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- **Cabinet** approves continuation of Schemes of MDoNER worth Rs 12882.2cr from 2022-23 to 2025-26
The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has approved the continuation of the Schemes of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) for the balance period of the 15th Finance Commission i.e. from 2022-23 to 2025-26.
Its outlay is Rs 12882.2 crore.
About Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER):
Union Minister- Gangapuram Kishan Reddy (Constituency- Secunderabad, Telangana)
Minister of State (MoS)- B. L. Verma (Constituency- Uttar Pradesh)
- **Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh** inaugurates National Genome Editing & Training Centre at Mohali, Punjab
Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology, inaugurated the "National Genome Editing & Training Centre" (NGETC) at the National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI)
- **India's Biggest Hockey Stadium** was inaugurated in Odisha
Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister (CM) of Odisha, inaugurated the Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium, India's largest hockey stadium, in terms of seated (chair) capacity of 20,000, in Rourkela, Odisha.
- **India gets its 1st IVF Mobile Unit for Animals**
India received its 1st In vitro fertilization (IVF) mobile unit for animals in Amreli, Gujarat.
- **ILO Report: Half of The World's Workforce Works Too Much or Too Little**
According to the International Labour Organization (ILO) report "Working Time and Work-Life Balance Around the World", more than half of the world's workforce doesn't typically work a nine-to-five schedule.
About the International Labour Organization (ILO):
Director-General – Gilbert Fossoun Hounbo
Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
Establishment – 1919
- **RBI selected 6 firms under 4th cohort of RS to Test Anti-Fraud Solutions.**
Reserve Bank of India (RBI) selected six entities out of nine applications for the Test Phase under the 4th cohort of Regulatory Sandbox (RS) on the theme 'Prevention and Mitigation of Financial Frauds'.
Selected entities & their Products:
Bahwan Cybertek
Crediwatch Information Analytics
enStage Software Private Limited (Wibmo)

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HSBC in collaboration with Wibmo
napID Cybersec
Trusting Social

- **SEBI nod to Reclassify Govt Holding in IDBI Bank as 'Public' after Sale**
About Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):
Chairperson– Madhabi Puri Buch
Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra
Establishment– 1992
- **SEBI Issues Debt Broker License to Zerodha-Backed GoldenPi Technologies.**
The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has granted a debt broker license to GoldenPi Technologies, a Bengaluru (Karnataka)-based fintech company backed by Indian financial services provider Zerodha.
- **RBI Launches Medium-Term Strategy Framework "Utkarsh 2.0" For 2023-2025**
Utkarsh 2.0 would enable the RBI to respond to socioeconomic challenges in both a proactive and reactive manner.
- **Axis Bank & OPEN Collaborate to Launch a Fully Digital Current Account**
Axis Bank Limited (Axis Bank), India's third-largest private sector bank, has partnered with Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd (OPEN), a digital banking firm, to give its customers a fully native digital current account journey.
About Axis Bank Limited:
MD & CEO - Amitabh Chaudhry
Establishment – 1993
Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
Tagline – Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi
- **CIRIUM: Delhi & Bengaluru Among the Top 10 Performing Global Airports Of 2022.**
Kempegowda International Airport is ranked 2nd and Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport is ranked 7th on the list.
The list is topped by Haneda Airport in Japan.
- **Varanasi Cantt Railway Station Bags 'Eat Right Station' Certification from FSSAI**
The Varanasi Cantt railway station has been awarded a 5- star 'Eat Right Station' certification by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- **Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan presents 1st Gouriamma award to Aleida Guevara,**
Cuban child rights advocate.
- **Tropidophis cacuangoae: Scientists Discovers New Dwarf Boa in Ecuadorian Amazon**

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- **Pranesh from TN** Becomes India's 79th Chess Grandmaster; **Wins Rilton Cup 2022/2023**
- **Kewal Kiran Clothing Limited (KKCL)**, the retail giant, has announced plans to enter its flagship brand 'Killer' into a strategic partnership with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) as the Indian Cricket Team's "Official Sponsor".
- **The International Hockey Federation (FIH)** has signed a partnership with the JSW Group for the upcoming 15th edition of FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela.
- **Veteran Sinologist Janaki Ballabh** passed away in Beijing
- **World Day of War Orphans 2023 - January 6**
About the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF);
Executive Director- Catherine M. Russell
Headquarters- New York, USA
Establishment- 1946
- **Army Inks Pact with Assam Govt** for Treatment of Ex-servicemen at Medical Colleges
- **HP CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu** Launched **Rs 101 crore** CM's Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh for the Needy

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- Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity”: India’s First Festival of Inclusion held in Goa. Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity’ (Purple Fest 2023), India’s 1st of its kind inclusive festival commenced at the Entertainment Society of Goa in Panaji, Goa.
- Y20 Summit India Curtain Raiser Event: Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur launches the Themes of the Y20 Summit
Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, launched the themes of Youth 20 (Y20) Summit, logo, and website in the Curtain raiser event of Y20 Summit India at Akashwani Rang Bhawan New Delhi, Delhi.
- MoS for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal inaugurates Astro Tourism – A Sky Gazing Event.
Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State (MoS) for Culture, inaugurated Astro Tourism – A Sky Gazing event which was jointly organised by the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) and Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML), under the banner of Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, at India Gate Lawns, Kartavya Path, New Delhi, Delhi.
- IMD: 2022 Fifth Warmest Year for India Since 1901
The India Meteorological Department (IMD)’s Statement on Climate of India during 2022 stated that the year 2022 was the fifth warmest for India since 1901.
- Vande Metro Trains: Indian Railways to introduce India's First Hydrogen Power Trains on Heritage Lines
Indian Railways is set to introduce India’s 1st hydrogen-powered trains - "Vande Metro trains" on its narrow gauge heritage lines to transform Indian locomotive mobility by December 2023.
- New members join United Nations Security Council
United Nations Security Council (UNSC) officially welcomed Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, and Switzerland, who now hold the two-year seats that they won without opposition in June, in charge of preserving international peace and security.
- RBI to Issue Its Maiden Green Bonds for Rs. 16,000 Crore in Two Tranches of Rs. 8,000 Crore Each
About the Reserve Bank of India (RBI):
Governor – Shaktikanta Das

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Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment – 1935

- **NABARD Raises around** Rs 5,000 crore via 3-year Bonds
Under its first issue of 'fund raising through bonds in 2023', **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has raised around Rs 5,000 crore via 3-year bonds.
The coupon for the 3-year bond was 63 percent. (The yield on 3-year government bonds was above 7.16 per cent).
- **Hockey Wali Sarpanch' inks pact with** NABARD to start FPO for Rajasthan's Farmers.
To support the farmers of Rajasthan's Lambi Ahir Village, Neeru Yadav, fondly known as 'Hockey Wali Sarpanch' has made an agreement with NABARD to start a Farmers Producers Organisation (FPO), 'Sachhi Saheli Mahila Agro Producer Company Limited'.
- **First Advance Estimates of National Income**, 2022-23: India's GDP Likely to Grow at 7% in FY23
The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI), has released its First Advance Estimates (FAE) of National Income for the financial year 2022–2023 (FY23) at both constant (2011–12) and current prices.
According to the NSO's first FAE, the Indian economy will grow at a rate of 7% in FY23, up from 8.7% in FY22.
- **President Droupadi Murmu Presents Digital India Awards – 2022** (7th edition)
- **Indian Actress-Director Aparna Sen Receives Lifetime Achievement Award** at 15th JIFF
Veteran Indian actress-director Aparna Sen was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the opening ceremony of the 15th edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF 2023) in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- **RBI approves Appointment of Surinder Chawla as New CEO of Paytm Payments Bank.**
About Paytm Payments Bank:
Chairman- Vijay Shekhar Sharma
Headquarters- Noida, Uttar Pradesh

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Establishment- 2017

- BIS Launches Portal for Mapping of Industrial Units & Laboratories; SNAP; NBC and Electric Code.
76th Foundation Day of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) - 6th January 2023, Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution launched a “Portal for mapping of Industrial Units and Laboratories” during an event organised in New Delhi, Delhi.
He also launched Standards National Action Plan (SNAP) 2022- 27; Revision Exercise of National Building Code of India (NBC 2016)
- China launches Asia’s 1st Semi-High-Speed Hydrogen Train with a Range of 600 Km.
- Indian tennis player Sania Mirza Announced Retirement from Professional Tennis.
- Ex-CJI Ranjan Gogoi Releases Assam CM’s Book “Mukhyamantrir Diary 1”
- BSE signs MoU with Goa Government to Promote Development of SMEs
BSE (formerly Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd.) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Goa for the development of Small Medium Enterprises (SME) in Goa.
- Chhattisgarh CM Celebrates Traditional ‘Cherchera’ Festival in Raipur.

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- **Home Minister Amit Shah** inaugurated & laid the foundation stone of 21 development projects at Moirang, Manipur.
Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 21 development projects worth Rs 1,311 crore in Moirang, Manipur.
He unveiled the 165-foot tall tricolor at the historic 'Azad Hind Fauj' Headquarters at Moirang, which is the tallest national flag in the entire North East region.
About Manipur:
Governor – La. Ganesan
Chief Minister (CM) – Nongthombam Biren Singh
National Park – Sirohi National Park
Wildlife Sanctuary – Yangoupokpi-Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary
- **NHA Introduces New System to Evaluate and Grade Hospitals Empanelled under AB PM-JAY Scheme**
The National Health Authority (NHA) is establishing a new system to measure and grade hospital performance as part of the flagship scheme **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)**.
Objective: To shift the focus of hospital performance measurement from the volume of services rendered to the value of healthcare services.
- **Kerala becomes** India's 1st State with Full Digital Banking Service
- **India's 1st Coal Gasification-Based** Talcher Fertilizer Plant to be Ready in Odisha by 2024.
- **GoI Gets Extension to Frame CAA Rules for 7th Consecutive Time.**
- **International Kite Festival 2023 Begins In** Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat inaugurated the International Kite Festival 2023 at Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. **The festival is organised by Gujarat Tourism on the G20 theme of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'.**
- **Nikkei Asia Report: India Surpasses Japan to Become the World's 3rd Largest Auto Market.**
- **ODP Corporation Selects HCL Tech as Primary IT Partner**
ODP Corporation has selected HCL Tech as its primary IT partner for end-to-end Information technology (IT) operations and enterprise-wide digital transformation to support ODP's business strategy in its Office Depot, ODP Business Solutions and Veyer business units.
- **Chetan Sharma retained as Chairman of the Senior Men's Selection Committee of BCCI.**
- **Adar Poonawalla received 1st Dr Patangrao Kadam Memorial Award.**

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Adar Poonawalla, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Serum Institute of India (SII), was conferred with the 1st Dr Patangrao Kadam Memorial Award for the contribution to the fight against COVID-19 at the inauguration of the Bharati Super Specialty Hospital at Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune, Maharashtra.

- DRDO Develops UAV for Operations in Himalayan Frontier.
The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an untethered multi-copter payload, an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), that aims to carry out logistic operations in the Himalayan frontier.
- 5th Khelo India Youth Games 2022: Mascots, Smart Torch, Theme Song Unveiled.
Mascots: Asha (Female Cheetah) and Mowgli
Torch: Amarkantak
KIYG 2022 will be hosted by MP
- Novak Djokovic wins 2023 Adelaide International 1 title; Aryna Sabalenka won Women's Singles.
- Tennis: Dutch star Tallon Griekspoor wins Singles title at Tata Open Maharashtra 2023; marks his first ATP tour title.
- Tata Open Maharashtra 2023: N Sriram Balaji and Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan Finish Second in Men's Doubles.
Belgians Joran Vliegen and Sander Gille won the Men's doubles championship title at Tata Open Maharashtra 2023.
- South African cricketer Dwaine Pretorius retires from International cricket.
- Former West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi Passes Away
- Padma Awardee Dr Tehemton E Udwadia “Father of laparoscopic surgery” Passed Away
- M S Dhoni Releases Autobiography of Prof. K.K. Abdul Gaffar, Njaan Sakshi.
- Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas - 9th January 2023.
The theme of the 17th PBD Convention is "Diaspora: Reliable partners for India's progress in Amrit Kaal".
- UP govt launched UP Global City campaign to make urban bodies on par with global standards.
- Osmanabad District Court Becomes First Court in Maharashtra to Introduce E-system of Functioning

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- **India, Panama signs agreement on Cooperation in Training of Diplomats during 17th PDB Convention 2023.**
17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention 2023 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh (MP), **an agreement was signed between** India and Panama on the cooperation in the training of diplomats.
About Panama:
Currency- Panamanian Balboa
President- Laurentino Cortizo
- **ReNew Power Installs India's First 3x Platform WTGs in Karnataka.**
ReNew Power ("ReNew"), one of India's largest independent power producers (IPPs) for renewable energy, has announced the installation of India's first 3x-platform wind turbine generators (WTGs) at Gadag, Karnataka.
About ReNew Power ("ReNew"):
Founder, Chairman and CEO – Sumant Sinha
Established – 2011
Headquarters – Gurugram, Haryana
- **Union Minister Jitendra Singh releases the Theme of National Science Day 2023.**
Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, released the theme for the National Science Day 2023 titled "Global Science for Global Wellbeing" at National Media Centre in New Delhi, Delhi.
- **GoI Allocates Rs 1037.90 Crore to New India Literacy Programme for A 5-Year Period (FY23-FY27).**
- **RBI notifies revised List of Accredited Credit Rating Agencies.**
The six credit rating agencies are as follows:
 - i. Acuite Ratings & Research Limited (Acuite)
 - ii. Credit Analysis and Research Limited (CARE)
 - iii. CRISIL Ratings Limited
 - iv. ICRA Limited
 - v. India Ratings and Research Private Limited (India Ratings)
 - vi. INFOMERICS Valuation and Rating Pvt Ltd
- **Axis Bank & IISc Signs MoU to Set up Centre for Mathematics and Computing.**
About Axis Bank:
Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive officer (CEO) - Amitabh Chaudhry

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Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

- **ICRA Report: Bank Bond Issuances Reach a Record of Rs. 91,500 Crore in Debt Capital in FY23 (April –December)**
According to the report released by credit rating agency ICRA Limited (formerly Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India Limited), Gross bond issuances by Indian banks reached a record of Rs. 91,500 crores in the first 9 months (April-December) of the financial year 2022-23 (FY23).
About Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):
Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)– Sivasubramanian Ramann
Establishment– 1990
Headquarters– Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- **PayRup": India's Fastest Payment App Has Been Launched.**
PayRup, India's fastest payment app, has been launched. PayRup is built on cutting-edge Web 3.0 technology and offers an enhanced digital payment experience with an exceptional user experience.
- **HDFC Capital Achieves USD 376-mn Initial Close for Scheme 2 of H-CARE 3.**
HDFC Capital, a subsidiary of HDFC Limited has successfully achieved the initial close of USD 376 million for Scheme 2 of HDFC Capital Affordable Real Estate Fund – 3 (H-CARE 3) to provide long term, flexible funding across affordable and mid-income housing projects including early-stage funding.
- **Kotak General Insurance Ties Up with Clootrack to Boost Customer Experience.**
- **Garuda Aerospace Signs MoU with Rallis India to Boost Agriculture.**
- **RS Sodhi steps down as GCMMF MD; Jayen Mehta given Interim Charge.**
The Managing Director (MD) of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), RS Sodhi, has stepped down from his post.
He will be succeeded by the Chief operating officer (COO) of GCMMF, Jayen Mehta who has been given immediate charge as MD.
- **Michael Patra reappointed as RBI's Deputy Governor for One Year.**
- **Gabon appoints Ossouka Raponda as Vice President & Alain-Claude Bilie as Prime Minister**

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Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of Gabon, appointed Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda as the first-ever female Vice President of Gabon.

About Gabon:

President- Ali Bongo Ondimba

Capital- Libreville

Currency- Central African CFA franc

- Herbalife signs up cricketer Smriti Mandhana as Brand Ambassador.
- Virgin Orbit: UK's First-Ever Rocket Mission Suffers Anomaly & Ends in Failure.
- Renowned Poet & Kashmir's 1st Jnanpith Awardee Abdur Rehman "Rahi" Passed Away
- World Hindi Day 2023 - January 10.
The main theme of the World Hindi Conference 2023 is "Hindi – Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence".
- TN CM M.K. Stalin launches a platform for Global Tamil investors to fund the State's Start-Ups.
M K Stalin, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu (TN), launched the Global Tamil Angels platform www.tamilangels.fund of StartupTN for investors from the global Tamil diaspora to make investments in Tamil Nadu-based startups.
- WB CM Mamata Launches Vehicle Location Control Centre & App to Boost Security For Women

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- **Defence Acquisition Council approves proposals worth Rs 4,276cr for IA & IN.** Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for three capital acquisition proposals worth Rs 4,276 crore during a meeting under the chairmanship of Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence (MoD) in New Delhi, Delhi.
- **Henley Passport Index 2023: Indian Passport Ranks 85th; Gives Visa-Free Entry to 59 Destinations Worldwide .**
- **Hitachi Payment Services gets RBI's in-principle nod for Payment Aggregator Licence.**
- **BharatPe receives in principle nod from RBI for online PA.**
- **RBI shortlists 7 global consultancy firms to use AI, ML to improve regulatory supervision.**
The seven firms are as follows:
Accenture Solutions Private Limited
Boston Consulting Group (India) Pvt Ltd
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP
Ernst and Young LLP
KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP
McKinsey and Company
Pricewaterhouse Coopers Pvt Ltd.
- **SEBI allows futures contract on corporate bond index.**
The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) allowed stock exchanges to launch future contracts on corporate bond indices of corporate debt securities rated AA+ and above to enhance liquidity in the bond market and to provide opportunity to the investors to hedge their positions.
- **World Bank Report: Indian Economy to Grow at A Robust 6.6% In FY24.** According to the latest Global Economic Prospects (January 2023) report released by the World Bank (WB), the Indian economy is projected to grow at a robust 6.6% in fiscal year 2023-24 (FY24), down from an estimated 6.9% in FY23 and 8.7% in FY22.
- **The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Nascent Info Technologies Private Limited for technical collaboration for the development of various Geographic Information System (GIS) applications.**
- **Overview of 80th Annual Golden Globe® Awards 2023: RRR's "Naatu Naatu" wins Best Original Song Award.**

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- **Clayfin & Bandhan Bank Wins** Best Digital Channel/Platform Award from IBS Intelligence.
- **Indian-American A.C. Charania Appointed as** NASA's new Chief Technologist.
- **Axis Bank enters into** Revised Pact with Max Fin Serv to Acquire Additional 7% Stake in Max Life.
Axis Bank Limited has entered into a revised pact with Max Financial Services Limited to acquire an additional 7% stake in Max Life Insurance Company Limited at fair market value using discounted cash flow method.
About the Axis Bank Limited:
Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Amitabh Chaudhry
Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra
Establishment- 1993
- **India carries out successful test launch of Prithvi-II from Chandipur, Odisha.**
- **NASA's TESS mission discovers 2nd Earth-sized planet in "Habitable Zone".**
NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) mission has made a discovery, identifying a 2nd Earth-sized, called TOI 700 e, a rocky planet within the habitable zone of a star.
- **OneWeb Launches 40 Satellites from SpaceX's Florida Space Centre.**
- **Hockey India launched Hockeyverse, becomes 1st National Sports Federation to Enter Metaverse.**
- **Greece's Last King & 1960 Olympic Gold Medalist Constantine II Passed Away.**
- **Prince Harry Released his Memoir titled "Spare".**
- **National Road Safety Week from 11th to 17th January 2023**
The Road Safety Week 2023 is observed under "Swachhata Pakhwada 2023" to propagate the cause of safer roads for all.
- **Justice N Kotiswar Singh Appointed as Acting Chief Justice of Gauhati HC.**

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➤ **Cabinet Approvals on Jan 11, 2023.**

The Union Cabinet has approved setting up of National Level multistate cooperative export society under the Multi State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002 that will act as an umbrella organisation for carrying out and promoting exports.

The Union Cabinet also approved setting up of a national level multi-state cooperative seed society under MSCS Act, 2002. It will act as an apex organisation for production, procurement, processing, branding, labelling, packaging, storage, marketing and distribution of quality seeds.

CCEA approved a Rs 2,600-crore incentive scheme to promote Rupay debit card and low-value BHIM-UPI (Bharat Interface for Money - Unified Payments Interface) transactions (person-to-merchant) in FY23.

The Union Cabinet has also given its ex post facto approval for renaming of National Centre for Drinking Water, Sanitation and Quality, Joka, Kolkata in West Bengal as 'Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation (SPM-NIWAS)'.

➤ **Indian High Commission signs MoU to establish Hindi Chair at Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.**

➤ **WEF Global Risks Report 2023: Cost of Living Crisis and Digital Inequality Among India's Risks.**

The World Economic Forum (WEF) has published 'The Global Risks Report 2023' (18th Edition), which lists the biggest risks for India over the short and medium terms.

About the World Economic Forum (WEF):

Managing Director (MD) – Saadia Zahidi

Established – 1971

Headquarters – Cologny, GenevaCanton, Switzerland

➤ **UNU-INWEH: 3,700 Indian Dams Will Lose 26% Storage Capacity By 2050; World to Lose 26% Storage By 2050 To Trapped Sediment.**

According to a new study by the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment, and Health (UNU-INWEH), around 3,700 large dams in India could lose on average 26% of their initial total storage by 2050 owing to sediment deposition, which might affect future water security, irrigation, and power generation.

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- OAG's Punctuality League 2023: **IndiGo Airlines & Coimbatore Airport are Among World's 20 Most Punctual Airlines & Airports**
According to OAG's Punctuality League 2023 report, released on 11th January 2022, India's largest airline IndiGo and Airports Authority of India (AAI)-owned Coimbatore airport, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, are among the 20 most punctual airlines and airports globally in terms of On-Time Performance (OTP) in 2022
- PwC India Report: **Startup Funding in India Drops 33% to USD 24 Billion in 2022.**
In accordance with the "Startup Tracker-CY22" report published by PwC India, funding for Indian startups fell by 33% to USD 24 billion in calendar year 2022 (CY22) as compared to CY21 but was still more than twice as much as the amount raised in CY20 and CY19 combined together.
About PwC India:
Chairperson – Sanjeev Krishan
Headquarters – Kolkata, West Bengal
- **NPCI allows UPI transactions for Non-Resident Accounts linked to International Numbers**
The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has allowed UPI (Unified Payments Interface) transactions for non-resident bank accounts like Non-Residential External (NRE) and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) linked to international mobile numbers.
- **Bajaj Allianz Life, Punjab & Sind Bank enter into strategic partnership.**
About Punjab & Sind Bank:
MD & CEO- Swarup Kumar Saha
Headquarters- New Delhi (Delhi)
Tagline- Where service is a way of life
- **RBI Grants In-principle Approval for Payment Aggregator Licence to EnKash.**
- **Exim Bank Raises USD 1 billion through 10-year Sustainability Bond Issue.**
Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has raised USD 1 billion via a 10-year Sustainability Bond issue in the 144A/Reg-S format under its Environmental Social Governance (ESG) Framework.
- **Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES) Limited, a Miniratna (Category-I) and Schedule 'A' Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Railways (MoR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian**

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Institute of Technology (IIT)-Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh for exploring opportunities in the areas of sustainability and carbon-related works including carbon neutrality, particularly in sectors such as steel and power.

- NASA's James Webb Space Telescope discovers its 1st Earth-Like Exoplanet. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) discovered its first exoplanet, a planet that orbits another star, formally classified as LHS 475 b, which is reportedly almost the exact size of Earth, clocking in at 99% of Earth's diameter.
- Sony Sports Ropes in Hyundai Ioniq 5, Samsonite & Panasonic as Sponsors for Australian Open
- Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launches book titled "Braving A Viral Storm" The book is co-authored by Aashish Chandorkar and Suraj Sudhir
- National Youth Day 2023- January 12
The theme of National Youth Festival 2023 is "Viksit Yuva-Viksit Bharat".
- Meghalaya CM Conrad Sangma launches Shared School Bus System & Agriculture Response Vehicle Scheme
About Meghalaya:
Chief Minister (CM)- Conrad K Sangma
Governor- Brig. (Dr.) B D Mishra (Retd.)
Capital- Shillong
Wildlife Sanctuary- Siju Wildlife Sanctuary; Narpuh Wildlife Sanctuary
- OTPC & APDCL signed MoU to Develop 250 MW Battery Energy Storage in Assam. ONGC Tripura Power Company Limited (OTPC) and Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop a battery energy storage system project in Assam at an investment of Rs 2000 crore.
- IAS officer A Santhi Kumari Appointed as 1st Woman Chief Secretary of Telangana

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