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- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari unveiled India's first and world's second 100% methanol-powered prototype truck in Bengaluru
On March 12, 2023, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) unveiled India's first and world's second 100% methanol-powered 10-tonne prototype truck in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Highlights of The visit of Australian PM Anthony Albanese's to India - March 8 - 11, 2023
Australian Prime Minister (PM) Anthony Albanese visited India for four days from March 8 to 11, 2023 with the objective of enhancing overall bilateral engagement in a number of fields, including trade, investment and critical minerals.
About Australia:
Prime Minister- Anthony Albanese
Capita- Canberra
Currency- Australian Dollar
- Ministry of Defense Signed Rs 934 crore contract with HSL for repair Sindhukirti submarine
On 13 March 2023, The Ministry of Defense (MoD) signed a contract for the General Repair of INS Sindhukirti (S61) submarine at Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP) at a total cost of Rs 934 crore.
About the Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL):
Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)- Cmde Hemant Khatri, IN (Retd)
Headquarters- Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Establishment-1941
- SERB, STINT sign MoC to promote Research Networking between India and Sweden
On March 13, 2023, Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India signed Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT), Stockholm, Sweden, to strengthen cooperation and promote research networking between research institutions from both nations.
- Asia's 1st woman Loco pilot Surekha Yadav operates Vande Bharat express
Surekha Yadav Asia's first woman loco pilot has become the first woman to operate the newly introduced semi-high-speed Vande Bharat Express train.

- France-led Multinational Navy Exercise 'La Perouse 2023' held in the Indian Ocean region
Exercise La perouse 2023 the 3rd edition of the France-led multilateral (5 nation) naval exercise was held from **13 to 14 March 2023** in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- IQAir World Air Quality Report 2022 (5th Edition): Lahore most polluted city, Chad worst among countries
According to the 5th edition of IQAir's annual global survey report of IQAir '**World Air Quality Report 2022**', **Lahore** (Pakistan) become the city with the worst air in the world in 2022 (up from 15th in 2021)
About Pakistan:
Capital- Islamabad
Currency- Pakistani Rupee
- IREDA gets Infrastructure Finance Company status from RBI
On March 13, 2023, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) granted Infrastructure Finance Company (IFC) to the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), enabling the latter to take higher risks in RE (renewable energy) financing.
- Suryoday SFB launches Blossom Women's Savings Account with 7% interest rates
On March 13, 2023, Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SFB) launched a new savings account '**Blossom Mahila Savings Account**' which is designed for women customers with an interest rate of **7%** per annum.
- RBI infuses Rs 82,650 crore into the banking system via VRR Auction
On March 10, 2023, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) injected Rs 82,650 crore of liquidity into the banking system through 14-day Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auctions. Under the VRR auction, banks have borrowed Rs 82,650 crore against the announced Rs 1 lakh crore (USD 12.19 billion) at a weighted average rate of 6.53%.
- Padma Shri Award Winner & Renowned Hindi writer Dr. Gyan Chaturvedi wins 32nd Vyas Samman, 2022
Renowned Hindi writer and Padma Shri awardee (2015) **Pagalkhana**, a satirical Hindi novel written by Dr Gyan Chaturvedi has been selected for the 32nd Vyas Samman (2022).
- Life Insurance Corporation appointed Tablesh Pandey as Managing Director
On 14th March 2023, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), a public sector life insurance company, appointed **Tablesh Pandey**, Executive Director of LIC, to the post of **Managing Director** (MD) of LIC.
About Life Insurance Corporation (LIC):
Interim Chairman- Siddhartha Mohanty
Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra
Establishment- 1956

- Newly Discovered Comet Coming to Night Sky in 2024 May Be Brighter Than Recent 'Green Comet'
A comet called C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan - ATLAS) expected to be brighter than the recently observed C/2022 E3 (ZTF), also known as the "Green Comet", has been Seen on February 1, 2023, may appear in the night sky in 2024.
- India won the Border-Gavaskar Trophy Won 2-1 and qualified for WTC final
India records For the 11th time, India vs Australia has won the Border-Gavaskar Trophy (BGT) 2023 four-match Test series by 2-1. With this, India confirmed its place in the final of the World Test Championship.
- VP Jagdeep Dhankhar released Dr Karan Singh's book on "Mundka Upanishad"
On 9th March 2023, The Vice President (VP) of India Jagdeep Dhankhar released the book titled "Mundaka Upanishad: The Bridge to Immortality" which was originally written by former Member of Parliament (MP) **Dr. Karan Singh** and published by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in 1987.
- International Day of Mathematics 2023 - March 14
International Day of Mathematics (IDM) is annually observed across the globe on 14 March to create awareness about the importance of mathematics in addressing the challenges in areas such as AI), climate change, energy and sustainable development.
- 26th International Day of Action for Rivers - 14 March 2023
International Day of Action for Rivers March 14 To It is celebrated around the world to raise awareness about how important rivers are to our daily lives and to spread awareness about the increasing pollution of freshwater habitats such as rivers as a result of unequal access to clean water and obvious human activity.
About the International Rivers:
Interim Co-Executive Directors- John Klemm and Isabella Winkler
Headquarters- Oakland, California, USA
Establishment- 1958
- Government in Lok Sabha Presents Rs 1.18 lakh crore budget for UT J&K for 2023-24
On 13 March 2023, Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister, Government of India presented a budget of Rs 1,18,500 crore for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for 2023-2024 in the Lok Sabha.

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- 13th Edition of India-Singapore Bilateral Armour Exercise BOLD KURUKSHETRA 2023 held in Jodhpur
13th Edition of Bilateral Armor Training Exercise between Indian and Singapore Army 'Abhyas Bold Kurukshetra 2023' Held from March 6 to March 13, 2023 at Jodhpur Military Station, Rajasthan, India.
- NSSO releases Multiple Indicator Survey - NSS 78th Round Report [2020-21]
National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India (GoI) in its 78th round of survey conducted first ever 'Multiple Indicator Survey (MIS)' to address the needs of various national indicators of SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals).
- Atal Innovation Mission launches ATL sarthi to Strengthen Ecosystem of Atal Tinkering Labs
National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of Government of India (GoI) launched ATL Sarathi, a comprehensive self-monitoring framework to strengthen the growing ecosystem of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL).
About the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog):
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- R. V. R. Subrahmanyam
Headquarters- New Delhi
Establishment- 2015
- Canara Bank Rupay Credit Card launched through UPI
Canara Bank National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched RuPay Credit Card through UPI (Unified Payments Interface) using BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) app.
About Canara Bank:
Managing Director & CEO- K. Satyanarayana Raju
Headquarters- Benaluru, Karnataka
Establishment- 1906
Tagline- Together we can
- Bandhan MF renames India's first international debt ETF as "Bandhan US Treasury Bond 0-1 Year Fund of Fund"
On March 14, 2023, Bandhan Mutual Fund (MF) renamed the recently launched India's first US debt Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) '**IDFC US Treasury Bond 0-1 Year Fund of Fund**' as '**Bandhan US Treasury Bond** 0-1 Year Fund of Fund'.
- HDFC Bank & Flipkart Wholesale launch industry first co-branded credit card
On March 15, 2023, HDFC Bank and Flipkart Wholesale, the B2B (Business to Business) platform of Flipkart Group, launched an industry-first co-branded credit card exclusively for Flipkart Wholesale members.
About HDFC Bank:
MD & CEO- Sashidhar Jagdishan

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Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment- 1994

Tagline- We Understand Your World

- J&K Bank signs Corporate Agency Agreement with LIC
On 14th March 2023, Jammu and Kashmir Bank (J&K Bank) has entered into a Corporate Agency Agreement with India's largest insurer, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), to service and on-demand life insurance products through J&K Bank's branch network.
- WPI inflation slips to 25-month low of 3.85% in February 2023: Govt data
According to the "**Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices in India for the Month of February 2023 (Base Year: 2011-12)**" released by the Office of the Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) The rate of inflation based on the Price Index (WPI) came down to a 25-month low of 3.85% (provisional) in February 2023 (over February 2022) as compared to 4.73% recorded in January 2023.
- IIITDM Kurnool signs MoU with UNA Mission Group for AP and Telangana
On 15th March 2023, The Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing, Kurnool (IIITDM Kurnool) signed a general Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Association (UNA) Mission Group for Andhra Pradesh (AP) and Telangana.
- 'Young Global Leaders Class of 2023' by WEF: Six Indians grace the list, including Aditya Thackeray & Madhukeshwar Desai
World Economic Forum (WEF) has announced new members of its '**Young Global Leaders Class of 2023**' at its Forum of Young Global Leaders (YGL) and six Indians have made the list, including Aditya Thackeray, Shiv Sena leader (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray - UBT) and Madhukeshwar Desai, National Vice President, Bharatiya Janata Party Yuva Morcha (BJYM) [BJP youth wing] (who were listed under the category of public figures).
- Deepak Mohanty Appointed as the chairman of PFRDA
Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Deepak Mohanty, Whole Time Member (Economics), PFRDA) was appointed as the Chairman of PFRDA with effect from the date of assumption of charge till he attains the age of 65 years or until further orders.
About Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA):
Chairperson- Deepak Mohanty
Established in- 2003
Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi
- MS Dhoni appointed as the brand ambassador of Viacom18

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Former captain of the Indian cricket team and 4-time Indian Premier League (IPL) champion (Chennai Super Kings), Mahendra Singh Dhoni (MS Dhoni) has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Mumbai based media company Viacom18 Media Pvt Ltd.

- LIC Housing Finance Chairman MR Kumar resigns
LIC Housing Finance Limited (LIC HFL) Chairman Mangalam Ramasubramanian Kumar (**MR Kumar**) has tendered his resignation from the board of the company, with effect from his superannuation on March 13, 2023.
- CCI approves acquisition of various entities - March 14, 2023
On 14 March 2023, Competition Commission of India (CCI), the fair trade regulator, approved the following acquisitions
About the Competition Commission of India (CCI):
Acting Chairperson- Sangeeta Verma
Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi
Establishment- 14th October 2003 (Operational from 2009)
- DRDO conducted successfully Flight tests VSHORADS and PTO shaft
On March 14, 2023, The Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) conducted two consecutive successful flight tests of the Very Short Range Air Defense System (VSHORADS) missile at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha.
About Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO):
Chairman- Dr Samir V Kamat
Headquarter- New Delhi, Delhi
- World consumer rights day 2023 - March 15
World Consumer Rights Day (WCD) is celebrated to raise awareness about consumer rights and needs. WCD is celebrated every year on 15th March across the world. The day provides an opportunity to emphasize the importance of protecting consumers, promoting their rights and ensuring their access to safe and affordable products and services.
- Himachal Pradesh CM presents final supplementary budget of Rs 13,141.07 crore for 2022-23
On 14th March 2023, The Chief Minister (CM) of Himachal Pradesh (HP) Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu presented the **first and final installment of the supplementary budget for 2022-23** in the Vidhansabha (Himachal Pradesh Vidhansabha) in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
About Himachal Pradesh (HP):
Chief Minister (CM)- Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu
Governor- Shiv Pratap Shukla
Wildlife Sanctuary- Daranghati Wildlife Sanctuary; Dhauladhar Wildlife Sanctuary
Festivals- Manali Winter Carnival; Lohri or Makar Sankranti.

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- DAHD's Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2022: India's milk production up by 5.29% to 221.06 MT in FY22
Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (According to the 23rd series '**Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2022**', the annual publication of the DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (MoFAHD), India's milk production to increase to 221.06 million tonnes (MT) in the financial year 2021-22 (FY22). Stood at 209.96 MT in FY21, registering an annual growth of 5.29%.
About Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD)
Union Ministry- Pershottam Rupala (Rajya Sabha Gujarat)
Ministry of State (MoS)- Sanjeev Kumar Balyan; L. Murugan
- Five-day Yaoshang Festival celebrated in Manipur
Yaoshang Festival It is one of the major festivals of Manipur, similar to Holi, celebrated annually during the full moon of the month of Lamta of the Meitei lunar calendar.
- Skytrax world airport awards 2023: Singapore Changi Airport replaces Qatar as 'Best Airport in the World'
Singapore Changi Airport has been named the "**World's Best Airport**" in 2023 at the World Airport Awards 2023 ceremony held at the Passenger Terminal EXPO in Amsterdam, Netherlands on March 15, 2023.
About Republic of Singapore:
Prime Minister- Lee Hsien Loong
Capital- Singapore
Currency- Singapore Dollar (SGD)
- RBI, Central Bank of UAE sign MoU to enable innovation in financial products and services
On March 15, 2023, between the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the **Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates** (CBUAE) in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) to promote cooperation and facilitate innovation in financial products and services A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed.
- ICICI Bank offers 'Startup Ecosystem Banking' for Indian startups
ICICI Bank Limited (ICICI Bank) has unveiled "**Startup Ecosystem Banking**", a comprehensive suite of digital and physical solutions to meet all the banking needs of startups at various stages of development.
About the ICICI Bank Limited:
MD & CEO- Sandeep Bakhshi

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Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Establishment- 1994

- Gol and World Bank sign US\$ 500 million loan agreement to implement GNHCP in 4 states

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has launched Green National Highway with a loan assistance of US\$ 500 million against the total project cost of US\$ 1288.24 million over a total length of 781 km in four states namely Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. Briefed about the loan agreement signed between the Government of India (Gol) and the World Bank for the construction of the Corridor Project (GNHCP).

About World Bank (WB)

World Bank Group President- David Malpass

Headquarters- Washington, DC, USA

Establishment- 1944

- Go Digit General Insurance has Launched 3 new plans under the Digit Health Insurance Policy

Go Digit General Insurance under Digit Health Insurance Policy 3 new plans - 'Digit Double Wallet Plan, Digit Infinity Wallet Plan and Digit Worldwide Treatment Plan' have been launched to meet the post-pandemic health needs of the people.

- Central Banking Awards 2023: RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das named "Governor of the Year"

On 15th March 2023, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor **Shaktikanta Das** was named the "**Governor of the Year**" for 2023 by the Central Banking Awards 2023, Central Banking, an international economic research journal.

- Bengaluru honored with the 2023 Partnership for Healthy Cities Award for tobacco control efforts

Montevideo, Uruguay to **Bengaluru** (Karnataka) in the inaugural Partnership for Healthy Cities Summit to be held in London, United Kingdom (UK) on 15 March 2023; Mexico City, Mexico; Vancouver, Canada; and was awarded the 2023 Partnership for Healthy Cities Award with Athens, Greece.

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- India KR Parvati appointed as UN Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan
United Nations (UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed India's Kavilamadam Ramaswamy Parvathi (KR Parvathi) as the UN Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan with the approval of the host government.
- Li Qiang Confirmed as China's New Premier by Chinese Parliament
The National People's Congress (NPC) China's parliament has chosen **Li Qiang** as the country's new prime minister, replacing Li Keqiang, who has been in charge of the second-largest economy for the past 10 years.
- Minister of State (I/C) Rao Inderjit Singh for MoSPI publishes "Women and Men in India 2022"
The **24th** issue of the publication "**Women and Men in India 2022**" was released by Rao Inderjit Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge [I/C]) for Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MOSPI) in New Delhi.
- National Vaccination Day 2023 - March 16
National Vaccination Day, also known as National Immunization Day, is annually observed across the world on 16 March to create awareness about the importance of vaccines in human health.
- International Day Women Judges 2023 - March 10
To promote the full and equal participation of women at all levels of the judiciary, the United Nations (UN) International Day of Women Judges (IDWJ) is observed annually across the world on 10 March. The day also celebrates the progress that has been made and raises awareness of the challenges ahead.
- First ever UN's International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness - 5 March 2023
The United Nations (UN) **first -ever International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness** was observed on **5 March 2023** to promote public awareness and understanding of disarmament issues, especially among young people.
- Uttarakhand government presented a budget of Rs 77,407.08 crore for 2023-24
March 15, on 2023, Finance Minister of Uttarakhand **Premchand Aggarwal** Presented. In Bharadisain, the summer capital of the state, located in Gairsain

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tehsil of Chamoli district. A budget for FY24 with a total revenue expenditure of Rs 77,407.08 crore.

About Uttarakhand:

Chief Minister- Pushkar Singh Dhami

Governor- Gurmit Singh

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Binsar wildlife Sanctuary, Mussoorie wildlife sanctuary

Airports- Jolly Grant Airport, PantNagar Airport

- Assam FM Ajanta Neog presents of Rs 935.23 crore deficit budget for FY 2023-24
Ajanta Niyog Finance Minister of Assam (FM) has presented a **Rs 935.23 crore deficit budget** for the financial year 2023-24 (FY24) of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Assam government in the assembly, with emphasis on social security and micro Various new schemes have also been announced to promote entrepreneurship and generate employment.

About Assam-

Chief Minister- Himanta Biswa Sharma

Governor- Gulab Chand Kataria

Airports- Lilabari Airport; Silchar Airport; Tezpur Airport

- Resham Keet Bima: India's first silkworm insurance scheme launched in Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand Agriculture Minister Ganesh Joshi 'Silkworm Insurance'

Scheme started, which is India's first program for the protection of silk growers. With this launch, Uttarakhand became the first Indian state to launch the Silkworm Insurance Scheme, under which crop insurance will be provided to all farmers cultivating silkworms to produce silk.

About Uttarakhand:

Chief Minister- Pushkar Singh Dhami

Governor- Gurmit Singh

Tiger Reserves- Corbett Tiger Reserve, Rajaji Tiger Reserve

Zoological Park- Bharat Ratna Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant high altitude Zoological Park

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- DAC approves proposals worth Rs 70,500 crore for Armed Forces and ICG under Indian-IDDMM category

On March 16, 2023, the Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) approved the procurement (Indian-IDDMM (indigenous form)) for the armed forces such as the Indian Navy (IN), Indian Air Force (IAF), Indian Army (IA), and Indian Coast Guard (ICG). Design, Develop and Build}} accorded Approval of Need (AON) for capital acquisitions worth over **Rs 70,500 crore**.

About Ministry of Defence (MoD):

Union Ministry- Rajnath Singh (Constituency- Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)

Minister of State- Ajay Bhatt (Constituency- Nainital- Udham Singh nagar, Uttarakhand)

- Ministry of Ayush & MoRD sign MoU to skill rural youth & empower women
on 16 March 2023, Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH) and **Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)** under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya- Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) for AYUSH health care system for rural poor youth and Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to cooperate in developing skilled manpower by providing training to women.

- Gujarat's Barda WLS proposed as second home for Asiatic lions; 40 lions to be shifted from Gir National Park
According to a report **titled 'Lion at 2047: A vision for Amritkal'** prepared by WII), Wildlife Institute of India for Government of Gujarat **Barada Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS)** is a suitable place to relocate a population of 40 adult and sub-adult Asiatic lions from **Gir National Park (NP)**.

About Gujarat:

Chief Minister (CM)- Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel

Governor- Acharya Devvrat

Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS)- Hingolgaadh Nature Education Sanctuary; Rampura WLS

Zoological Park- Kamla Nehru Zoological Garden; Rajkot Municipal Zoo (Pradyuman Zoological Park)

- Indian Navy P-8Is participated in the 3rd edition of ASW 'Exercise SEA DRAGON 23' at Guam, USA
Indian Navy Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) AP in the third edition of EXERCISE SEA DRAGON 238I is participating with the plane. The exercise is scheduled to be held from March 15 to 30, 2023 in the waters off Guam, USA.

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- BoB, TN Govt launches co-branded debit card for 'Pudhumai Pen' scheme
March 16, 2023, Bank of Baroda (**BOB**) partnered with the Government of Tamil Nadu (TN) to offer co-branded RuPay Platinum Debit Card to the beneficiaries of the state government's '**Pudhumai Pen**' scheme.
About Bank of Baroda (BoB):
MD & CEO- Sanjiv Chandha
Headquarters- Vadodara, Gujarat (Head office), Mumbai, Maharashtra (Corporate Centre)
Establishment- 20 July 1908
Tagline- India's International Bank
- OmniCard in association with NPCI as prepaid issuer In Goes live with UPI
India's first omnichannel payment platform for end-to-end spending solutions
OmniCard has launched Unified Payments Interface (UPI) services for its users with its UPI handle @OMNI, which does not require them to link a bank account.
- SEBI grants 60 days grace to all RTAs to comply with enhanced responsibilities
On, March 10, 2023, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has mandated all '**Registrars to Issue and Share Transfer Agents** (RTAs) to comply with the enhanced responsibilities through adoption and implementation of the internal policy framework and periodic reporting requirements specified by SEBI.
- Indian economy likely to grow 6% in FY24: CRISIL
rating agencies
According to CRISIL's annual growth forecast, India's gross domestic product (GDP) will reach 6% in FY24 as compared to 7% projected by the National Statistical Office (NSO) for FY2023.
- 13th Annual Aegis Graham Bell Awards: Hello Ujjivan App Wins "Innovation In Consumer Tech"
on 15 March 2023 Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited has been awarded the '**Innovation in Consumer Tech**' award at the 13th Aegis Graham Bell Awards (AGBA) for **Hello Ujjivan App**, India's first visual-voice-vernacular banking app.
- Gianni Infantino for the third time Re-elected as FIFA President
on 16 March 2023 Gianni Infantino (52 years old) Swiss football administrator was re-elected as the President of the International Federation of Football Association FIFA – Fédération Internationale De Football Association) for the third time at the 73rd FIFA Congress held in Kigali, Rwanda.

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About Federation Internationale De Football Association (FIFA):

President- Gianni Infantino

Headquarters- Zurich, Switzerland

Established in 1904

- TCS appoints K Krithivasan as CEO Current MD and CEO Rajesh Gopinathan resigns
Tata Consultancy Services (The board of directors of TCS) has appointed K. Krithivasan as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with effect from March 16, 2023. He will be appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and CEO in the financial year 2023-24, subject to the approval of the shareholders.
- IAF inducts 'Vayulink' system to identify friendly forces in combat
Indian Armed Forces Indigenously Developed Tactical Data Link System in North-Eastern Borders of India to Identify Friendly Forces in Battle Zones, are set to incorporate the 'Vayulink' (Airlink) system.
- Z R Irani Cup 2023: Rest of India beat Madhya Pradesh to win Irani Cup
Captain Roop Singh Stadium from 1st to 5th March 2023 Rest of India cricket team captained by Mayank Agarwal defeated Madhya Pradesh, 2021-2022 Ranji Trophy Champions captained by Himanshu Mantri, in the last day of the season-ending match held at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. **Z R won Irani Cup 2022 2023 (59th edition of Irani Cup).**
- American high jumper & Olympic Gold Medalist Richard Douglas Fosbury passed away
on 12 March 2023, **Richard Douglas Fosbury** (Dick Fosbury), an American high jumper & Olympic Gold Medalist, passed away at the age of 76 in Utah, United States (USA).
- Rachna Biswat Rawat new book Wrote "Bipin: The Man Behind the Uniform"
Indian journalist and author **Rachna Biswat Rawat** has written a new book titled "**Bipin: Man Behind the Uniform**", which is the story of General Bipin Rawat's personality, his personal life and his principles. The book is published by Penguin Vir, an imprint of Penguin Random House.
- First to combat Islamophobia UN International Day 15 March 2023
United Nations to combat Islamophobia (UN) is celebrated annually across the world on 15 March.

About the United Nations:

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Secretary- General- Antonio Gutterres

Headquarters- New York, USA

Establishment- 1945

➤ **World Sleep Day 2023 - 17 March**

World Sleep Day is observed annually around the world on the Friday before the Spring Vernal Equinox to celebrate sleep and medicine.as a call to action on key issues related to sleep including education, social aspects and driving works in.

➤ **National Pharmacy Education Day 2023 - March 6**

Professor Mahadev Lal Shroff towards the establishment of pharmacy education in India.ML Shroff) (1902–1971) is celebrated as National Pharmacy Education Day across India on 6 March to recognize the contribution of Dr.

➤ **Andhra Pradesh FM presents Rs 2,79,279 crore budget for FY24**

March 16 On 22 March 2023, Andhra Pradesh (AP) Finance Minister Bugna Rajendranath presented the annual budget for the financial year 2023- 2024 (FY24) with a financial outlay of Rs 2,79,279 crore in the state assembly in Amaravati, AP. He presented the annual budget for the 5th consecutive time.

About Andhra Pradesh (AP)

Chief Minister- YS Jagan Mohan Reddy

Governor- S. Abdul Nazeel

Wildlife Sanctuary- Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary

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- Gol announces seven PM MITRA Park sites for the textile industry
On March 17, 2023, The Government of India (Gol) has launched the sites for setting up of 7 PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks for the textile industry in the states of Tamil Nadu (TN), Telangana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh (MP), Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Maharashtra.

About Ministry of Textiles:

Union Minister- Piyush Goyal (Constituency- Rajya Sabha, Maharashtra)

Minister of State (MoS)- Darshana V Jardosh (Constituency- Surat, Gujarat)

- Cabinet approves exemption to NTPC to invest beyond prescribed limit; NGEL: Approves the listing of IREDA on stock exchanges
On March 17, 2023, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved NTPC Limited to invest in NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL), a subsidiary of NTPC Limited, a Maharatna CPSE (Central Public Sector Enterprises) exempted from the existing guideline of delegation of power.

About Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA)

Chairman & Managing Director- Pradip Kumar Das

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment- 1987

- India Post Signed MoU with Shiprocket & Picker to benefit MSME and boost E-Vommerce.
on 17 March 2023 **India Post**, a government-run postal system has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with logistics aggregator firms **Shiprocket** and **Picker** to help MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) and enhance last mile e-commerce delivery services across India.
- Ministry of steel for specialty steel Signed 57 MoUs with 27 companies under PLI scheme
ministry of steel New Delhi, signed 57 Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with 27 companies covering 20 sub-categories for specialty steel under Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme worth Rs 6322 crore at an event held at Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi.
About Tata Steel Limited:
CEO & MD- T V Narendran
Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

- 'Kashi' declared as the first tourism and cultural capital of SCO
on 17 March 2023 'Kashi' has been declared as the first tourism and cultural capital of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) at the meeting of the heads of SCO tourism administration held in Kashi, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- India's Mayurbhanj, Ladakh Listed in TIME's Top 50 World's Greatest Places of 2023
India's Mayurbhanj district and union territory in Odisha, India (UT) Ladakh was listed in TIME Magazine's "**World's Greatest Places of 2023**", highlighting 50 extraordinary destinations around the world to explore.
About Ladakh:
Lieutenant Governor- Brigadier B.D. Mishra (Retired.)
Wildlife Sanctuary- Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary, Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary
River- Indus River [Origin (Mansarovar lake, Tibet)]
- VA Tech Wabag wins Rs 800 crore World Bank and AIIB Funded project in Bangladesh
Chennai (Tamil Nadu)-based VA Tech Wabag Ltd, a water technology firm, has won a **Rs 800 crore project** in Bangladesh funded by the World Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).
- BPCL appoints G Krishnakumar as Chairman and Managing Director
The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the proposal of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoP&NG) for the appointment of G Krishnakumar as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), an Oil Marketing Company (OMC).
- Ram Sahay Prasad Yadav elected Vice President of Nepal
According to the data of the Election Commission of Nepal On 17 March 2023, Janata Samajwadi Party (JSP) candidate and former Forest and Environment Minister **Ram Sahai Prasad Yadav** won the Vice Presidential election with **30,328 votes** and became the Vice President of Nepal.
About Nepal:
Prime Minister- Pushpa Kamal Dahal
Capital- Kathmandu
Currency- Nepalese Rupee

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- Deepak Bagla of Invest India Resigned from the post of MD & CEO
Indian government (GoI)'s National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency, Invest India's Managing Director (**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**), **Deepak Bagla** resigned from his post on 17th March 2023.
- Anoop Bagchi in June 2023 Will take over as CEO of ICICI Prudential Life
The Board of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited (ICICI Prudential Life) has appointed **Anoop Bagchi** who is currently serving as Executive Director (ED) has approved the appointment as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICICI Bank Limited as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (ED) for 5 years with effect from 19 June 2023.
- boAt elevates Vivek Gambhir as chairman; Co-founder Sameer Mehta named as CEO
on 16 March 2023 boAt, an electronics brand owned by Imagine Marketing Limited, promoted boAt's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) **Vivek Gambhir** to the post of President.
- Former Australia Test captain Tim Paine retires from first-class cricket
on 17 March 2023, Australia's former Test cricket captain, wicket-keeper **Timothy David Paine** (Tim Paine) (38 years old) announced his retirement from first-class cricket after the conclusion of Tasmania's Sheffield Shield first-class match against Queensland at Blundstone Arena, Australia.
- Ordnance Factory Day 2023 - 18 March
Calcutta in 1801, across India by the **Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)** on **18 March** to mark the foundation stone of the first Ordnance Factory at Cossipore near West Bengal and to honor the contribution of the Indian Ordnance Factories (IOF) in strengthening India's defense capabilities Ordnance Factory Day is celebrated.
About Ministry of Defence (MoD):
Union Minister- Raj Nath Singh (Constituency-Lucknow, Uttar-Pradesh)
Minister of State (MoS)- Ajay Bhatt (Constituency- Nainital- Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand)
About Ordnance Factories Board (OFB):
Director General Ordnance- Sanjeev Kishore
Headquarters- Kolkata, West Bengal
Establishment- 1979

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➤ 6th Global Recycling Day - 18 March 2023

Global Recycling Day is observed annually around the world on 18 March to raise awareness of the importance of recycling and encourage people to take action to reduce waste and protect the environment.

About the Bureau of International Recycling (BIR)

President- Tom Bird

Headquarters- Brussels Belgium

Establishment- 1948

➤ Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren launched 'Jharniyojan Portal' for employment registration

On March 17 2023, Jharkhand Chief Minister (CM) Hemant Soren launched a portal for employment registration named **"Jharniyojan Portal"** created by the Department of Labour, Employment, Training and Skill Development, Government of Jharkhand.

About Jharkhand:

Chief Minister (CM)- Hemant Soren

Governor- C.P. Radhakrishnan

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Palamu Wildlife Sanctuary; Palkot Wildlife Sanctuary

Zoological Park- Tata Steel Zoological Park; Bhagwan Birsa Biological Park

➤ Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot announced creation of 19 new districts, 3 new divisional headquarters

On March 17 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot announced the decision of the state government to form 19 new districts and 3 new divisional headquarters in the state.

About Rajasthan:

Governor- Kalraj Mishra

Wildlife Sanctuary- Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary, Tal Chhapar Sanctuary

Zoological Park- Nahargarh Biological Park (Jaipur Zoo), Machia Biological Park (Jodhpur Zoo)

21th March 2023

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Millets (Sri Anna) Conference 2023 in New Delhi, Delhi
On March 18, 2023, The two-day Global Millets (Sri Anna) Conference 2023 was formally inaugurated by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi at Subramaniam Hall, National Agricultural Science Complex (NASC), Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) campus, PUSA New Delhi, Delhi, to promote Bara exports from India and provide market access to producers.
About Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI):
Union Ministry- Piyush Goyal (Rajya Sanbha- Maharashtra)
Ministers of State (MoS)- Anupriya Patel; Som Parkash
- Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar visited Guyana Had bilateral meetings with Ministers of Suriname, Zambia, Mauritius and Sri Lanka
On 19th March 2023, Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar held bilateral meetings with his counterparts from various countries like Guyana, Suriname, Zambia, Mauritius and Sri Lanka, who attended the Global Millets (Sri Anna) Conference held in New Delhi, Delhi.
About Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW):
Union Minister- Narendra Singh Tomer (Constituency- Morena, Madhya Pradesh)
Minister of State- Sushri Shobha Karandlaja; Kailash Choudhary
- Hindustan Zinc Mines Becomes First Greenco Certified Mine
Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL)'s Rampura Agucha mine and Jawar group of mines have become the first Greenco certified mines. They have received Greenco Silver rating from Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for their sustainable mining operations.
- JSPL gets India's first BIS license to manufacture fire resistant steel
Jindal Steel & Power Limited (JSPL) to Raigad, has received India's first Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) license to produce India's first fire resistant steel at its Rail Mill and Special Profile Mill in Chhattisgarh.
- Water stress Will affect India's food production by 2050: GCEW report
Global Commission on the Economics of Water (According to the GCEW) report '**The What, Why and How of the World Water Crisis: Global Commission on the Economics of Water Phase 1 Review and Findings**', food supplies in India and around the world could decrease by at least 6% by 2050, Because water crisis and heat stress due to climate change will affect productivity.
- IRENA report on RE: developing countries 'attract only 15% of global renewable energy finance in 2022'
International Renewable Energy Agency (According to the report '**Global Landscape of Renewable Energy Finance, 2023**' by IRENA) and the Climate Policy Initiative (CPI), in February 2023, the developing world will account for

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only 15% of the total investment in renewable energy (RE) globally in 2022. Or attracted about US\$75 billion.

- **Women and men in india2022** : Women in India hold 35.23% accounts in SCBs with 20.07% deposits
Social Statistics Division (SSD), National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI) According to the publication, "**Women and Men in India 2022**", women in India hold 35.23% bank accounts in all Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) , but only 20.07% of the total deposits.
- RBI allows Tanzania and India to trade in national currencies through special Rupee Vostro accounts
reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) **India and Tanzania** national currencies between, has approved trade in Indian Rupee (**INR**) and Tanzanian Shilling (**TSH**), enabling authorized banks in India to open **Special Rupee Vostro Accounts** (SRVA) with correspondent banks in Tanzania, a move that Will benefit the business community.
About United Republic of Tanzania:
Prime Minister- Kassim Majaliwa
Capital- Dodoma City
Currency- Tanzanian Shilling (TSh)
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launches new guaranteed income plan 'ICICI Pru Gold'
ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited has launched '**ICICI Pru Gold**' a safety and savings oriented participating life insurance plan, which will provide the security of life cover with guaranteed regular income for whole life which can be used by customers for long term recurring financial can be done to meet the requirements.
About ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited (ICICI Prudential Life):
MD & CEO- N.S. Kannan
Establishment- 2001
Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra
- OECD raised India's FY24 growth forecast by 20 basis points to 5.9%
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has raised its growth forecast for India by 20 basis points from 5.7% to 5.9% in its latest interim outlook report '**Fragile Recovery**'.
- Income tax department launched AIS App for taxpayers
The Income Tax Department has issued an Annual Information Statements for Taxpayers to provide detailed information about each transaction to the taxpayers and to obtain their feedback. AIS) application has been launched.

- **Tennis :BNP Paribas Open 2023:** Carlos Alcaraz won the singles title and regained the world No. 1 ranking
indian wellsCarlos Alcaraz (19 years) of Spain defeated Daniil Medvedev (27 years) of Russia in the BNP Paribas Open 2023 (also known as Indian Wells Masters) held at , California, United States (USA) in 6- 3 6-2 to win the men's singles title and regained the world No. 1 rank in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) rankings, which he lost to Novak Djokovic (Serbia) in January 2023.
- **Formula1: Sergio Perez of Red Bull wins Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2023**
On 19th March 2023, **Sergio Pérez** (33 years old) of Red Bull, Mexican racing driver, won the Formula 1 (F1) Saudi Telecommunication Company (STC) Saudi Arabian Grand Prix with 25 points at Jeddah Corniche Circuit, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia 2023 won.
- **Noted british writer& Historian Patrick French passed away**
British writer **Patrick French**, historian and educationist, passed away at the age of 57 in London, United Kingdom (UK).
- **International happiness day2023 - March 20**
United Nations (UN) International Day of Happiness is observed annually on 20 March worldwide to recognize happiness, a fundamental goal of human beings, and to highlight its importance in the lives of people around the world.
- **World sparrow day2023 - March 20**
To create awareness about the importance of Gauraiya or Common House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) and to promote efforts towards their conservationWorld Sparrow Day (WSD) is observed across the world on 20 March.
- **World oral health day2023 - March 20**
To create awareness about the importance of oral health **March 20** around the world on World Oral Health Day (**WOHD**) is celebrated. The day is celebrated to encourage people to practice excellent oral hygiene, take care of their teeth and educate them on how to avoid dental problems.
- **World Theater Day for Children and Youth2023 - March 20**
World Theater Day for Children and Youth is celebrated annually to draw the attention of the wider public to the art of theater for children and youth. It is celebrated all over the world on 20 March.

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