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> PM Inaugurates & Lays Foundation Stone of Multiple Development Projects in Shivamogga and Belagavi, Karnataka.

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated numerous development projects totaling more than Rs. 3,600 crore at Shivamogga, Karnataka.

He also inaugurated the Shivamogga Airport, a new airport built at a cost of around Rs. 450 crore.

About Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)

Established - 1988

Director General - Magesh Ethirajan

➤ India's 1st Container Feeder Service launched Between Chennai-Puducherry ports; Hope Seven flagged off from Chennai.

The container feeder ship, Hope Seven, with a container capacity of 106 Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs), was flagged off by service between Chennai and Pondicherry ports flagged off by Sunil Paliwal, Chairman of Chennai Port Trust at D P World Terminal at the Chennai Port.

About Puducherry:

Chief Minister- N. Rangasamy

Governor- Tamilisai Soundararajan

Airport- Puducherry Airport

Bird Sanctuary- Oussudu Lake Bird Sanctuary

About Tamil Nadu:

Chief Minister- MK Stalin

Governor- R. N. Ravi

National Park- Mukurthi National Park; Mudumalai National Park
Wildlife Sanctuary- Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary; Point Calimere Wildlife
Sanctuary

➤ Govt approves 2,880-MW Dibang MPP in AP with investment of \$3.9 billion. The 2,880-megawatt (MW) Dibang Multipurpose Project (MPP) in Arunachal Pradesh (AP), the largest ever hydropower project, has got approval from the Government of India with the investment of Rs 319 billion (\$3.9 billion) to meet the power demand.

The project which is bordering China will be developed by NHPC Limited.

About NHPC Limited:

Headquarters - Faridabad, Haryana

Establishment - 1975

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) [additional charge] - Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi

➤ Government launches GAC Portal for Social Media Complaints.

Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State (MoS), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched the Grievance Appellate Committee



(GAC) portal, a dispute resolution mechanism, to ensure accountability of social media platforms to their users.

- Australia's Deakin University set to become the 1st Foreign University to have Campus in India.
- ➤ Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, inaugurated a 2-day Chintan Shivir on "Drugs: Quality Regulations & Enforcement", which was held on 26th and 27th February 2023 at Kanha Shanti Vanam in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- 2022 Best FIFA Football Awards: Argentina's Lionel Messi & Spain's Alexia Putellas Named Players of the Year. Fédération Internationale De Football Association (FIFA announced the winners of the 2022 Best FIFA Football Awards. Argentina and Paris St-Germain forward Lionel Messi was named Best FIFA Men's player and Spains midfielder Alexia Putellas was named Best FIFA Women's player at the 2022 Best FIFA Football Awards ceremony held in Paris, France.
- Former Bureaucrat Shailesh Pathak appointed as FICCI Secretary General. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), India's apex business chamber, announced the appointment of Shailesh Pathak as the new Secretary General of FICCI Shailesh Pathak succeeds Dilip Chenoy.

About the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI):

President- Subhrakant Panda

Director General- Arun Chawla

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment- 1927

- PepsiCo appoints Ranveer Singh as Brand Ambassador.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted the flight acceptance hot test of the CE-20 cryogenic engine that will power the Cryogenic Upper Stage of the LVM3 (Launch Vehicle Mark-3) for the Chandrayaan-3 Mission at the ISRO Propulsion Complex in Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli district in Tamil Nadu(TN).

About Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO):

Chairman- Dr S Somanath

Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka

- National Science Day 2023 February 28.
 National Science Day 2023 is observed on 28th February 2023 under the theme "Global Science for Global Wellbeing".
- ➤ Rare Disease Day 2023 February 28.

 The theme of Rare Disease Day 2023 is "Share Your Colours". This is the continuation of the 2022 theme.

2nd March 2023



➤ GST Council agreed to reduce GST rates for Pencil Sharpeners, Jaggery and Examination Institutions.

GST rate on pencil sharpeners has been reduced to 12% from 18% earlier, with effect from March 1, 2023.

Jaggery will attract GST at the rate of 5% from 18% earlier..

Wildlife Board approves IAF Mountain Radar in Ladakh.

The National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) has approved the installation of the Indian Air Force's (IAF) Mountain Radar in Ladakh, close to the proposed new IAF base.

About Indian Air Force:

Chief of the Air Staff- Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment- 1932

Uttarakhand to set up India's 1st government mother milk bank.

About Uttarakhand:

Chief Minister- Pushkar Singh Dhami

Governor- Gurmit Singh

National Park- Govind National Park; Jim Corbett National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary- Askot wildlife sanctuary; Sonanadi wildlife sanctuary

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launches Vaibhav Fellowships Scheme for Indian Diaspora abroad

On the occasion of National Science Day (28th February 2023), Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of Science and Technology, launched the Vaibhav Fellowship Scheme for Indian Diaspora abroad.

- ➤ Brand Finance Telecoms 150 2023: Reliance Jio becomes World's 2nd Strongest Telecom Brand; Swisscom Tops.
- ➤ ADB to fund Rs 1,311.20 cr Tourism Projects in Himachal Pradesh.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has agreed in principle to provide Rs 1,311.20 crore under Phase-1 of the proposed Infrastructure Development Investment Programme in Himachal Pradesh (HP).

About Asian Development Bank (ADB):

President - Masatsugu Asakawa

Headquarters - Manila, Philippines

Establishment - 1966



➤ Moody's Global Macro Outlook 2023-24 (February 2023 Update): India's growth forecast hiked to 5.5% for 2023; Global economic to slow in 2023.

About Moody's Investors Service (MIS):

President - Michael West

Headquarters - New York, United States (US)

- ➤ Government of India was honoured with the "Government Leadership Award 2023" GSMA's 2023 Global Mobile (GLOMO) Awards at the Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2023 held in Barcelona, Spain.
- ➤ Hindi writer Vinod Kumar Shukla wins PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International Literature.
- Zero Discrimination Day 2023 March 1.
 Zero Discrimination Day 2023 is observed on 1st March 2023 under the theme "Save lives: Decriminalise".
- ➤ World Civil Defence Day March 1 2023.

 The theme of World Civil Defence Day 2023 is "The Role of Information Technology in Risk Assessment".
- ➤ 47th Civil Accounts Day 1st March 2023.
- ➤ Bihar FM Vijay Kumar Choudhary Presented Rs. 2.61 lakh crore Budget for FY24. About Bihar:

Chief Minister - Nitish Kumar

Wildlife Sanctuary - Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary, Rajgir Wildlife Sanctuary



3rd March 2023

- ▶ Indian Navy's INS Sumedha Participates in 'NAVDEX 23' & 'IDEX 23"
 Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sumedha of the Indian Navy participated in two important regional naval and defence exhibitions: IDEX 23 (International Defense Exhibition) and NAVDEX 23 (Naval Defense Exhibition 23) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), both of which were held in Abu Dhabi, UAE, from February 20 to 24, 2023.
- ➤ HP CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launches UPI E- Services for Kangra Central Cooperative Bank
 On 1st March 2023, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the Chief Minister (CM) of Himachal Pradesh (HP), launched Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and 'Swadhan-e-pension-Gov' services for Kangra Central Cooperative Bank
- Indian-origin Computer Scientist Hari Balakrishnan awarded the 2023 Marconi Prize Marconi Society has awarded Hari Balakrishnan, an Indian-born Computer scientist, with the 2023 Marconi Prize for his fundamental discoveries in wired and wireless networking, mobile sensing, and distributed systems.
- Vietnam's National Assembly elects Vo Van Thuong as new President of Vietnam On 2nd March 2023, The National Assembly (NA) of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam elected Vo Van Thuong(Võ Văn Thưởng) (52 years old), a member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Vietnam, as the new President of Vietnam for a term running until 2026.
- NASA & SpaceX Launched Crew-6 With First Arab Astronaut to ISS On 2nd March 2023, SpaceX launched its Crew-6 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) with 4 astronauts on board reusable **SpaceX Dragon spacecraft on a Falcon 9 rocket** from the NASA(National Aeronautics and Space Administration)'s Kennedy Space Center in Florida, United States of America (USA).
- ➤ Padma Bhushan Awardee & Former Diplomat Chandrashekhar Dasgupta Passed Away
 On 2nd March 2023, Chandrashekhar Dasgupta, a former Indian diplomat and the Padma Bhushan Awardee (2008), passed away at the age of 82.
- ➤ Short Stories collection "The Book of Bihari Literature" by Abhay K released at GTRI 3.0 in Patna
 On 27th February 2023, Samir Kumar Mahaseth, Bihar Minister of Industry, released a book titled "The Book of Bihari Literature", edited by Abhay Kumar, an Indian poet-diplomat, during Grand Trunk Road Initiatives 3.0(GTRI 3.0) held from 25th to 26th February 2023 in Patna, Bihar.



➤ Madhya Pradesh govt presents Green Budget of Rs 3.14 lakh crore for FY24

On March 1, 2023, the Finance Minister of Madhya Pradesh (MP) **Jadgish Devda** presented a green budget of Rs 3,14,025 crore for 2023-24 of MP. This is an increase of 12.5% from FY22's budget of Rs. 2,79,237 crore. It is expected to have higher revenue growth of 16%.

About Madhya Pradesh (MP):

Chief Minister (CM)- Shivraj Singh Chauhan

Governor- Mangubhai C. Patel

Tiger Reserves- Kanha Tiger Reserve, Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Panna Tiger Reserve

TN signs MoU with UNEP to implement Urban Cooling Programme in Tamil Nadu On 1st March 2023, the Tamil Nadu (TN) Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to develop a comprehensive **Urban Cooling programme** in Tamil Nadu to meet the objectives under the TN State Action Plan on Climate Change.

About Tamil Nadu:

Chief Minister (CM)- MK Stalin

Governor- R.N. Ravi

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary; Kalakad Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserve- Kalakad Mundantuurai Tiger Reserve; Anamalai Tiger Reserve **About the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**:

Executive Director- Inger Andersen

Headquarters- Nairobi, Kenya

Establishement- 1972







➤ Overview of the Visit of Denmark Crown Prince Frederik André Henrik Christian and Crown Princess Mary Elizabeth to India - February 27 to March 2, 2023.

About Denmark:

Capital - Copenhagen

Currency - Danish Krone

Prime minister - Mette Frederiksen

➤ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog organized a hybrid hackathon, called 'LIFEathon' to promote sustainable living and climate-positive behavior by creating a pro-planet network.

About United Nations Development Programme (UNDP):

Administrator- Achim Steiner

Headquarters- New York, United States

Establishment- 1966

According to the latest World Trade Organization (WTO) Goods Trade Barometer issued on March 1, 2023, World merchandise trade growth is likely to have lost momentum in the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2022 and it is likely to remain weak in the first quarter (Q1) of 2023.

The overall barometer index has declined to 92.2 (Index value December 2022), down from 96.2 in the previous release (November 2022).

About World Trade Organization (WTO):

Director-General- Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Establishment- 1995

Membership- 164 members

➤ The second ILO-UNICEF (International Labour Organization - United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) joint report on social protection for children titled 'More than a billion reasons: The urgent need to build universal social protection for children' was released on March 01, 2023.

About International Labor Organization (ILO):

Director-General - Gilbert Fossoun Houngbo

Headquarters - Geneva, Switzerland

Establishment - 1919

Members - 187 Member States

- ➤ SBI completes 1st Commercial Trade in Sri Lankan Rupees.
- ➤ India's Health Ministry receives Porter Prize 2023 for Successfully Managing Covid-19.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India was conferred with the Porter Prize 2023 in recognition of its efforts in health sector and especially COVID-19 management.



- ➤ Jishnu Barua, a former Chief Secretary of Assam, has been appointed the new Chairperson of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), a key regulator of the power sector under the Ministry of Power.
- ➤ Bola Tinubu Wins Nigeria's Presidential Election 2023

 Bola Tinubu, the Presidential candidate of Nigeria's ruling All Progressives

 Congress (APC), was proclaimed the winner of the 2023 presidential election.

 About Nigeria:

President - Muhammadu Buhari

Capital – Abuja

Currency - Nigerian Naira (NGN)

- ➤ IPS officer Rashmi Shukla appointed Director-General of Sashastra Seema Bal.
- Researchers Confirmed 5th New Layer of Earth: Innermost Inner Core. In a new study published in Nature Communication on 21st February 2023 by Thanh-Son Phạm and Hrvoje Tkalčić, the researchers have confirmed the existence of a 5th new layer the innermost inner core, which lies at the Earth's centre within the inner core.
- Former CJI Aziz Mushabber Ahmadi Passes Away.
- ➤ World Wildlife Day 2023 March 3.

 The United Nations(UN)'s World Wildlife Day(WWD) is annually observed across the globe on 3rd March to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild fauna and flora.3rd March 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora).

The theme of WWD 2023 is "Partnerships for wildlife conservation".

➤ World Hearing Day 2023 - March 3. World Hearing Day 2023 is observed on 3rd March 2023 under the theme "Ear and hearing care for all! Let's make it a reality".

About the World Health Organisation (WHO):

Director General- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

Establishment- 1948

First Ever "World Seagrass Day" observed on 1 March 2023.

About the United Nations (UN):

Secretary-General- António Guterres

Headquarters- New York, USA

Establishment- 1945





MoA&FW approves the launch of IFFCO's nano DAP fertilizer.
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) approved the launch of
Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited's (IFFCO) nano DAP (Di-Ammonium
Phosphate) fertilizer in the market.

About Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO):

Chairman- Dileep Sanghani

Managing Director & CEO- US Awasthi

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

- V-Dem's Democracy Report 2023: India Ranks 108th on EDI & 97th on LDI.
 According to the V-Dem (Varieties of Democracy) Institute's report titled,
 "Democracy Report 2023: Defiance in the Face of Autocratization," India has been ranked 97th in the Liberal Democracy Index (LDI) (2022) and 108th in the Electoral Democracy Index (EDI) (2022).
- ➤ JICA Signs Japanese ODA Loan Agreements with GoI to Provide Support for Healthcare & Urban Infrastructure.

 The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed loan agreements with the Government of India (GoI) in Delhi to offer Japanese Official Development Assistance ODA loans totaling 40,673 million yen for the following two projects: Mumbai Trans-Harbour Link Project (III) (Loan Amount: 30,755 Million Yen)

 Project for Establishing a State Super-Specialty Cancer and Research Center in Mizoram, with 164 beds (Loan Amount: 9,918 Million Yen)
- ➤ 1st Privately Manufactured Indigenized Fuze YDB-60 by EEL Handed Over to IN, A private manufacturer M/s Economic Explosives Limited (EEL), Nagpur (Maharashtra) handed over the fully indigenized fuze YDB-60 to India Navy (IN) for RGB-60 (Rocket Guided Bomb model-60), underwater Anti Submarine Warfare (ASW) rocket used from major warships.



- Former ASG & Union Minister Satyabrata Mookherjee Passed Away.
- ➤ National Security Day 2023 March 4.
- ➤ World Day of Fight Against Sexual Exploitation 2023 March 4.
- 52nd National Safety Day 4 March 2023; 52nd National Safety Week 4th to 10th March 2023

The theme of National Safety Day/ Week Campaign 2023 is "Our Aim – Zero Harm".

World Obesity Day 2023 - March 4.

About World Obesity Federation:

President- Prof. Louise Baur

Headquarters- London, United Kingdom

➤ Jharkhand FM Rameshwar Oraon Unveils Rs. 1,16,418 Crore Budget for FY24.

About Jharkhand:

Chief Minister - Hemant Soren

Governor - C.P. Radhakrishnan

Wildlife Sanctuary - Mahuadanr Wildlife Sanctuary; Koderma Wildlife Sanctuary





7th March 2023

➤ Power Minister RK Singh launches SADUN to Modernize Power Distribution Utilities in South Asia.

The Union Minister Raj Kumar (RK) Singh, Ministry of Power launched the South Asia Distribution Utility Network (SADUN) to modernize distribution of utilities in South Asia via knowledge sharing among the region's discoms (Distribution Companies), and to enable utility-to-utility (U2U) connect.

➤ India and Mexico signed MoU on Research, Technology & Innovation in New Delhi. **About Mexico**:

President- Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador

Capital- Mexico City

Currency- Mexican Peso

- President of India Confers 'Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023'; Launches "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch The Rain" 2023.
 - Droupadi Murmu, President of India, conferred the 'Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023' under several categories of the Swachh Bharat Mission—Grameen (SBM-G), Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), and National Water Mission (NWM) in New Delhi, Delhi. About Ministry of Jal Shakti:

Union Minister – Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Jodhpur Constituency, Rajasthan) **Minister of State (MoS) –** Prahlad Singh Patel; Bishweswar Tudu

- World's 1st 200-meter-long Bamboo Crash Barrier "Bahu Balli" installed on the Vani-Warora Highway, Maharashtra
 The world's first 200-meter-long Bamboo Crash Barrier named "Bahu Balli" has been installed on the Vani-Warora Highway in Vidarbha, Maharashtra.
- Dr Mansukh Mandaviya unveils "India's Vaccine Growth Story" by Sajjan Singh Yadav at World Book Fair 2023
 Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, released the book "India's Vaccine Growth Story From Cowpox to Vaccine Maitri" authored by Sajjan Singh Yadav.
- ➤ INS Trikand Participates in IMX/CE-23; Indian Navy's 1st IMX participation Indian Navy Ship (INS) Trikand is participating in the International Maritime Exercise/ Cutlass Express 2023 (IMX/CE-23) being held in the Gulf region
- UN Member States Agreed on Treaty to protect marine biodiversity: 'High Seas Treaty'.
 United Nations members agreed on a legally binding ocean treaty 'High Seas Treaty' to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity that lie outside the national boundaries (i.e. the international waters).
- ➤ BBC honoured Indian Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu with BBC ISWOTY 2022 Award. Indian Weightlifter, Padma Shri Saikhom Mirabai Chanu, who became the 1st Indian weightlifter to win the silver medal at Tokyo Olympic Games, has won the



4th edition of the "British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Indian Sportswoman Of The Year (ISWOTY) 2022".

About the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC):

Director-General- Timothy Douglas Davie

Headquarters- London, the United Kingdom (UK)

Establishment- 1922

Crown Prince of Kuwait re-appointed Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Sabah as Prime Minister.

About Kuwait:

Prime Minister- Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Sabah

Currency- Kuwaiti dinar

Capital- Kuwait City

- India Navy (IN) successfully test fired the Ship launched version of the BrahMos supersonic missile in the Arabian Sea. The test was carried out from a Kolkataclass guided missile destroyer warship.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) received the third squadron of the S-400 `Triumf' Surface-to-air defence missile system from Russia which will be deployed along the western sector, bordering Pakistan.
- Formula 1: Red Bull's Max Verstappen wins 2023 Bahrain Grand Prix.
- Mohiniyattam exponent & Padma Awardee Dr Kanak Yatindra Rele Passed Away
- TN Governor R.N. Ravi released 2 Books by Prof.B.Dharmalingam R.N. Ravi, Governor of Tamil Nadu (TN), released Tamil versions of 2 books "Pandit. Deendayal Upadhyaya: Dispersions of Thought" and "Pandit. Deendayal Upadhyaya: Integral Humanism" authored by Professor B. Dharmalingam.
- MP launches Ladli Bahna Yojana to make Women Financially Independent. The state Government of Madhya Pradesh (MP) has launched a scheme namely 'Mukhyamantri Ladli Bahna Yojana' at Jamboree Maidan Bhopal (MP) under which each native woman of 23-60 years will be given Rs 1000 per month.
- Odisha CM unveils Biju Patnaik's Dakota aircraft for public viewing in Bhubaneswar Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister of Odisha unveiled former CM of Odisha Biju Patnaik's iconic "Dakota" DC3 (AT-AUI) aircraft for public display at Biju Patnaik International Airport Bhubaneswar

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