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8th March 2023

- ➤ GSTN empaneled 4 private companies to provide e-invoice registration Goods and Services Tax (On the recommendation of the GST Council, the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) has launched e-Invoice Registration Services through several Private Invoice Registration Portals (IRPs), which is another step towards digitization of business process flows.
- Airbus Receives Order from India for Two ACH160 Helicopters
 Airbus Corporate Helicopters (Airbus) give to india ACH160 Helicopters an
 order has been received for, which marks the first sale of any helicopter in the
 H160 range in the region.
- ➤ MHA approves MOU between Indian & Nigerian Drug Control Agencies
 The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has proposes signing of Memorandum of
 Understanding (MoU) between Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) of India and
 National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) of Nigeria on Prevention of
 Illicit Trafficking in 'Narcotic Drugs', Psychotropic Substances and Precursor
 Chemicals Permission has been granted.

About the Ministry of Home Affairs:

Union Minister- Amit Shah (Constituency-Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat)
Minister of State- Nityanand Rai (Constituency- Ujiarpur, Bihar); Ajay Kumar
Mishra (Constituescy- Kheri, Uttar Pradesh); Nisith Pramanik (Constituecny-Coochbehar, West Bengal)

About Nigeria

President- Muhammadu Buhari

Capital- Abuja

Currency- Nigerian Naira

➤ DCA Releases "Endorsements No-House!" Guidelines to Hold Celebrities, Influencers and Virtual Influencers Accountable on Social Media Platforms consumer affairs

A set of guidelines titled "Endorsements No-House!": For Celebrities, Influencers & Virtual Influencers on Social Media Platforms has been released by the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) under the Ministry of Food & Public Distribution (MoCA, F&PD).

About the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Puplic Distribution (MoCA, F&PD)

Union Minister- Piyush Goyal (Rajya Sabha)-Maharashtra **Minister of State (MoS)-** Ashwini Kumar Choubey; Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti



➤ NSDC appoints ISB as knowledge partner for G-20 Education Working Group

The Indian School of Business (ISB) is collaborating as a knowledge partner for G-20 Education Working Group (EWG) with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

➤ Digital payments awareness week 2023: RBI launches mission 'Har Payment Digital'

On March 06, 2023, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das launched the mission 'Every Payment Digital' as part of the Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW).

About Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Governor- Shaktikanta Das

Deputy Governors- Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrate Patra, M. Rajeshwar Rao, T. Rabi Sankar

Establishment-1st April 1935

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

CUB in partnership with 42 Card Solutions launches "Dhi CUB Visa Signature Credit Card"

City Union Bank (CUB), a private sector lender, has announced the launch of its first credit card service, "Dhi CUB Visa Signature Credit Card" in association with 42 Card Solutions Pvt Ltd, a credit card management services provider.

About City Union Bank Ltd (CUB):

MD & CEO- Dr. N Kamakodi

Estalished-1904

Headquarters- Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu

Tagline- Truest and Excellence Since 1904

➤ ONGC signs MoU with TotalEnergies of France for deep water exploration On March 6, 2023, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with French major TotalEnergies for exploration of deepwater blocks.

About Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC):

Chairman- Arun Kumar Singh

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

➤ AIIMS signs MoU with Mauritius PSC to assist in conducting exams
All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi has signed a Memorandum
of Understanding (MoU) with the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Mauritius to
assist in the conduct of examinations.

Conrad K Sangma sworn in as CM of Meghalaya for the second Term On March 7, 2023, National People's Party (NPP) President Conrad Kongkal Sangma (Conrad K. Sangma) was sworn in as the Chief Minister (CM) of Meghalaya to lead the coalition government for the second consecutive term.

About Meghalaya:

Chief Minister (CM)- Conrad Kongkal Sangma

Governor- Phagu Chauhan

Zoological Park- Lady Hydari Park; Nehru Park Cum Mini Zoo

Airport- Shillong Airport; Baljek Airport

NDPP leader Neiphiu Rio took oath as the Chief Minister of Nagaland for the 5th term

On 7th March 2023, Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) leader of Nagaland Neiphiu Rio was sworn in as the Chief Minister (CM) of Nagaland for the 5th time in the presence of Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi at Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima, Nagaland.

About Nagaland:

Chief Minister- Neiphiu Rio

Governor- La Ganesan

Wildlife Sanctuary- Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary; Puliebadze Wildlie Sanctuary **Airport**- Dimapur Airport

- S.S. Dubey takes charge as the Comptroller General of Accounts of India On 6th March 2023, S.S. Dubey, a 1989-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) officer, took charge as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) with immediate effect.
- ➤ ISRO conducts deployment tests of Gaganyaan Pilot & ACS Parachutes
 As part of the preparations for the Gaganyaan human space flight mission on
 March 1 and 3, 2023, ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) has launched the
 Gaganyaan Pilot and Apex Cover Separation (ACS) tests in a cluster configuration
 at the Terminal Ballistic Research Laboratory (TBRL), Chandigarh. Conducted rail
 track rocket sled deployment tests of parachutes.

About Indian Space Reserch Organisation (ISRO)

Chairman- S. Somanath

Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka

Establishment- 1969

➤ China communication satellite 'Zhongxing-26' launched Located in southwest China's Sichuan province and dedicated to China's most powerful launch vehicles, the Xichang Space Center (XLSC) to launch a communications satellite 'Zhongxing-26' or 'ZX 26' (also known as ChinaSat26) into geostationary orbit with a capacity of over 100Gbps (gigabits per second) by Long March 3B (CZ-3B) Launched.



KM Chandrasekhar wrote a new book titled "As Good As My Word: A Memoir"

KM Chandrasekhar, former Cabinet Secretary of India, has written a book titled "As Good as My Word: A Memoir", an autobiography published by HarperCollins. The book presents a critique of institutions and covers a turbulent time period.

Paytm partners with Andhra Pradesh government to promote financial inclusion MoU signed

In march 2023, digital financial services firm One97 Communications, owner of the Paytm brand, announced a partnership with Andhra Pradesh (AP) to promote mutual cooperation and financial inclusion in the areas of industrial development, financial inclusion, public health, cyber security and financial fraud prevention in AP. AP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Govt.

About Andhra Pradesh (AP):

Chief Minister (CM)- jagan Mohan Reddy

Governor- Syed Abdul Nazeer

National Parks- Sri Venkateshwara Park, Rajiv Gandhi Park, Panikonda National Park

➤ Chhattisgarh CM presents Rs 1,21,501 crore state budget for FY24
On March 6, 2023 Chhattisgarh Chief Minister (CM) **Bhupesh Baghel** presented a
Rs 1,21,501 crore state budget for FY24 in his state assembly in Raipur.

About Chhattisgarh:

Governor- Biswabhusan Harichandan

National Parks- Guru Ghasidas National park, Kanger Valley National Park **Wildlife Sanctuaries-** Bhoramdeo Sanctuary, Tamor Pingla Sanctuary

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav for Sikkim'Go Green, Go Organic' cover released

On March 6, 2023 Union Minister for Communications and Electronics & Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnav released a unique cover of Department of Posts for Sikkim, 'Go Green, Go Organic'.

About Sikkim:

Capital- Gangtok

Chief Minister- Prem Singh Tamang

Governor- Lakshman Prasad Acharya





➤ BIS releases IS 18149:2023 Guidelines for Transport of Dangerous, Hazardous Goods

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has issued 'IS 18149:2023 - Transport of Dangerous Goods - Guidelines' to enhance safety in transport of dangerous, hazardous goods posing threat to public safety, properties and environment. These have been prepared under the Transport Services Sectional Committee, SSD 01 of BIS.

About Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS):

It is the National Standards body of India. **Director General-** Pramod Kumar Tiwari **Headquarters-**New Delhi, Delhi **Establishment-** 1987

- ➤ Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launches Swachhotsav, a women-led cleanliness campaign
 On March 7, 2023, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched a 3-week women-led cleanliness campaign, 'Swachhotsav', under the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban [SBM (U)] 2.0.
- FRINGEX-23: First Indo-French joint military exercise held in Thiruvananthapuram FRINJEX-23, the first edition of joint military exercise between Indian and French Army was conducted at Pangode Military Station in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on March 7-8, 2023.
- ➤ 2nd G20 GPFI meeting to be held in Hyderabad, Telangana March 06-07, 2023

 The Second Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion, (GPFI) meeting was held in Hyderabad (Telangana) for two days from March 06-07, 2023 and was chaired by the Co-Chair of GPFI and G20 (Group of Twenty) India Presidency.
- ➤ MoP mandates 40% RPO for new coal/lignite based thermal plants

 The ministry of power (MoP) has mandated that new coal/lignite-based thermal plants either install renewable energy capacity equal to at least 40% of the plant's capacity or procure such green energy under Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO).



- ➤ on the undernourished and overlooked UNICEF report: 25% rise in maternal malnutrition in crisis-hit countries According to the new UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) report "Undernourished and Overlooked: A Global Nutrition Crisis in Adolescent Girls and Women" released on 7 March 2023, 12 countries most affected by the current food and nutrition crisis will be 6.9 million) the number of highly malnourished pregnant and lactating women will be increased by 25%.
- KotakAMC launches digital campaign to promote digital literacy among women On International Women's Day on March 8, 2023, Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Limited launched a digital campaign titled 'DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality' to promote digital literacy among women.
- Adani Power Ltd.merged 6 subsidiary Companies
 On 7 March 2023, Adani Power Limited (APL) merged its 6 wholly owned
 subsidiaries, Adani Power Maharashtra Limited (APML); Adani Power Rajasthan
 Limited (APRL); Udupi Power Corporation Limited (UPCL); Raipur Energine
 Limited (REL); Raigarh Energy Generation Limited (REGL); and Adani Power
 (Mundra) Limited (APMuL) with its ownannounced the merger
- ➤ First batch of 'Google for Startups Accelerator India Women Founders' program concludes

 on 7 March 2023 Google, an American multinational technology company, concluded the first batch of its startup accelerator program for Indian women entrepreneurs. It launched its first edition of the three-month program "Google for Startups Accelerator India Women Founders" in 2022.
- Federation MoS DrL Murugan at 8th National Photography in Delhi presented awards
 on 7 March 2023, Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting (I&B)
 Dr. L. Murugan New Delhi Presented the 8th National Photography Awards in Delhi.
- British architect Sir David Alan Chipperfield wins Pritzker Architecture Prize 2023
 - on 7 March 2023, **Sir David Alan Chipperfield** (David Chipperfield), a 69-year-old British civic architect, urban planner and activist, won the **Pritzker Architecture Prize 2023**, the most prestigious award for architects, for his



timeless modern design that confronts the urgency of climate, changing social relationships and cities revives.

Delhi airport named one of the best and cleanest airport in Asia Pacific: 2022 ASQ Awards

Airport Council International (ACI) announced the winners of the 2022 Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards, which recognize the best airports for customer experience around the world. Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) - The Delhi airport has been declared as one of the best and cleanest airports in the Asia Pacific region.

Manik Saha Sworn in for Second Term as CM of Tripura

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Dr. Manik Saha, 70 years old leader of Chief

Minister of Tripura for the second time (CM) Sworn in as Governor and was administered the oath of office by Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya at a ceremony held at the Vivekananda Stadium in Agartala, Tripura.

About Tripura:

Chief Minister (CM) - Dr. Manik Saha

Governor- Satyadeo Narain Arya

National Park- Clouded Leopard National Park; Bison National Park
Wildlife Sanctuaries- Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary; Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary

Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani sworn in as Prime Minister of Qatar

on 7 March 2023, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani was sworn in as the Prime Minister (PM) of Qatar at the Amiri Diwan of the State of Qatar in Doha, Qatar in the presence of Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

About Qater:

Capital- Doha

Currency- Qatari riyal

Emir of Qatar- Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani

➤ Group Captain Shalija Dhami first to head combat unit IAF women officers. on 7 March 2023 Group Captain **Shaliza Dhami** of the Indian Air Force (IAF) has been selected to command a frontline fighter unit of the force along the Western Sector. He is currently posted in the Operations Branch of a Frontline Command Headquarters.



- ➤ ISROThe MT-1controlled re-entry experiment of a satellite Done successfully
 - on 7 March 2023Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Megha-Tropiques-1 (MT-1) An extremely challenging controlled re-entry experiment involving an orbiting satellite was carried out in an uninhabited area in the Pacific Ocean at 5 degrees south (°S) to 14°S latitude and 119°W (W) to 100°W longitude.
- ➤ International Women's Day 2023 March 8
 United Nations (UN) International Women's Day (IWD) March 8th to recognize the achievements of women around the world in their nationalCelebrated regardless of ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political differences.
- Jan Aushadhi Day-7 March 2023 and Jan Aushadhi Day Week 1-7 March 2023
 - To create awareness about the importance of generic medicines and to promote the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Project **PMBJP)** Jan Aushadhi Diwas (Generic Medicine Day) is celebrated across India on 7 March to highlight the benefits of generic medicines.
- Completion of AP GIS 352 projects worth Rs 13,05,663 crore happened with MoU March 3 to 4, 2023 During the two-day Advantage Andhra Pradesh Global Investment Summit (AP GIS) 2023 held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP), AP government along with various organizations executed projects worth Rs 13,05,663 crore, creating over 6 lakh jobs Entered into 352 Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) to provide employment potential for execute projects.

About Andhra Pradesh (AP):

Chief Minister (CM)- Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

Governor - S. Abdul Nazeer

Tiger Reserve- Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctury (formerly known as Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve)

Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS)- Kaundinya WLS; Penusila Narasimahaswamy WLS





- ▶ Indian Navy's biggest wargameTROPEX-2023 concluded in the Arabian Sea Indian Navy's biggest wargame and operational-level biennial exercise The 2023 edition of the "Theater Level Operational Readiness Exercise" (TROPEX-23), which took place in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), ended in the Arabian Sea.
- ➤ City Index 2023: India Has 5th Largest Number Of Women Billionaires Globally A new International Women's Day study of City Index 2023 according to the reportIndia has the fifth largest number of women billionaires in the world, based on an analysis by Forbes Live Billionaire Tracker (March 2023).

About United States (US):

President- Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.

Capital- Washington, D. C., US

Currency- US Dollar (USD)

➤ 15 Stock Exchanges designated as Qualified Stock Brokers by NSE and BSE National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) have designated 15 trading platforms as Qualified Stock Brokers (QSB) with effect from July 1, 2023, following a directive from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in February 2023.

About Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):

Chairperson- Madhabi Puri Buch

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment-1992

SEBI imposed Restrictions on Opting Share Buyback via Stock Exchange Mechanism

On 8 march 2023, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) placed restrictions on the bids, prices and quantities of companies undertaking share buybacks through the stock exchange route.

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- SEBI: Extends deadline for comments on ERP norms; Framework for Cloud Services Adoption released by REs On March 8, 2023, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) extended the deadline for submission of public comments on the 'Consultation Paper on 'Regulatory Framework for ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) Rating Providers (ERP) in the Securities Market' Extended 8 March to 15 March 2023.
- YES Bank, Aadhaar Housing Finance Ltd enter into co-lending partnership to offer home loans in March 2023 Yes Bank and Aadhaar Housing Finance Limited have entered into a strategic partnership to offer housing loans to home buyers Entered into colending partnership.

About Yes Bank Ltd.:

MD & CEO- Prashant Kumar

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Estabishment- 2004

Tagline- Experience Our Expertise

One Point One Solutions Signed service agreement with KMB & DMI Finance One Point One Solutions, a provider of business process management solutions, has acquired Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. (KMBL) and partnered with DMI Finance, a pan-Indian credit platform, to expand its collection portfolio offering in the banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) sector.

About Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL):

MD & CEO- Uday Kotak

Established- 2003

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline- Let's Make Money Simple

➤ Ujjivan SFB Launches "Unpause Initiative" to Promote Workplace Diversity & Inclusion

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (Ujjivan SFB)in line with its commitment to promoting workplace diversity and inclusion under "Unpause Initiative" has been launched.

About Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (Ujjivan SFB):

MD & CEO- Ittira Davis

Established-February 1, 2017

Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka

Tagline- Build a Better life

- Maharashtra, Gujarat lead in FDI inflows in April-December of FY23 Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIT)according to data from, Maharashtra and Gujarat registered positive growth during the third quarter of the current financial year (FY23) - April 2022 to December 2022.
- Colonel Geeta Rana near China border Became the first woman to command an EME unit Following the Indian Army's sanction of 108 posts for women officers to command independent units in the Corps of Engineers, the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME) Colonel Geeta Rana is the first woman officer to command an independent field workshop in the eastern Ladakh sector with China.
- ➤ Promoters of Kirloskar Oil Engines sell 17.71% stake for Rs 825 crore on 8 March 2023The promoter entities of **Kirloskar Oil Engines**, a flagship company of Pune (Maharashtra) based Kirloskar Group, disinvested a total of 2,56,22,987 shares for Rs 825 crore through open market transaction, amounting to **17.71%** stake in the company Is equal.
- ➤ ISRO Receives NISAR Satellite Developed Jointly by NASA & ISRO on 8 March 2023, an Earth-observation satellite, NASA ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) (NISAR), Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) from National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), California, United States (USA) was handed over to
- ➤ Dr Jitendra Singh:CSIR to provide a women's portal for research grants and grants for women scientists on 9 March 2023Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology announced that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has decided to introduce special research grants for women scientists under CSIR-ASPIRE.
- 74th International Boxing Tournament "Strandja" 2023 Sofia, held in Bulgaria; India got 8 medals
 International Boxing Tournament "Strandja" 74th edition of 2023 Sofia from 18 to 27 February 2023, was held in Bulgaria. India won 8 medals (3 silver and 5 bronze).



- World Kidney Day 2023 9 March world kidney day (WKD) It is a global campaign, which is celebrated every year on the 2nd Thursday of March to encourage people all over the world about the importance of kidneys in maintaining overall health and to raise awareness about the many kidney diseases.
- ➤ Himachal Pradesh becomes the first state in India to take up organic Licorice (Mulethi) cultivation

 Himachal Pradesh (HP) became the **first state** in India to start commercial cultivation of **Licorice (Mulethi)** (Glycyrrhiza glabra) with the distribution of planting material among farmers by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT) Is.
- 'Aarogya Mahila': Telangana Health Minister launches new health program for Telangana women
 On the occasion of International Women's Day 2023 (8 March 2023),
 Telangana Health Minister Harish Rao launched a new health program 'Aarogya Mahila' for women in Karimnagar, Telangana.
- ➤ GRSE signs MoU with KEL for R&D of Lightweight Bailey Bridge
 Located in Kolkata (West Bengal), one of India's leading shipyards, Garden
 Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. Kerala Electrical & Allied, a state
 owned enterprise of Kerala for Joint Research and Development (R&D) of
 Lightweight Bailey Bridge with Carbon Fiber Composite Deck Engineering (KEL)
 has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).







➤ Ministry of Finance amended PMLA: Tightened NPO reporting norms, beneficial ownership rules

On March 7, 2023, the Finance Ministry amended the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) rules to enhance the scope of PMLA by tightening the reporting norms and rules related to beneficial ownership of 'Non-Profit Organizations' (NPOs).

About Ministry of Financy:

Union Minister- Nirmala Sitharaman (RajyaSabha Karnataka) **Minister of State-** Pankaj Chaudhary; Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad

'WHO Global Report on Sodium Intake Reduction': Countries to reduce salt intake should make a 'widespread effort'

World Health Organization (WHO) Global Report on sodium intake reduction, states that nations should encourage people to consume less salt "Comprehensive efforts" should be made to reduce the risk of developing cancer, heart disease and stroke.

About World Health Organization (WHO):
Director- General- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Establishment- 1948
Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Axis Bank to lend produce to farmerstied up with ITC

On march 9, 2023, Axis Bank collaborated with ITC Limited to offer loan products and services to farmers, who are a part of ITC's agriculture eco system. The partnership aims to reach out to unserved and underserved farmers in rural areas in line with Axis Bank's India Banking Mission to expand its reach in remote areas by opening new bank accounts in FY22-23 and providing seamless customer experience.

About Axis Bank Limited:

MD & CEO- Amitabh Chaudhry

Headquarters- Mambai, Maharashtra

Tagline- Badhti ka Naam Zindagi

> 10,000+ women entrepreneurs provided financial services worth over Rs 900 crore in FY22: PayNearby- RBIH study



According to the third edition of PayNearby's annual report titled "PayNearby Women Financial Index (PWFI)" "Over 10,000 women entrepreneurs provided financial services worth over Rs 900 crore in FY22.

About PayNearby:

Founder, MD and CEO- Anand Kumar Bajaj

Headquarters- Mumbai, Haharashtra

SEBI for informers giving information about defaulters reward system announced

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in exercise of its powers conferred under Section 11(1) of the SEBI Act, 1992 issued the 'SEBI (Grant of Reward to Informant under Recovery Proceedings) Guidelines, 2023' with effect from March 8, 2023.

➤ PNB signs MoU with CWC for funding under e-NWR On march 9, 2023, Punjab National Bank (PNB) entered into an agreement with the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD) memorandum (MoU), so that e-NWR (Electronic Negotiable Finance facility can be availed under Warehousing Receipt).

About Panjab National Bank (PNB):

MD & CEO- Atul Kumar Goel

Establishment- 18 May, 1894

Headquarters- New Delhi Delhi

Tagline- The name you can bank upon

➤ PNB MetLife introduces 'Genius Plan' to help parents support children's future PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited,pnb MetLife), one of India's leading life insurance firms, has introduced "PNB MetLife Genius" plan, an innovative solution to help parents prepare financially for their children's future.

About PNB Merlife India Insurance Company Limited (PNB Metlife):

MD & CEO- Ashish Kumar Srivastava

Established in India- 2001

Headquarters- Bangalore, Karnataka

➤ Kochi Metro becomes first metro in India to accept digital currency for parking Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL) has become the **first metro** in India to accept the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The service will initially be available at parking lots near Thaikudam Metro station.



- BEL signs MoU with NITK Surathkal in R&D space
 Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Navratna Defense Public Sector
 Undertaking (PSU) has partnered with Mangalore (Karnataka)-based National
 Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK Surathkal) for collaboration in
 Research and Development (R&D) for development of emerging technologies and
 technological solutions for both defense and non-defense applications.), formerly
 known as Karnataka Regional Engineering College, has signed a Memorandum of
 Understanding (MoU).
- MRPL signs Master Research Alliance Agreement with IICT signed
 Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) and the Indian Institute
 of Chemical Technology (IICT), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
 Laboratories under the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoS&T) have formed
 a Master Research Alliance for collaborative research in Hyderabad,
 Telangana.entered into agreement
- Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched the first edition of Women Icons
 Leading Swachhta Awards 2023
 7 March 2023 (on the eve of International Women's Day 8 March)Union
 Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the
 first edition of "Women Icons Leading Sanitation (WINS) Awards" 2023 to
 highlight the impact of women in sanitation and waste management.
- Ministry of Tourism InternationalReceived Gold & Silver Star at 'Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023' on 8 March 2023, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has awarded two Golden City Awards in the category 'TV/Cinema Commercials International and Country International' respectively in the 23rd International Tourism Film and Multimedia Competition The Golden Citygate during ITB Berlin (Internationale Tourismus-Börse Berlin) 2023. win gate awards 2023.
- Ram Chandra Paudel of the Nepali Congress, the third President of Nepal elected

on 9 March 2023, Ram Chandra Poudel (79 years), a senior leader of the Nepali Congress, was elected as the third President of Nepal.

About Nepal:

Prime Minister- Pushpa Kamal Dahal

Capital- Kathmandu

Currency- Nepalese Rupee



Xi Jinping elected as the President of the Republic of China for a third term

on 10 March 2023 **Xi Jinping**, a 69-year-old Chinese politician, was unanimously appointed as the President of China for the third time, making him China's longest-serving leader since founder Mao Zedong (1954–1959). **Went**.

About China:

President- Xi Jinping

Capital-Beijing

Currency- Chinese Yuan

➤ B Gopakumar appointed as new MD & CEO of Axis AMC; Chandresh Nigam resigned

Managing Director of Axis Securities (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) B Gopakumar has been promoted as MD & CEO of Axis Asset Management Company (AMC) Limited (the formal name of Axis Mutual Fund).

➤ HUL appoints Rohit Jawa as new MD & CEO

Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), a Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) major has announced that Rohit Jawa will take over as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HUL for a five-year term beginning June 27, 2023. and will join the firm as CEO Designate and whole-time director with effect from April 1, 2023.

About Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL):

MD & CEO- Sanjiv Mehta

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

➤ Bank of Baroda Board Cabinet approves disinvestment of 49% stake in BFSL public sector banksThe Board of Directors of Bank of Baroda (BOB) has approved disinvestment of stake up to 49% in its wholly owned subsidiary, BoB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), formerly known as BoB Cards Limited.

About BoB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL):

Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Shailendra Singh

Headquarters- Mumbai, Haharashtra

Establishment- 1994 (incorporated in 1996)

About Bank of Baroda:

MD & CEO- Sanjiv Chadha

Headquarters- Vadodara, Gujarat

Establishemt- 1908 (nationalized on 19 july 1969)



Central government high priceDAM and Surplus Power Portal ,PUShP) launched

March 100n, 2023, the Central Government launched the High Price Day Ahead Market - HPDAM and Surplus Power Portal (PUShP) - to ensure greater availability of power during peak demand season.

➤ 54th Central Industrial Security Force Raising Day - 10 March 2023

Central Industrial Security Force (CISF Raising DayTo protect the major establishments and integrity of IndiaIt is celebrated annually across India on 10 March to honor the service and commitment of CISF personnel.

About the Central Industrial Security Force:

Director- General- Sheel Vardhan Singh

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment- 1969

Punjab FM Harpal Singh Cheema presented a budget of Rs 1,96,462 crore for FY24

Finance Minister of PunjabFM) Harpal Singh Cheema Financial Year 2023-

24, Presented a state budget of Rs 1,96,462 crore for FY24), an increase from the amount allocated in the financial year 2022 2023 (FY23) with a focus on agriculture, education and health 26% higher.

About Panjab:

Chief Minister (CM)- Bhagwant Mann

Governor- Banwarilal Purohit

Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS)- Bir Dosanjh WLS; Bir Bhadson WLS

➤ Godrej AgrovetMoU signed with AP to set up edible oil refinery for Rs 100 crore Godrej Agrovet Limited, Mumbai (Maharashtra), a subsidiary of Godrej Industries Limited, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Andhra Pradesh (AP) during the Andhra Pradesh Global Investors Summit (APGIS) 2023 to be held from 3rd to 4th March 2023 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.





➤ MSME Minister Narayan Tatu Rane launched the MSME Competitive (LEAN) scheme

On 10th March 2023, Union Minister Narayan Tatu Rane, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) launched **MSME Competitive (LEAN) Scheme (MCLS)** and National Scheduled Castes (SC)/Scheduled Tribes (ST)
Conclave launched.

About Ministry of Micro, Small & Midium Enterprises (MoMSME): Union Minister- Narayan Tatu Rane (Rajya Sabha- Maharashtra) Minister of State- Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma (Constituency- Jalaun, Utter

➤ US Commerce Secretary Ms. Gina Raimondo's New Delhi Yatra - 7 - 10 March, 2023

Ms. Gina Raimondo, United States(US) Secretary of Commerce, Piyush Goyal visited New Delhi, India from March 7-10, 2023 at the invitation of Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles.

About the United States (US):

Pradesh)

President- Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.
Capital- Washington, D. C., US
Currency- US Dollar (USD)

➤ NITI Aayog releases report to improve economic viability of Gaushalas On 10 March 2023, NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) released a task force report titled "Production and Promotion of Organic and Bio Fertilizers with Special Focus on Improving Economic Visibility of Gaushalas", which states that interest should be liberally financed to meet capital investment and working expenses at concessional rates.

About NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India):

Chairman- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- B.V. R. Subrahmanyam

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment- 1 Jan 2015

➤ MoD signs Rs 667 crore deal with HAL to buy six Dornier aircraft for IAF Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed a contract to procure six Dornier-228 aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF) at a cost of Rs 667 crore.



- ➤ MoPSW approves total 8 floating jetty projects 4 each in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu
 - PortThe Ministry of Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has given in-principle approval for a total of 8 floating jetty projects, 4 each in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu under its Sagarmala programme.
- ➤ Chetak Corps of the Indian ArmyDid 'Chetak Chowka' exercise On 11 March 2023, the X (Chetak) Corps of the Indian Army conducted "Exercise Chetak Chowk" with all stakeholders to strengthen rear area security.
- New India Vision:MCA appoints Grant Thornton India to assist in capacity building Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has appointed Grant Thornton India LLP, one of the largest fully integrated assurance, tax and advisory firms in India, to conduct annual capacity building as a part of capacity building efforts amongst its cadre/positions and other organizations Plan (ACBP) to make them 'future ready' and meet the requirements of the Vision of 'New India'.
- PhonePe Receives Payment Aggregator License, Reaches USD 1 Trillion Annual Payment Value Run Rate
 PhonePe Pvt Ltd (formerly FX Mart Pvt Ltd), which owns the **PhonePe** brand, has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for its PA [payment aggregator] license.
- Lockheed Martin Tata group signed MoU to manufacture fighter wings in India Lockheed Martin Corporation (LMT) Tata Group, a global defense aerospace player based in the United States (US), and India's Tata Group have entered into an agreement for the production of fighter plane wings at their Joint Venture (JV) facility, Tata Lockheed Martin Aerostructures Limited (TLMAL), Hyderabad, Telangana. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed.
- ➤ RBI approves reappointment of Sumant Kathpalia as MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank Reserve Bank of India (RBI)has approved the reappointment of Sumant Kathpalia as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndusInd Bank for a period of 2 years with effect from March 24, 2023. About IndusInd Bank:

MD & CEO- Sumant Kathpalia

Established-1994

Headquarters-Mumbai, Maharashtra

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Tech Mahindra to Infosys Chairman Mohit JoshiNamed MD & CEO Mohit Joshi, former chairman of InfosysAs the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tech Mahindra Limited, India's 5th largest Information Technology (IT) services and consulting company, with effect from 20 December 2023 to 19 December 2028, for a period of 5 years was appointed in

About Tech Mahindra Limited:

MD & CEO- CP Gurnani
MD & CEO designate- Mohit Joshi
Headquarters- Pune, Maharashtra
Established in- 1986

- SpaceX launches 40 OneWeb internet satellites into orbit SpaceX's 2-stage Falcon 9 rocket launched 40 broadband satellites into orbit for United Kingdom (UK) company OneWeb from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, United States. With the launch of this mission, OneWeb 17, the total number of satellites in the network has gone up to 582.
- America's 4-time Olympic diving champion Pat McCormick passed away
 American Olympic athlete (competitive diver), Patricia Joanne McCormick (Pat McCormick) who won both the diving events (springboard and platform) in 2 consecutive Summer Olympics in 1952 and 1956, passed away at the age of 92 in California, United States (USA).
- MaharashtraDy CM & Finance Minister Devendra Fadnavis presented FY24 budget of Rs 5.47 lakh crore Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra (DeputyCM) and state Finance Minister (FM) Devendra Fadnavis presented the first budget of the Eknath Shinde (CM)-led government for the financial year 2023-24 (FY24) with an outlay of Rs 5,47,450 crore.

About Maharashtra:

Chief Minister- Eknath Shinde

Governor- Ramesh Bais

Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS)- Nagzira WLS; Chikhaldara WLS



➤ Odisha for the tribal communityRs 500 crore livelihood scheme announced

Odisha cabinetApproved the launch of a new Livelihood Cluster Development initiative for tribal people under "Mukhya Mantri Janjati Jeebika Mission" with a total outlay of Rs.500 crore.

About Odisha:

Chief Minister- Naveen Patnaik

Governor- Ganeshi Lal

Festivals- Konark Dance Feshtival; Mahabishuva Sankranti

Stadium- Barabati Stadium; Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium

Mauganj of Madhya Pradeshbecame the 53rd district
On 11 March 2023, the Chief Minister (CM) of Madhya Pradesh (MP) Shivraj Singh
Chouhan announced the formation of a new district named **Mauganj**, taking the
total number of districts in MP to **53**.

About Madhya Pradesh:

Chief Minister- Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Governor- Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

National Park- Kuno National Park; Ghughwa National fossils Park

Wildlife Sanctuary- Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctury; Orchha Wildlife Sancturay







- ➤ MIDH approves 3 Centers of Excellence for Horticulture crops in Odisha, Goa and Karnataka
 - On 9th March 2023, The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), Government of India (Gol) approved 3 new Centers of Excellence (CoE) for horticulture crops.
- ➤ PM inaugurates the third session of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDR) The third session of the UN was inaugurated by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on March 10, 2023 in New Delhi, Delhi with the overarching theme of "Building Local Resilience in a Changing Climate".

About the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF):

Director- General- Atul Karwal

Headquarter- New Delhi, Delhi

Motto- Sustained Disaster Response Service

- ➤ ISRO's Landslide Atlas of India: Uttarakhand's Rudraprayag and Tehri Garhwal top the landslide index in India
 Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)National Remote Sensing Center at Hyderabad (Telangana)NRSC)Rudraprayag (1) and Tehri Garhwal (2) of Uttarakhand are the most landslide-prone districts in India, according to the "Landslide Atlas of India" report prepared by the
- Union Energy MinisterRK Singh launched Voluntary Star Labeling Program & iDEEKSHA Portal
 Control power and renowable energy Renowable Energy Minister Rei Kuma
 - central power and renewable energy Renewable Energy Minister Raj Kumar Singh (RK Singh) during the program organized on the occasion of 21st Foundation Day (1st March 2023) of Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in New Delhi, Delhi on the occasion of multi-door refrigerator, table and wall-mounted Launched voluntary star labeling program for fans, pedestal fans and induction hobs.
- ➤ 6 digit HUID made mandatory on gold jewelery from 1st April 2023

 Department of Consumer Affairs announced that Sale of hallmarked gold jewelery or gold artefacts after March 31, 2023 i.e. from April 1, 2023 will not be permitted without a 6 digit alphanumeric HUID (Hallmark Unique Identification) number.

➤ SIPRI Report 2022: India to remain world's largest arms importer between 2018-2022 despite 11% decline in total imports
Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (According to the report "Trends in International Arms Transfer, 2022" released by SIPRI) (Swedish think tank), despite India declining by 11% in arms imports from 2013-2017 to 2018- 2022 for five years between 2018 and 2022 remained the world's top arms importer.

About Russia:

Prime Minister- Mikhail Mishustin President- Vladimir Putin Capital- Moscow

Currency- Russian Ruble

- ➤ IDFC Mutual Fund rebranded itself as Bandhan MF IDFC Mutual Fund (MF) has rebranded itself as Bandhan Mutual Fund with effect from March 13, 2023. In this regard, each of its schemes will be renamed by replacing the word 'IDFC' with the word 'Bandhan'.
- ▶ indian bank for womenLaunched a special retail fixed deposit 'IND Super 400 Days' with 0.05% higher interest rate On March 6, 2023, to mark International Women's Day (March 8, 2023), Indian Bank has announced 0.05% higher interest rate for women investors and 400 days tenure in the form of FD / MMD (Fixed Deposit / Money Multiplier Deposit) has introduced a special Retail Fixed Deposit product named "IND Super 400 Days" with a fixed maturity of Rs.

About Indian Bank:

MD & CEO- Shanti Lal Jain

Headquarter- Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Establishment- Aug 15, 1907

➤ UNDP signs agreement with Euronav to secure procurement of VLCC On 9th March 2023, The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) launched a Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) as part of a UN-coordinated operation to remove over one million barrels of oil from a decaying tanker off the Red Sea coast of Yemen. Signed an agreement with Euronav, a Belgian international shipping enterprise, to secure the purchase of 10,000,000 tonnes of cargo, which threatens humanitarian and environmental catastrophe.

➤ Highlights of 95th Academy Awards 2023 held in Los Angeles, US: India's 'Naatu Naatu' song, 'The Elephant Whispers' win On March 12, 2023, The 95th Academy Awards 2023 / Oscars 2023 was held at the Dolby Theater at Ovation Hollywood in Los Angeles, United States (US). It has awarded films releasing in 2022 in 23 categories.

About the United States of America (USA):

Capital- Washington, D.C.

Currency- United States Dollar (USD)

President- Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.

- ➤ to Siddharth MohantyAppointed as interim chairman of LIC

 Life Insurance Corporation of India (lic)Siddharth Mohanty, one of the Managing

 Directors (MD) of LIC, has been appointed as the interim chairman of LIC for a

 period of 3 months or till the regular appointee takes over from 14 March 2023.
- ➤ Japan's Nobel Prize winning author and pacifist Kenzaburo Oi passed away On 3rd March 2023, Nobel Literature Prize Winner (1994) Kizaburo Oi, Japanese pacifist, passed away at the age of 88 in Tokyo, Japan.
- Renowned Bengali litterateur Shastipada Chattopadhyay passed away Shastipad Chattopadhyay, the famous Bengali novelist and short story writerDied at the age of 82 in Howrah, West Bengal.
- Supreme court judge, V. Ramasubramanian released the book "India's Struggle for Independence The Gandhian Era: 1915-1948" supreme court judge, Justice V. Ramasubramanian titled "India's Struggle for Independence The Gandhian Era: 1915-1948" authored by Dr. Justice P. Jothimani, former Judge of the Madras High Court and G. Balan, former Professor of History at Pachaiappa College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu Released the book.
- World Rotaract Day2023 13 March and World Rotaract Week 2023 13 19 March
 - World Rotaract DayPer yearMarch 13rotoractors around the world, and is celebrated to recognize and appreciate the services rendered by the members of Rotaract Clubs ('Rotaract' meaning 'Rotary in Action').

➤ SIBC signs MoU with Maharashtra government for cooperation in sustainable infrastructure, defense manufacturing On March 11, 2023, Sweden India Business Council (SIBC) signed an MoU with Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC), Government of Maharashtra for cooperation in the fields of waste-to-energy, sustainable infrastructure and transportation, defense manufacturing, and investment (MoU) signed.

About Maharashtra:

Governor- Ramesh Bais

Chief Minister- Eknath Shinde

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Rekekuri Blackbuck Sancturary, Painganga Wildlife Ssncturary

Tiger Reserves- Bor Tiger Reserve, Tadoba- Andhari Tiger Reserve, Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve (NNTR)

➤ Puducherry CM N Rangasamy presented the budget for FY24

Union Territory of Puducherry (UT), who also holds the finance portfolio, N

Rangasamy has approved the government's Rs 11,600 crore budget for the financial year 2023-24 (FY24) in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) regional assembly.

About the Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry:

Chief Minister (CM)- N. Rangasamy

Lieutenant Governor- Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan

Lake- Oussudu Lake

Airport- Puducherry Airport

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