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- Indian Army's Exercise Topchi 2023 held in Devlali, Maharashtra; Made-in-India Weapons showcased.
 - Indian Army's 'Exercise Topchi 2023', the annual firepower demonstration and training exercise, was conducted by the School of Artillery at the Devlali field firing ranges, in Devlali, Nashik, Maharashtra.
- ➤ USISPF launched STEM Initiative to increase women in STEM education & workforce in India.
 Alliance launched to boost number of women in STEMMukesh Aghi, president and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the United States(U.S.)-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) launched the U.S.-India Alliance for Women's Economic Empowerment STEM Initiative(STEM Collaborative) to increase the number of women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

education and the workforce in India.

- Mercom India Research: India's Solar Module Manufacturing Capacity to Reach 95 GW by 2025
 According to "State of Solar PV Manufacturing in India" report by Mercom India Research, India's capacity to manufacture solar photovoltaic (PV) modules exceeded 39 gigawatts (GW) by the end of September 2022, and it is anticipated to reach about 95 GW by the end of the calendar year (CY) 2025.
- Working Committee under the Chairmanship of PK Malhotra to Draft rules for Mediation in India.
 Ministry of Law and Justice has constituted a working committee under the chairmanship of former Law Secretary PK Malhotra to draft rules and standards for the implementation of the provisions of the Mediation Bill/Act 2021 in India.
- Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri re-dedicates ONGC's Sagar Samrat as a Mobile Offshore Production Unit.
 Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, re-dedicated Oil and Natural Gas Corporation's (ONGC) iconic drilling rig Sagar Samrat, as a Mobile Offshore Production Unit (MOPU) at a ceremony held on Sagar Samrat.
- ➤ MIB Guidelines: TV channels to provide monthly details of public service content. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting clarified that the topics of national importance and social relevance embedded in the programmes broadcast by private TV channels would qualify for their obligation under the "Guidelines for Uplinking and Downlinking of Television Channels in India, 2022".
- ➤ UN Agencies Report: Asia-Pacific Overview of Food Security and Nutrition 2022. According to a joint report by the United Nations (UN) Agencies titled "Asia-Pacific Overview of Food Security and Nutrition 2022: Urban Food Security and

Nutrition", an increasing number of people in Asia lack enough to eat as food insecurity rises with greater prices and worsening poverty. The report is the fifth annual assessment of food insecurity and hunger by the UN agencies.

About the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP): Executive Director - David Beasley **Headquarters -** Rome, Italy Established - 1961

➤ Infibeam Avenues Brand CCAvenue Becomes India's First Payment Gateway Player to Process Retail CBDC Transactions. Infibeam Avenues becomes first payments platform to process retail CBDC transactionsCCAvenue, the premier payments brand of Infibeam Avenues Limited (IAL), has emerged as India's first payment gateway player to process Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) or Digital Rupee (e-rupee) transactions for online retail merchants.

In an industry- first move, CCAvenue has processed CBDC transactions for IDFC First Bank, one of India's top private sector banks, enabling CBDC online transactions in an attempt to improve the country's digital payments ecosystem.

➤ RBI Data: The Number of Micro ATMs Surged in 2022, But Cash Withdrawals Dropped.

As of December 2022, there were 14.19 lakh micro ATMs operating across India.

NIA Launches its 'Pay As You Drive' Vehicle Insurance Policy New India Assurance (NIA) has launched its 'Pay as You Drive' (PAYD) vehicle Insurance Policy to offer charges premium based on the usage of the vehicle.

About New India Assurance (NIA):

Establishment - 1919

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman-cum-Managing Director - Neerja Kapur

➤ IMF projects India's growth to fall 6.1% in 2023.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its World Economic Outlook- January 2023 update has projected India's growth to decline from 6.8% in 2022 to 6.1% in 2023 before picking up to 6.8% in 2024.

About International Monetary Fund (IMF):

Managing Director- Kristalina Georgieva

Headquarters- Washington, DC, United States (US)

Ministry of Defence Announced the Best Marching Contingents & Tableaux of R-Day Parade 2023.

The expert panel has declared Uttarakhand's tableaux, featuring the Manaskhand as the winner of the first prize under Best tableaux of State/UTs.

About Ministry of Defence:



Union Minister- Rajnath Singh (Constituency- Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh) **Minister of State-** Ajay Bhatt (Constituency- Nainital-Udhamsingh Nagar, Uttarakhand)

- Puma India ropes in Indian Cricket Harmanpreet Kaur as Brand Ambassador.
- ➤ Unilever appoints Hein Schumacher as New CEO
 Unilever, the British multinational consumer goods company, appointed Hein
 Schumacher, as its next Chief Executive Officer (CEO), replacing Alan Jope who
 announced his intention to retire from Unilever.
- Morgan Stanley appoints Arun Kohli as New Country Head for India Morgan Stanley appointed Arun Kohli as the new Country Head for India to replace Sanjay Shah, a veteran of 26 years at the firm, who will be retiring from service.
- ➤ Drone Start-up Eminent Air showcased India's 1st one of its kind Drone with Parachute Integrated System.
- India won 1st Women's U-19 T20 World Cup 2023 by defeating England. It was the first edition of the ICC Women's Under-19 Cricket World Cup and it was hosted by South Africa (SA) from January 14 29, 2023. The Player of the final match title was awarded to 18-year-old Indian pacer Titas Sadhu.
- Martyrs' Day 2023 30th January 2023.
- ➤ TSRTC signs MoU with Nalsoft for Enterprise Resource Planning Implementation The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Nalsoft Private Limited for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) implementation.

About the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC):

Chairman- Bajireddy Govardhan

MD- V.C. Sajjanar

Headquarters- Hyderabad, Telangana

Establishment- 2014

About the Nalsoft (P) Ltd:

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Venkata Nalluri

Headquarters- Hyderabad, Telangana

Establishment- 2001





- First G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group Meeting Held in Chandigarh.
- Austrade & CII Sign MoU for Technical Vocational Education and Training Courses.

The Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade), an Australian Government agency, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to collaborate on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programmes

About the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII):

President – Sanjiv Bajaj

Incorporated – 1992 [Established as Engineering and Iron Trades Association (EITA) in 1895]

Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi

- Inaugural Meeting of iCET (2023): India & US Unveil Ambitious Roadmap for Defence and Tech Partnership.
 The inaugural meeting of the "US-India initiative on Critical and Emerging
 - Technologies (iCET)" (2023) was formally launched by Ajit Doval, the National Security Advisor (NSA) of India, and Jake Sullivan, the National Security Advisor of the United States (US) in Washington, DC, US.
- Exercise 'Trishakti Prahar' held in North Bengal; IAF's Exercise Poorvi Akash held in Northeastern Region.

Exercise Trishakti Prahar (Three-Force Strike)' was held between all arms and services of the Indian Army, Indian Air Force (IAF) and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) in the North Bengal.

About Indian Air Force (IAF):

Chief of the Air Staff- Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment- 1932

- ➤ India invited as Theme country of Madrid International Book Fair in 2025. Jose Maria Ridao, the Ambassador of Spain, announced that India will be invited as the focal country at the Madrid International Book Fair in 2025 in Madrid, Spain.
- ➤ RBI Partially Relaxes Restrictions on SBM Bank India till March 15, 2023. Appoints V. Ramachandra as an Advisory Committee Member of SIFL & SEFL. RBI appointed V. Ramachandra, former Chief General Manager of Canara Bank, as a member of the Advisory Committee of Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SIFL) and Srei Equipment Finance Limited (SEFL) with immediate effect.

- RBI's Digital Payments Index for September 2022 Increased to 377.46. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) - Digital Payments Index (DPI), a measure of the extent of digitisation of payments across the country for September 2022 increased to 377.46 as against 349.30 in March 2022 and 304.06 in September 2021.
- Mobicule launches Industry First Asset Repossession Module for Banks and NBFCs. Mumbai (Maharashtra) based Mobicule Technologies Private Limited (Mobicule), a niche player and expert in debt collection, has announced the launch of the mCollect Repossession module, an industry first for banks and Non-Banking
- ➤ India UK Achievers Honours 2023: Former PM Manmohan Singh honoured with Lifetime Achievement Honour.
- > DRDO Develops Unfurlable Antenna for Space Radar. Electronics and Radar Development Establishment (LRDE), the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)'s lab based in Bengaluru(Karnataka), has developed an UnFurlable Reflector Antenna (UFRA), one of the major subsystems of radar.
- Asian Waterbird Census-2023: 52 Avian Species Observed in Ladakh.
- Former Union Law Minister Veteran lawyer Shanti Bhushan Passed Away.
- ➤ ICG Day 2023: Indian Coast Guard Celebrates 47th Raising Day 1st February 2023.

1st February 2023 marks the observance of the 47th Raising Day of the ICG About the Indian Coast Guard:

Director-General- Virender Singh Pathania

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Financial Companies (NBFCs).

Motto- "Vayam Rakshamah" means "We protect"

AP CM Jagan Mohan Reddy declares Visakhapatnam as the New Capital of Andhra Pradesh.

Andhra Pradesh, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, stated that Visakhapatnam will be declared as the new capital of Andhra Pradesh during the International Diplomatic Alliance Meet, a curtain-raiser event for the Global Investors Summit, held in New Delhi, Delhi

About Andhra Pradesh:

Chief Minister- YS Jagan Mohan Reddy

Governor- Biswabhusan Harichandan

National Park- Sri Venkateswara National Park



Wildlife Sanctuary- Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary; Krishna Wildlife sanctuary

➤ UP CM Yogi Adityanath launches Aarohini Initiative Training Programme for Girls. About Uttar Pradesh: Chief Minister- Yogi Adityanath

Governor- Anandiben Mafatbhai Patel

Wildlife Sanctuary- Sohagibarwa Wildlife Sanctuary

Airport- Kushinagar International airport; Kanpur Airport

- Me-Dam-Me-Phi' Festival 2023: Union Minister Sonowal hosts the Festival & Pays Respect to Ancestors
 Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways & Minister of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy), hosted "Me-Dam-Me-Phi", a festival of Assam's Tai Ahom community to worship and pay respect to the ancestors in New Delhi, Delhi.
- Maharashtra recognised 'Jai Jai Maharashtra Majha' as State Song. Penned by Raja Badhe and sung by Balladeer Krishnaro Sable.
- Nagaland Govt and Patanjali Foods Ltd. sign MoU on Palm Oil Cultivation.







- ➤ MeitY, Meta Announce List of 120 Startups, Innovators for XR Startup Programme The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Meta (Meta Platforms, Inc formerly named Facebook) have announced the list of 120 startups and innovators for the Extended Reality (XR) Startup Programme in New Delhi, Delhi.
- ➤ IIT Patna signs MoU with Drone Destination to open Bihar's 1st UAV Training Centre.
- CMIE: Unemployment Rate Falls to 4-Month Low of 7.14% in January According to the data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), India's unemployment rate declined by 7.14% in January 2023, the lowest in 4 months, from 8.30% in December 2022.
- ➤ India's 1st Hydrogen Train Will Come by Dec 2023 On Heritage Routes
 Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced that India's first hydrogen
 train will be designed and manufactured in India by December 2023, as the Union
 Budget 2023–24 focuses on green growth.

The Union Budget 2023-24 has an allocation of Rs. 2.41 lakh crore for Railways.

- Indore Municipal Corporation Launches Secured Redeemable NCDs of Rs 244 crore.
 - Indore municipal corporation has launched secured redeemable Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) of face value of Rs 1000 each, aggregating up to Rs 122 crore. The issue contains an option to retain over-subscription up to Rs 122 crores, making the total issue size to Rs 244 crores.
- ➤ Kotak Mahindra Bank Implements RBI's First Phase of Digital Rupee.

 Reliance Retail has become the first organized retail chain in India to accept the RBI-created and blockchain-based CBDC (e₹) payments at its gourmet food store, Freshpik.

About Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL):

MD & CEO - Uday Kotak

Established - 2003

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

➤ IDFC First Bank to receive Rs. 2,200 crore investment from IDFC Ltd.



The board of IDFC Limited gave its in-principle approval for an investment of Rs 2,200 crore in IDFC First Bank, raising its stake in the bank from 36.38% to 40%.

- ➤ KFin Technologies launches in GIFT City
 KFin Technologies Limited (KFintech) has announced the commencement of its operations in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ➤ PVR Cinemas launches India's 1st Multiplex within Airport Complex in Chennai. PVR Cinemas launched its 5-screen property at PVR Aerohub in Chennai International Airport, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN).
- ➤ 9th Edition of Kalinga Literary Festival: Announces KLF Book Awards 2022. The 9th KLF will take place in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from February 24 to 26, 2023.
- Manuela Roka Botey appointed as the 1st Female Prime Minister of Equatorial Guinea.

She succeeds Francisco Pascual Obama Asue.

About Equatorial Guinea:

President- Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo

Capital- Malabo

Currency- Central African Franc (CFA)

- ➤ US Based GA-ASI Initiates 3 Projects in India in AI, Drones & Semiconductors . General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. (GA-ASI), a major energy and defence corporation based in the United States (US), has begun 3 significant projects in India in the fields of artificial intelligence (AI), drones, and semiconductors following the establishment of a landmark India-US initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET).
- ➤ US SIA & India's IESA Forms Task Force to Strengthen Semiconductor Ecosystem: The US Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) and the India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) have decided to form a private-sector task force that will strengthen collaboration between the two countries in the global semiconductor ecosystem.
- Former Indian Footballer Parimal Dey Passed Away.



- ➤ Indian Columnist (Journalist) and author Palagummi Sainath (P Sainath) has authored a new book titled "The Last Heroes- Foot Soldiers of Indian Freedom"
- ➤ World Wetlands Day 2023 February 2.

 The theme of World Wetlands Day 2023 is "Wetland Restoration".
- ➤ Manish Sisodia, Dy CM of Delhi, launched DCPCR's WhatsApp Chatbot 'Bal Mitra'. Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister (Dy CM) of the Government of Delhi, launched the WhatsApp Chatbot 'Bal Mitra' developed by the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) to enable two-way communication between people and the Commission (child rights panel) and eliminating the information gap.
- ➤ MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched Ladli Bahna Scheme to Provide Rs 1,000 Per Month to Poor Women.
- Gandhisagar Floating Festival 2023, Asia's 1st floating festival, started in MP.

About Madhya Pradesh:

Chief Minister- Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Governor- Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

National Park- Ghughwa Fossil National Park (Dinosaur Fossil National Park),

Vanvihar National Park

Dams- Gandhi Sagar Dam (Chambal River); Bansagar Dam (Sone River)







- ➤ MoHUA & EIL signs MoU to develop Waste to Wealth plants in cities with million plus population.
 - The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Engineers India Limited (EIL) to develop Waste to Energy and bio-methanation projects in cities with a population of million plus (million plus cities). This MoU is in line with India's Green Growth Agenda.

About Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA):

Union Minister- Hardeep Singh Puri (Rajya Sabha- Uttar Pradesh) **Minister of State-** Kaushal Kishore (Constituency- Mohanlalganj, Uttar Pradesh)

- Ministry of Cooperation Signs MoU to Enable PACS to Operate as CSC. The Ministry of Cooperation, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), and CSC e-Governance Services India Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enable Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and provide services offered by Common Service Centres (CSCs) in New Delhi, Delhi.
- C-CAMP launches InDx 2.0 National Diagnostics Catapult to Scale up Diagnostics
 Space for Infectious Diseases.
 Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) Indigenisation of
 Diagnostics (InDx) launched the National Diagnostics Catapult (C-CAMP InDx 2.0)
- Azad Engineering is India's First Supplier of Parts for Nuclear Turbines
 Azad Engineering Private Limited, Hyderabad (Telangana)-based precision
 engineering firm and GE Steam Power, an American energy technology company,
 have agreed to a long-term supply deal for the supply of nuclear turbine parts.
- ➤ RailTel Secures Rs. 253.35 Crore SBI Project for 4G Connectivity to ATMs. State Bank of India (SBI) has issued a work order to RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. (RailTel), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Railways, to provide 4G LTE (Long-Term Evolution) connectivity to 15,000 offsite Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) distributed across India.
- RailTel Corporation of India Ltd (RailTel)
 Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) Sanjai Kumar
 Incorporated 2000
 Headquarters New Delhi, Delhi
- ➤ Hindujas Intends to Raise Their Stake in IndusInd Bank to 26%. Hindujas set to raise stake in IndusInd Bank to 26%IndusInd International Holdings Ltd. (IIHL), a subsidiary of the Hinduja Group, has received preliminary approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to increase its ownership in IndusInd Bank Ltd. (IndusInd Bank) to 26%.



As a result, the Hinduja Group will contribute more than Rs. 10,000 crore to IndusInd Bank.

About IndusInd Bank Ltd: MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia

Established - 1994

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline - We Make You Feel Richer

- > 8th meeting of US-India Civil Space Joint Working Group: officials discussed on Space Collaboration.
- ➤ SpaceX launches 53 Starlinks on the 200th Falcon 9 rocket flight.
- NASA & IBM collaborate to Develop AI-Based Models to Spur New Earth Discoveries.
- ➤ UN ECOSOC Partnership Forum 2023: Indian NGO Shares Initiatives on Road Safety & Environment Conservation.

 The 2023 Partnership Forum of an annual session, the United Nations (UN) Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), was held on 31 January 2023, back-to-back with the Council's Coordination Segment, at the United Nations (UN) headquarters in New York, United States (US).
- ➤ Cricket: New Zealand Tour Of India ODI and T20I series 2022-2023.

 The New Zealand National Cricket Team(named: Black Caps) toured India for 3
 One Day Internationals(ODIs) and 3 Twenty 20 Internationals(T20Is) from 18th
 January 2023 to 1st February 2023. India defeated New Zealand to won both the
 3-match ODI and T20I series.
- ➤ Indian Cricketer Joginder Sharma announces Retirement from All Forms of Cricket.
- France's World Cup Winning Defender Raphael Varane Retires from International Football.
- Padma Shri & Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee K Vishwanath, a renowned director, Passed Away.
- ➤ CM Prem Singh Tamang launched 'Mero Rukh Mero Santati'
 Prem Singh Tamang, Chief Minister (CM) of Sikkim, launched the initiative, named 'Mero Rukh Mero Santati' (Plant a Tree, Leave a Legacy), under which 100 trees will be planted for every child born in Sikkim.





➤ Coal India Arm MCL Introduces Drone Technology in Coal Mines.

Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL), a premier Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Coal, has introduced drone technology in coal mines by launching "VIHANGAM," a web-based portal that includes a drone and ground control system.

Abour Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL) Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) – 0 P Singh **Formed** – 1992 **Headquarters** – Sambalpur, Odisha

- Union Minister Amit Shah Lays Foundation Stone of Rs 450-Crore Nano Urea Plant in Jharkhand Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs, laid the foundation stone of a Rs.450 crore nano urea plant and township of the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) in Deoghar, Jharkhand. This will be India's 5th nano urea plant.
- Austrade Signs MoU with Leather Sector Skill Council
 The Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade), an Australian
 Government agency, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the
 Leather Sector Skill Council (LSSC) to work on Technical and Vocational
 Education and Training (TVET) programmes and implement Australian training
 standards in the leather sector in India.
- ➤ DA&FW and DIL Collaborate to Enhance Food Security and Double Farmers' Income

 The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), Government of India (GoI), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Development Innovation Lab (DIL) at the University of Chicago in New Delhi, Delhi.
- TCS Named to 'World's Most Admired Companies List by FORTUNE Magazine Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has been included in the 25th edition of FORTUNE magazine's list of the "World's Most Admired Companies" for 2023. In the annual ranking of corporate reputation, Apple topped the list for the 16th consecutive year, followed by a tie between Amazon and Microsoft for the 2nd spot.
- ➤ Wings Publication announces Golden Book Awards 2023 Winners.



Winners	Books
Deepak Chopra	The Seven Spiritual Law Of Success: A practical guide to achieving your dreams
Ashneer Grover	Doglapan: The Hard Truth about Life and Start-Ups
Jeff Kinney	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Diper Overlode
J.K Rowling	Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets Of Dumbledore
Gaur Gopal Das	Energize Your Mind: A Monk's Guide to Mindful Living
Kamlesh Patel	The Wisdom Bridge: Nine Principles To A Life That Echoes In The Hearts Of Your Loved Ones
Ruskin Bond	How To Live Your Life
Namita Thapar	The Dolphin And The Shark: Stories On Entrepreneurship

- > PM Modi appears as World's Most Popular Leader, With an Approval Rating of 78%
 - Morning Consult, a US-based consulting firm, reported that Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has become the most popular leader in the world for the 2nd consecutive year, with a 78% approval rating in its Global Leader Approval Ratings.
- Paytm Non-Independent Director Douglas Feagin Resigns.
- Ferrero signs Ranveer Singh as Brand Ambassador for Nutella Chocolate company Ferrero has signed Bollywood Actor Ranveer Singh as the brand ambassador of its hazelnut cocoa spread brand Nutella India.
- ➤ GoI to Become Vodafone Idea's Largest Shareholder with 33% Stake
 The Ministry of Communications, has approved the conversion of Rs.
 16133,18,48,990 (~Rs. 16,133 crore) in accrued interest on deferred adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues of debt-ridden Vodafone Idea into equity.
- "NISAR": NASA-ISRO Joint Satellite to Launch in 2024 NASA ISRO JAINT SateliteAccording to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the 'NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR)' will be launched from Indian soil in the first quarter of 2024, and science operations will commence 90 days after it reaches the intended orbit. NISAR is a Low-Earth orbit (LEO) observatory being developed jointly by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), United States (US) and ISRO, India.
- ➤ Khelo India Winter Games-2023: Union Minister Anurag Thakur & Lt. Governor of J&K jointly launched Mascot, Theme Song & Jersey.

 The 3rd edition of the Khelo India Winter Games, a 5-day event, is scheduled to be held from 10-14 February 2023 in Gulmarg, Jammu, and Kashmir.

 Mascot: The Snow Leopard depicts the vibrant heritage of the Himalayas.



About Jammu and Kashmir (J&K):

Governor- Manoj Sinha

Wildlife Sanctuary- Surinsar Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary; Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary

Festivals- Losar; Matho Nagrang

- Veteran Singer & Padma Bhushan Recipient Vani Jairam Passes Away.
- International Day of Human Fraternity 2023 February 4.
 4th February 2023 marks the observance of the 3rd International Day of Human Fraternity

About the United Nations:

Secretary - General- António Guterres

Headquarters- New York, USA

Establishment- 1945

World Cancer Day 2023 - February 4.

The campaign theme of World Cancer Day 2022-2024 is "Close the care gap". The Campaign theme of World Cancer Day 2023 is "Close the care Gap: Uniting our voices and taking action".

About the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC):

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Cary Adams

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Establishment- 1933

Goa CM Pramod Sawant launches Heli-Tourism Service in Panaji.

About Goa:

Chief Minister- Pramod Sawant

Governor- Sreedharan Pillai

Port- Mormugao Port

Bird Sanctuary- Dr Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary

Punjab Cabinet Approves New Industrial and Electric Vehicle Policies. The new "Industrial and Business Development Policy (IBDP)-2022" and "Punjab Electric Vehicle Policy (PEVP)-2022" have been approved by the Punjab Cabinet, which is presided over by Chief Minister (CM) Bhagwant Mann.

About Punjab:

Chief Minister (CM) - Bhagwant Mann

Governor - Banwarilal Purohit

Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS) - Bir Moti Bagh WLS; Bir Bhunerheri WLS

Zoological Park - Mahendra Chaudhary Zoological Park; Tiger safari zoo

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