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- India, France & UAE Announce Plans for Co-Operation Under Trilateral Framework.
India, France, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have announced an ambitious roadmap for cooperation in a wide range of fields, including defence, energy, and technology under a trilateral framework.
About the United Arab Emirates (UAE):
President – Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Capital – Abu Dhabi city
Currency – Arab Emirati Dirham (AED) [called Dirhams]
- Indian Railways to introduce Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train under 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' Scheme.
The Indian Railways (IR) is set to introduce the "Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train" a special tour Garvi Gujarat to showcase the Cultural & Spiritual Heritage of Vibrant Gujarat
The entire tour will cover a distance of 3500 kilometres (Kms)
- IAF Revises Doctrine, Defines its Role In a 'No War, No Peace' Setting
The Indian Air Force (IAF) made public a revised doctrine which defines the role of air power in the "no war, no peace scenario" setting in India.
- IEA Report: India's 'LiFE' Initiative Can Save USD 440 Billion Globally in 2030.
The International Energy Agency (IEA) claimed in its country report titled "LiFE lessons from India -The benefits of advancing the Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) initiative through the G20" that if adopted worldwide, the measures specified under the LiFE initiative could save consumers around USD 440 billion in 2030,
About International Energy Agency (IEA):
Executive Director – Dr. Fatih Birol
Headquarters – Paris, France
- Indian Achievers Award 2022: RV Prasad received The Most Distinguished Scientist Of The Year 2022 Award.
R Vishnu Prasad, Founder and Chief Scientist at Vishnu Prasad Research Centre was awarded "The Most Distinguished Scientist of the Year 2022" at the Indian Achievers Award 2022 by Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of Information and Broadcasting at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- Shamika Ravi appointed as a full-time Member of EAC-PM
Shamika Ravi, an Economics Professor and Researcher, has been appointed as a full-time Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) in the rank of the Secretary to the Government of India (GoI).
EAC-PM:
Chairman: economist Bibek Debroy

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- JUICE: ESA's Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer to be launched in April 2023.
JUICE Space Mission of Europe to be launched in April 2023 European Space Agency(ESA)'s Jupiter ICy moons Explorer (Juice) mission which aims to explore Jupiter and its three largest natural satellites - Ganymede, Callisto and Europa, is set to be launched in April 2023 onboard Ariane 5 (launch vehicle) from Europe's Spaceport at Kourou, French Guiana in South America.
- Astronomers Discovered 12 new Moons of Jupiter; Becomes Planet with most Moons
Astronomers have discovered 12 new moons of Jupiter, taking the total number of natural satellites revolving around Jupiter from 80 to 92. Jupiter becomes the planet with the most number of moons overtaking Saturn which has 83 confirmed moons.
- New Balance Indoor Grand Prix 2023: India's Tejaswin Shankar won Gold in Men's High Jump.
- Former Pakistan President, General Pervez Musharraf (Retd) Passed Away.
- International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation 2023 - February.
The theme of International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation 2023 is "Partnership with Men and Boys to transform Social and Gender Norms to End FGM".
About the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA):
Executive Director- Dr Natalia Kanem
Headquarters- New York, United States of America (USA)
Establishment- 1969
About the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF):
Executive Director- Catherine M. Russell
Headquarters- New York, USA
Establishment- 1946
- Pune-Nashik High-Speed Rail Project Received in-principle Approval from Railway Ministry.

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- PM Narendra Modi Inaugurates India Energy Week 2023 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The India Energy Week (IEW) 2023, the first significant occasion under India's G20 (Group of Twenty) Presidency, was inaugurated by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on February 6, 2023, in Bengaluru, Karnataka. PM Narendra Modi unveiled 'E20 Fuel' as part of the IEW 2023 event and flagged off the Green Mobility Rally, which was organized by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) on behalf of Petronet LNG (PLL) and the oil and gas PSUs.

About the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG):

Union Minister – Hardeep Singh Puri (Rajya Sabha - Uttar Pradesh)

Minister of State (MoS) – Rameswar Teli

- GoI Constituted 16 Member Inter-Ministerial Committee to Draft Digital Competition Act
The inter-ministerial committee is headed by Manoj Govil, Secretary of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA).

About Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA):

Union Minister- Nirmala Sitharaman (Rajya Sabha- Karnataka)

Minister of State- Rao Inderjit Singh (Constituency- Gurugram, Haryana)

- Switzerland Becomes First WTO Member to Formally Accept New Agreement On Fisheries Subsidies.
Switzerland became the first World Trade Organization (WTO) member to formally submit its acceptance of the WTO's new "Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies".
- Hurun India Award: VP Nandakumar receives The Hurun Industry Achievement Award 2022
VP Nandakumar, Managing Director and Chief executive officer (CEO) of Manappuram Finance Limited, received The Hurun Industry Achievement Award 2022 for his remarkable achievements in the world of business.
- Naval LCA & MIG29 K Fighter Aircraft Performed Maiden Landing & Take-off on INS Vikrant.
Indian Navy's Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) and the MIG29 K Fighter Aircraft successfully performed their maiden landing and take-off attempts on the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant, India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier.

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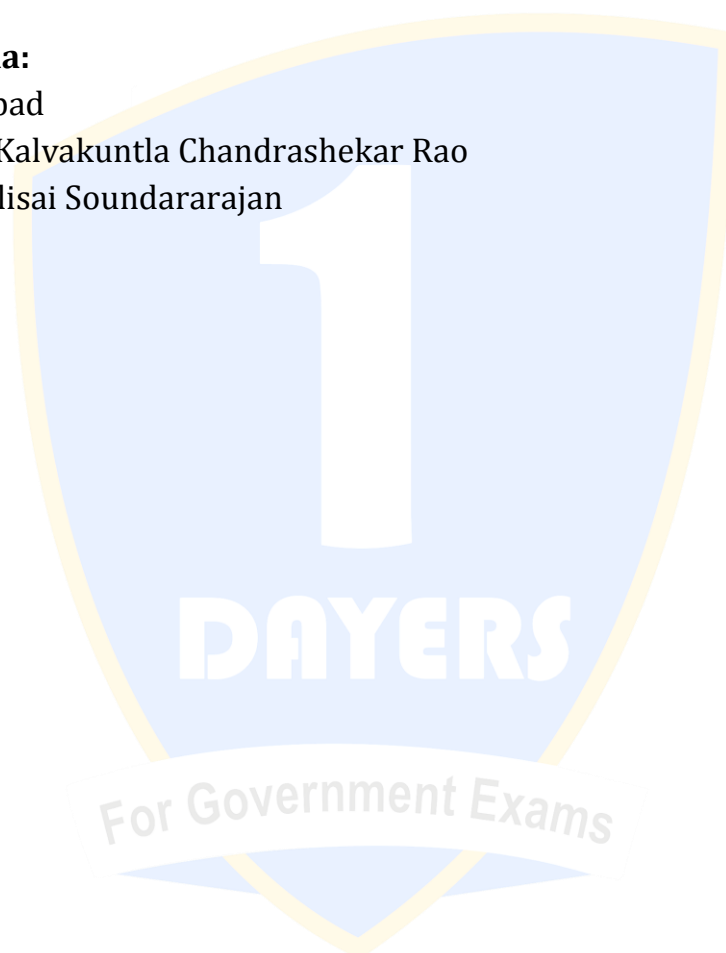
- Aaron Finch, Australia's Most successful T20I captain, retires from International Cricket.
- Safer Internet Day 2023 - February 7.
The theme of SID 2023 is "Together for a better internet"
- World Interfaith Harmony Week 2023 - February 1-7.
The WIHW mantra, "Love of Good, Love of Neighbor"
- Telangana Budget FY24: FM Harish Rao Presents Tax-Free Budget of Rs 2.9 lakh cr.

About Telangana:

Capital- Hyderabad

Chief Minister- Kalvakuntla Chandrashekar Rao

Governor- Tamilisai Soundararajan



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- India's G20 Presidency 2023: G20 Meetings Held in February 2023.
The theme for India's G20 Presidency is "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," first "G20 Energy Transition Working Group" (ETWG) Meeting under India's G20 Presidency was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka, from February 5-7, 2023.
- Concurrent Events of India Energy Week 2023: India hosted the AMER9, OPEC released 'World Oil Outlook 2045'.
India hosted the 9th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER9) in association with the International Energy Forum (IEF) on 7 February 2023 at the India Energy Week 2023 which was held from February 6-8, 2023, in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
About Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas:
Union Minister - Hardeep Singh Puri (Rajya Sabha Uttar Pradesh)
Minister of state - Rameswar Teli (Dibrugarh, Assam)
- Hillary Clinton Announces USD 50 Million Climate Fund for Women.
- India tops as most inclusive nation for religious minorities: Global Minority Report.
As per the Centre for Policy Analysis' (CPA) inaugural assessment on global minorities in its' Global Minority Report', India has topped one among 110 nations for its inclusivity measures towards religious minorities.
- CloudSEK report: India Accounts for Most Cyber Attacks in Asia in 2022.
- UPSC recommends Dr Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi as New Drugs Controller General of India.
- 2023 Grand Prix Zagreb Open: Indian wrestlers conclude with Two Bronze Medals.
Aman Sehrawat, a freestyle wrestler and under-23 world champion, won the bronze medal in the men's 57 kg category on the opening day.
Ashu, the Greco-Roman wrestler, won the bronze in men's 67 kg on the penultimate day of the competition.
- Noted Kannada Writer & Sahitya Akademi Awardee K.V. Tirumalesh Passed Away.
- UP CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurates 1st VFS Global JVAC in Lucknow
The Chief Minister (CM) of Uttar Pradesh (UP), Yogi Adityanath has launched a new global gateway for the state with the inauguration of the first VFS Global Joint Visa Application Centre (JVAC) and the VFS Global Academy in Lucknow, UP.

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- Highlights of 1st Bi-monthly Monetary Policy of FY23; Repo Rate raised to 6.50%. The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) met on February 6-8, 2022, and released the Monetary Policy Statement, 2022-23 Resolution of the MPC which projected India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth to 6.4% for FY24 (lower than 7% in FY23) with FY24's Q1 at 7.8%, Q2 at 6.2%, Q3 at 6%, and Q4 at 5.8%.
The stance is to focus on the withdrawal of accommodation.
Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation or retail inflation is projected at 5.3% for FY24, with FY24's Q1 at 5%, Q2 at 5.4%, Q3 at 5.4%, and Q4 at 5.6%.
RBI will launch a pilot project on QR Code-based Coin Vending Machines (QCVN) in 12 cities.
- NOVATEK & Deepak Fertilisers Signs MoU on LNG Supply & Low-Carbon Ammonia.
NOVATEK (NOVATEK), Russia's 2nd-largest natural gas producer, and Deepak Fertilisers and Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. (Deepak Fertilisers) signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the supply of LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) and low-carbon ammonia.
- Grammy 2023: Bengaluru-based Ricky Kej wins 3rd Grammy at 65th Annual Grammy Awards.
- ABK Prasad chosen for PCI's Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Award for excellence in Journalism-2020
Veteran journalist Dr Anne Bhavani Koteswara Prasad, popularly known as ABK, has been chosen for the 'Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Award for excellence in Journalism-2020' for his outstanding contribution to the field of journalism.
- ATD Best Awards 2023: NTPC bags ATD Best Awards for 6th time.
NTPC bags 'ATD Best Awards 2023' for 6th consecutive year NTPC Limited, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, has been honoured with the Association for Talent Development (ATD) Best Awards 2023 for demonstrating enterprise success in the field of Talent Development by the Association for Talent Development (ATD), United States of America (USA).
NTPC
Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)– Gurdeep Singh
Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi
Establishment- 1975
- Italy's Olympic skier Elena Fanchini Passed Away.
- India Health Link signs MoU with UP Govt to set up Health ATMs.
- J&K Govt Launches Project to Promote Sustainable Agriculture with Focus On Organic Farming.
The J&K government has allocated Rs 84 crore to support the programmes over the next 5 years.

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- MoRD Minister Giriraj Singh launches Mission Antyodaya Survey 2022-23.
Union Minister Giriraj Singh, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) inaugurated Mission Antyodaya Survey (MAS) 2022-23 including launching of its portal and mobile application at a function in New Delhi, Delhi.
- GAIL became India's 1st Oil, Gas PSU to Sign Advance Pricing Agreement with CBDT.
GAIL (India) Limited entered into an Advance Pricing Agreement (APA) with the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) for determining the transfer pricing margin payable on its long-term LNG (Liquefied natural gas) sourcing contract from the United States (US) for 5 years.
About GAIL (India) Limited
Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi
Establishment - August 1984
Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) -Sandeep Kumar Gupta
- GSI discovered Lithium Reserves for the 1st Time in India at Salal-Haimana, J&K. A 5.9 million tonnes of lithium inferred resources have been established at Salal-Haimana in the Reasi district of the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir(J&K).
About the Ministry of Mines:
Union Minister- Pralhad Joshi (Constituency- Dharwad, Karnataka)
Minister of State- Raosaheb Patil Danve (Constituency-Jalna, Maharashtra)
About the Geological Survey of India (GSI):
Director General- S Raju
Headquarters- Kolkata, West Bengal
Establishment- 1851
- GQII 2021: India's Accreditation System under QCI Ranked 5th; Overall QI system Rank at 10.
The National accreditation system of India under the Quality Council of India (QCI) was ranked 5th globally in the Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII)2021. India's overall QI (Quality infrastructure) system ranking continues to be in the Top 10 unchanged from GQII 2020 at the 10th position, with a GQII score of 0.932.
- Pfizer Limited Appoints Meenakshi Nevatia as MD & Additional Director.

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- ISRO launches SSLV-D2 with 3 satellites from Sriharikota, AP.
Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the 2nd edition of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV-D2) from the first launch pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh (AP).
About Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO):
Chairman – S. Somanath
Headquarters– Bengaluru, Karnataka
Establishment– 1969
- Oscar & Grammy-Winning American Composer Burt Bacharach Passed Away.
- CoAS Gen Manoj Pande released Times Group Book titled “A Chronicle of Central Command - Savdhaan”
Manoj Pande, Chief of Army Staff (CoAS)General, released a book titled “A Chronicle of Central Command - Savdhaan”, authored by Lt Gen Vivek Kashyap, Chief of staff of the Central Command (Surya Command), and Vikram D Souza, in New Delhi, Delhi. The book was designed and produced by the Times Group, a media company.
- World Pulses Day 2023- February 10
The theme of World Pulses Day 2023 is “Pulses for a sustainable future”.
About the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO):
Director-General- Qu Dongyu
Headquarters- Rome, Italy
Establishment- 1945
- National Deworming Day 2023 - February 10.
- Pawan Hans launches Multiple Helicopter Routes in Assam under RCS UDAN
On February 8th, 2023, helicopter service provider, Pawan Hans Limited (PHL), a central public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), launched its helicopter services on 6 routes in Assam under the RCS UDAN Scheme (Regional Connectivity Scheme- Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik).

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- India jumps to 55th rank in ICAO's Aviation Safety Oversight Ranking: DGCA. As per the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), India's position has improved in the Aviation Safety Oversight Ranking of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) as India's aviation security monitoring ranking has improved to the 55th position from 112th place.

About Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA):

Director General- Arun Kumar

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

- Paytm launches G20-Theme QR Code to celebrate India's Presidency.
- Air India signed agreements to buy around 500 new planes from Airbus and Boeing
Tata's Air India has signed agreements to buy around 500 new planes worth USD 100 billion at list price. The deal for around 500 planes is split between French company Airbus and Boeing based in the United States of America(USA).
- Former Federal Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel honoured with Félix Houphouët-Boigny-UNESCO Peace Prize 2022.

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

Director-General- Audrey Azoulay

Headquarters- Paris, France

Establishment- 1945

- Taj Miss & Mrs India 2023: Akshata Rakshe from Mumbai crowned as Taj Miss India 2023.
- Moldovan PM Natalia Gavrilița resigns; Dorin Recean appointed new PM of Moldova.

About the Republic of Moldova:

President- Maia Sandu

Prime Minister- Dorin Recean

- Gaganyaan Mission: ISRO & Indian Navy conducts Initial Recovery Trials
The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Indian Navy carried out initial recovery trials of the Crew Module in the Water Survival Test Facility (WSTF) in Kochi, Kerala for the Gaganyaan mission, India's human space flight mission.

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- International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2023 - February 11.
The theme of International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2023 is “Innovate, Demonstrate, Elevate, Advance, Sustain. (IDEAS): Bringing communities Forward for sustainable and equitable development”.
- World Unani Day 2023 - February 11.
The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of Mohammad Ajmal Khan, better known as “Hakim Ajmal Khan”, a great Indian Unani Scholar and social reformer.
The theme of World Unani Day 2023 is “Unani Medicine for Public Health”.
- World Day of the Sick 2023 - 11th February.
- Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot Unveiled the State Budget for 2023-24.
About Rajasthan:
Chief Minister (CM) – Ashok Gehlot
Governor – Kalraj Mishra
Wildlife Sanctuaries – Gajner Wildlife Sanctuary; Kaila Devi Sanctuary
Tiger Reserves – Ranthambore Tiger Reserve; Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve
- Assam Govt approves Assam Industrial and Investment Policy (Amendment), 2023.
About Assam:
Governor- Prof. Jagadish Mukhi
Capital- Dispur
National Parks- Kaziranga National Park, Manas National Park, and Dibru - Saikhowa National Park
- UP Government launches Portal for Family ID - “One Family, One ID”.
About Uttar Pradesh:
Chief Minister (CM)- Yogi Adityanath
Governor- Anandiben Mafatbhai Patel
Airports- Gorakhpur Airport; Agra Airport (now Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Airport)
Festivals- Ganga Dussehra; Buddha Purni

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- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurates AMRITPEX 2023 at New Delhi. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Communications inaugurated a 5-day long AMRITPEX 2023, the National Philatelic Exhibition at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi (Delhi) as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Celebrations. AMRITPEX, the national platform will highlight 5000 years of India's history, culture, art, and heritage through stamps and pictorial collections.
- President Droupadi Murmu appoints New Governors in 12 states and 1 UT
- Law Minister Kiren Rijiju: GoI Appoints Chief Justice for 4 High Courts. Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Law and Justice, announced that the President has appointed Chief Justices (CJs) for 4 High Courts (HC) in the exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution of India.
About Ministry of Law and Justice:
Union Minister- Kiren Rijiju (Constituency- Arunachal West, Arunachal Pradesh)
Minister of State- S. P. Singh Baghel (Constituency- Agra, Uttar Pradesh)
- Nikos Christodoulides elected as 8th Cyprus President. He will succeed Nicos Anastasiades
About Cyprus:
Capital- Nicosia
Currency- Euro
- ICAI elects Aniket Sunil Talati & Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal as President & Vice-President for 2023-24. The Central Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has elected CA. Aniket Sunil Talati and CA. Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal as President and Vice President of ICAI for the term 2023-24.
- FIFA Club World Cup Morocco 2022: Real Madrid defeated Al Hilal to win 5th FIFA Club World Cup. Real Madrid, Spanish professional football club, won the FIFA (Fédération Internationale De Football Association) Club World Cup 2022 defeating Al Hilal, Saudi Arabian Football Club by 5-3 in the finals held in Prince Moulay Abdellah stadium in Rabat, Morocco
About Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA):
President- Gianni Infantino.
Headquarters- Zurich, Switzerland.
Motto- For the Game. For the World.
- Inaugural edition of SA20 League: Sunrisers Eastern Cape won title at SA20 2023. Sunrisers Eastern Cape captained by South African cricketer Aiden Markram won the inaugural edition of Betway SA20 League (SA20 2023), a Twenty20 franchise cricket tournament in South Africa,

- 2023 Formula E Hyderabad E-Prix: Jean-Eric Vergne wins India's first-ever E-Prix.
- 2023 Dallas Open: China's Wu Yibing wins Men's Singles & Jamie Murray & Michael Venus wins Men's Doubles.
- National Productivity Day 2023 – February 12 & National Productivity Week 2023 – 12th-18th February.
The theme for National Productivity Week 2023 is “Productivity, Green Growth, and Sustainability: Celebrating India's G20 Presidency”.
- International Darwin Day 2023- February 12.
- World Radio Day 2023 - February 13.
The theme of World Radio Day 2023 is “Radio and Peace”.
13th February 2023 marks the observance of the 12th edition of World Radio Day
About United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization(UNESCO):
Director-General- Audrey Azoulay
Headquarters- Paris, France
Establishment- 1945
- National Women's Day 2023 - February 13.
National Women's Day is annually observed across India on February 13 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu, who was referred to as the “Nightingale of India”.
- International Epilepsy Day 2023- February 13.
The theme of International Epilepsy Day 2023 is “Stigma”.
About the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE):
President- Francesca Sofia
Vice President- Natela Okujava
Headquarters- Dublin, Ireland
Establishment- 1961
About the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE):
President- J. Helen Cross
Vice President- Roberto Horacio Caraballo
Headquarters- Texas, United States of America (USA)
Establishment- 1909

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