of the Calcutta**Mathematical Society.
- 5. He demonstrated **three fundamental results that paved the way for the modern field of statistics** and provided statistical tools heavily used in science today.

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6. The first International Prize in Statistics was awarded in **2017 to David R** Cox.



Order of the Nile

- 1. PM Narendra Modi receives Egypt's highest honour 'Order of the Nile'.
- 2. This recognition marks the **13th international award** received by Prime Minister Modi.
- 3. Making it a significant moment as Prime Minister Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Egypt since 1997.
- 4. He is the 49th person adorned by this award.



Expansion of Grammy Awards

- 1. The Grammy Awards is known for **honouring exceptional** achievements in the music industry.
- 2. It has added three new Categories: Best African Music Performance, Best Alternative Jazz Album and Best Pop Dance Recording.
- 3. These new categories will be introduced at the 2024 GRAMMYs, officially known as the **66th GRAMMY Awards**.

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4. Additionally, the existing Categories of **Producer of the Year, Non-Classical and Songwriter of The Year, Non-Classical will be moved** to the General Field.



PERSONALITIES

PM Narendra Modi

- 1. Narendra Modi is the **first Indian prime minister** to address the United States Congress twice.
- 2. This will put him in the group of leaders like Nelson Mandela and Winston Churchill and Benjamin Netanyahu.

Olympic Order

1. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) presented the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr Tedros Ghebrevesus, with the Olympic Order for his inspirational role in ensuring the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

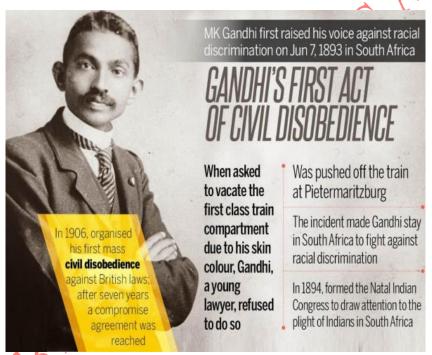
130 Years of Gandhi's Rail Incident in South Africa

- 1. INS Trishul's visit to **Durban of South Africa** is to commemorate several historic events.
- 2. It includes the **30th anniversary** of the restart of India-South Africa diplomatic relations.
- 3. It also marks the incident, 130 years ago when Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, was evicted from a train in **Pietermaritzburg Station**.

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- 4. On **June 7, 1893**, during a trip to Pretoria in the Transvaal, he first arrived at Pietermaritzburg Railway station.
- 5. He was seated in a **first-class compartment** after having purchased a ticket.
- 6. But he was **later thrown off from the compartment** at the directive of a European.
- 7. During that days, 'coolies' and non-whites were not permitted in first-class compartments.
- 8. The incident is considered to be the trigger which led to Gandhi's fight against racial oppression and the birth of Satyagraha.



Shalini Singh

- 1. The first female NCC cadet to complete mountaineering course.
- 2. Completed the mountaineering course in the **Himalayan area of Uttarakhand** as the country's first female NCC cadet.

2023 Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion

1. **Fourteen-year-old Dev Shah**, an Indian-American prodigy - claimed the prestigious title by correctly spelling the challenging 11-letter word, 'psammophile'.

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2. The winning word, 'psammophile', refers to a plant or animal that thrives in sandy areas.

Commodore K.S. Subramanian

- 1. Commander Of Indian Navy's First Submarine, Commodore K S Subramanian, passed away recently.
- 2. He was the command officer of the Indian Navy's first submarine, INS Kalvari (S23).
- 3. On 8 December 1967, INS Kalvari was commissioned at the Soviet naval base in Riga, Latvia.



Nusrat Choudhury



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- 1. Nusrat Choudhury became the **first female Muslim federal judge in the United States.**
- 2. This milestone appointment marks a significant step towards inclusivity and diversity within the judiciary.

Prisha Lokesh Nikajoo

- 1. A five-year-old girl from **Betul district in Madhya Pradesh** has become the youngest to reach the **base camp of Mount Everest**, the world's highest mountain peak.
- 2. Prisha reached the base camp at an **altitude of 5,364 metres (17,598 feet)** along with her father Lokesh Nikajoo, a mountaineer.



Cristiano Ronaldo

1. Portugal soccer legend, Cristiano Ronaldo - became the first men's footballen to play 200 international matches.

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|---------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| Matches | Player | Country | | | |
| 199 | Cristiano Ronaldo | Portugal | | | |
| 196 | Bader Al-Mutawa | Kuwait | | | |
| 195 | Soh Chin Ann | Malaysia | | | |
| 184 | Ahmed Hassan | Egypt | | | |
| 183 | Ahmed Mubarak | Oman | | | |



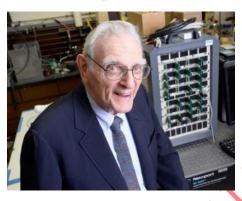


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John B Goodenough

 Renowned American scientist John Bannister Goodenough, the coinventor of Lithium-ion batteries and a co-winner of the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, has sadly passed away.



APPOINTMENTS

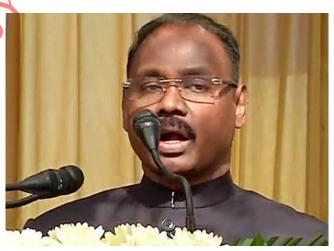
Central Vigilance Commissioner

1. Praveen Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner.

UNGA president

1. The 193 UN Member States, elected a veteran diplomat from Trinidad and Tobago, **Dennis Francis** as the President of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly.

External Auditor of WHO



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- 1. Girish Chandra Murmu, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), has been re-elected as the External Auditor of the WHO for a **four-year term from 2024 to 2027**.
- 2. Besides the WHO, the CAG of India is currently the External Auditor of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (2020-2025), International Atomic Energy Agency (2022-2027), Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (2021-2023) and Inter Parliamentary Union (2020-2022).
- 3. The CAG is a Member of the United Nations Panel of External Auditors.

Tamil Nadu Chief Information Commissioner

- 1. Retired Director General of Police **Shakeel Akthar** has been named Chief Information Commissioner.
- 2. Shakeel, former CB-CID head, succeeds **R Rajagopal**, an ex-IAS officer who recently joined the Congress party.
- 3. Shakeel will be the **second Indian Police Service (IPS)** cadre officer to be appointed as the chief of the Tamil Nadu information commission.
- 4. The commission deals with appeals and complaints filed under the **Right** to Information Act, 2005.
- 5. The RTI Act allows the commission to initiate disciplinary action against erring officers and collect a **fine of Rs. 250 per day** for delays.



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Female Secretary-General

1. **Celeste Saulo** of Argentina has been appointed as the first female Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).



Tamil Nadu Natural Resources Department Director

- 1. **Phanidra Reddy** was appointed as director of Tamil Nadu Natural Resources Department.
- 2. This Department was introduced on January 2022.

Deputy Governor in RBI

1. State Bank of India Managing Director **Swaminathan Janaki Raman** has selected for the post of Deputy Governor in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

New chief Intelligence agency RAW

1. Senior IPS officer **Ravi Sinha** was appointed as the new chief of India's external intelligence agency RAW.

REPORTS AND INDICIES

Joint Malnutrition Estimates Report

- 1. The 2023 edition has released by UNICEF, WHO and the World Bank.
- 2. There were 16 million **fewer stunted children** in India in 2022 as compared to 2012.

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- 3. Stunting among children **under five years** in India dropped from a prevalence rate of 41.6% in 2012 to 31.7% in 2022.
- 4. The **overall prevalence of wasting** in 2022 was 18.7% in India, with a share of 49% in the global burden of this malnutrition indicator.
- 5. India's **total global share** -8.8%
- 6. Overall classification for **obesity** is low and much lower than the global prevalence of 5.6%.

Global Slavery Index 2023

- 1. The Rights group 'Walk Free Foundation' released the Global Slavery Index 2023.
- 2. It shows that **50 million people** were living in conditions of modern slavery on any given day in 2021.
- 3. Among the G20 nations, **India** tops the list with **11 million people** working as forced labourers.

Hunger Hotspots – FAO/WFP

- 1. Pakistan, the Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Kenya, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Syrian Arab Republic are hotspots with very high concern.
- 2. The warning is also extended to Myanmar.
- 3. Acute food insecurity can potentially increase in magnitude and severity for 18 areas in 22 countries.
- 4. **Afghanistan, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Ye**men remain at the highest concern level.
- 5. Haiti the Sahel (Burkina Faso and Mali) and Sudan have been elevated to the highest concern levels.

UN's Electricity Report

- 1. According to UN, there are **66 crores** across the world without access to electricity by 2023.
- 2. By 2023 UN is aiming that all the households will have electricity access.

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NIRF 2023

- 1. The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Madras** in Chennai remained the **best educational institution in overall rankings** for the fifth consecutive term.
- 2. The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc) of Bengaluru** ranked as the **best university** in the country for eight years in a row.

| Categories | Colleges |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Best Educational Institution | IIT Madras |
| Best University | IISc Bengaluru |
| Best College | Miranda House of Delhi |
| Best Management Institute | IIM Ahmedabad |
| Best pharmaceutical studies | National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Hyderabad |
| Best Medical College | AIIMS |
| Best Dental College | Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences, Chennai. |
| Best Law College | National Law School of India University of Bengaluru |
| Best Research Institutions | IISc Bengaluru |
| Best Agriculture and Allied Sectors | Indian Agricultural Research Institute of New Delhi |
| Best Innovation | IIT-Kanpur |



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Low-cost finance for the energy transition report

- 1. The International Renewable Energy Agency released this report.
- 2. Renewable power generation technologies, notably solar photovoltaic and onshore wind power, have become mature and competitive.
- 3. It has praised India's achievement in rolling out renewable energy capacity, calling it "unprecedented".
- 4. India ranked third on the Renewable Energy Attractive Index in 2021
- 5. Its solar and wind power base is **the fourth largest** in the world.
- 6. India would need \$ 10 trillion to meet its 2070 net-zero target.

THE impact rankings 2023

- 1. 'Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2023' released recently.
- 2. **Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham**, Coimbatore has emerged as India's highest-placed university.
- 3. The university is ranked at the **52nd rank globally** out of 1,591 universities from 112 countries/regions.
- 4. India appears highest for **SDG 5 gender equality** with Manipal Academy of Higher Education coming 4th.
- 5. India also has the most universities in the top 100 in **SDG 7 affordable** and clean energy with 5.
- 6. Three universities from India are in the top 100 for **SDG 3 good health** and wellbeing.



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Brand Finance Report

1. **Brand Finance**, the world's leading independent brand valuation firm released its report.

2. The **Tata Group** has retained its title of **India's most valuable brand in India**.



- 3. This is the first time that an Indian brand has breached the **brand value-mark of \$25 billion** to feature in the **top 100 of the Brand Finance** Global 500.
- 4. IT Company **Infosys** is the second-most valued company in India.
- 5. The Mahindra group has also leaped into the position as India's seventh most valuable brand.

Violence against healthcare workers



- 1. The report named 'Ignoring Red Lines: Violence Against Health Care in Conflict 2022' was released recently.
- 2. It was published by **Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition** (SHCC).

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- 3. Violence against healthcare workers in **Mali** was more than doubled in **2022 as compared to 2021**.
- 4. The document identified **46 incidents of violence** against healthcare workers or obstruction of healthcare in the country in 2022.
- 5. Over half of the total attacks were reported in just two countries, **Ukraine** and **Myanmar**.

Community Spirit Index

- 1. Indian City Is Ranked Second Most Unfriendly City In the World.
- 2. In the recent ranking by the **Community Spirit Index**, 53 cities from different countries have been given ranks based on how friendly and unfriendly their residents are.
- 3. Toronto and Sydney world's top friendliest countries in the index while India's capital New Delhi and Mumbai most unfriendly cities in the world.

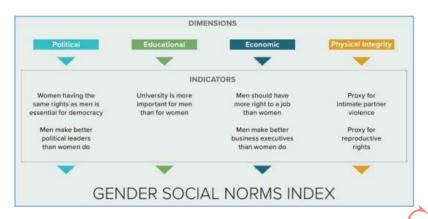
| Rank Country City | | Annual search demand for 'how to make friends' |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 1 💿 | São Paulo Brazil | 23,160 |
| 2 🕌 | New York United States | 22,800 |
| 3 | Paris France | 16,680 |
| 4 🕝 | Istanbul Turkey | 16,680 |
| 5 | London United Kingdom | 12,000 |
| 6 | Mexico City Mexico | 7,440 |
| 7 📀 | Rio de Janeiro Brazil | 7,320 |
| 8 (+) | Toronto Canada | 7,080 |
| 9 🚭 | Sydney Australia | 7,080 |
| 10 🚳 | Melbourne Australia | 7,080 |

Gender Social Norms Index – 2023

- 1. The report was released by **UN Development Programme** and is called the Gender Social Norms Index (GSNI) report.
- 2. Among both men and women, "biased gender social norms are prevalent worldwide: almost 90% of people have at least one bias" of the seven biases analysed.

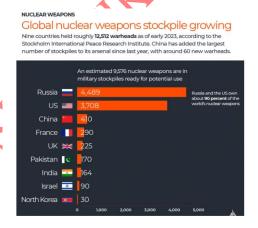
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- 3. 69% believes that men make "better" political leaders as opposed to women.
- 4. More than **40 per cent of people** reportedly believe that men are better business executives than women.
- 5. Only 27 per cent of people believe that women having the same rights as men is essential for a democracy.
- 6. **25 per cent of people** believe that a man beating his wife is justifiable.

SIPRI's Findings on Nuclear Arsenals



1. According to SIPRI estimates, the nuclear arsenals of India grew from 160 in 2022 to 164 in 2023 and that of Pakistan from 165 to 170.

Gender Gap Report, 2023

- 1. The annual Gender Gap Report, 2023 was released by **World Economic Forum (WEF).**
- 2. India was ranked at 127 out of 146 countries in terms of gender parity.

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- 3. This is an improvement of eight places from last year which was in 135th place in 2022.
- 4. India had **closed 64.3%** of the overall gender gap
- 5. **Iceland** is the most gender-equal country in the world for the 14th consecutive year.
- 6. On political empowerment, India has registered 25.3% parity, with women representing **15.1% of parliamentarians**.

Forbes' Global 2000 List

- 1. Forbes released the 2023 ranking of the world's top 2,000 companies.
- 2. Reliance Industries Ltd climbed eight spots to the 45th rank.
- 3. It is the highest for an Indian company on Forbes latest Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide.

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| RANK | NAME | COUNTRY | SALES | PROFIT | ASSETS | MARKET VALUE |
| 45, | Reliance Industries | India | \$109.43 8 | \$8.3 B | \$208.5 8 | \$189.19 B |
| 77. | State Bank of India | India | \$56.548 | \$5.99 B | \$695.2 8 | \$62.88 B |
| 128. | HDFC Bank | India | \$25.478 | \$5.72 8 | \$307.9 8 | \$110.88 B |
| 163. | ICICI Bank | India | \$23.17 B | \$4.24 B | \$238.318 | \$7935.8 |
| 226. | Oil & Natural Gas | India | \$86.068 | \$5.38 B | \$77.27 B | \$24.65 B |
| 232. | HDFC | India | \$19.04 8 | \$3.26 B | \$132.82 B | \$60.58 8 |

Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2023



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- 1. **Tata Power** has emerged as the most attractive employer brand'.
- 2. It is followed by e-commerce giant Amazon and steel major Tata Steel.
- 3. IT major **Tata Consultancy Services** secured the **4th position** in the top 10 most 'attractive employer brand'.

State of the Climate in Europe 2022 Report

- 1. This report was prepared by the World Meteorological Organisation and the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service.
- 2. It has emerged as the **fastest-warming continent** of the world.
- 3. Its temperature rising by **2.3-degree Celsius** last year compared to that in preindustrial times.

Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2023

- 1. In Startup Genome's The Global Startup Ecosystems Report (GSER) 2023, **Bengaluru** climbed **2 spots** coming to **20th place**.
- 2. Pune lay in the 31-40 range in 2023.
- 3. In the report, **Silicon Valley remaining at the top** followed by New York City and London at No 2.



Global Competitiveness Index 2023



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- 1. The 2023 Global Competitiveness Index sheds light on the competitive landscape of nations worldwide.
- 2. Published by the **International Institute for Management Development** (IMD), has named **Denmark, Ireland, and Switzerland** as the top three most competitive economies among **64 nations surveyed**.
- 3. The report highlights the unique approaches taken by these countries to achieve competitiveness and emphasizes the importance of long-term value creation.

THE Asia university rankings 2023

- 1. **Eighteen Indian universities** have made their way into the top 200 in the Times Higher Education's (THE) annual Asia university rankings for 2023.
- 2. The **Indian Institute of Science** continuing to rank the highest among Indian institutions at the **48th position**.

| Top 10 Indian universities in THE's Asia University Rankings 2023 | | | |
|--|------|--|--|
| University | Rank | | |
| Indian Institute of Science | 48 | | |
| JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research | 68 | | |
| Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences | 77 | | |
| Mahatma Gandhi University | 95 | | |
| International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad | 106 | | |
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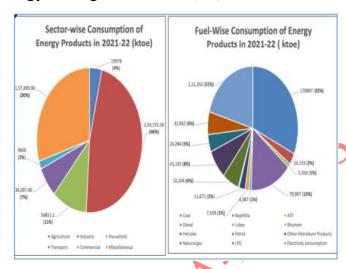
National Energy Data: Survey and Analysis 2021-22

1. The **Union Ministry of Power** has come out with a comprehensive energy sector report.

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- 2. The report released by the **Bureau of Energy Efficiency** (BEE) has been prepared in collaboration with **Niti Aayog**.
- 3. India conserved **249 billion units (BUs) of electricity** to save Rs 1.60 lakh crore in bills for the 2021-22 financial year.
- 4. The total energy savings worth **Rs 1,60,721 crore.**



TIME's 100 Most Influential Companies – 2023

1. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Meesho are the only two Indian companies that made it to TIME's list of 100 Most Influential Companies 2023.



Forbes list of 50 most influential CMOs

1. Forbes has ranked **Tata group's brand custodian Harish Bhat** (10th) as among the top ten most influential CMOs (chief marketing officers) in the Forbes list of 50 most influential CMOs.

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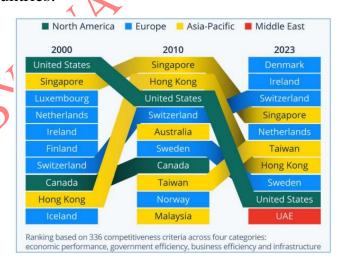
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Food Outlook Report

- 1. This report was released by the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- 2. It estimated that the global food bill will **rise to \$1.98 trillion in 2023**, up by 1.5 per cent from 2022.
- 3. World rice production is forecast to rise by 1.3% in 2023-24 to 523.5 million tonnes.
- 4. Wheat production in 2023 is expected to decline by 3% from its all-time high of 777 million tonnes in 2022.

IMD World Competitiveness Ranking

- 1. The report was published by the **International Institute for Management Development (IMD).**
- 2. **Denmark, Ireland and Switzerland** took the top three places.
- 3. India fell 3 ranks from 37 to finish 40th place.
- 4. It was placed 43rd three years in a row between 2019-2021.
- 5. The IMD report highlighted that India witnessed improvements in government efficiency but slightly underperformed in business efficiency, infrastructure, and economic performance when compared to other countries.

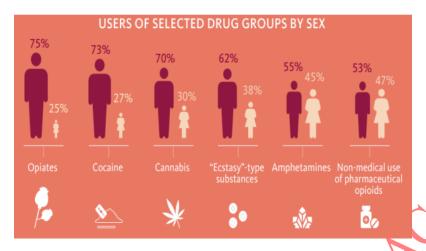


World Drug Report 2023

1. The World Drug Report 2023 was launched by the **UN Office on Drugs** and Crime (UNODC).

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- 2. Global estimate of people who inject drugs in 2021 was at 13.2 million and it is 18% higher than previously estimated.
- 3. Globally, over **296 million people used drugs** in 2021 and this is an **increase of 23%** over the previous decade.
- 4. The number of people who suffer from **drug use disorders**, has skyrocketed to **39.5 million** and this is a **45% increase** over 10 years.
- 5. While almost 90% of methamphetamine seized worldwide was in two regions East and Southeast Asia and North America.

MISCELLANEOUS

Gateway to the Underworld

- 1. The ancient Olmec artifact known as the "Gateway to the Underworld" was successfully returned to Mexico.
- 2. It was illegally taken in the late 1950s.

Purana Qila excavations

- 1. Purana Qila excavations reveal the pre-Mauryan era settlement.
- 2. Findings:-
 - Painted Gray Ware pottery dated to around 1200 BC to 600 BC.
 - 900-year-old **Vaikuntha Vishnu** from the Rajput period.
 - Terracotta plaque of **Goddess Gaja Lakshmi** from the Gupta period.

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- Structural remains of a **2,500-year-old terracotta ring** well from the Mauryan period.
- Well-defined **four-room complex** from the Sunga-Kushan period dating back to **2,300 years ago.**

Homo naledi

1. New research indicates that Homo naledi engaged in **burial practices** and created engravings deep within a cave system in southern Africa around 300,000 years ago.



- 2. **Homo naledi**, an ancient human species with brains about **one-third** the size of modern humans.
- 3. These findings challenge the assumption that larger brains are directly linked to higher intelligence.

Heat index-based insurance plan

- 1. mooMark of Karnataka, a leading private dairy in India, is becoming the first company to offer a Heat Index Insurance Plan to dairy farmers.
- 2. It aims to protect farmers from income loss resulting from a drop in milk yield during scorching summer months.



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Promote the benefits of millets

1. Prime Minister has collaborated with **Falguni Shah**, a **Grammy Award** winner **Indian-American sing**er, for a special song to promote the benefits of millet and its potential to alleviate world hunger.

My Account My Name scheme

1. Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has introduced a scheme that lets customers choose any name as their savings account number.



- 2. The scheme is the first in the banking industry to let a customer choose his or her name or any name as an account number.
- 3. As per the scheme, the account name can be a combination of seven letters, or seven numbers, or seven alphanumeric only.

Prehistoric rock paintings – Guntur

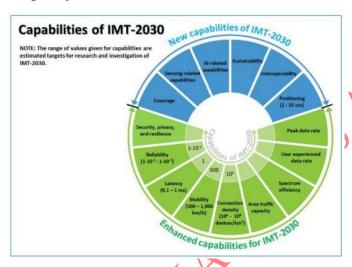
1. A Mesolithic period rock painting depicting a person tilling a piece of land has been found in **Orvakallu village in Guntur district**, **Andhra Pradesh**.



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ITU - IMT 2030

- 1. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has approved the 6G vision framework at its meeting held in Geneva.
- 2. The sixth-generation or 6G technology has been named "IMT-2030" by the telecoms agency of the United Nations (UN).



IMPORTANT DAYS

Global Day of Parents 2023

- 1. Celebrated on **June 1st** each year, this day serves as an opportunity to honour and appreciate the dedication, love, and sacrifices of parents.
- 2. Theme 2023: Building Stronger Families for better Future.



World Milk Day - June 01

1. This day aims to recognize the significance of milk as a universal food.

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- 2. The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations created the day in 2001.
- 3. Theme for 2023: Dairy Net-Zero.

Telangana Formation Day – June 2

- 1. Telangana Formation Day, observed annually on **June 2nd since 2014**.
- 2. It marks the commemoration of the formation of the state of Telangana.



International Sex Workers Day - June 02

- 1. This day is celebrated to create awareness about the discrimination and struggles faced by sex workers globally.
- 2. The theme of this year is "Access to Justice".

World Bicycle Day June 03





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- 1. The day aims to develop a culture of cycling for basic transportation, commutation, and strengthening physical and mental health.
- 2. The day highlights the "uniqueness, longevity and versatility of the bicycle".

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression June 04

- 1. This day acknowledging the pain and suffering experienced by the children who are victims of emotional, physical and mental abuse.
- 2. The day is also observed to honour the efforts of organisations and individuals who are working to preserve the rights of children.



World Environment Day - June 05



1. It is observed to raise awareness on the protection and preservation of the environment.

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- 2. This year marks the completion of **50 years** of its establishment.
- 3. The first World Environment Day was observed on **June 05, 1973**.
- 4. The theme of this year is "BeatPlasticPollution".

International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing 2023 - June 05

- 1. This annual event aims to raise awareness of the dangers posed by Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing to the marine ecosystem.
- 2. On 5 December 2017, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution for this day.
- 3. Almost 32% of seafood imported into the United States is unlawfully caught.
- 4. In the past 40 years, marine species have decreased by 39%.

World Day Against Speciesism - June 05

- 1. This day is aimed at denouncing speciesism, which is discrimination against nonhuman animals on the basis of their species.
- 2. Speciesism is a term used in philosophy regarding the treatment of individuals of different species.

World Pest Day - June 06

- 1. This day is dedicated to spread awareness about pest management and its benefits.
- 2. The day also aims to educate people to keep the **crops**, **trees and plants** free from pests.



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UN Russian Language Day 2023 - June 06

- 1. The celebration of Russian Language Day began in 2010 by UNESCO.
- 2. It is a part of its program to support and develop cultural diversity and multilingualism.
- 3. The UN has a program which aims to maintain the equality of the organisation's six official languages: French, Spanish, English, Arabic, China and Russian.



World Food Safety Day 2023 - June 07

1. Aims to raise awareness about the **importance of safe food practices** and to highlight the **global need for safe food.**



2. This international day is a **collaborative effort** of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

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- 3. This day was established by the **United Nations General Assembly in 2018 through a resolution.**
- 4. The theme of World Food Safety Day 2023 is "Food standards save lives."

World Brain Tumor Day 2023 - June 08

- 1. This day aims to **increase awareness** and educate people about brain tumours.
- 2. Brain tumours are **abnormal growths** that develop within the brain or its surrounding structures.
- 3. Theme for 2023 is "Protect yourself keep away from stress."



World Oceans Day 2023 - June 08

- 1. This day reminds us of the important role of the oceans in sustaining our livelihoods and the necessity to prevent them from destruction.
- 2. Theme of this year is "Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing".



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World Accreditation Day 2023 - June 09

- 1. This day aims to raise awareness about the value and benefits of accreditation in ensuring competence, reliability, and credibility in industries.
- 2. The theme of 2023 is "Accreditation: Supporting the Future of Global Trade".



World Day Against Child Cabour 2023 - June 12

- 1. Observed by all **United Nations member countries** to raise awareness about the need to end child Labour.
- 2. The International Labour Organization established this day in the year 2002.
- 3. Theme of this year is 'Social Justice for All. End Child Labour!'

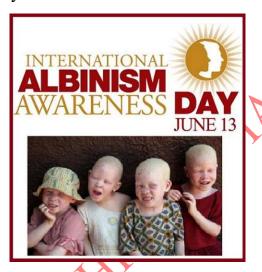


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International Albinism Awareness Day - June 13

- 1. This day spread awareness about the **human rights of the Albinos** across the world and also to condemn attacks on them.
- 2. Albinism is a **rare and genetically inherited** condition resulting in little or no pigmentation (melanin) in the skin, hair, and eyes.
- 3. It is causing vulnerability to the sun and bright light.
- 4. The theme of this year's celebration is "Inclusion is strength."



World Blood Donor Day 2023 - June 14

- 1. It aims to **spread awareness around access to safe blood** and also to thank blood donors for their noble act.
- 2. This day was first recognised in 2004.
- 3. The theme for this year is "Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often."



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Global Wind Day - June 15

1. This day to raise awareness about the **benefits of wind energy**, with the goal of promoting further development within the industry.

2. This year will mark the 16th celebration of Global Wind Day, kickstarted in 2007.



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - June 15

- 1. It aims to provide a better understanding of the **abuse older people** suffer by raising awareness of the **cultural**, **social**, **economic**, **and demographic** processes affecting them.
- 2. The number of older people in the world expected to be 1.4 billion by 2030.
- 3. The theme for 2023 is "Closing the Circle: Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Older Age Policy, Law and Evidence-based Responses."



International Day of Family Remittances 2023 - June 16

1. The day recognises the importance of migrant workers and the efforts needed to help sustain and uplift their families.

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- 2. Remittance refers to the amount of money that is given as a payment or gift.
- 3. "Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction," is the theme for the 2023-2024.

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2023 - June 17

- 1. The day focuses on restoring the land that has been damaged, preventing desertification.
- 2. This day was established in 1994 as a result of a convention held at the UN General Assembly.



- 3. In order to combat the environmental deterioration that is being brought upon by climate change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was created.
- 4. 2006 was declared "International Year of Deserts and Desertification".

International Picnic Day – June 18

1. It provides a wonderful opportunity for all family members to be at home and enjoy the perfect occasion of gathering outdoors for a delightful picnic experience.



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World Sickle Cell Awareness Day 2023 - June 19

1. It aims to raise awareness about **sickle cell disease** (**SCD**) and its impact on individuals, families and communities worldwide.



- 2. Sickle cell disease is a **genetic blood disorder** characterised by abnormal red blood cells.
- 3. Cells will take on a **crescent or sickle shape** and these **irregularly shaped cells.**
- 4. It can cause **blockages in blood vessels**, leading to a variety of health complications.

World Sauntering Day 2023 - June 19

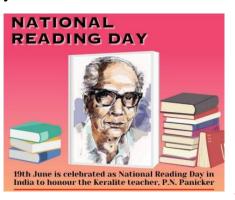
- 1. This day serves as a reminder to take a break and rediscover the beauty in each day.
- 2. It encourages the people around the world to slow down their pace and enjoy a leisurely stroll.
- 3. The theme this year is "Rediscover the Joy of Simplicity."



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National Reading Day 2023 - June 19

1. This day aims to remind people about the value of reading books even in an era dominated by the internet.



2. The day marks the **death anniversary of PN Panicker**, who is famously known as the 'Father of the Library Movement' in Kerala.

World Refugee Day 2023 - June 20

- 1. This day raises awareness about the challenges faced by refugees worldwide and honours their resilience.
- 2. It offers an opportunity to raise awareness, advocate for their rights, and show solidarity with those seeking safety and protection.
- 3. It aimed to raise awareness about the increasing number of refugees worldwide and to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention.
- 4. The theme of this year is "Hope away from home".



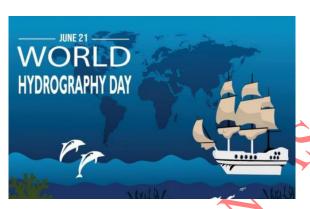
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World Hydrography Day 2023 - June 21

1. This day aims to raise awareness about hydrography and how it plays a role in improved knowledge of the seas and oceans.

2. Theme of this year is "Hydrography - underpinning the digital twin of the ocean."



World Music Day 2023 - June 21

- 1. It aims to celebrate the global language of music.
- 2. The first World Music Day was observed in France on June 21, 1982.
- 3. The theme for 2023 is "Music on the Intersections."



International Yoga Day 2023 - June 21

- 1. The date of June 21 was chosen as it is the **Summer Solstice**, the day where there is the most sun out of every other day of the year.
- 2. The idea of International Yoga Day was first proposed by **India in 2014** at the UN General Assembly.
- 3. The 2023's theme is Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

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4. Over **1.25 lakh people** attended the International Yoga Day event in **Surat**, setting a new **Guinness World Record** for the largest gathering of people for a yoga session in one place.



United Nations Public Service Day 2023 - June 23

1. It aims to create awareness among people about the significant role of public services in the development of a country.



International Widows Day 2023 - June 23



- 1. It aims to raise awareness about the plight of widows worldwide and to advocate for their rights and well-being.
- 2. Theme for this year is 'Innovation and technology for gender equality'.

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International Olympic Day – June 23

1. This day is celebrated to honor the establishment of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

2. The Theme for 2023 is Let's move.



International Day of Women in Diplomacy 2023 - June 24

- 1. This day celebrates inspiring women in fields of diplomacy and decision-making, around the world.
- 2. Armenian ambassador **Diana Abgar** is considered as the first female diplomat of the 20th century.
- 3. The theme for 2023 is "Breaking Barriers, Shaping the Future: Women in Diplomacy for Sustainable Development".
- 4. As of January 2023, there **34 women serve** as heads of state and/or government of **31 countries**.



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World Vitiligo Day 2023 - June 25

1. It is observed to raise awareness about vitiligo, a **chronic skin disorder** characterised by the **loss of skin colour in patches**.



Day of the Seafarer 2023 - June 25



- 1. This day recognize the unique part played in international trade, the world economy and civil society by this seaborne workforce.
- 2. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL).
- 3. Theme for 2023 is 'MARPOL at 50 Our commitment goes on'

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2023 - June 26

1. It aims to strengthen their efforts in order to achieve the goal of making the society free of drug abuse.

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2. Theme of this year is: "People first: stop stigma and discrimination, strengthen prevention."



World Refrigeration Day 2023 - June 26

- 1. This date June 26 marks the birthday of refrigeration pioneer Lord Kelvin.
- 2. Theme of 2023 is 'Next Generation Cooling'



International Day in Support of Victims of Torture 2023 - June 26

1. The day is observed to call upon nations, civil societies and individuals all across the world to extend their support to victims of torture and those who are being tortured.



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International MSME Day 2023 - June 27

- 1. The day is aimed at raising public awareness of the contribution of MSMEs to global economic growth and sustainable development.
- 2. MSMEs account for 90% of businesses, 60 to 70% of employment and 50% of GDP worldwide.
- 3. The theme MSME Day 2023 in India is "Future-ready MSMEs for India@100."
- 4. The Global Council for the Promotion of International Trade is also celebrating the day with "Building a Stronger Future Together" theme of this year.



National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) celebrated its 20th Foundation Day on 19 June.

The **International Pineapple Day** is celebrated on June 27th each year to honor and appreciate the tropical fruit known as the pineapple.

International Day of the Tropics 2023 - June 29





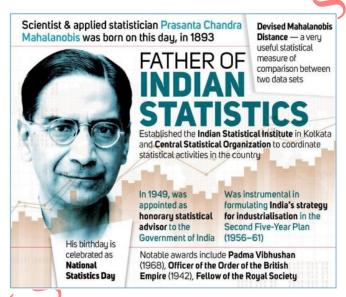
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- 1. It highlights the **challenges faced by the nations of the Tropics** and the opportunities their citizens have access to.
- 2. The majority of Africa, ASEAN countries, Gulf nations, and a significant part of South America fall in the region.
- 3. The **central and the southern parts of India** also fall between the two imaginary lines on the globe.

National Statistics Day 2023 - June 29

- 1. This day commemorates the birth of the **legendary Indian statistician**, **P.C. Mahalanabis**.
- 2. He is regarded as the **father of Indian statistics.**



- 3. Mahalanabis also established the National Statistical Institute (ISI) in 1950.
- 4. The theme of Statistics Day 2023 is "Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring Sustainable Development Goals".

World Asteroid Day 2023 - June 30

- 1. It aims to raise public **awareness about the asteroid impact** hazard and to inform the public about the crisis communication actions to be taken.
- 2. On this day, a meteor burst on the surface of the Earth and leveled 2,150 square kilometers of forest land in Siberia, Russia.

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- 3. The current known **asteroid count is 1,297,954**, according to NASA.
- 4. Theme of 2023 edition is "Asteroid discovery".



International Parliamentary Day 2023 - June 30

- 1. It commemorates the date on which the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) was founded.
- 2. The IPU, founded in **Paris in 1889**, is an international organisation of national parliaments.
- 3. It aims to promote democratic governance, accountability, and cooperation among its members.
- 4. The theme of 2023 is "Parliaments for the planet".



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