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- Export Obligation relaxed for Hotel, Health, Education sectors under EPCG scheme
  - On January 20, 2023, the Central Government relaxed export obligation under the Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme for the hotel, healthcare, and educational sectors.
- Ministry of Consumer Affairs issues new Guidelines for Social Media Influencers On January 20, 2023, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs unveiled guidelines 'Endorsements Know- hows!' for social-media influencers, including celebrities and virtual avatars, for disclosing the promotional content of the products or services they endorse and their material connections with those.
- AIF Inaugurates India's 1st STEM Innovation and Learning Center in Chennai, TN; AIF'S DE launched DSLV Mission
  The American India Foundation (AIF) inaugurated India's 1st STEM Innovation and Learning Centre (SILC) under the scheme of Vanavil Mandram and launched Drone and Satellite Launch Vehicle (DSLV) Mission at the Government Higher Secondary School, MMDA Colony, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN).
- India's Civil 20 Engagement Group Inaugurated at Amritapuri, Kerala India's Civil 20 Engagement Group (C20), the official engagement group of India's G20 (Group of 20) leadership representing the voices of non- profit, voluntary citizens' groups in service to society, was inaugurated at Amritapuri in Kollam, Kerala.
- ➤ Jaipur Literature Festival 2023: 16th edition of the Festival begins in Jaipur, Rajasthan

  The Jaipur Literature Festival 2023, the **16th edition** of the festival celebrating the power of literature, art and culture with a focus on Indian languages is being held from 19th to 23rd January 2023 in Hotel Clarks Amer in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- ➤ CCI approves Internal Reorganisation of Kalyani Group
  On 19th January 2023, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the internal recognition of the Kalyani Group's companies. The deal has been cleared under the green channel route, an automated approval scheme.
- ➤ UN Agencies: Acute Malnutrition Threatens the Lives of 30 Million Children

The United Nations (UN) agencies issued a call to action for the "UN Global Action Plan on Child Wasting" in an effort to accelerate the enactment of timely and decisive measures to safeguard the most vulnerable children in the 15 countries heavily impacted by the unprecedented food and nutrition crisis.

- ➤ ICGS Shaurya & Rajveer on a 6-day visit to Bangladesh On 13th January 2023, Indian Coast Guard Ships (ICGS) Shaurya and ICGS Rajveer, 2 vessels of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) sailed to Chittagong, Bangladesh for a 6day visit (13th to 19th January 2023) as a part of the close cooperation between the ICG and Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG).
- ➤ RBI Data: Indians Remitted Nearly USD 2 Billion Under LRS Scheme in November 2022
  According to the most recent Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data on "Outward Remittances under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) for Resident Individuals," Indians remitted about USD 1.99 billion in November 2022 under the LRS.
- Start-up fundraising to Rebound Rapidly: RBI Paper
  As per the paper titled 'What Drives Startup Fundraising in India' in Reserve
  Bank of India's (RBI) January 2023 bulletin, the start-up fundraising in India is
  expected to rapidly rebound from the macroeconomic disturbances seen over the
  last 2-3 years.
- RBI January 2023 Bulletin: RBI to Direct Inflation Toward a 4% Target by 2024 According to the article titled "State of the Economy" published in the "January 2023 bulletin" of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the RBI's 2023 monetary policy objective is to keep inflation within the required tolerance band (2%-6%) and lead it towards the medium-term target of 4% by 2024, which is the second milestone.
- L&T Technology Services Selected as Strategic Engineering Partner to Airbus L&T Technology Services Limited (LTTS), a subsidiary of Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T), has been selected as a strategic engineering partner to Airbus for providing Advanced Engineering Capabilities and Digital Manufacturing Services under a multi-year contract.
- > Canara bank sells its entire 40% Stake in CIBL to SBI

Canara Bank is set to sell its entire **40%** stake in the Russian joint ventire (JV) Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL) to the JV partner State Bank of India (SBI). The cash consideration for the transaction is equivalent to USD 14.6 million.

**About Canara Bank:** 

Non-Executive Chairman-Vijay Srirangan

Headquarters- Bangalore, Karnataka

Establishment-1906

Tagline- 'Together we can'

About State Bank of India (SBI):

Chairman- Dinesh kumar Khara

Headquarters-Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment-1955

Tagline- 'The Banker to Every Indian'

- Startup IG Drones develops India's first 5G- enabled drone, Skyhawk Startup firm IG Drones has developed India's first 5G-enabled drone namely 'Skyhawk' that is capable of **vertical take-off and landing (VTOL)**, and can be used in defence and medical annlications among other sectors.
- Geotail Spacecraft, 1st joint mission of NASA- JAXA, Retires After Data Recorder Failure
  - Geotail spacecraft, the first joint mission of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) retired after 30 years in orbit.
- FIH Partners with JSP Foundation for Hockey Development and Men's World Cup The International Hockey Federation (FIH), originally Fédération Internationale de Hockey, has signed a partnership with JSP Foundation, the executing arm of Jindal Steel & Power (JSP) for its development programs.

**About JSP Foundation:-**

**Chairperson-** Shallu Jindal

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment-2014

About the International Hockey Federation (FIH):

**President-** Tayyab Ikram

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Thierry Weil

Headquarters-Lausanne, Switzerland

Establishment- 1924



- ➤ Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched a book titled "India's Knowledge Supremacy" by Dr Ashwin Fernandes
  On 19th January 2023, Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education, launched the book titled "India's Knowledge Supremacy: The New Dawn" authored by Dr Ashwin Fernandes, the International Indian expat.
- ➤ Himachal Pradesh Targets to be 1st 'Green Energy State' by 2025 Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Chief Minister (CM) of Himachal Pradesh (HP) announced that Himachal Pradesh targets to become the "**first Green Energy State**" by the end of 2025.

**About Himachal Pradesh:** 

Chief Minister- Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
Governor- Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
Wildlife Sanctuary- Bandli Wildlife Sanctuary; Chail Wildlife Sanctuary
UNESCO heritage site- Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area;
Mountain Railways of India

Ladakh LG RK Mathur launched 14-digit ULPIN in Ladakh
RK Mathur, Lieutenant Governor (LG) of the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh,
launched a 14-digit Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) in Ladakh.







➤ Indian Navy conducted AMPHEX 2023 - Mega Military Exercise in Andhra Pradesh

On 22nd January 2023, the **Indian Navy (IN)** conducted a **six-day-long mega military exercise "AMPHEX 2023"**, the largest biennial tri-services amphibious exercise involving the Indian Army and Indian Air Force (IAF) near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh (AP) between 17th January and 22nd January 2023.

Highlights of EAM Subrahmanyam Jaishankar's visit to Maldives and Sri Lanka from January 18- 20, 2023

From January 18-20, 2023, India's Union Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) paid an official visit to the Maldives and Sri Lanka.

**About Sri Lanka:** 

Capital-Colombo

**Currency-** Sri Lankan Rupee

World Economic Forum 2023 Summit held in Davos, Switzerland The World Economic Forum (WEF) held its 53rd Annual Meeting, "World Economic Forum-2023" [Davos Summit], from January 16 to 20, 2023, in the highest city in Europe, Davos, Switzerland.

**About World Economic Forum (WEF):** 

Founder & Executive Chairman - Professor Klaus Schwab

Managing Director (MD)- Saadia Zahidi

**Headquarters-** Cologny, GenevaCanton, Switzerland

➤ SEBI Launches Information Database On Municipal Bonds
Ashwani Bhatia, a whole-time member of the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**, has launched an **Information Database**, comprising a repository of municipal bond information, on its website to assist municipal debt issuers and other stakeholders in the municipal debt market.

About the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):

**Chairperson-** Madhabi Puri Buch

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment- 1992

> Paytm, Citi Ends Partnership for Co-branded Credit Card - Paytm CITI Card



Citibank and Paytm (One97 Communication Ltd) have ended their partnership for a co-branded credit card Paytm CITI Card ahead of the merger of Citibank's commercial banking business with Axis Bank.

**Chief Executive Officer (CEO) -** Ashu Khullar (Citi India)

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

About One97 Communication Limited (Paytm):

**Headquarters - Noida**, Uttar Pradesh (UP)

Founder & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Vijay Shekhar Sharma

**Headquarters-** Noida, Uttar Pradesh (UP)

ACC approves appointment of Vikram Dev Dutt as Director General of DGCA The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), headed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, has approved the appointment of **Vikram Dev Dutt** as Director General (DG) of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) with effect from 28th February 2023.

#### **About the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA):**

The DGCA is a statutory body of the Government of India (Gol) to regulate civil aviation in India. It became a statutory body under the Aircraft (Amendment) Act of 2020.

**Director General-** Arun Kumar **Headquarters-** New Delhi

IndiGrid to acquire a 100% stake in Khargone Transmission for Rs 1,497.5 crore India Grid Trust (IndiGrid), an Indian power sector infrastructure investment trust, is set to acquire a 100% stake in Khargone Transmission Limited at an enterprise value of about Rs 1,497.5 crore.

#### **About India Grid Trust:**

IndiGrid is India's 1st and largest Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) in the power transmission sector.

Chief Executive Officer and Whole-time Director- Harsh Shah

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment- 2016

➤ SpaceX launches 51 Internet Satellites in its 1st Starlink mission of 2023 Elon Musk-led SpaceX launched 51 internet satellites in its 1st Starlink mission of 2023 to low-Earth orbit from Space Launch Complex 4 East (SLC-4E) at Vandenberg Space Force Base (formerly Vandenberg Air Force Base), California, United States of America (USA), which was initially scheduled to launch on 9th January 2023.



➤ Bihar Govt inks MoU with FSI for TOF Field Survey to promote Agroforestry

The Bihar Government, in collaboration with the Forest Survey of India (FSI), has decided to conduct a **"Tree Outside Forest" (TOF)** field survey to identify the dominant tree species that are growing outside the Recorded Forest Areas (RFA) in Bihar.

- ➤ Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn wins India Open Badminton title 2023, Korean An Seyoung wins Women's Singles
  Shuttler Kunlavut Vitidsarn from Thailand won the India Open Badminton
  Championship 2023 by defeating Olympic champion Axelsen of Denmark to claim his maiden Super 750 tournament title in the men's singles by 22-20, 10-21 and 21-12.
- PVSM & AVSM Awardee Air Marshal Harjit Singh Arora Passed Away On 21st January 2023, Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM) & Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) awardee Harjit Singh Arora, former Vice Chief of the Air Staff Air Marshal, passed away in Delhi at the age of 61.
- Parakram Diwas 2023 January 23
  Parakram Diwas is annually observed across India on January 23 to commemorate the birth anniversary of freedom fighter Subhas Chandra Bose, fondly known as "Netaji".
- ➤ Jharkhand Agriculture Minister Badal Patralekh launches a Rs 467.32 crore Water Conservation Scheme

On 21st January 2023, Jharkhand Agriculture Minister Badal Patralekh launched a water conservation scheme with an outlay of **Rs 467.32** crore to aid farmers in Jharkhand, which endured drought in 2022.

**About Jharkhand:** 

**Chief Minister (CM)-** Hemant Soren

**Governor-** Ramesh Bais

**National Park-** Betla National Park

Wild Life Sanctuary- Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary, Lawalong Wildlife Sanctuary

➤ Odisha Cabinet Approved: Inclusion of 22 castes under SEBC, 9 Piped Water Odisha cabinet headed by the state's Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik has cleared the inclusion of 22 castes and communities in the **state list** of Socially and Economically Backward Classes (SEBC).

▶ Delhi LG launches '100 Days to Beat Plastic' Campaign by MCD Delhi Lieutenant Governor (LG) VK Saxena launched a thematic 100-day campaign, "100 Days to Beat Plastic', led by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), during an event held in Baansera in Sarai Kale Khan, Delhi.

**About Delhi:** 

Chief Minister (CM)- Arvind Kejriwal
Lieutenant Governor (LG)- VK Saxena
Stadium- Arun Jaitley Stadium; Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
Festivals-Bhai Dooj Festival; Chhat Festival

➤ J&K Govt Launches Rs 879-Crore Food Processing Project to Transform Lives of Farmers

The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) government has launched an ambitious project "UT Level Food Clusters for Specific Products of J&K", at a financial outlay of Rs 879.75 crore targeted to revolutionise the food processing sector and transform the lives of farmers in the UT.

About Jammu & Kashmir (J&K):

**Lieutenant Governor - Manoj Sinha** 

Wildlife Sanctuaries - Overa-Aru Wildlife Sanctuary, Nandini Wildlife Sanctuary Airport- Srinagar International Airport (Sheikh ul-Alam International Airport), Jammu airport (Satwari Airport)

- ➤ HCHF & Ladakh Tourism Dept organises Annual Ethnic Mamani Festival On 21 January 2023, The Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation (HCHF) and Ladakh Tourism Department organised the annual **Ethnic Mamani festival** at the 500 years old village, Styangkung, Barsoo Kargil [Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)] and Chiktan Shagaran in Ladakh.
- ➤ HDFC donates Rs 5 cr to Uttarakhand CM for Kedarnath Utthan Charitable Trust On 21st January 2023, HDFC Bank Limited donated **Rs 5 crore** to Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) Pushkar Singh Dhami for the Kedarnath Utthan Charitable Trust.





- ➤ Mangrove cultivation different from agriculture, will attract 18% GST: AAAR As per the Appellate Authority for Advance Rulings (AAAR), the cultivation of mangroves is different from agriculture and will not be exempted from the Goods and Services Tax (GST). It will attract 18% GST.
- ➤ Gol Introduces U-WIN to Digitize India's Universal Immunization Programme The Government of India (Gol) has launched **U-WIN**, a platform to digitize India's **Universal Immunization Program (UIP)** in a pilot mode in two districts from each State and Union Territory (UT).

About Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW):
Union Minister - Mansukh Mandaviya (Rajya Sabha Gujarat)
Minister of State (MOS) - Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar (Dindori, Maharashtra)

AYUSH Ministry signed MoU with ITDC to Promote Medical Value Travel in India The Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), Ministry of Tourism to collaborate on the promotion of **Medical Value Travel (MVT)** in Ayurveda and other traditional medical systems.

About the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH):

Minister-Sarbananda Sonowal (Rajya Sabha-Assam)
Minister of State (MOS)- Dr Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai (Constituency-Surendranagar, Gujarat)

- ➤ MOYAS forms Oversight Committee headed by MC Mary Kom to Enquire Allegations Against WFI

  The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MOYAS) has formed an Oversight Committee headed by Khel Ratna Awardee (Boxing) MC Mary Kom, Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), to enquire into the allegations of sexual misconduct, harassment and financial irregularities in the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), levelled by prominent sportspersons.
- ➤ India among top 3 nations in Expanding Organic Farming in 2020; Argentina Tops According to "The World of Organic Agriculture Statistics & Emerging Trends 2022" report by the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FIBL & IFOAM Organics International (formerly known as the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements), India is among the top 3 countries in the world, where the total area under organic agriculture expanded the maximum in 2020.
- ➤ RBI Directs Banks to Complete Renewal Agreements for Existing Safe Deposit Lockers by Dec 31, 2023

- On January 23, 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the deadline for banks to complete the process of renewal of agreements for the existing safe deposit locker holders by December 31, 2023 from January 1, 2023.
- ➤ AIF Exceeds Rs. 30,000 Crore in Capital Raised for Agriculture Infrastructure Projects

According to the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MOA&FW), the **Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)** has raised **more than Rs. 30,000 crore** in capital for agricultural infrastructure projects, with a sanctioned amount of Rs. 15,000 crore.

About the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MOA&FW):
Union Minister - Narendra Singh Tomar (Constituency- Morena, Madhya Pradesh)

**Minister of State (MOS) -** Kailash Choudhary (Constituency- Barmer, Rajasthan)

AU Small Finance Bank Launches Credit Card Offering Platform - SwipeUp On 23rd January 2023, AU Small Finance Bank Limited, India's largest Small Finance Bank (SFB), launched the first-of-its-kind "SwipeUp platform", that allows other bank Credit Cardholders to get upgraded AU Credit Cards.

**About AU Small Finance Bank:** 

**Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) -** Sanjay Agarwal **Headquarters -** Jaipur, Rajasthan

**Establishment -** Received the SFB licence in 2015 and commenced operations as SFB in 2017.

➤ ADB & NSFTPL Signs USD 131 Million Loan to Support the JLN Port Upgradation & Enhance International Trade

The Asian Development Bank **(ADB)** and Nhava Sheva Freeport Terminal Private Limited **(NSFTPL)** signed **USD 131 million loan** to upgrade the Jawaharlal Nehru **(JLN) Port Container Terminal** located in Navi Maharashtra to enhance international trade in India through efficient, transparent, and state-of- the-art logistics infrastructure.

About Asian Development Bank (ADB):

President - Masatsugu Asakawa

**Headquarters -** Mandaluyong city, Metro Manila, Philippines

**Members -** 68 members (49 from Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside)

- ➤ HDFC to Raise at least Rs 30 Billion through Issue of 10-year Bonds Housing Development Finance Corp (HDFC) plans to raise at least 30 billion rupees (USD 370.5 million) through the sale of bonds maturing in 10 years.
- ➤ Tata Motors, ICICI Bank tie up to offer Financing Solutions to its EV Dealers Tata Motors has tied up with ICICI Bank to offer financing solutions to its authorized passenger Electric Vehicle (EV) dealers.



- ➤ MSDE partners with Bharat Dynamics to Promote Apprenticeship Training Framework

  The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has partnered with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), under the Ministry of Defense (MoD), to create an apprenticeship training framework to address the need for the skilled and future-ready workforce in the Central Public Sector Undertaking and industries.
- President Droupadi Murmu Confers Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2023
   On 23rd January 2023, President of India, Droupadi Murmu, conferred Pradhan
   Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar for 2023 to 11 children for their exceptional
   achievement at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.
   About the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD):
   Union Minister Smriti Zubin Irani (Amethi Constituency, Uttar Pradesh)
   Minister of State (MOS) Munjapara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai (Surendranagar
   Constituency, Gujarat)
- Gol announces winners of Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar for 2023
  On 23rd January 2023, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, the Government of India (Gol) has selected the Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) and Lunglei Fire Station (LFS), Mizoram, for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar (SCBAPP) for 2023 under the Institutional category for their excellent work in Disaster Management.
- ➤ Justice Sabina appointed Acting Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court **Justice Sabina**, the senior-most judge of the Himachal Pradesh High Court (HC), was appointed as Acting Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh HC, in the exercise of the power conferred by Article 223 of the Constitution of India, with effect from 21st January 2023 following the retirement of Himachal Pradesh HC Chief Justice, **Amjad Ahtesham Sayed.**
- ➤ DRDO & Naval Group France Signs Agreement to Safely Integrate Indigenous Systems in Kalvari- Class Submarines



The **Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)** and **Naval Group France** have signed an agreement that would greatly improve the endurance of the Indian Navy's Scorpene-class conventional submarines.

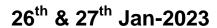
**About the Indian Navy: Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) -** Admiral Radhakrishnan Hari Kumar **Founded -** January 26, 1950 **Headquarters -** New Delhi, Delhi

- National Girl Child Day 2023 January 24
  National Girl Child Day (NGCD) is annually observed across India on January 24
  to spread public awareness about inequities that girls face in Indian society.
- International Day of Education 2023- January 24
  United Nations (UN)'s **International Day of Education (IDE)** is annually observed across the globe on January 24 to celebrate the role of education in peace and development.

About the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):

Director-General- Audrey Azoulay
Headquarters- Paris, France
Establishment- 1945 (came into force in 1946)
Members- 193 Members and 11 Associate Members.







- Union Cabinet approves Competition (Amendment) Bill, 2022. The Parliamentary Panel headed by Jayant Sinha had made recommendations to the Bill.
- ➤ Chandigarh's Administrator Inaugurates North India's largest floating Solar Project of 2000kWp.
- ➤ 'TROPEX 2023': Indian Navy Conducts Mega Naval Wargame in IOR.

  The Indian Navy is conducting the 2023 edition of "Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise" (TROPEX), a significant biennial maritime exercise, in the Indian Ocean region (IOR).
- India Likely to Surpass China as the Most Populous Country by 2023. India, which presently has 1.38 billion people, is on track to overtake China, which currently has 1.4 billion people, as the world's most populous country in 2023.
- Solilion People Globally Unprotected from TFA leading to Heart disease: WHO Report.
  The World Health Organization (WHO) in its 4th annual status report 'Countdown to 2023 WHO Report on global trans fat elimination 2022', stated that 5 billion people globally remain unprotected from harmful trans-fatty acids (TFA) resulting in increasing their risk of heart disease and death.
  Trans fat elimination target set for 2023 remained unattained.
- Canada to Commercialise World's First Photonic-based Quantum Computer. Canadian Prime Minister (PM) Justin Trudeau has announced a new federal investment of 40 million Canadian dollars (USD 32 million) that enables Xanadu Quantum Technologies Inc., a Toronto-based Canadian quantum computing company, to build and commercialise the world's first photonic-based, faulttolerant quantum computer.
- ➤ BOB Financial Solutions Limited launches Vikram Credit Card Dedicated to Soldiers.

BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB), launched 'Vikram - the contactless RuPay credit card' dedicated to the Indian defence, paramilitary, and police personnel.

About Bank of Baroda (BoB):

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Sanjiv Chadha Headquarters – Vadodara, Gujarat

Establishment - 1908

**About BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL):** 

MD & CEO- Shailendra Singh

Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra



#### Tagline- Credit Reimagined

➤ PNB & Aadhar Housing Finance Enters into Co-Lending Partnership to offer home loans.

Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) have entered into a co-lending agreement to offer home loans at competitive interest rates.

Visakhapatnam Railway Station receives 'Green Railway Station Certification' with Highest Platinum Rating.

Visakhapatnam railway station of East Coast Railway has been awarded the "Green Railway Station Certification" with the highest Platinum rating by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).

**About the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC):** 

**Chairman-** Gurmit Singh Arora

**Headquarters-** Hyderabad, Telangana

Establishment- 2001

Chris Hipkins Becomes 41st Prime Minister of New Zealand; Jacinda Ardern resigned.

**About New Zealand:** 

**Prime Minister - Chris Hipkins** 

**Governor General - Cindy Kiro** 

**Capital** - Wellington

**Currency -** New Zealand dollar

Amul: GCMMF re-elects Shamalbhai B Patel as Chairman & Valamji Humbal as Vice Chairman.

Shamalbhai B Patel was re-elected as the Chairman of the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), the umbrella body of milk cooperatives in Gujarat which owns the brand Amul.

➤ GoI Extends tenure of Sangeeta Verma as Acting Chairperson of CCI. CCI Acting Chairperson's tenure extendedThe Government of India (GoI) has extended the tenure of Sangeeta Verma as acting Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI).

**About Competition Commission of India (CCI):** 

**Chairperson -** Sangeeta Verma

**Headquarters -** New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment - 2003

- RBI approves appointment of Prabdev Singh as CEO of JP Morgan Chase Bank India.
- NARCL Acquires First Stressed Asset Jaypee Infratech



The National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) has acquired its first stressed asset, Jaypee Infratech from lenders led by IDBI Bank.

The total exposure of all the banks to Jaypee Infratech was over Rs 9,000 crore, while IDBI Bank's exposure was Rs 3,750 crore.

- ➤ IIT-Madras-Incubated Company Develops Indigenous Operating System "BharOS".
- Padma Awardee & Renowned Indian Architect Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi Passed Away.
- Former Indian Decathlete & Arjuna Awardee Sabir Ali Passed Away.
- ➤ 13th National Voters' Day 25th January 2023.

  The theme of 2023 National Voters' Day is 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure'.
- National Tourism Day 2023 January 25.
- ➤ India International Science Festival 2022 held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh 21st to 24th January 2023.

  The India International Science Festival (IISF) 2022, a 4-day festival, was held from 21st to 24th January 2023 at the Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT), Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- The 3rd Edition of the Annual Orange Festival held in Kohima, Nagaland- 24th & 25th January 2023.







➤ NITI Aayog's AIM, CBSE, Intel India Collaborate to Bring Change in Education Sector.

A tripartite agreement has been inked between the NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission(AIM); Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)- Ministry of Education (MoE); and Intel India to bring a change in the education sector by utilizing future skills, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), in the formal curriculum.

**About National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog:** 

**CEO-** Parameswaran Iyer

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment- 2015

- Central Govt. approves proposal for sale of 30 LMT of wheat under OMSS. Central Government approved a proposal to sell 30 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) of wheat under the Open Market Sale Scheme- Domestic (OMSS-D) to control prices of wheat and wheat flour.
- Godrej Agrovet launches Samadhan initiative for Farmers
  Godrej Agrovet Ltd. has launched 'Samadhan', a one stop solution centre for oil
  palm farmers, under its Oil Palm business. It will provide a comprehensive
  package of knowledge, tools, services and solutions to farmers.
- Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya unveils World's 1st intranasal COVID-19 vaccine iNCOVACC.
  It is developed by Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL) in collaboration with Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance (BIRAC), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology.
- ➤ UNESCO and Solvay launch STEM Education Program in Asia.

  The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Solvay, a Belgian multinational chemical company, announced the launch of a Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) Education Program, aiming at engaging high schoolers and graduate students from Asia- India, Indonesia and South Korea.
  - The program will explore the mutual impact on the environment by focusing on the theme "Sustainable living for one planet".
- ➤ Veer Guardian 2023: 1st edition of India-Japan Joint Air Defence Exercise held in Japan.
  - Veer Guardian-2023, a joint Air Exercise between India and Japan involving the Indian Air Force and Japan Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) was held at Hyakuri Air Base, Japan and its surrounding airspace in Omitama and Iruma Air Base in Sayama, Japan from 12th January 2023 to 26 January 2023.



About the Indian Air force (IAF):
Chief of the Air Staff - Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari
Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi
Established - 1932
About Japan:
Prime Minister - Fumio Kishida
Capital - Tokyo
Currency - Japanese yen

➤ HDFC Life Policyholders Can Now Pay Premiums Via NPCI's 'UPI 123PAY'.

HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited (HDFC Life) has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to allow policyholders to pay their premiums via "UPI 123PAY", a unique voice-based Unified Payments Interface (UPI) service.

About HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited (HDFC Life):
MD & CEO – Vibha Padalkar
Established – 2000
Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

- India Sells First Green Bonds at 5-6 Basis Points Below Sovereign Yields India sold its first sovereign green bonds worth a total of Rs 80 billion (USD 979.61 million) at yields below comparable government bonds. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) auctioned 40 billion rupees of 5-year bonds at a coupon rate of 7.10 per cent, 5 basis points below the 5-year sovereign yield. Another 40 billion rupees in 10-year bonds were sold at a 7.29%, 6 basis points below comparable government securities.
- Padma Awards 2023: President Approves 106 Padma Awards; List Includes 6 Padma Vibhushan, 9 Padma Bhushan, 91 Padma Shri Awards, With 7 Posthumous Awardees.
- Entrepreneur Sunil Krishnan honoured with Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar National Contribution Award 2022
  Global Entrepreneur Sunil Krishnan was honoured with the coveted Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar National Contribution Award 2022 for his contribution to India for Spreading Indian Cuisine Globally With Moksh Restaurant in South Africa.
- ➤ India elected as Vice-Chair at the 12th session of FAO's ITWG on AnGR. During the 12th Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group (ITWG) on Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR) at Rome, Italy from January 18-20, 2023, India was elected as the Vice-Chair and represented the Asia & Pacific region.



Dr Bhupendra Nath Tripathi, Deputy Director General (Animal Sciences), ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research), and the National Coordinator, vice-chaired the Session and also acted as Rapporteur.

**About Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO):** 

**Director-General-** QU Dongyu

**Headquarters-** Rome, Italy

Establishment- 1945

Tata Trusts Appoints Siddharth Sharma as New CEO & Aparna Uppaluri as First COO

Tata Trusts has appointed former civil servant Siddharth Sharma, chief sustainability officer of Tata Sons, as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and former Ford Foundation official Aparna Uppaluri as its first-ever Chief Operating Officer (COO) with effect from 1st April 2023. The position of COO in Tata Trusts is created for the first time.

Anurag Gupta appointed as VP & Head of Global Merchant And Network Services in Amex India

American Express Banking Corp., (AEBC) announced the appointment of Anurag Gupta as the Vice President (VP) and Head of Global Merchant & Network Services in American Express (Amex) India, bringing both the acquiring and the network cards issuance teams under one leader.

Winners of ICC Awards 2022 announced: India's Suryakumar Yadav & Renuka Singh Among WinnersICC Awards 2022.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the winners of the ICC awards 2022, India's Suryakumar Yadav has won the ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2022 while compatriot Renuka Singh has won the ICC Emerging Women's Cricketer of the Year 2022 award.

Babar Azam won the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2022 as well as ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2022.

England's Ben Stokes has been named ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year, after leading England's stunning revival in the Test format.

Nepal wicketkeeper Aasif Sheikh has been named the recipient of the ICC Spirit of Cricket Award 2022. He became the first player from Nepal to win the ICC Spirit of Cricket Award.

**About International Cricket Council (ICC):** 

**Chair-** Greg Barclay

**Chief Executive-** Geoff Allardice

**Headquarters-** Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Establishment- 1909

- France Captain Hugo Lloris Retires from International Football
- > 74th Republic Day of India 26th January 2023.



Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El –Sisi is the chief guest of the 74th Republic Day.

➤ International Customs Day 2023 - January 26.

The theme of International Customs Day 2023 is "Nurturing the Next Generation: Promoting a Culture of Knowledge-sharing and Professional Pride in Customs".

**About the World Customs Organisation (WCO):** 

**Secretary -**General- Kunio Mikuriya

Headquarters- Brussels, Belgium

Establishment- 1952

➤ International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust 2023 - January 27.

The theme of International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust 2023 is "Home and Belonging

**About the United Nations:** 

**Secretary-** General- António Guterres

**Headquarters-** New York, USA

Establishment- 1945

About the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization(UNESCO):

**Director-General-** Audrey Azoulay

**Headquarters-** Paris, France

**Establishment-** 1945 (came into force in 1946)

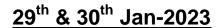
Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Announces Monthly Allowance for Unemployed Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Announces Monthly Allowance For UnemployedOn the occasion of the 74th Republic Day of India, (26th January 2023), the Chief Minister (CM) of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel, announced that the unemployed youth of Chhattisgarh will be given a monthly allowance from FY 23-24.

#### **About Chhattisgarh:**

**Governor -** Anusuiya Uikey

Chief Minister (CM) - Bhupesh Baghel

**National Parks -** Indravati (Kutru) National Park, Kanger Valley National Park Wildlife Sanctuaries - Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary, Badalkhol Wildlife Sanctuary





Overview of the Visit of Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi to India - January 24–27, 2023.

Abdel Fattah Saeed Hussein Khalil El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, visited India for 3 days from January 24 – 27, 2023 at the invitation of Indian Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi to attend India's 74th Republic Day celebrations as the Chief Guest

**About the Arab Republic of Egypt:** 

President - Abdel Fattah Saeed Hussein Khalil El-Sisi

**Capital -** Cairo

**Currency** - Egyptian Pound (EGP)

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal Inaugurates NLP Marine. Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ayush, inaugurated the National Logistics Portal (NLP) (marine) in New Delhi, Delhi.
- ➤ "EPFO" Launches a District Outreach Program "Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0
- MeitY's R&D institute SAMEER signs MoU with Siemens Healthineers for Low-Cost MRI Technology.

Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research (SAMEER), an autonomous (Research and Development) R&D institution under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Siemens Healthineers, a Germany-based Healthcare Company, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to ensure the availability of low-cost Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technology in India.

**About SAMEER:** 

**Director General-** Dr P. Hanumantha Rao

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment- 1984

**About Siemens Healthineers:** 

**Chief Executive Officer (CEO)-** Bernd Montag

**Headquarters-** Erlangen, Germany

Establishment- 1847

- ➤ Indian Railways Introduces "Ideal Train Profile" To Maximize Seat Occupancy. The "Ideal Train Profile" is essentially a decision support tool for seat capacity optimization, as there can be more than 5,000 different ticket-class combinations on a single train journey.
- ➤ MeitY notifies 3 Grievance Appellate Committees on IT Rules 2021 to Address Users Appeal Against Social Media Platforms.

  The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) notified that the government has established 3 Grievance Appellate Committees (GACs), with 3



members each, to address the grievances of the users against the content moderation decisions of social media platforms such as Twitter and facebook in India.

About Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY): Union Minister- Ashwini Vaishnaw (Rajya Sabha- Odisha)
Minister of State- Rajeev Chandrasekhar (Rajya Sabha- Karnataka)

- ➤ Suzuki to use Cow Dung for its CNG Cars; Maruti Suzuki & NDDB signed MoU. Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC), India's largest car manufacturer, announced that it will use cow dung to power its Compressed natural gas (CNG) cars.Maruti Suzuki, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), and Banas Dairy, Asia's largest dairy manufacturer, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to conduct verification of biogas.
- MeitY Secretary Alkesh Kumar Sharma inaugurates PCB Recycling Facility at C-MET Alkesh Kumar Sharma, the Secretary of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), inaugurated 1Ton/day Printed Circuit Board (PCB) Recycling facility at the Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET), an autonomous scientific society under MeitY in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Meghalaya's Shillong is set to host Space20 programme of G20 in April 2023 Meghalaya Governor BD Mishra, announced that as a part of the G20 (Group of 20) programme, Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya, is set to host the Space 20 programme
- 3rd Edition of Interpol YGPLP begins in New Delhi; Aims to Build Public-Police Trust On 25th January 2023, the 3rd edition of the Interpol Young Global Police Leaders Programme (YGPLP) began in New Delhi, Delhi.
- South Africa to host 15th BRICS summit at Durban in late August 2023. Sergei Lavrov, the foreign minister of Russia, and Osman Saleh, the foreign minister of the State of Eritrea, jointly announced South Africa's Durban as a host of the 15th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Summit
- ➤ Star Health & Allied Insurance Partners with PNB for a Long Term Bancassurance Agreement.

About Punjab National Bank (PNB):

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Atul Kumar Goel Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment - 1895

**Tagline -** The name you can bank upon

➤ NPST Launches a UPI API engine TimePay Evok for PAPG.

NPST (Network People Services Technologies Ltd), a banking technology provider, has launched Timepay Evok, a UPI (Unified Payments Interface) API (Application Programming Interface) engine for PAPGs (Payment Aggregators and Payment Gateways).

RenewBuy Launches Customised Health Insurance Product - RenewBuy Health Wellness plan.

This new product aims to bridge that gap in purchasing such products in smaller cities compared to metro cities and has introduced various benefits in prehospitalization and Out-Patient Department (OPD) treatment

**About RenewBuy:** 

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Balachander Sekhar Headquarters - Gurugram, Haryana

Nigeria Launches Domestic Card Scheme AfriGo to Boost Cashless Economy
The Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) governor, Godwin Emefiele, launched a
domestic card scheme 'AfriGo' to boost the cashless economy and compete with
foreign cards like Mastercard and Visa.

**About Nigeria:** 

Capital - Abuja

**Currency - Nigerian naira (NGN)** 

**President -** Muhammadu Buhari

- Aviva Life Insurance Launches Unit-Linked Aviva Signature Investment Plan Aviva Life Insurance launched Aviva Signature Investment Plan, a unit-linked non-participating individual life insurance plan targeting millennial and GenX customers. The plan comes with two options, Signature Millennial and Signature GenX.
- Aditya-L1: India's 1st mission to Study the Sun to be launched by June-July 2023. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch the Aditya-L1 mission, 1st Indian space mission to observe the Sun and the solar corona, to the L1 orbit (which is the first Lagrangian point of the Sun-Earth system) by June or July 2023 since the launch window for the mission would close by August 2023.
- ➤ Hyderabad Formula E-Prix announces Greenko as Title Partner Greenko Group, a dispatchable renewables company, has been named the title sponsor of the 1st ABB FIA Formula E World Championship race which will be held in India. The Formula E 2023 will be held in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Veteran Telugu Actress & Former MP Jamuna Passed Away.
- ➤ The 17th Data Privacy Day 28th January 2023. Theme 'Think Privacy First'.





- ➤ MoE Released AISHE 2020-21: Enrolment in Higher Education Increases to 4.14 crore.
  - Ministry of Education (MoE) released the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-2021.
  - AISHE 2020-21 was the 11th annual Survey and 1st Survey being conducted using an entirely online data collection platform through the Web Data Capture Format (Web DCF), which was Developed by the Department of Higher Education and the National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- New Act renaming India International Arbitration Centre comes into force.

  New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Act, 2022' came into force that will rename the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre to the India International Arbitration Centre.
- ➤ IIRF MBA Ranking 2023: IIM Ahmedabad Is India's Top Government MBA College, Followed by IIM-B and IIM-K; XLRI-Jamshedpur Tops Among Private Colleges. According to the latest Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) ranking (2023), the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), is the top government college in India for pursuing the Master of Business Administration (MBA) course.
- NSE Ranked 3rd In The Equities Segment & World's Largest Derivatives Exchange in 2022.
  - According to the Futures Industry Association (FIA), a derivatives trade body, the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE India) has once again emerged as the world's largest derivatives exchange in terms of the number of contracts traded in 2022.

The NSE India has retained its top spot for a record-breaking 4th year in a row.

About the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE India):

MD & CEO - Ashishkumar Chauhan

**Incorporated in –** 1992 (commenced operations as a stock exchange in 1994) **Headquarters –** Mumbai, Maharashtra

➤ Edelweiss Mutual Fund House Launches India's First Passive Short-Duration Fund.

Edelweiss Asset Management Limited, one of India's fastest-growing AMCs, has launched the "Edelweiss CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL Short Duration Index Fund", India's first passive short-duration index fund.



About Edelweiss Asset Management Limited (Edelweiss Mutual Fund):

MD & CEO – Radhika Gupta
Founded – 2008
Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment- 1884

- ➤ SBM Bank raises Rs 99 crore from LIC through Tier-II Bonds.

  SBM Bank (India) Limited, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Mauritius-based SBM Group, has raised Rs 99 crore from Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India, through the issuance of the second tranche (tier II) of Basel-III compliant bonds The bank issued its first tranche of tier-II bonds in April 2022, raising Rs 125 crore at a rate of 9.75%. This is the second tranche of those bonds.
- UN WESP 2023 slashes India's Economic Growth Forecast by 20 bps to 5.8% for 2023
  UN slashes India's economic growth forecast by 20 bps to 5.8% for 2023The United Nations (UN) in its World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2023 Report slashed India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for the calendar year 2023 by 20bps (Basis Points) to 5.8% (from an estimated 6.4% in 2022) amid tighter monetary policy and weak global demand.
- ➤ GRSE & Rolls Royce Solutions signs MoU to Manufacture Rolls Royce Marine Engines in India.

  GRSE signs MoU for production of marine engines under 'Make in India' initiativeOn 27th January 2023, Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited, a Mini Ratna Category 1 Defence PSU, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rolls Royce Solutions of Germany to locally manufacture Rolls Royce's high-quality marine diesel engine in India.

  About the Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Limited: Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)- P R Hari Headquarters- Kolkata, West Bengal
- IndianOil exports 1st consignment of AVGAS 100 LL to Papua New Guinea Tamil Nadu-based Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) Limited has started the export of its first Special Aviation Fuel (SAF) for small aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), AVGAS (aviation gasoline) 100 LL, blue aviation gasoline with a high octane number, to Papua New Guinea.



> Petr Pavel, Former Chair of NATO Military Committee, elected as new President of Czech Republic.

Petr Pavel (61-year-old), the former chairman of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) military committee, won the runoff vote defeating former Prime Minister (PM) Andrej Babis, to become the 4th President of Czech Republic

**About the Czech Republic:** 

Prime Minister (PM)- Petr Fiala

**Capital-** Prague

**Currency-** Czech Koruna

➤ NMDC signs up World Boxing Champion Nikhat Zareen as its Brand Ambassador. NMDC Limited, formerly National Mineral Development Corporation, a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Steel, has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Nikhat Zareen, World Boxing Champion and gold medal winner of Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, to representing NMDC as its brand ambassador

About NMDC Limited:

**Chairman-Cum-**Managing Director- Sumit Deb

**Headquarters-** Hyderabad, Telangana

Establishment- 1958

- ➤ US to test Nuclear Thermal Rocket Engine For Future Mars Missions.
- Tennis: Australian Open 2023: Novak Djokovic claims Men's Singles & Aryna Sabalenka won Women's Singles.

**About Australia:** 

Prime Minister- Anthony Albanese The Example 1

Capital- Canberra

**Currency-** Australian Dollar

FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023: Germany won its 3rd Hockey World Cup Title.

Germany (Nickname: Die Honamas) won the (Fédération Internationale de Hockey or International Hockey Federation) FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 by defeating the defending champions Belgium(Nickname: The Red Lions) by 5-4 in the Penalty shootout during the finals held in Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

About Fédération Internationale de Hockey (FIH - International Hockey Federation):



President- Tayyab Ikram
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Thierry Weil
Headquarters- Lausanne, Switzerland

- ➤ Indian Cricketer Murali Vijay announces retirement from international cricket.
- Meghnad Desai Authored a New Book titled "The Poverty of Political Economics"
- World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day 2023 January 30. World Health Organisations' (WHO)'s World Neglected Tropical Diseases (World NTDs) Day is annually observed across the globe on January 30 to create awareness of the devastating impact of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) on the poorest populations around the world.

30th January 2023 marks the observance of the 4th World NTD Day.

**About the World Health Organisations (WHO):** 

**Director General-** Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Establishment- 1948

- World Leprosy Day 29th January 2023.
  The theme for World Leprosy Day 2023 is 'Act Now: End Leprosy'.
- ➤ Delhi CM Launched Realtime Pollution Factors Gathering Mechanism Arvind Kejriwal launched mechanisms such as a real-time source apportionment 'supersite' and a mobile air quality management van to collect pollution data in real-time to identify factors that are responsible for increasing air pollution at any place in Delhi.

**About Delhi:** 

Festival - Bhai Dooj Festival, Chhat Festival

**Stadium -** Arun Jaitley Stadium (Previously known as 'Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium'), Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

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