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22th March 2023



PM Narendra Modi, Sheikh Hasina Inaugurated the first cross-border energy pipeline IBFP between India and Bangladesh On March 18, 2023, The Prime Minister(PM) of India, Narendra Modi and PM Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh jointly inaugurated (virtually) the 131.5 kilometer long India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFP), which is the first-ever connectivity between India and Bangladesh. Cross border energy pipeline. This is the second cross-border energy pipeline between India and its neighboring country.

- L20 Adopts joint statement at Its founding meeting in Amritsar, Punjab The Labor-20 (L20) Engagement Group of the G20 (Group of Twenty) adopted two joint statements as the end result of two days of discussions at its founding meeting in Amritsar, Punjab as part of India's G20 Presidency.
- Pakhala Day 2023 celebrated in Odisha on March 20 On 20 March 2023, Pakhala Day (Pakhla Day) was celebrated in Odisha. The day is celebrated annually across the world where people eat Pakhala (also known as Dahi Pakhala), a traditional Odia dish, on 20 March.
- MoF Monthly Economic Review, February 2023: India's GDP to Grow at 7% in FY23; Inflation will be Moderate According to the "Monthly Economic Review February 2023" published by the Finance Ministry MoF), the Indian economy is projected to grow at 7% in the financial year 2022-2023 (FY23) despite global challenges.
- Music Academy Awards 2023: Padma Shri Awardee Bombay Jayashri honored with for Sangeeta Kalanidhi Award 2023
 Bombay Jayashri Padma Shri Awardee (2021) and Carnatic vocalist have been selected for the Sangeetha Kalanidhi Award 2023, the highest accolate in the field of Carnatic music, of the Music Akademi Awards.
- Hero ISL 2022-2023: ATK Mohun Bagan beats Bengaluru FC and won its Ist ISL title

On 18th March 2023, ATK Mohun Bagan (ATKMB) Football Club (FC) captained by Pritam Kotal, captained Sunil Chhetri in the final of Hero Indian Super League ((ISL) 2022-23 held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Margoa, Goa Wally won their maiden Indian Super League (ISL) title by defeating Bengaluru FC.



2023 Taoyuan Archery Asia Cup Stage I: India tops medal tally with 10 medals

The **Indian archers' team** topped the **2023 Taoyuan Archery Asia Cup Stage I** medal tally with **10 medals** – five gold, four silver and one bronze. The 2023 Taoyuan Archery Asia Cup Stage I was held from 14 March 2023 to 19 March 2023 in Taoyuan, Chinese Taipei.

- Anurag Behar authors the New book "A Matter of the Heart Education in India" Chief Executive Officer, Azim Premji Foundation (CEO) and Founding Vice-Chancellor of Azim Premji University Anurag Behar has written a new book titled "A Matter of the Heart Education in India", It is a travel book that narrates the experiences of Anurag Behar's work at Azim Premji Foundation, A compilation of all his columns.
- Shrimant Kokate's first book in English "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj" released Popular Marathi writer and historianShrimant Kokate's first book in English, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (illustrated) was released.
- UN French Language Day 2023 20 March
 United Nations (UN)'s French Language Day is annually observed on 20 March around the world to celebrate French multilingualism and cultural diversity.
 About the United Nations (UN):
 Secretary- General- Antonio Guterres
 Headquarters- New York, USA
 Establishment- 1945
- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2023 21 March Every year on March 21, the United Nations (UN) International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is celebrated.
 About United Nations Human Rights Office (UNHRO): High Commissioner- Volker Turk (Austria) Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland
- World Poetry Day 2023 March 21

United Nations (UN's World Poetry Day poetry readings, to writeIt is celebrated across the world on **21 March** every year to promote publishing and teaching. The day celebrates one of humanity's most treasured forms of cultural and linguistic expression and identity.



About the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO): Director-General- Audrey Azoulay Headquarters- Paris, France Establishment-1945 Members- 193 Members and 11 Associate Members

- World Down Syndrome Day 21 March 2023 United Nations (UN) World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) is observed worldwide on 21 March to create awareness about Down syndrome and advocate for the rights, inclusion and well-being of people with Down syndrome.
- TN govt presents Budget for 2023 2024: Revenue Deficit reduced to Rs 30,000 crore

On March 20 2023, Finance Minister of Tamil Nadu (TN) Palanivel Thiyaga Rajan presented the TN state budget for 2023–2024-(FY24). He added that due to the reform initiatives in TN, the annual revenue deficit is expected to come down from around Rs 62,000 crore to Rs 30,000 crore in the revised estimates for FY23.

About Tamil Nad<mark>u (</mark>TN):

Chief Minister- Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin

Governor- Ravindra Narayana Ravi

Wildlife Sanctuary- Vallanadu Black Buck Sanctuary, Grizzled Giant Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Reserve- Mudumalai Tiger Reserve; Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve





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AFINDEX-2023: 2nd edition of Africa- India Field Training Exercise Commences at Pune

Africa-India Field Training Exercise between India and 23 African countries (The second edition of AFINDEX -2023) commenced on March 21, 2023 at the Foreign Training Node at Aundh, Pune, Maharashtra for the training of the participating teams.

> Visit of japan's PM Fumio Kishida to India - March 20-21, 2023

On March 19-21 2023, Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister (PM) of Japan paid a two-day visit to India held the 'Japan - India Summit 2023' with PM Narendra Modi to discuss ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation in a number of areas, including defense and security, trade and investment and high technology.

About Japan: Prime Minister- Fumio Kishida Capital- Tokyo Currency- Japanese Yen

Kroll Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2022: Ranveer Singh tops in Brand value

According to Kroll's latest report titled "Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2022: Beyond the Mainstream", Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh surpassed Indian cricketer Virat Kohli to become India's most valuable (1st position) celebrity with a brand value of USD 181.7 million.

INS Androth: Second ship of ASW SWC launched in Kolkata
 On March 21, 2023, Indian Naval Ship (INS) Androth, the second in the series of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), was launched in Kolkata, West Bengal.
 About Indian Navy:

Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)- Admiral R Hari Kumar **Headquartes-** New Delhi, Delhi **Founder-** 26 January 1950

Overview of YONEX All England Open Badminton Championship 2023 The YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships 2023 (2023 All England Open), was held at Utilita Arena Birmingham, United Kingdom (UK) from March 14-19, 2023.



Two-Time MVC recipient Wing Commander Jag Mohan Nath passed away

On 21 March 2023 two-time Maha Vir Chakra (MVC) recipient Wing Commander Jag Mohan Nath (JM Nath), Indian Air Force (IAF) veteran who flew numerous reconnaissance sorties over Tibet and Pakistan in his Canberra aircraft in the 1962 and 1965 wars passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- World Water Day 2023 March 22 United Nations (UN's World Water Day (WWD) is observed annually across the globe on 22 March to create awareness and inspire action against water and sanitation crises around the world.
- International Day of Forests 2023 March 21

United Nations (UN) International Day of Forests is observed annually across the globe on March 21 to raise awareness about the importance of all types of forests.

About the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO): Director-General- QU Dongyu Headquarters- Rome, Italy Establishment- 1945 Member States- 194 member states About the United Nations (UN): Secretary- General-Antonio Guterres Headquarters- New York, USA Eastablishment- 1945

International Day of Nowruz 2023 - March 21

United Nations (UN) **International Nowruz Day** is observed annually on **21 March** to promote the celebration of Nowruz, the which promotes values of peace and solidarity between generations and within families as well as reconciliation and neighborhood.

 World Puppeteer Day 2023 - March 21
 World Puppetry Day (WPD) in annually observed accross the globe on March 21 to recognize puppetry as a global art form.
 About the Union Internationable de la Marionnette (UNIMA): President- Karen Smith
 Headquarters- Charleville- Mezieres, France
 Establishment- 1929



HP govt signs MoU with French Agency to improve drinking water, sanitation

On March 21, 2023, Himachal Pradesh (HP) Government (Govt) signed a Memorandum of Unaderstanding MoU with French development agency – Agence Francaise de Development (AFD) for a Rs 817.12 crore project to improve drinking water and sanitation services in five towns of the state. (MOU) was signed.

About Himachal Pradesh (HP): Chief Minister (CM)- Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu Governor- Shiv Pratap Shukla WildLife Sanctuary- Gamgul- Siyabehi Wildlife Sanctuary, Kais Wildlie Sanctuary Festival- Halda, Phagli

Delhi FM Kailash Gehlot presented Rs 78,800 crore Budget for FY24
 Kailash Gehlot, Finance Minister (FM) of Union Territory (UT) of Delhi presented a Rs 78,800 crore budget in the Delhi Assembly for the financial year 2023-24 (FY24) dedicated to a clean, beautiful and modern Delhi.
 About the Union Territory (UT) of Delhi:

Chief Minister (CM)- Arvind Kejriwal **Lieutenant Governor-** Vinai Kumar Saxena **Wildlife Sanctuary-** Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary **Zoological Park-** National Zoological Park

Samunnati signed MoU with MP Government to Promote Sustainable Agri Practices

On 18th March 2023, **Samunnati**, India's largest agri enterprise, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Madhya Pradesh (MP), Government, facilitated by Heartfulness Institute, Hyderabad, Telangana.

24th March 2023



 Center signs MoU with TN government for setting up India's 1st PM MITRA park in Varudhunagar
 On March 2022, the Central Covernment signed a Memorandum of

On March 2023, the Central Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tamil Nadu (TN) Government to establish India's first PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park in Virudhunagar district, TN.

About Tamil Nadu

Governor- R.N. Ravi

Chief Minster- M K Stalin

Wild Life Sanctuary- Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Sathyaman galam Wildlife Sanctuary

Tiger Resarve- Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve

President of India visits Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Lakshadweep: 16 to 21 March 2023

Draupadi Murmu, President of India visited Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Lakshadweep between the 16th and 21st March 2023.

About Kelara:

Chief Minister- Pinarayi Vijayan Governor- Arif Mohammad Khan Wildlife Sanctuary- Krimpuzha Wildlife Sanctuary; Kurinjimala Sanctuary Zoological Park- Thiruyananthapuram Zoological Park; Thrissur Zoo & Museum

- QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023: IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi among top 50 Engineering institutes
 Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, (Mumbai, Maharashtra) and IIT-Delhi (New Delhi, Delhi) are featured among the top 50 in the subject of Engineering and technology in the QS (Quaccarelli Symonds) World University Rankings by Subject 2023.
- M3M Hurun Global Rich List for 2023: Gautam Adani Slips 11 Ranks & became 23rd Among Global billionaires; Bernard Arnault to LVMH tops 2023

According to the M3M Hurun Global Rich List released by Hurun India and M3M, India Gautam Adani, has dropped 11 places to 23rd position among the global billionaires.



- Exostoma Occlusion : ZSI scientists discover a New catfish species in Arunachal Pradesh Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) scientists have discovered a new species of sicosaurid catfish named "Exostoma dhriti" in Siking stream, a tributary of Siang river in Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Australia tour of India 2022,2023: India hosted 3 0DI & 4 Test The Australia cricket team played a 4 match Border–Gavaskar Trophy Test series and 3 One Day Internationals (ODIs) from 9 February 2023 to 22 March 2023.
- Germany's World Cup winning Footballer Mesut Ozil retires from football on 22 March 2023, former German football player and 2014 World Cup winner Mesut Özil, currently playing for Turkish football club İstanbul Başaksehir Futbol Kulübü, announced his retirement from football at the age of 34.
- Veteran journalist & Padma Shri awardee Abhay Chhajlani passed away
 On 23 March 2023, Abhay Chhajlani Veteran journalist and Padma Shri awardee
 (2009) passed away at the age of 88 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh (MP).
- World Meteorological Day 23 March 2023
 United Nations (UN's World Meteorological Day (WMD) is observed annually on 23 March worldwide to spread awareness about the behavior of the Earth's atmosphere and to emphasize the role of individuals and their actions in protecting the Earth's atmosphere.

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- Navies of India UK hold Bilateral Maritime Exercise 'Konkan 2023'
 Konkan 2023, the annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy (IN) of India and the Royal Navy of the United Kingdom (UK) was conducted off the Konkan coast in the Arabian Sea from 20 to 22 March 2023.
- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurates 'Sagar Manthan the Real- time performance monitoring dashboard 'MoPSW On March 23, 2023, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) launched 'Sagar Manthan', a real-time performance monitoring dashboard of MoPSW in New Delhi, Delhi.
- Multi-domain Air-Land Exercise Vayu Prahar was jointly conducted by Indian Army and Air Force

The Indian Army and Indian Air Force (IAF) Jointly conducted a multi-domain 96-hour air-land exercise "Vayu Prahar" along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Eastern Command during the second week of March 2023.

Egypt Becomes a member of BRICS New Development Bank On March 22, 2023, The Afro-Arab nation, Egypt became a member of the New Development Bank (NDB), formerly called the BRICS Development Bank, a financial institution established by the BRICS states (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa).

About New Development Bank (NDB): President- Dilma Rousseff Headquarter-Shanghai, China Establishment-2015

Narendra Singh Tomar Launched NCIP's DigiClaim Module for Fast Settlement of Crop insurance Claims

On March 23, 2023 Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), launched the National Crop Insurance Portal (National Crop Insurance Portal) under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, Delhi for faster settlement of crop insurance claims. (NCIP) launched the digitized claim settlement module 'DigiClaim'.



"Haeil": North Korea tests nuclear drone capable of generating "radioactive tsunami"

North Korea has tested a nuclear-capable underwater drone known as "hail" (a Korean word for tidal waves or tsunami), a first of its kind weapon capable of generating a massive radioactive tsunami that could destroy Naval Strike Groups and ports.

- Bollywood director & writer Pradeep Sarkar passed away on 24 March 2023 Bollywood director and writer Pradeep Sarkar, best known for making films like "Parineeta" (2005) and "Mardaani" (2014), passed away at the age of 67 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- World Tuberculosis Day 2023 March 24
 World Tuberculosis Day is annually observed around the world on 24 March to create awareness about the devastating health, social and economic consequences of TB and efforts to end the global TB epidemic.
 About World Health Organisation (WHO):
 Director- General- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.
 Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland
 Established in 1948
- International Day for the Right to Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims 2023 – March24

United Nations (UN) The International Day for the Right to the Truth Relating to Gross Human Rights Violations and the Dignity of Victims is observed annually on 24 March in memory of the human rights activist St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero, who on 24 March 1980 documented human rights violations of the most vulnerable in El Salvador. He was murdered after being condemned.

About the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) High Commissioner- Volker Turk Headquarters-Geneva, Switzerland Establishment- 1993

> Shadeed Diwas or Martyrs' Day 2023- March 23

Shaheed Diwas, also known as Martyrs' Day, Bhagat Singh on March 23 in India, is celebrated to pay tribute to Shivram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar, who were hanged in 1931 at the Central Jail in Lahore (now in Pakistan).



26th & 27th March 2023

- Cabinet approval on March 24, 2023
 Prime Minister (The Union Cabinet chaired by PM) Narendra Modi and the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the following proposals:
 The cabinet approved the release of additional installment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to Gol employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners due from 01.01.2023 CCEA approves MSP of raw jute for 2022-23 season CCEA approves targeted subsidy to PMUY consumers
 About Minister of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY): Union Minister-Ashwini Vaishnaw (Rajya Sabha- Odisha)
 Minister of State (MoS)- Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- PM inaugurates new ITU Area Offices & Innovation Center in New Delhi; launched 6G R&D Test Bed, CBUD App On 22nd March 2023, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated India's new International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Area Offices and Innovation Center at an event at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.
- PM lays foundation stone and dedicates development projects worth Rs 1780 crore in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
 On 24 March 2023, Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated development projects worth over Rs 1780 crore in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (UP) during the event held at Sampurnanand Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya Ground.
 About Uttar Predesh:
 Chief Minister-Yogi Adityanath

Governor- Anandiben Patel **Airport-** Jhansi Airport; Moradabad Airport **UNESCO heritage sites-** Fatehpur Sikri

- Rajasthan became India's first state of India Guaranteeing right to health On March 21, 2023, Medical and Health Minister, Prasadi Lal Meena announced that the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly has approved a bill titled 'Right to Health' (which was to be passed in September 2022), the first state in India to do so has been made.
- Finance secretary T V Somanathan to Head panel on Pension Schemes The Government of India (Gol) has decided to form a committee headed by Finance Secretary TV Somanathan to recommend ways to reform the National Pension System (NPS) for government employees.



- Forbes India Leadership Awards2023: Isha Ambani wins GenNext Entrepreneur Award On 24 March 2023, Isha Ambani, Chairperson of Reliance Retail, the retail unit of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), won the GenNext Entrepreneur Award at the Forbes India Leadership Awards 2023 at Grand Hyatt, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Former Brazilian President Dilma Vana Rousseffelected as the chairman of NDB On 24 March 2023 the Board of Governors of the New Development Bank (NBD), formerly known as the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Development Bank, unanimously appointed former Brazilian President Dilma Vana Rousseff as the President of the NDB with immediate effect.
- NASA's JWST detects Silicate Clouds on Exoplanet, VHS 1256 b A research team led by Brittany Miles of the University of Arizona, who observed, with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) identified signatures of silicate clouds in the atmosphere of the exoplanet, cataloged as VHS 1256 b, which orbits 2 stars.
- International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 2023- March 25
 United Nations (UN) International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade March 25 It is celebrated around the world to honor and remember those who suffered and died as a result of the transatlantic slave trade.
 About the United Nations: Secretary- General- Antonio Guterres

Secretary- General- Antonio Guterres Headquarter- New York, USA Establishment- 1945

International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members March 2023-25

United Nations (UN) International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is observed around the world on **25 March** to recognize the dangers faced by UN staff members as they do their work for the UN.

QCI and UP Government launched Uttar Pradesh Gunvatta Sankalp in Lucknow The Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP) and the Quality Council of India (QCI) launched "Uttar Pradesh Quality Sankalp" (Uttar Pradesh Quality Mission) in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.



Union Forest Minister Bhupendra Yadav launched the Aravalli Green Wall Project

on 25 March 2023 Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav launched the Aravalli Green Wall Project, a major initiative to green the 5 km buffer zone around the Aravalli hill region in four states (Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Delhi). Where the Aravalli hills are spread over 6 million hectares of land.

About Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC): Union Minister- Bhupender Yadav (Rajya Sabha-Rajasthan) Minister of State (MoS)- Ashwini Kumar Choubey (Constituency- Buxar, Bihar)

- India's first quantum computing based telecom network link is now active India's first quantum computing based telecom network link now in New Delhi, is operational between Sanchar Bhawan and National Informatics Center (NIC) office located in the Central Government Offices (CGO) complex in Delhi.
- WB approves US\$108 million to improve Assam's flood, disaster preparedness On March 24, 2023, The Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank (WB) approved USD 108 million (8,896,517,496) for the 'Assam Integrated River Basin Management Project (AIRBMP)' to improve disaster preparedness and enhance flood forecasting in Assam.

About World Bank (WB): President- David Malpass Headquarters- Washington, DC United States Member Countries- 189

- ICICI Lombard becomes first to introduce "Anywhere Cashless" facility ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited (ICICI Lombard) has introduced an industry-first program called the "Anywhere Cashless" facility for its health insurance policyholders, which enables customers to access cashless facilities at any hospital, irrespective of It should not be a part of ICICI Lombard's hospital network at present.
- General Manoj PandeyPresident's Standards presented to 4 Armored Regiments On 25 March 2023, Army Chief General Manoj Pande presented the prestigious 'President's Standards' to 4 Armored Regiments of the Indian Army: 49 Armored Regiment, 51 Armored Regiment, 53 Armored Regiment and 54 Armored Regiment during the Standard Presentation Parade held at Suratgarh Military Station in Rajasthan.





2023 M3M Hurun Global Rich List: India ranks 3rd in terms of self made billionaires

According to the **'2023 M3M Hurun Global Rich List'**, India ranks third in terms of the number of self-made billionaires, with a total of 105 in the list. These 105 self-made billionaires have a cumulative net worth of US\$381 billion.

- Indian hockey player Salima Tete appointed AHF Athletes Ambassador Salima Tete, an Indian Women's hockey team midfielder, was appointed as the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) Athletes Ambassador from India for a period of 2 years from 25 March 2023.
- President Draupadi Murmu approves the appointment of CJs of 3 High Courts President of India Draupadi Murmu has approved the appointment of Chief Justices (CJ) in 3 High Courts (HC) namely Allahabad High Court, Chhattisgarh High Court and Patna High Court.
- LVM3-M3 OneWeb India-2 mission: ISRO successfully launches 36 OneWeb Gen-1 satellites from SDSC, AP
 On March 26, 2023, The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched the
 'LVM3-M3 OneWeb India-2 mission' from the Second Launch Pad (SLP) of the Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC) Sriharikota Range (SHAR) in Andhra Pradesh (AP).
- Sipapuni, Sacred Hopi Site in Arizona, Awarded ICOMOS ISC Water & Heritage Shield

On 25 March 2023, the International Committee on Monuments and Sites International Science Committee (ICOMOS ISC) designated Sipapuni, a site located in Arizona, United States (USA) and sacred to the Hopi Native American nation, as an important cultural site Recognized and awarded the "ICOMOS ISC Water and Heritage Shield".

India bagged 4 Gold at 13th IBA Women's World Boxing Championship in New Delhi
 India topped the medal tally of the 2023 International Boxing Association (IBA)
 Women's World Boxing Championships (WWBC), the 13 ediion of the WWBC was hosted by India from 15th to 26th March 2023 at K.D.
 About International Boxing Association (IBA):
 President- Umar Kremley

Headquarters- Lausanne, Switzerland

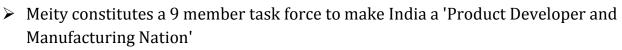


- Mumbai Indians beat Delhi Capitals to become the inaugural champions of TATA WPL 2023
 Mumbai Indians, captained by Harmanpreet Kaur (MI) team Meghan (Delhi Capitals led by Meg Lanning (Australia) (DC) won the inaugural Tata Women's Premier League (WPL) 2023 Championship.
- 2023 Swiss Open Super 300: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty of India won the doubles title
 The Yonex swiss open 2023, a BWF World Tour Super 300, held from 21 to 26 March 2023 at St. Jakobshalle, Basel, Switzerland. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, world No.6 men's doubles badminton players, won the men's doubles title by defeating China's Ren Xiang Yu and Tan Qiang, world No.21 doubles pair at the YONEX Swiss Open 2023.
- Veteran Actor and former MP Innocent Warid Thekkethala passed away On 26 March 2023, Innocent Warid Thekkethala, an Indian actor and politician, passed away at the age of 75 in Kochi, Kerala.
- World Theater day2023 March 27

To create awareness about the importance of theater arts and to promote the art forms across the globe March 27World Theater Day is celebrated all over the world.

About the International Theatre Institute (ITI): President- Mohamed Saif Al-Afkham Vice- President- Hamadu Mande Headquarters- Shanghai, Chaina Establishment-1948

29thJune 2023



In March 2023, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology **(MeitY)** has constituted a 9-member task force under the chairmanship of Bhuvnesh Kumar, Additional Secretary (Meity) to make India a 'Product Developer and Manufacturing Nation'.

- G20 Expert Group on Strengthening multilateral development Banks On 28th March, 2023, The Group of Twenty (G20) Expert Group on Strengthening Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) has been constituted under the aegis of India's G20 Presidency, to ensure that MDBs meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- GTI 2023 by IEP: Afghanistan most affected by terrorism for 4th consecutive year, India ranked 13th According to the Global Terrorism Index 2023, the 10th edition of Global Terrorism Index (GTI) by the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP), Afghanistan remained the most affected nation by terrorism for the fourth consecutive year despite a decline of 75% and 58% respectively in attacks and deaths.
- Maha Metro to Nagpur received the prestigious 'Asia Book of Records' citation for 3 different categories
 Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Limited (Maha-Metro), Nagpur, Maharashtra, which has been awarded Guinness World Records (2022) and 2 Asian Book of Records (2022), was awarded the prestigious "Asia Book of

Records" certification under **3** different categories.

Dalai lama names US-born Mongolian boy named third highest spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism

In March 2023, the 14th Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama recognized an 8year-old Mongolian boy born in the United States as the 10th Khalkha Jetsun Dhampa Rinpoche, the third-highest leader of Tibetan Buddhism, at a ceremony held in Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh Gave.



 IAEA Board re-appointed Raffaele Mariano Grossi as Director General for 4 years

In March 2023, the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reappointed **Raffaele Mariano Grossi** as the Director General (DG) of the IAEA for a second four-year term. **About International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**

Direcot General-Rafael Mariano Grossi **Headquarters-** Vienna, Austria **Establishment-**1957 **Members-** 176 (as of 3 January 2023)

- IGNCA launches Vedic Heritage Portal with 550 hours of audio-visual content Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affiairs and G Kishan Reddy Union Minister of Tourism launched the Vedic Heritage Portal of Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts (IGNCA).
- Nagaland CM Neiphiu Rio presented tax free, deficit budget of Rs 1374.17 crore for FY24

On March 27, 2023, Nagaland Chief Minister (CM) Neiphiu Rio, who also holds the Finance portfolio of Nagaland, in the first session of the ongoing 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly with greater emphasis on agriculture and allied sectors for the financial year 2023-2024 (Presented a tax-free, deficit budget of Rs 1,374.17 crore for FY24).

About Nagaland: Governor- La Ganesan Wildlife Sanctuary- Ranmgapahar Wildlife Sanctuary Bird Sanctuary- Ghosu Bird Sanctuary

Telangana signs 3 MoUs with Western Australia Government On 26 March 2023, The Telangana government launched state-run startup incubators T-Hub (Technology Hub) and WE-Hub, for women entrepreneurs, during the visit of delegations led by Western Australia Minister for Emergency Services, Innovation and Digital Economy Stephen Dawson Signed 3 Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with Incubator.

About the Cybersecurity Centre o Excellence (CCoE): Chairman & Co- Founder- Rajendra Pawar Headquarters- Hyderabad, Telangana About Austrilai: Prime Minister- Anthony Albanese Capital- Canberra Currency- Australian Dollar

30thJune 2023



EPFO marginally hikes deposit interest rate to 8.15% for FY23
 Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) the apex decision-making body of the Central Board of Trustees (CBT) has proposed a new interest rate of 8.15% for provident funds to around 6 crore shareholders for the current financial year 2022-23 (FY23).
 About Employees" Provident Fund Organisation" (CPFO): Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC)/ CEO- Neelam Shami Rao Headquartes- New Delhi, Delhi

PFRDA has increased the upper age limit of Lokpal from 65 years to 70 years As per the notification dated 27 March 2023, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has amended the PFRDA (Redressal of Subscriber Grievances) Regulations 2015 and increased the upper age limit of Ombudsman from 65 to 70 years.

Establishment- 1952

About Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA): Chairman- Deepak Mohanty Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Gandhamardan Hills of Odisha's named as 37th Biodiversity Heritage Site of India

The Forest Environment and Climate Change Department, Government of Odisha has issued a notification declaring the Gandhamardan Hill Range in Bargarh and Balangir District as a Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS).

- The government PAN-Aadhaar linking deadline extended till June 30, 2023 On 28 March 2023, Ministry of Finance (MoF) informed that the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has extended the deadline for linking Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar from 31 March 2023 to 30 June 2023.
- IAF participated in "Exercise Cobra Warrior" for the first time Indian Air Force (IAF) participated in "Exercise Cobra Warrior", which was conducted at Waddington Air Force Base of the Royal Air Force (RAF) in the United Kingdom (UK) from March 6 to 24, 2023.
- Japan commits Rs 7,084 crore for three infrastructure projects in India On March 28, 2023, Japan has given Rs 7,084.5 crore to India for three infrastructure projects: one each in Patna (Bihar), West Bengal and Rajasthan.
 About Japan: Prime Minister- Fumio Kishida Capital- Tokyo Currency- Japanese Yen (JPY)



- NPCI recommends interchange fee of up to 1.1% for 2,000 transactions above Rs 2,000 through PPIs
 on 24 March 2023, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) announced that interchange fee ranging from 0.5% to 1.1% on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions above Rs 2000 done using prepaid payment instruments (PPIs) such as wallets or cards It will take
 About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):
 MD & CEO- Dilip Asbe
 Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra
 Incorporated in 2008
- PSBs write off Rs 91,000 cr in 9 months of FY23 As per the data submitted in the form of a written reply by Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Rajya Sabha, Finance Ministry's Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have written off around Rs 91,000 crore in the first 9 months of FY23.
- Abel Prize to Argentine-American mathematician Luis Angel Caffarelli Awarded 2023

On 22 March 2023, The 2023 Abel Prize for Mathematics was awarded to Luis Ángel Caffarelli, an Argentine-American mathematician and expert on "partial differential equations" that can explain phenomena ranging from water flow to population growth, at the University of Oslo, Norway Are.

- Lalit Kumar Gupta, Cotton Corporation of India Designated as CMD Prime Minister (The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) chaired by PM) Narendra Modi has approved the appointment of Lalit Kumar Gupta as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) based in Mumbai (Maharashtra).
- NIC develops "Maaptaul Grievances" app to facilitate registration and redressal of consumer complaints
 Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (National Informatics Center (NIC) under Meity) has developed a mobile software application named
 "Measurement Grievances" to facilitate online registration and time-bound redressal of consumer complaints relating to the Legal Metrology Act and Rules made thereunder.
 About the National Informatics Centre (NIC)
 Direcotr General- Rajesh Gera
 Headguarters-New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment-1976



- Dr MA Hassan's book "War and Women" released at UNHRC, Geneva On 24th March 2023, A book titled "War and Women" authored by Dr MA Hasan was released during the 52nd session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) at the United Nations (UN) building in Geneva, Switzerland.
- World piano day 2023 March 29
 World Piano Day around the world every year 88th day (mostly falls on March 29 or 28) is celebrated, which is similar to the number of keys on a piano, intended to celebrate the piano, an acoustic, keyboard, stringed percussion instrument.
- Assam Rifles Commemorates 188th Raiseing Day -24 March 2023 On 24th March 2023, India's most respected Para Military Force Assam Rifles, celebrated its 188th Raising Day at its Laitkor Garrison, Shillong, Meghalaya and its various formations and units in North East and Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
 About the Assam Rifles: Direcotor General- Lt Gen Pradeep Chandran Nair Headquarters- Shillong, Meghalaya Establishment-1835
- West Bengal CM Mamta Banerjee launched Flagship Road 'Pathashree Rasthashree' project On 28th March 2023, West Bengal (WB) Chief Minister (CM) Mamata Banerjee launched "Pathashree - Rasta Shree" in Singur, WB. Pathashree-Rastashree is a flagship project of the Government of West Bengal to strengthen road infrastructure and enhance connectivity to villages by building 12,000 km of roads in 22 districts of West Bengal. About West Bengal:

Chief Minister- Mamta Banerjee Governor- Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose National Park- Sundarban National Park; Jaldapara National Park Wild Life Sancutary- Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary; Mahandanda Wildlife Sancutary

31thJune 2023

MoD signs 3 defense contracts worth ~ Rs 5,400 cr for Indian Army & Indian Navy

On March 29, 2023 Ministry of Defense (MoD) for Indian Army (IA) and Indian Navy (IN) under **Buy (Indian - IDDM (Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured)}** to boost India's defense capabilities - Rs 5,400 crore Three contracts have been signed.

About Ministry of Defence (MoD):

Union Minister- Rajnath Singh (Constitueny- Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh) Minister of State- Ajay Bhatt (Constituency- Nainital- Udhamsingh Nager, Uttarakhand)

Meity approves setting up of Electronics Manufacturing Cluster in Dharwad, Karnataka

On 24th March 2023, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) announced that Meity has signed a proposal to set up an Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) worth Rs 180 crore at the Kotur-Balur Industrial Area in Dharwad, Karnataka, has been approved, which is expected to create over 18,000 jobs.

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 13.7 km long Whitefield- KR Pura Metro Line in Bengaluru

On 25 March 2023, Prime Minister (PM) of India **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the commercial operations of the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation's (BMRCL) 13.7 kilometer (km), Whitefield (Kadugodi) to Krishnarajapuram Metro section in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Operations began on 26 March 2023.

Arton Capital's Passport Index 2023: India at 144th position with mobility score of 70; UAE ranked first

Arton Capital'Passport Index 2023'As per the latest update (as of March 2023), India's Mobility Score (MS) is set to drop three places from 73 to 70 in 2022.

WHO certified Azerbaijan and Tajikistan as Malaria-free countries
 Azerbaijan and Tajikistan the World Health Organization to (WHO) as "malaria-free" because they have eliminated malaria in their regions after a sustained, century-long effort to eliminate malaria.
 About the Wold Health Organization (WHO):
 Director General- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
 Establishmet-1948
 Headguarters- Geneve, Switzerland



 SEBI defers freezing of MF folios without Nomination to Sept 30, 2023; Introduces framework for scheme of arrangement by Unlisted MIIs. On March 28, 2023, The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) deferred the decision to freeze mutual fund (MF) folios without nomination till September 30, 2023 instead of March 31, 2023.
 About Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI):

About Securities Exchange Board of India (SEB Chairperson- Madhabi Puri Buch Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra Establishment-12 April 1992

- GTRI Report: India's merchandise imports to exceed US\$ 710 billion in FY23 Economic think tank Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) India's merchandise imports are estimated to exceed US\$ 710 billion for the financial year ending March 2023 (FY23), up from US\$ 613 billion in FY22 (2021-2022), according to a report by which is 15.8% higher than the previous year.
- NTPC, Ceylon Electricity Board agreed to jointly Build solar power plant in Sri Lanka

NTPC Limited, (formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) of India to promote renewable energy and the Ceylon Electricity Board of Sri Lanka have jointly signed a contract to build a 135 megawatt (MW) solar power plant in two phases in the eastern port district of Trincomalee, Sri Lanka. Compromised.

- Mumbai's rank in the World Tree City 2022 List for the second consecutive Year In march 2023, the Arbor Day Foundation (ADF) and the United Nations (UN) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) have named Mumbai (Maharashtra) as the '2022 Tree Cities of India' for its contribution and commitment to increasing and maintaining urban forests. Recognized in The World'.
- Chameli Devi Jain Award 2022: Journalist Dhanya Rajendran Received for 'Outstanding Woman Media Person 2022'
 On March 21, 2023 Dhanya Rajendran, co-founder and editor of news website "The News Minute", was awarded the Chameli Devi Jain Award for 'Outstanding Women Mediaperson 2022' at an event held at the India International Center in New Delhi, Delhi.



Hamza Yusuf sworn in as Scotland's first minister, Scotland's first Muslim leader

On 29 March 2023, Pakistani-origin **Hamza Yusuf** (37), the new leader of the Scottish National Party (SNP), was legally sworn in as the new **First Minister** of Scotland at the Court of Session in Edinburgh. Hamza Yusuf is the first Muslim to lead a democratic Western European nation (Scotland).

SpiceJet's CMD Ajay Singh takes over as President of ASSOCHAM
 SpiceJet Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) Ajay Singh has taken over as the President of India's oldest apex chamber, the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).
 About the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM):
 President-Ajay Singh

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi Establishmet-1920

- IISSF Rifle/Pistol World Cup 2023 in Bhopal: India finishes second with 7 medals, India's Sarabjot Singh wins gold
 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Rifle / Pistol World Cup
 2023 was organized from 20 to 27 March 2023 at Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (MP).
- UN's first International Day of Zero Waste Day 30 March 2023 United Nations (UN) to create awareness about the importance of zero waste and encourage everyone to prevent and reduce waste and promote a social shift towards a circular economy (UN)'s first International Zero Waste Day was observed on 30 March 2023.

About United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP): Executive Director- Inger Andersen Established in 1972 Headquarters- Nairobi, Kenya

Union Home Minister Amit Shah attends 84th Raising Day of CRPF in Chhattisgarh

On 25 March 2023, Union Home Minister Amit Shah attended the 84th Raising Day celebrations of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) as the chief guest at Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh.



- Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly Passed a budget of Rs 56,683
 crore for FY24
 On 29 March 2023, The Legislative Assembly of Himachal Pradesh (HP) passed an annual budget of Rs 56,683.69 crore for the financial year 2023-2024.
 About Himachal Pradesh:
 Chief Minister- Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
 Governor- Shiv Pratap Shukla
 Wildlife Sanctuary- Kalatop- Khajjiar Wildlife Sanctuary; Kanawar Wildlife Sanctuary
 Festivals- Basant Panchami; Lossar
- Arunachal Pradesh to sign MoA with CPSU to set up 5 hydropower plants On 29th March 2023, The Arunachal Pradesh cabinet meeting chaired by the Chief Minister(CM) of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu approved MoU with 2 Central Public Sector Undertakings(CPSU) to hand over five completed hydroelectric projects with a generation capacity of 2823 MW (MoA) on approved the motion to sign.

About Arunachal Pradesh:

Chief Minister- Pema Khandu

Governors- Lt Gen (Retd) Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik

Wild Life Sanctuary- Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary; Pakke Wildlife Sanctuary Tiger Reserves- Namdapha Tiger Reserve; Pakhui Tiger Reserve

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