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- 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.
- ➤ 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).
- ➤ 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

- ➤ 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

About Jharkhand:

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

Jharkhand, which endured drought in 2022.

**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.
- ➤ 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.
- OPPO India & Meity's CSC partners to train 10,000 women in Cyber Security through Cyber Sangini OPPO India, a Mobile phone brand, partnered with the Common Service Centre (CSC) Academy, the Education & Corporate social responsibility (CSR) wing of Common Services Centres (CSC) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India (GoI), for the Cyber Sangini program, 45-day course, to empower rural and semi-urban women by traning them in the fundamentals of cybersucurity and cyber wellness.
- 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.

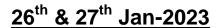
About the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization Government Exams (UNESCO):

**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.
- 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

- ➤ 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.







- ➤ 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.
- 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

- 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

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.
- 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.
- Meghalaya's Shillong is set to host Space 20 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
- ➤ 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



- 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'.







- 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

- ➤ 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.
- ➤ 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.
- Francis: Australian Open 2023: Novak Djokovic claims Men's Singles & Aryna Sabalenka won Women's Singles.

**About Australia:** 

**Prime Minister-** Anthony Albanese

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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