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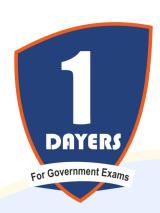




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- ➤ Indian Army's Exercise Topchi 2023 held in Devlali, Maharashtra; Made-in-India Weapons showcased.
 - Indian Army's 'Exercise Topchi 2023', the annual firepower demonstration and training exercise, was conducted by the School of Artillery at the Devlali field firing ranges, in Devlali, Nashik, Maharashtra.
- 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".
- ➤ 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)

- 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.







- First G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group Meeting Held in Chandigarh.
- 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.
- 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

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.







- ➤ IIT Patna signs MoU with Drone Destination to open Bihar's 1st UAV Training Centre.
- ➤ 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.

- 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 Equatoria<mark>l Guinea:</mark>

President- Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo

Capital- Malabo

Currency- Central African Franc (CFA)

- 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)





- 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.
- > 8th meeting of US-India Civil Space Joint Working Group: officials discussed on Space Collaboration.
- ➤ 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.







- ➤ 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.
- 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.

- ➤ 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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