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1<sup>st</sup> April 2023

- MoD signs Multiple Contracts to Procure Ships and Equipment for the Indian Armed Forces  
To boost 'Aatmanirabharta' in defence, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) Defence (MoD) signed multiple deals worth ~32,000 crores for the Indian Armed Forces- Indian Navy (IN) and Indian Army (IA).  
**About the Ministry of Defence (MoD):**  
**Union Minister-** Rajnath Singh (Constituency- Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)  
**Minister of State-** Ajay Bhatt (constituency- Nainital Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand)
- Himachal Pradesh's Kangra Tea gets European GI tag  
on 29 March 2023 Kangra tea from Himachal Pradesh got the European Union (EU) Geographical Indication tag (GI tag).
- Home Minister Amit Shah Inaugurates development works in UK and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Memorial in Bidar, Karnataka  
On March 30, 2023, Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to inaugurate the development works of UK's Multipurpose Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Societies (MPACS), Joint Cooperative Farming, Jan Suvidha Kendras and Jan Aushadhi Kendras in Haridwar, Uttarakhand (UK) was on tour.  
**About Minister of Home Affairs (MHA):**  
**Union Minister-** Amit Shah (Gandhi Nagar Constituency, Gujarat)  
**Minister of State (MoS)-** Nityanand Rai (Ujainpur, Bihar); Ajay Kumar Mishra (Kheri, Pradesh); Nisith Pramanik (Coochbehar, West Bengal)
- Lok Sabha amends Competition Act 2002; CCI to penalize tech MNCs for global revenue  
On 29 March 2023, Lok Sabha, the lower house of the Parliament, approved amendments to the **Competition Act, 2002**, which seeks to cover global deals by digital multinational companies (MNCs) under local laws.  
**About the Competition Commission of India (CCI):**  
**Acting Chairperson-** Sangeeta Verma  
**Headquarter-** New Delhi, Delhi  
**Establishment-** 14th October 2003 (Operational from 2009)
- EU removes Pakistan from list of High-Risk Third-country jurisdictions  
The European Commission of the European Union (EU) has removed **Pakistan** from its **list of high-risk third-country jurisdictions**, a move expected to improve conditions for business activities in Pakistan.
- SEBI Board Meeting (March 2023): Significant Takeaways from 16 Major Decisions

**The Securities and Exchange Board of India, (SEBI)** in its board meeting on March 29, 2023 has taken several decisions with the goal of protecting the interests of investors and strengthening market infrastructure to handle disruptions.

**About the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):**

**Chairperson-** Madhabi Puri Buch

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Establishment-** 1992

- **Aditya Birla Health Insurance enters into Bancassurance partnership with UCO Bank**  
Aditya Birla Health Insurance Company Limited (ABHICL), a part of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL), a joint venture between Aditya Birla Group and MMI Holdings of South Africa, has entered into a bancassurance partnership with UCO Bank for distribution of its health insurance products .
- **Ambit Finvest SKALEUP joins hands for digital lending Platform for MSMEs**  
Ambit Finvest Pvt Ltd through a completely paperless and automated digital onboarding process Bajaj Finserv Direct has partnered with SKALEUP, the digital technology services arm, to develop a **D2C** (direct-to-customer) instant loan application to offer business loans to MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) business owners.
- **AMNS Luxembourg Holding signs USD 5 billion loan agreement with consortium of Japanese banks**  
AMNS Luxembourg Holding SA., the parent company of Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited ("AM/NS India") has entered into a USD5 billion "JBIC co-financing loan" agreements with a consortium of Japanese banks.
- **Godrej Capital & SBI signs MoU to offer banking products & services**  
Godrej Capital Limited, the financial services arm of the Godrej Group, and State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen their partnership, where the bank will provide various financial products and offerings.
- **Axis Bank partners with Shriram Housing Finance for co-lending**  
On 30 March 2023, Axis Bank, the third largest private sector bank in India, and Shriram Housing Finance Limited (SHFL) announced a partnership under co-lending model through Yubi Co.Lend platform.
- **MoC&I released FTP 2023: India aims to increase exports to USD 2 trillion by 2030.**  
On 31st March 2023, The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I), Government of India (GoI) released the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023 which



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aims to increase India's exports to USD 2 trillion by 2030 through incentives, exemptions and Shifting to entitlement based governance.

- Aaliya Mir Became the first woman of J&K Wildlife Conservation Award recipient Alia Mir, a wildlife conservationist working for India-based charity Wildlife SOS, has been honored with the Wildlife Conservation Award for 2023 by the administration of the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) for her conservation efforts in the region.
- UAE President names Sheikh Khalid as Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi  
On 29th March 2023, President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Ruler of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan (known by his initials MBZ) appointed his eldest son, Sheikh Khalid bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to Abu Dhabi.  
**About the United Arab Emirates (UAE):**  
**President-** Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayad Al Nahyam  
**Prime Minister-** Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum  
**Capital-** Abu Dhabi  
**Currency-** United Arab Emirates Dirham
- Tata Power appoints Praveer Sinha for four years Re-appointed as CEO & MD  
Tata Power Company Limited (Tata Power), India's oldest, and one of the largest integrated power utilities, re-appointed Praveer Sinha as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) for 4 years with effect from 1 May 2023.
- Rajib K Mishra takes over as Chairman and Managing Director of PTC India  
On 29th March 2023, **Dr. Rajib Kumar Mishra**, a power market veteran with diverse experience in the sector, has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of PTC India Limited, a leading provider of power business solutions in India, with immediate effect.
- Scientists of ICAR Discovers New Moray Eel species – Gymnothorax tamilnaduensis  
The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) scientists have discovered a moray eel fish of the genus Gymnothorax collected from trawl bycatch landings at the Mudasalodai Fish Landing Center off the Cuddalore coast of Tamil Nadu, south-east coast of India.
- International Transgender Day of Visibility 2023 - March 31  
**International Transgender Day of Visibility** is observed annually around the world on 31 March to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Transgender and gender-diverse people (TGD) around the world.

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2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

- MoF Increases Interest Rates on Most Small savings schemes, Except PPF, for Q1 FY24  
The Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) Ministry of Finance (MoF's) has announced an increase in interest rates on various small savings schemes for the first quarter (Q1 FY24) of the financial year 2023-24 (i.e. April 1, 2023 to June 30), Which marks the third consecutive quarter of rate hikes.
- Women aged between 15-29 years spend 5.5 hours more than men doing unpaid labour: MOSPI  
Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI) released its report titled 'Women and Men in India 2022', which is 24th in the series.
- Union budget 2023-24: Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announces reforms in Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSEs from 1st April  
Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman In the Union Budget for 2023-2024, the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro & Small Enterprises (MSE) has been announced with effect from 1 April 2023.
- CBDT signs 95 advance pricing agreements in FY 2022-23  
Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance has entered into a record 95 Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) with Indian taxpayers in the Financial Year (FY) 2022 2023. This year, the CBDT has registered the highest ever APA signatures in any FFY since the launch of the APA programme.
- Georgia becomes first US state to condemn Hinduphobia passed the resolution  
Georgia In 2015, the United States of America (USA) passed a resolution condemning "Hinduphobia" and "anti-Hindu bigotry" – becoming the first state in the country to do so.
- IRDAI issues liberalized commission regulations to benefit insurers & distributors  
Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has announced three new regulations that are expected to have a major economic impact on market participants including insurers and intermediaries.  
**About Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI):**  
**Chairperson-** Debasish Panda  
**Headquarters-** Hyderabad, Telengana  
**Establishment-** 1999 (Incorporated on 1st April 2000)
- IRDAI identifies LIC, GIC and New India Assurance as D-SII for FY23  
On March 31, 2023, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), General Insurance Corporation of India Limited (GIC), and New India Insurance have been recognized by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

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(IRDAI) as domestic systemically important insurers for the financial year 2022-23. (D-SII) continued to be identified.

**About General Insurance Corporation of India Limited (GIC Re):**

**Chairman and Managing Director-** Devesh Srivastava

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Establishment-** 22 November 1972

- DSB Bank launches investment solution 'DigiPortfolio' to offer curated investments by Morningstar

DSB Bank India launched 'DigiPortfolio', an investment solution on its DigiBank platform to create a set of investment options curated by Morningstar that matches the risk preferences of different investors.

- Acko Credit Access Receives IRDAI nod to Commerce life Insurance Business  
on 25 March 2023 in its 121st meeting, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) granted certificate of registration to two new entities namely Eko Life Insurance Limited and Credit Access Life Insurance Limited to commence life insurance business.

**About Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)**

**Chairperson-** Debasish Panda

**Headquarters-** Hyderabad, Telangana

**Establishment-** 2000

- IPPB partners with Bharti Airtel to launch banking services on WhatsApp  
on 31 March 2023, India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), owned by Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, partnered with New Delhi (Delhi) based Bharti Airtel Limited to launch banking services through WhatsApp for its customers.
- Bharat Group Partners with WEP to Foster Women Entrepreneurship in India  
BharatPe Group, one of India's leading FinTech companies in India, has partnered with the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) to support women entrepreneurs across India in their journey of self-reliance and business growth.
- Sarbananda Sonowal launches SAGAR SETU mobile app of National Logistics Portal Marine  
on 31 March 2023, The Union Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal, Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) launched the app version of the National Logistics Portal (Maritime) – a mobile application named “SAGAR SETU” in New Delhi, Delhi.

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- BDL successfully tested the indigenous Anti Tank Guided Missile, Amogha-III  
Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has launched its indigenous third next generation Man Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM), Amogha-III successfully field fired.
- India & UK scientists collaborate on SMART early warning flood alert system  
India and the United Kingdom (UK) scientists have developed a real-time early warning system to help reduce the devastating effects of floods on people and property, especially in mountainous regions where extreme water events are a major problem.
- Three new species of bush cricket: Hexacentrus khasensis, Hexacentrus ashoka, & Hexacentrus locust were discovered  
Ashoka University, Haryana, Panjab University (PU), Chandigarh; And researchers from the Department of Zoology, National Institute of Science Education and Research, Odisha have discovered 3 new Predatory Bush Cricket (Hexacentrus) species namely Hexacentrus khasensis in Meghalaya and Hexacentrus ashoka and Hexacentrus grasshopper in Sonipat, Haryana.
- Renowned Author & 2-time Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award winner Sarah Thomas passed away  
On 31 March 2023 Renowned Malayalam writer, 2 times Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award winner, Sarah Thomas passed away at the age of 88 in Trivandrum, Kerala.
- Earth Hour 2023 - March 25  
Action taken on environmental issues and as a symbolic act of support to protect the planet 8:00pm. Earth Hour is celebrated around the world on the last Saturday of March every year by turning off the lights from 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (local time).
- Chennai's WABAG bags Rs 4,400 crore seawater desalination project in Tamil Nadu  
Chennai (Tamil Nadu) VA Tech Wabag Limited ,(WABAG) has bagged a Rs 4,400-crore sea water(salt water) reverse osmosis (SWRO) project in Tamil Nadu (TN), which after completion would be the largest sea water desalination project in the South East Asia region.



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4<sup>th</sup> April 2023

- 5<sup>th</sup> Poshan Pakhwada Celebrate from March 20- April 3, 2023  
The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) has launched the 5th Poshan Pakhwada across the country from 20 March to 3 April 2023 to raise awareness about the importance of nutrition and promote healthy eating habits through Jan Andolan (People's Movement) and Jan Bhagidari (People's Participation).
- CMIE: Unemployment Rate Rises at 3 month high reached 7.8% in March 2023  
According to the data from the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) India's unemployment rate rose to 7.8% in March 2023, the highest in 3 months, from 7.45% in February 2023.
- WB Report: 'Striving for Clean Air: Air Pollution and public health in south asia, World Bank (WB) report "**Striving for Clean Air Pollution and Public Health in South Asia**", concentrations of fine particulate matter (PM) such as soot and fine dust (PM 2.5) in some of the most densely populated areas of South Asia and underdeveloped The area is 20 times higher than the World Health Organization (WHO) limit of 5 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ).  
**About the World Bank (WB):**  
**President (WB Group)-** David Robert Malpass  
**Establishment-**1944  
**Headquarters-** Washington D.C, United States (US)
- UBI becomes first Indian bank to open SRVA Malaysia for trade settlement in rupees  
on 1 April 2023, Union Bank of India (UBI) became the first Indian bank to open its 'Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVA)' in Malaysia to facilitate transactions between India and Malaysia in Indian Rupee.  
**About Union Bank of India (UBI):**  
**Managing Director-** A. Manimekhalai  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Tagline-** Good People to Bank With
- IDBI Bank Revises FD Rates and Launches New Amrit Mahotsav FD scheme  
IDBI Bank, a private sector lender has revised its interest rates for fixed deposits (FDs) of less than Rs 2 crore with effect from April 1, 2023.  
**About IDBI Bank Limited:**  
**MD & CEO-** Rakesh Sharma

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**Established-** 1964

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

- India's tech SME revenue to Reach \$ 30-40 billion by FY30: Nasscom, progress report  
According to the report launched by National Association of Software and Service Companies (**NASSCOM**) in collaboration with ProHance 'India's Tech SME: Rising in the Global Digital Arena', revenue share of digital technology SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) to reach US\$ 30-40 billion in FY30 (FY 2029 2030)
- FOSWAL's Special Literary Prize for Bangabandhu Handed to Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina  
In its 63rd Literature Festival, The Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature (FOSWAL) presented the SAARC Literary Prize 2023 (Special Literary Award) to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh.
- Sudha Shivkumar took over as 40th President of FICCI Ladies Organization  
Chennai (Tamil Nadu) based lawyer and investment banker Sudha Shivakumar took over as the **40th National President** of the Women's Wing of the has Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) - FICCI Women's Organization (FLO).
- Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh Assumed charge as VCNS of the Indian Navy  
On April 1st Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh, AVSM, NM takes over as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff (VCNS) of the Indian Navy on 31 March 2023, succeeding Vice Admiral SN Ghormade, who retires as VCNS on 31 March 2023.  
**About the Indian Navy:**  
**Chief of Naval Staff (CNS)-** Admiral R Hari Kumar  
**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi  
**Motto-** Sham No Varunah
- RBI appoints Neeraj Nigam as new Executive director  
on 3 April 2023 The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appointed Neeraj Nigam as the new Executive Director (ED) with immediate effect. He will be in charge of 4 departments including consumer education and protection.

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- LIC boughts Bata India shares for Rs 108 crore; increased its stake to 5.008%  
Mumbai (Maharashtra) based Life Insurance Corporation of India has bought 6.88 lakh shares of footwear retail company Bata India Limited for approximately Rs 108 crore, thereby increasing its stake in the company from 4.472% to 5.008% (64,36,692 equity shares from 57,48,071).
- ISRO successfully conducts reusable launch vehicle autonomous landing mission in Karnataka  
Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully conducted the Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX) at the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga, Karnataka.
- India becomes the first country in the world to develop its own Model to Estimated TB cases  
India become the first country in the world to estimate Tuberculosis (TB) burden in-country and launch its country- level mathematical model to estimate the prevalence of TB cases in India.
- Capulocycy keralensis: New genus and species of bagworm moth discovered in Kerala  
Researchers from the Department of Zoology, St. Thomas College (Autonomous), Thrissur, Kerala have discovered a new genus and species of bagworm moth "Capulopsychi keralensis" in coffee plantations at Nariampara in Idukki district and Nelliampathy in Palakkad district of Kerala.
- F1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix 2023: Red Bull's Max Verstappen wins his maiden Australian GP title  
on 2 April 2023 Max Verstappen (Belgian- Dutch racing driver) of Red Bull won his first Australian Grand Prix (GP) in the Formula 1 (F1) Rolex Australian Grand Prix 2023 held at Albert Park Circuit, Melbourne, Australia.  
**About Federation Internationale de l' Automobile (FIA):**  
**President-** Mohammad Ben Sulayem  
**Founder** in 1904  
**Headquarters-** Paris, France

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- **Madrid Spain Masters 2023:** Indonesia's Gregoria M Tunjung defeats India's PV Sindhu to win Women's singles title  
Indonesian badminton player Gregoria Mariska Tunjung won the women's singles title in the Madrid Spain Masters 2023 final. defeated India's Pusarla Venkata Sindhu (PV Sindhu).
- **Oscar-winning Japanese Composer & pop pioneer Ryuichi Sakamoto passed away**  
**Ryuichi Sakamoto**, The Oscar-winning Japanese pop pioneer, who was best known for his soundtrack work, passed away at the age of 71 in Tokyo, Japan.
- **Former Indian cricketer Salim Aziz Durrani passed away**  
on 2 April 2023 Afghanistan-born former Indian cricketer Salim Aziz Durrani passed away at the age of 88 in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- **World Autism Awareness Day 2023-2 April**  
(The United Nations (UN) World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) is annually observed annually around the world on 2 April to raise awareness about ASD) and to promote the livelihoods of people with autism.  
**About the United Nations (UN):**  
**Secretary- General-** Antonio Guterres  
**Headquarters-** New York, USA  
**Establishment-** 1945
- **International Children's Book Day 2023-2 April**  
**International Children's Book Day, ICB**D) is celebrated annually around the world on or around 2 April, the birth anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen, the Danish author best known for his fairy tales and stories.



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**5<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

- MoD signs Rs 470 crore contract with UDPL for modernization of Naval Aircraft Yards at Goa & Kochi  
on 31 March 2023, Ministry of Defense (MoD) signed a contract with Ultra Dimensions Pvt Ltd (UDPL), Visakhapatnam for Naval Aircraft Yards (NAY) modernization at Goa and Kochi (Kerala) at a cost of about Rs 470 crore.
- 10th edition of SLINEX 2023: India-Sri Lanka bilateral maritime exercise begins in Colombo  
On April 3, 2023, The 10th edition of the annual India-Sri Lanka bilateral maritime exercise – SLINEX (Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise) 2023 between Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) and Indian Navy (IN) began in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Axis Bank for Merchants Introduced 'Digital Shop' business management solution  
3rd largest private sector bank in India, Axis Bank has collaborated with Visa and announced the launch of "Digital Dukan", a comprehensive digital offering that will allow merchants to accept payments through multiple digital modes and conduct daily business digitally.  
**About Axis Bank Ltd;**  
**MD & CEO-** Amitabh Chaudhry  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Establishment-**1993  
**Tagline-** badhti Ka Naam Zingagi
- KVB ties up with SBI Life to market insurance plans  
In March 2023, Karur Vysya Bank Limited (KVB) signed an agreement with SBI Life Insurance Company Limited (SBI Life) to market the insurance plans of SBI Life Insurance through the branches of KVB.  
**About Karur Vysya Bank Limited (KVB):**  
**MD & CEO-** Ramesh Babu Boddu  
**Headquarters-** Karur, Tamil Nadu  
**Establishment** in 1916  
**About SBI Life Insurance:**  
**MD & CEO-** Mahesh Kumar Sharma  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- phonepe Launches E-commerce consumer App "Pincode" on ONDC platform  
Walmart-owned fintech firm PhonePe launched an e-commerce consumer app 'Pin Code' has announced the launch, which will be integrated into India's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) framework.  
**About PhonePe:**  
**Co-Founder & CEO-** Sameer Nigam  
**Founded-** 2015  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

- SBI WE CARE Senior Citizen FD Scheme last date extended by 3 months  
state Bank of India (SBI) has extended the tenure of "WE CARE" special fixed deposit (FD) scheme for senior citizens, which was introduced in May 2020 with an initial maturity date of September 2020. The scheme has now got an extension of 3 months and will now be available for subscription till June 30, 2023.
- India Development Update (Spring 2023 Edition) by WB: India's GDP growth likely to slow to 6.3% in FY24  
world Bank (WB) in its "India Development Update" (Spring 2023 edition) lowered its fiscal year 2023-24 (FY24) growth forecast for India to 6.3% from 6.6% in December 2022 (FY23).
- ADB pegs India's GDP growth forecast for FY24 at 6.7%, FY23 at 6.4%  
Asian Development Bank (ADB's Asian Development Outlook April 2023 has cut India's GDP (gross domestic product) growth forecast for the financial year 2022 2023 (FY23) to 6.4% from 7% earlier.
- RBI data on India's BoP: India's current account deficit narrows to 2.2% of GDP in Q3 FY23  
Reserve Bank of India (According to preliminary data on India's Balance of Payments (BoP) for the third quarter of the financial year 2022-23 (Q3 FY23) (i.e. October-December 2022) released by the RBI on March 31, 2023 India's current account deficit, Q2 fell from USD 30.9 billion (3.7% of GDP) in FY23 and USD 22.2 billion (2.7% of GDP) in Q3 FY22 to 2.2% of GDP (US\$ 18.2 billion) in Q3 FY23.
- Ben NOR chooses TCS to strengthen Identity and Access Management across its digital landscape  
Mumbai (Maharashtra) based Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), an Indian multinational information technology services and consulting company, has been selected by BEN NOR, the Norwegian government agency responsible for maintaining, operating and developing the Norwegian railway network, to enable secure access to Norwegian's digital systems .
- France's Highest Civilian Award to Kiran Nadar  
Awarded the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur  
Philanthropist and art collector Kiran Nadar in New Delhi, was awarded the highest French civilian award "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur" (Knight of the Legion of Honour) by French Ambassador to India Emmanuel Lenain at a ceremony held at the French residence in Delhi.

- PM Narendra Modi awarded President's Police Medal to two CBI officers from Chandigarh  
On 3rd March 2023, The Prime Minister (PM) of India, Narendra Modi with 2 Central Bureau of Investigation officers from Chandigarh, Joint Director of CBI (Chandigarh Zone) Vineet Vinayak and CBI, during Diamond Jubilee celebrations of CBI at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service was presented to Seema Pahuja, Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP), Chandigarh.
- Children's Champion Award 2023: Tapoban from Assam was awarded in the health and nutrition category  
Tapoban at Pathshala (Assam), a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), which supports children with special needs, has been conferred with the prestigious Children's Champion Award 2023 in the Health and Nutrition category at a function held at Triveni Auditorium, Delhi.
- Pranav Haridasan to be new MD & CEO of Axis Securities  
Axis Securities Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Axis Bank, has announced the appointment of Pranav Haridasan as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a tenure of 3 years.
- CCI approval on April 3, 2023  
On April 3, 2023, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the following proposals:  
CCI approved the merger between Koninklijke DSM NV (DSM) and Firmenich International SA (Firmenich) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002. The proposed merger would create DSM - Firmenich, a Swiss domiciled company whose shares are proposed to be listed on Euronext Amsterdam.  
CCI has approved the share swap for the acquisition of Constantia Flexibles Sales BV (C-Flex) India entities by SBP Packaging (SBP) from C-Flex.  
CCI also approved the proposed combination of merger of FMCG business of Haldiram Snacks Pvt Ltd (HSPL) and Haldiram Foods International Pvt Ltd (HFIP) into Haldiram Snacks Food Pvt Ltd (HSFPL) through a scheme of arrangement approved by NCLT  
**About the Competition Commission of India (CCI):**  
**Acting Chairperson-** Sangeeta Verma  
**Establishment-** 2003  
**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi
- Artemis II lunar Moon mission: NASA names 4-member crew with first woman and first black astronaut  
On April 03, 2023 NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Artemis II | The 4-member astronaut crew selected for the lunar mission is Christina Koch, Victor Glover, Reid Wiseman and Canadian Space Agency astronaut Jeremy Hansen.

- India's IUCAA partners with NASA to develop AI-based model for predicting solar storms  
Inter-University Center for Astronomy in India and Astrophysics (IUCAA) has partnered with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to develop a new computer model that combines artificial intelligence (AI) and satellite data to sound the alarm for dangerous space weather.
- International Day for Mine awareness and Assistance Mine Action 2023 - April 4  
To create awareness about landmines and work towards their elimination, as well as to educate people about the harmful effects of explosive mines, the United Nations (UN) International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is observed every year on 4 April across the world.  
**About United Nations Mine Acting Service:**  
**Director-** Ilene Cohn  
**Headquarters-** New York, United States of America (USA)  
**Establishment-** 1997
- 259<sup>th</sup> Raising Day of Army medical corps - 3 April 2023  
**3 April 2023** The Indian Army celebrated the 259<sup>th</sup> Raising Day of the Army Medical Corps (AMC), a specialist corps in the Indian Army, which primarily provides medical services to all Army personnel (serving and ex-servicemen along with their families).
- Telangana launched India's 1st 'Cool Roof Policy 2023 2028' scheme for all types of buildings.  
Telangana launched "Telangana Cool Roof Policy 2023 2028" for all types of buildings to reduce the temperature in Hyderabad and other urban areas of Telangana.  
**About Telangan:**  
**Chief Minister-** K. Chandrashekar Rao  
**Governor-** Tamilsai Soundararajan  
**Wildlife Sanctuary-** Jannaram Wildlife Sanctuary; Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary  
**Tiger Reserve-** Nagarjunsagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (shared with Andhra Pradesh); Kawal Tiger Reserve



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6<sup>th</sup> April 2023



- **3rd India Justice Report 2022: Karnataka tops among Large States in delivery of Justice**  
According to the third edition of the India Justice Report (IJR 3) 2022, released on 4 April 2023, Karnataka has topped the overall ranking among large and medium-sized states (states with a population of more than 1 crore).
- **MoHUA forms 14-member panel to examine stalled Real Estate projects Headed by Amitabh Kant**  
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has constituted a 14-member committee to examine stalled real estate projects and recommend ways to complete them, and hand them over to homebuyers in a time-bound manner.
- **Gol grants Geographical Indication tags to 33 new products; raised the total to 465**  
Indian government (Gol) has given Geographical Indication (GI) tag to 33 new products from different states, including Bihar (1), Uttar Pradesh (10), Madhya Pradesh (1), Chhattisgarh (1), and Tamil Nadu (11), as well as Ladakh (1) and the Union Territories (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) (8).
- **Gol announces plans to add 250 GW RE capacity in next 5 years**  
Indian government (Gol) has announced plans to set up 250 Gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy (RE) capacity over the next 5 years to meet its target of 500 GW of clean energy by 2030.
- **Rani's Girls' Hockey Turf: Rani Rampal becomes the first Indian woman hockey player to have a stadium named after her**  
Uttar Pradesh (The Modern Coach Factory (MCF) Stadium in Rae Bareilly, UP) has been renamed as 'Rani's Girls Hockey Turf' in honor of former Indian women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal.
- **Finland became NATO's 31st ally; Coinciding with the 74th anniversary of NATO**  
On April 4, 2023, Finland became the 31st member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) when it signed its accession to the 'North Atlantic Treaty' (Washington Treaty) with the United States (US) at the NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.  
**About Republic of Finland**  
**President-** Sauli Niinistö  
**Capital-** Helsinki  
**Currency-** Euro (EUR)
- **WHO Infertility Prevalence Estimates 1990-2021: Infertility Affects 1 in 6 Adults Globally**

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According to the report 'Infertility Prevalence Estimates 1990-2021' released by the World Health Organization (WHO) on April 03, 2023, around 17.5% of the adult population worldwide (about 1 in 6) experiences infertility in their lifetime.

### **About World Health Organization (WHO):**

**Director General-** Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

**Headquarters-** Geneva, Switzerland

**Establishment-** 7 April 1948

- Global Energy transition has made progress but Less than 1.5°C Pathway:  
IRENA WETO 2023 Report  
International Renewable Energy Agency in Berlin (Germany)"World Energy Transitions: Outlook (WETO) 2023: 1.5°C Pathway" released by IRENA) shows that the global energy transition is off-track, exacerbated by the effects of global crises.  
**About International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA):**  
**Director-General-** Francesco La Camera  
**Membership-** 167 countries and the EU.  
**Headquarters-** Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates
- UK becomes 12th member of CPTPP - Asia-Pacific trade bloc  
On March 31, 2023, the Accession Working Group (AWG) of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) agreed on the admission of the United Kingdom (UK) as the 12th member of the CPTPP.
- IDBI Bank & YES Bank Offers E-Bank Guarantee Service in collaboration with NeSL  
IDBI Bank in collaboration with National e-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) has developed an e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) service which replaces the paper-based Bank Guarantee (BG) issuance process with e-Stamping and e-Signature.
- Canara Bank introduces premium payroll account for salary account holders  
Canara Bank has introduced "Premium Payroll Package" for Salary Account holders with competitive features. Free term life insurance in this, instant overdraft and free personal air accident insurance coverage.
- NBCC signs MoU to help construct one million housing units in Zambia  
**NBCC (India) Limited**(formerly known as the National Buildings Construction Corporation) to ease the acute housing shortage in ZambiaSigned a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Zambia's Scirocco Enterprises Limited for the construction of 1 lakh low and medium cost houses.
- Mukesh Ambani ranked as the richest person in Asia, Bernard Arnault World's Richest: Forbes 37th World Billionaire List 2023

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On April 4, 2023, Forbes released its 37th annual World Billionaires List 2023, in which Mukesh Ambani regained his position as the richest person in Asia and India.

- **47th Olivier Awards:** Chennai-born Singaporean actress Anjana Vasan wins Best Supporting Actress  
On 2nd March 2023, Chennai-born Singaporean actress and London, United Kingdom (UK) based singer-songwriter Anjana Vasan won the Best Supporting Actress in a Play award at the 47th edition of Olivier Awards (2023) held at Royal Albert Hall in London, UK Won Actress Award.
- **Skyroot Aerospace Dhawan-II Fully Tested 3D Printed Cryogenic Rocket Engine**  
On April 4, 2023, Skyroot Aerospace, a private space technology startup based in Hyderabad, Telangana, successfully conducted an advanced fully 200-second test at the Solar Industry Propulsion Test Facility in Nagpur, Maharashtra, using Skyroot's indigenously developed mobile cryogenic engine test pad. 3D printed 'Dhawan-II' cryogenic engine successfully tested.
- **Former CJ of Calcutta HC Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan passed away**  
On 3rd April 2023, Former Kerala High Court Justice Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan, commonly referred to as Thottathil B Radhakrishnan, passed away at the age of 63 in Kochi, Kerala.
- **National maritime day 2023-5 April**  
**National maritime day (NMD)** or Merchant Navy Flag Day is observed every year on 5th April to raise awareness about the economy and global trade and to commemorate the sailing of the first Indian steamship "SS Loyalty" of Scindia Steam, Navigation Co. Ltd. from Mumbai (Maharashtra) to London in 1919 (United Kingdom) is celebrated till.
- **International Conscience Day 2023 April 5**  
United Nations (UN) International Day of Conscience is observed annually on 5 April worldwide to celebrate the importance of human conscience. The day also promotes the culture of their local, national and regional communities and a culture of peace with love and discretion according to other appropriate circumstances or customs.
- **Assam CM Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma launches scheme to assist higher secondary and degree students in purchasing books**  
**Bodofa (Father of Bodos) of Upendra Nath Brahma** On the occasion of 67th birth anniversary, "Students Day" (31st March 2023) the Chief Minister (CM) of Assam Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated a scheme to provide Rs.1,459 each to 3.4 lakh students of higher secondary and degree to buy books. Will be given Rs. Also, 16,763 students will get Rs 7,157 each to cover food expenses.

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- MIB partners with Amazon India in the field of media, entertainment and public awareness  
Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur announced that the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B)MIB) has partnered with Amazon India in the area of media, entertainment and public awareness.
- India & Romania signed its first defense cooperation agreement  
India and Romania during the bilateral meeting on defense cooperation between Giridhar Armane, Secretary, Ministry of Defense and Simona Cojocaru, Secretary of State and Head of the Department of Defense Policy, Planning and International Relations of Romania, in New Delhi, on March 28, 2023. Defense cooperation agreement signed.
- 'Top 10 Busiest Airports Worldwide for 2022' by ACI: Delhi Airport emerges as 9th Busiest Airport in the world in 2022  
Airport Council International (ACI) World published 'Top 10 Busiest Airports Worldwide for 2022', [IGIA]] has been ranked as the 9th busiest airport in the world in 2022, surpassing Paris Charles de Gaulle(CDG) Airport in France.  
**About the Union Territory of Delhi:**  
**Chief Ministers (CM)-** Arvind Kejriwal  
**Lieutenant Governor-** Vinai Kumar Saxena  
**Festivals-** Lohri; Makar Sankranti
- RBI data: Bank credit grew by 15% in FY23, highest since FY12  
Reserve Bank of India (According to RBI) data, India's bank credit grew by 15% year-on-year (YoY) in the financial year 2022-23 (FY23), as against 9.6% YoY in 2021-22 (FY22).  
**About Reserve Bank of India (RBI):**  
**Governor-** Shaktiman Das  
**Deputy Governors-** Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M. Rajeshwar Rao, T. Rabi Sankar  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Establishment-** 1st April 1935
- 'Global Trade Outlook and Statistics' by WTO: Global trade may grow by 1.7% in 2023 despite war  
According to the "Global Trade Outlook and Statistics" world trade organization report released by the WTO), the volume of merchandise trade is expected to grow by 1.7% in 2023, up from an estimate of 1.0% in October 2022.
- Cognizant Wins £74 million deal from UK's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs



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On 6th April 2023, Cognizant, an American multinational information technology company, has won £74 million from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) of the United Kingdom (UK) to enhance the supply chain model of the government organization and add new digital capabilities. Pound Sterling (about US\$ 92 million) won the contract.

- **MCC Honorary 5 Indian cricketers with Honorary Life Membership**  
On 5 April 2023, the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) based at the Lord's Cricket Ground (since 1814) in London, United Kingdom (UK) announced 5 Indian cricketers (3 men and 2 women): Mahendra Singh Dhoni (MS Dhoni); Suresh Raina; 17 of the world's finest cricketers, including Yuvraj Singh, Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami, have been awarded honorary life membership of the club.
- **Tripura adjudged best performing state in NE region for e-procurement**  
Tripura to India Habitat Center, New Delhi as the best performing state in the North East region in the implementation of e-Procurement jointly by the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity) during a workshop held on 27 March 2023 in Delhi has been declared.
- **India Elected to UN Statistical Commission and 3 other major subsidiary bodies of UN ECOSOC**  
On 6th April 2023, India was elected to the United Nations (UN) Statistical Commission and 3 other major subsidiary bodies of the United Nations (UN) Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
- **China's space pioneer launches liquid fuel rocket Tianlong-2 launched into orbit**  
On 2 April 2023, Space Pioneer (also known as Beijing Tianbing Technology Co., Ltd.), a Chinese aerospace company developing reusable orbital rocket technology, launched its Tianlong rocket from the Jiuquan Launch Center in northwest China. -2 (TL-2) Yaoyi Carrier Rocket, a liquid fueled rocket.  
**About the Republic of China:**  
**Prime Minister-** Li Qiang  
**President-** Xi Jinping  
**Capital-** Beijing  
**Currency-** Chinese Yuan
- **NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter once again breaks the world record**  
On April 2, 2023, National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Ingenuity Mars helicopter performed its 49th flight, breaking two records for highest altitude and highest speed achieved by any autonomous aircraft outside Earth.
- **HAL's first LCA trainer successfully completes maiden test flight**  
On 5th April 2023, The first series production Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Trainer (LT 5201) aircraft manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

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(HAL) successfully completed its maiden flight, marking a major milestone in the LCA Tejas programme.

- **Jharkhand Education Minister Jagarnath Mahto passed away**  
On 6th April 2023, Jagarnath Mahto, the Education Minister in Jharkhand, passed away at the age of 56 in a hospital in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN).
- **International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2023 - April 6**  
United Nations (UN) International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) is observed annually around the world on 6 April to celebrate the role of sport and physical activity in our individual lives and communities.  
**About the United Nations (UN):**  
**Secretary- General-** Antonio Guterres  
**Headquarters-** New York, USA  
**Establishment-** 1945
- **TN CM MK Stalin launches Anaivarukum IIT M initiative for government school students**  
On 5th April 2023, Tamil Nadu (TN) Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin (MK Stalin), has launched Indian Institute of Technology – Madras (IIT-M), Chennai, TN to connect 1 lakh government school students studying in rural places with electronic science.
- **Cabinet Approves tripartite agreement with KfW German bank for Kerala GEC project**  
The Union Cabinet has approved the State Government of Kerala and the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) has approved the signing of a tripartite agreement with German state-owned development bank KfW (formerly KfW Bankengroup) to secure loans for Kerala.
- **IndiGrid first connected solar panels in Maharashtra BESS Project launched**  
On 5th April 2023, India Grid Trust (IndiGrid), India's first listed power sector infrastructure investment trust, launched its first Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project with solar panels at its Dhule sub-station in Maharashtra.
- **KSINC launches solar-powered tourist ship "Suryamshu"**  
State-owned Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation (KSINC) has introduced its solar powered hybrid boat "Suryamashu", the first of its kind tourist boat in Kerala, in the Kochi backwaters of Kerala.

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- Cabinet approval on April 6, 2023  
The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved the following proposals  
Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved the Indian Space Policy 2023 which will enable the private sector to participate in various space activities like manufacturing of satellites, rockets and launch vehicles as well as data gathering and sharing.  
**About Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO):**  
**Chairman-** S. Somnath  
**Headquarter-** bangaluru, Karnataka  
**Establishment-** 1969
- CEA: WBPDC Ranked Best Performing Power Generation Company in FY23  
According to a list published by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Ministry of Power, **West Bengal Power Development Corporation (WBPDC)** has been ranked the best performing power Generation Company in the country for the financial year 2022-23 (FY23).  
**About West Bengal Power Development Corporation (WBPDC):**  
**Chairman & Managing Director-** Pulichalil Bava Salim  
**Establishment-** July, 1985  
**Headquarter-** Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2nd Tourism Working Group meeting held in Siliguri, West Bengal  
The **second Tourism Working Group Meeting** under the G20 chairmanship was held in **Siliguri**, Darjeeling district, West Bengal, from April 1-4, 2023, and was represented by 17 member states, 8 invited countries and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), International 4 International Organizations (IO) including the Labor Organization (ILO) and the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).
- Highlights of the First Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy of FY24  
Reserve Bank of India (RBI's 6-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) met on 3rd, 5th and 6th April 2023 and released its first bi-monthly monetary policy statement for FY24 (Financial Year 2023-2024).  
**About Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**  
**Governor-** Shaktiman Das  
**Dputy Governors-** Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M. Rajeshwar Rao, T. Rabi Sankar  
**Establishment-** 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

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- SEBI issues guidelines for use of brand or trade name by investment advisors and research analysts  
**The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** India's capital markets regulator has issued a circular on the **use of brand names or trade names** by investment advisors (**IA**s) and research analysts (**RA**s), following the previous publication of a comprehensive set of guidelines for advertisements issued by these entities.  
**About the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):**  
**Chairperson-** Madhabi Puri Buch  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Establishment-** 1992
- IIFL Finance secures USD 100 million funding from EDC, Deutsche Bank  
IIFL Finance Limited has received a total of US\$ 100 million in long-term funding from Export Development Canada (EDC) and Deutsche Bank with US\$ 50 million each.  
**About IIFL Finance Limited:**  
**Managing Director-** Nirmal Jain  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- South Indian Bank Signed bancassurance pact with Chola MS  
South Indian Bank Limited (SIB) has signed a bancassurance pact with Cholamandalam MS General Insurance (Chola MS ) to offer Chola MS's health and general insurance products to SIB's customers.
- Net direct tax collections Rose by 17.63% to Rs 16.61 trillion in FY23; Exceeds BE & RE  
As per the provisional data of direct tax collections for the financial year 2022-23 (FY23), the net direct tax collection was Rs 16.61 lakh crore (trillion), an increase of 17.63% as compared to Rs 14.12 lakh crore for FY2021-2022.
- Razorpay to Partnered with UIDAI process payment for online Aadhaar services  
**razorpay** (Razorpay Software Pvt Ltd) has partnered with **UIDAI** (Unique Identification Authority of India) to process the payment of online Aadhaar services.
- MCA extends Tenure of CS Rajan chairman of IL&FS September 2023  
Ministry of Corporate Affairs (**MCA**) Chandra Shekhar Rajan (**CS Rajan**) tenure of as non-executive chairman of IL&FS (Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd) till 30 September 2023.
- CCI approves acquisition of SREI Infrastructure Finance by NARCL and IDRCL

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On 6th April 2023, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of shares on SREI Infrastructure Finance Limited by National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) and India Debt Resolution Company Limited (IDRCL) under Section 5(a) of the Competition Act 2002 and approved controls.

### **About Competition Commission of India (CCI):**

**Acting Chairperson-** Sangeeta Verma

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

**Establishment-** 14<sup>th</sup> October 2003 (Operational from 2009)

- ISRO completes 2 critical tests for Gaganyaan mission: Vikas Engine test & SDM test for Crew Module Propulsion System

**The Indian Space Research Organization, (ISRO)** has successfully completed two critical tests of the Gaganyaan - Human Space Flight Program at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) at Mahendragiri in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu.

### **About Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO):**

**Chairman-** S. Somnath

**Headquarter-** bangaluru, Karnataka

**Establishment-** 1969

- World Health Day 2023 April 7  
The United Nations (UN) World Health Day is observed annually around the world on 7 April to draw attention to a specific health topic of concern to people around the world.
- International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda 2023 - 7 April  
The United Nations (UN) International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda is observed annually around the world on 7 April to honor the memory of the victims of the 1994 genocide against Tutsi, Hutu and others who opposed it in Rwanda.
- Prevention of Blindness week 2023 - April 1 to 7  
The promote blindness prevention and create awareness about the cause of blindness **1st to 7th April (First week of April)** Prevention of Blindness Week is celebrated all over India.
- Tamil Nadu's 'TN REACH' initiative will utilize 80+ unused helipads for intra state helicopter service  
Tamil Nadu (TN) Government is set to create an institution mechanism Tamil Nadu Regional Air Connectivity through Helicopters (TN REACH) to use helicopters for travel between cities and towns in Tamil Nadu. Under this initiative, more than 80 unused helipads across Tamil Nadu will be brought into use with helicopter services.



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**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

- **Meity Notifies “IT Amendment Rules 2023”: Government Appointed Fact Checker To Identify Fake News**  
The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity) notified amendments to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Code of Conduct) Rules, 2021 [IT Rules 2021] relating to dissemination of false and misleading information about online gaming and government business.
- **Union Cabinet grants approves to LIGO-India to build Gravitational-Wave Detector in Maharashtra**  
On 6th April 2023, The Union Cabinet of the Government of India chaired by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved the **LIGO-India** (Laser Interferometer Gravitational- Wave Observatory in India) mega science proposal for research on Gravitational Waves.
- **Visit of His Majesty the King of Bhutan to India April 03-05, 2023**  
From April 3-5, 2023, His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, the King of Bhutan, visited India on an official visit at the invitation of President Draupadi Murmu.  
**About Royal Government of Bhutan:**  
**Prime Minister-** Lobgay Tsering  
**Capital-** Thimphu  
**Currency-** Bhutanese Ngultrum (BTN)
- **PM inaugurates and lays foundation stones for projects worth Rs 11,300 crore in Telangana**  
Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid foundation stones of various development projects worth over Rs 11,300 crore in Telangana during his visit to Telangana on 8 April 2023.  
**About Telangana:**  
**Chief Minister-** K. Chandrashekar Rao  
**Governor-** Tamilisai Soundararajan  
**Wildlife Sanctuary-** Pranahita Wildlife Sanctuary; Pocharam Sanctuary; Manijira Wildlife Sancutry  
**Zoological Park-** Nehru Zoological Park; Vana Vigyan Kendra Mini Zoo (Kakatiya Zoological Park)
- **8th anniversary of the Prime Minister MUDRA Yojana**  
On 8 April 2023, the Finance Ministry celebrated the 8th anniversary of the launch of **Pradhan Mantri MUDRA** (Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency) **Yojana (PMMY).**

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- SAI integrates Khelo India Games certificates with DigiLocker  
On 7th April 2023, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur announced that Sports Authority of India (SAI), India's apex national sports body, has integrated Khelo India Games Certificate with DigiLocker.
- Mumbai ranked 19th in 'Best Public Transport in the World 2023'  
According to a survey published by London (United Kingdom) based Global magazine 'Time Out', India's financial capital Mumbai (Maharashtra) was ranked 19th in the list of 'Best Public Transport in the World 2023'.
- India supports African Union to transition mission in Somalia with US\$ 2 million  
United Nations (India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ruchira Kamboj provided US\$ 2 million to the United Nations Trust Fund in support of the African Union Transitional Mission in Somalia (ATMIS).  
**About Somalia:**  
**Prime Minister-** Hamza Abdi Barre  
**Capital-** Magadishu  
**Currency-** Somali Shilling
- TVS SCS wins UK Ministry of Defense contract to supply Land Rover Spares  
TVS Supply Chain Solutions (TVS SCS), a part of the TVS Mobility Group, has procured parts, consumables and accessories for the Land Rover Wolf platform from the Ministry of Defense (MOD) of the United Kingdom (UK) through its agent, Babcock Land Defense Ltd. Won the contract for the supply of equipment.
- Indian Actor Shah Rukh Khan TIME100 Reader Poll 2023 won  
India's Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan **2023 TIME100 Reader Poll** Won, the 100th edition of Time's Readers' Poll, in which readers vote for the individuals/groups they think deserve a place on Time's annual list of Most Influential People.
- Bharat Biotech World Vaccine Congress Washington Won VIE Award 2023 in 2023  
On 4th April 2023, Hyderabad (Telangana) based Bharat Biotech International Limited (Bharat Biotech) VIE during the World Vaccine Congress Washington 2023 held from 3rd to 6th April at Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington DC, United States(USA) Awards 2023, Won the Best Product / Process Development Award at the 16th Annual VIE Awards 2023.
- SpaceX Falcon 9 launches Intelsat 40E with NASA's TEMPO high-resolution air quality monitoring mission  
On April 7, 2023, SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket lifted off NASA's (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Pollution

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(TEMPO) instrument from Space Launch Complex 40 of Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, United States (US).

### **About National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

**Administrator-** Bill Nelson

**Headquarters-** Washington, D.C., United States

- HAL: handed over 100th Su-30 MKI aircraft to IAF & launched 3rd LCA production line launched  
On April 7, 2023, Defense Secretary, Giridhar Armane inaugurated the 3rd LCA (Light Combat Aircraft) production line of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and the 100th Sukhoi-30 MKI Repair and Overhaul (Repair and Overhaul) at HAL's Nashik Division in Nashik, Maharashtra. ROH) aircraft were handed over to the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Anti-Submarine Rockets developed by 2 Pune Labs successfully test fired from INS Chennai  
On 3rd April 2023, The Extended Range Anti Submarine Rocket (ER- ASR) designed by two Pune (Maharashtra) based facilities of Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) was successfully test fired from Indian Naval Ship (INS) Chennai for the first time.
- James webb telescope Discovered 4 oldest galaxies  
A team of 80 international astronomers from 10 countries has detected the 4 oldest galaxies in the known universe using the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), according to papers published in the journal "Nature".
- International romantic day2023 April 8 -  
To celebrate Romani culture and create awareness of the difficulties faced by the Romani community around the worldApril 8 International Romantic Day is celebrated all over the world.

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- PM lays foundation stones of various projects in Chennai, TN and dedicates to the nation  
on 8 April 2023, During his visit to Tamil Nadu, the Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of several projects and dedicated to the nation at the event held at Alstrom Cricket Ground in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN).  
**About Tamil Nadu (TN):**  
**Chief Minister-** M K Stalin  
**Governor-** RN Ravi  
**Capital-** Chennai  
**Wildlife Sanctuaries-** Magamalai Wildlife Sanctuary, Palani (Kodaikanal)  
Wildlife Sanctuary  
**Zoological Park-** Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Amirthi Zoological Park
- PM inaugurates 'Commemoration of 50 Years of Project Tiger'; IBCA launched  
On April 9, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Commemoration of 50 Years of Project Tiger' event at Mysuru University in Mysuru, Karnataka, organized to mark 50 years of Project Tiger, the first of its kind in India it was done.
- UP gets world's first conservation and breeding center for Asian king vultures  
The Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Center (JCBC), the **world's first** conservation and breeding center specially developed for the conservation of the **Asian king vulture** in **Maharajganj** district of UP, was inaugurated by the Chief Minister (CM) of UP, Yogi Adityanath on International Vulture Awareness Day (September First Saturday).
- MoF sets up 4-member panel to review pension system for government employees  
Finance Ministry (MoF) has constituted a **4-member** committee headed by **Finance Secretary TV Somanathan** to examine the pension system for government employees.
- Two-day 1st International Quantum Communications Conference to be held on 27-28 March 2023  
On March 27, 2023, Minister of Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Railways Ashwini Vaishnav and Minister of State for Communications Devsingh Chouhan inaugurated the two-day '1st International Quantum Communications Conference', scheduled to be held on March 27-28, 2023 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi was conducted.

- Norway Singapore gains as India's FPI destinations in FY23, Mauritius decline  
National Securities Depository located in Mumbai (Maharashtra) (**NSDL**).  
Norway and Singapore gained as FPI (foreign portfolio investment) destinations for India in FY23, while Mauritius saw the sharpest decline, according to the data.
- MPR by RBI (April 2023): Credit growth at 11-year high in FY23 despite sharp rise in lending rates  
reserve Bank of India (According to RBI's Monetary Policy Report (April 2023), credit growth in the financial year 2022-23 (FY23) outpaced deposit growth at an eleven-year high, despite banks outperforming the external benchmark [250 basis points (bps)], which now accounts for about half of floating rate loans.
- SEBI approves setting up of Rs 3,000 crore hedge facility for debt mutual funds  
Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has decided to set up Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF) as an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) with an initial corpus of Rs 3,000 crore, as a background facility for purchase of investment grade corporate debt securities in times of stress will act.  
**About Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI):**  
**Chairperson-** Madhabi Puri Buch  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Establishment-** 12 April, 1992
- Famous Indian-American Statistician CR Rao wins 2023 International Prize in Statistics  
Renowned Indian-American statistician Kalyampudi Radhakrishna Rao (CR Rao) has been awarded the 2023 International Prize in Statistics for his landmark work that revolutionized statistical thinking 75 years ago.
- Israel launches 'Ofek 13' reconnaissance satellite into space  
In March 2023, Israel successfully launched Ofek 13, a new Israeli spy satellite, into space aboard a Shavit launch vehicle from the Palmachim Airbase spaceport, located near the cities of Rishon Lezion and Yaven, Israel.
- 'MF Hydra': World's first liquid hydrogen-powered ferry becomes operational  
Norwegian company Norled '**MF Hydra**' Launched the world's first liquid hydrogen powered ferry vessel. The vessel is undergoing sea trials and system trials in Hjellemeland from early 2023. MF Hydra will now operate on the tri-route Hjelmerland-Skipvik Nesvik.
- Iran successfully tests Kamikaze drone Equipped with 50 kg warhead  
Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Iran (IRGC) has successfully tested a homemade long-range, high-precision kamikaze drone equipped with a 50-kg warhead.



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- Indian GM Gukesh Domaraju wins the Armageddon Championship Series 2023 - Asia & Oceania  
16 year old Indian Grandmaster (GM) Gukesh Domraju (Gukesh D) won the Armageddon Championship Series 2023: Asia & Oceania by defeating World Rapid Champion GM Nodirbek Abdusatorov of Uzbekistan,
- Ghulam Nabi Azad's Autobiography 'Azad' released in New Delhi  
On 5th April 2023, Former Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Chief Minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad's autobiography 'Azad' was released by former Sadar-e-Riyasat of J&K and former Rajya Sabha member Dr. Karan Singh and Roopa Publications in New Delhi, Delhi Managing Director (MD)- Kapish Mehra.
- Nandini Das wrote a new book titled "Coating India"  
Historian Nandini Das, Professor of English Literature at the University of Oxford, England, United Kingdom (UK), has authored a new book titled "Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire".
- World Homeopathy Day 2023 April 10  
World Homeopathy (or Homeopathy) Day every year **April 10** It is celebrated across the world to honor homeopathy and its contribution to the treatment of people around the world.
- 58th CRPF Valour Day - 9 April 2023  
Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Valor Day, also known as Valor Day, is observed across India on 9 April to commemorate the valor of CRPF personnel during the 1965 war against the Pakistan Army.
- Odisha gets Rs 26,000 crore investment intent at business Meet in Tokyo  
On 5th April 2023, Odisha government received investment intentions worth around Rs 26,000 crore during the Odisha Business Meet, 2023 held in Tokyo, Japan.  
**About Odisha:**  
**Chief Minister-** Naveen Patnaik  
**Governor-** Ganeshi Lal  
**Festial-** Raja parba; Rath Yatra  
**Stadium-** East Coast Railway Stadium

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- **Indian Air Force in Exercise Cope India 23 West Bengal and Launched among the US Air Force**  
Indian Air Force (The first phase of Exercise Cope India 23 (C123), a bilateral air exercise between the IAF) and the United States Air Force began on 10 April 2023 at Air Force Station Arjan Singh (Panagarh Air Force Base) in Panagarh, West Bengal (WB) .
- **State Energy Efficiency Index 2021-22: Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan and Telangana emerge as front runners**  
New Delhi During the RPM (Review, Planning and Monitoring) meeting of states and state utilities in Delhi, Union Minister for Power RK Singh released the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2021-2022 report.
- **Kerala's Periyar Tiger Reserve tops Management Review: Fifth Cycle of MEE of TR in India in 2022**  
National Tiger Conservation Authority (According to the Summary Report of the Fifth Cycle of Management Effectiveness Evaluation of Tiger Reserves in India in 2022 by NTCA), Periyar Tiger Reserve (TR) in Kerala has been listed among the best managed Tiger Reserves in India with a Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) score of 94.38%. is at the top.
- **MoSPI Development Stats: Gujarat made best use of MPLADS funds in FY23, UP received maximum funds**  
Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (Gujarat had the highest release to fund ratio using Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) funds in the financial year 2022-23 (FY23), according to data presented by the MoSPI in Parliament on March 27, 2023, while the state received 66 crore was allocated, of which Rs 95.77 crore or 145.11% was utilised.
- **Armed forces set up panel to probe disability pension**  
The Indian Armed Forces appointed the Adjutant General of the Army (Adjutant General of the Army) to examine disability pension among Armed Forces personnel. AG) has set up an Inter-Services Panel. The direction to set up the panel came from the Department of Military Affairs, Ministry of Defence, headed by Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan.

- **Plant Protection Varieties to Kerala Agricultural University Notified as Authority Center for Farmers' Rights**  
Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) has been notified as Center for Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW).
- **RBI issues Outsourcing of IT Services Directions 2023; Application process for registration of CIC simplified**  
On April 10, 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) asked banks, NBFCs (Non-Bank Financial Companies) and regulated entities (RE) to ensure that such arrangements do not dilute their responsibilities and obligations towards customers RBI (Outsourcing of Information Technology Services) Directions, 2023 for outsourcing of Information Technology (IT) services.
- **SEBI asks AIFs to provide "Direct Plan" option to investors; Trail model presented to the distribution commission**  
Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has mandated Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) to provide the option of "Direct Plan" to investors and introduced a trail model for distribution commission.  
**About the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**  
**Chairperson-** Madhubi Puri Buch  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Establishment-** 1992
- **NSE Indices launches India's first Nifty REIT and InvIT index**  
On April 10, 2023, NSE Index Limited, a subsidiary of National Stock Exchange (NSE) launched India's first index to track Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvIT) called Nifty REIT and InvIT called index.
- **Kotak General Insurance Ties up with actyvai to sell insurance products to MSMEs**  
Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited (Kotak General Insurance-KGI) has partnered with actyvai to offer basic insurance products to new age Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).  
**About actyv.ai:**  
**Founder, Global CEO-** Raghunath Subramanian  
**Headquarters-** Bengaluru, Karnataka  
**About Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Ltd. (KGI)**  
**Managing Director (MD) & CEO-** Suresh Agarwal  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

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- ADB, TPDDL sign Rs 150 crore deal to enhance power distribution in Delhi  
April 10, 2023 ) 150 crore (US\$18.2 million) between Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL), the distribution arm of Tata Power Company Limited (Tata Power), and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to boost electricity distribution in Delhi on has been compromised.
- JICA, Citibank partner for US\$ 125 million co-financing for IndusInd Bank to further lend to agriculture sector  
Japanese lender Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has partnered with Citibank to provide a \$125 million funding line to domestic private sector lender IndusInd Bank.
- IIT Kanpur partners with Defense PSU to focus on innovation  
Start-up Incubation and Innovation Center (**SIIC**), a Technology Business Incubator of Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur (IIT- Kanpur), Uttar Pradesh signed a CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) agreement with Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWEIL) at Ordnance Factory Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.  
**About the Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC):**  
**Chief Executive Officer (CEO)-** Dr Nikhil Agrawal  
**Headquarter-** Kanur, Uttar Pradesh  
**About the Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWEIL):**  
**Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)-** Rajesh Choudhary  
**Headquarters-** Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh  
**Establishment-**2021
- President of India Presented at NIF's 11th Biennial National Grassroots Innovation & Outstanding Traditional Knowledge Awards  
On 10th April 2023, The President of India Draupadi Murmu presented the 11th biennial National Grassroots Innovation and Outstanding Traditional Knowledge Awards of National Innovation Foundation (NIF) at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Center (RBCC), New Delhi, Delhi.
- UIDAI & IIT Bombay signed MoU to develop touchless biometric capture system  
On 10th April 2023, The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology- Bombay (IIT Bombay), Mumbai, Maharashtra, for easy access by people anytime, anywhere.

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- **Amolops Siju:** ZSI scientists discover a new species of frog in Meghalaya's Siju Cave  
Zoological Survey of India, Pune (Maharashtra) A team of scientists from ZSI has discovered a new species of cascade ranid frogs of the genus Amolops named "Amolops siju" from the Siju Cave in South Garo Hills district of Meghalaya.
- **Former TN Chief Electoral Officer Naresh Gupta passed away**  
On 10th April 2023, Former Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Tamil Nadu(TN), Naresh Gupta, a 1973 batch IAS officer from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, passed away at the age of 72 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu(TN).
- **SBI launches its coffee table book "The Banker to Every Indian"**  
State Bank of India (SBI) headquartered in Mumbai (Maharashtra) announced the launch of its coffee table book titled "The Banker to Every Indian", which celebrates 75 years of Indian independence and 200 years of SBI's history, which was established in 1955.
- **National safe Motherhood Day 2023 - April 11**  
Health care during various stages of pregnancy and motherhood National Safe Motherhood Day is observed across the world on 11 April to promote awareness of the importance of proper access to april 11 for motherhood.
- **TN Governor approves the Prohibition of Online Gaming and Regulation of Online Games Bill, 2022**  
On April 10, 2023, Tamil Nadu (TN) Governor Ravindra Narayana (RN) Ravi promulgated the 'Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Online Gaming and Online Games Bill, 2022' to ban online gambling, including online rummy and poker with stakes.



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- First technical regulation from India for Technical Textiles industry launched  
On April 11, 2023, the Ministry of Textiles launched 2 Quality Control Orders (QCOs) for 31 items which marked the first technical regulation from India for the Technical Textiles industry

**About Ministry of Textiles:**

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

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

- NCRTC names India's first semi high-speed Regional Rail Services as 'RAPIDX'  
National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has named India's first semi high-speed Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) as RAPIDX as it is easy to read and simple to pronounce in various languages.

- President Droupadi Murmu Gives Assent to Competition (Amendment) Bill, 2023  
President Droupadi Murmu has given her assent to the **Competition (Amendment) Bill, 2023**, which aims to amend the Competition Act, 2002, that regulates competition in the Indian market and forbids anti-competitive practices like cartels, mergers, and acquisitions that might have a negative impact on competition.

**About the Competition Commission of India (CCI):**

**Acting Chairperson-** Sangeeta Verma

**Establishment -** 2003

**Headquarters -** New Delhi, Delhi

- Madhya Pradesh's products including Gond Painting, Sharbati Wheat gets GI Tag  
The Geographical Indication (GI) Tag has been granted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I) to several products of **Madhya Pradesh (MP)**, which include 5 handcrafts product, 1 Agricultural product, 1 Food stuff, 1 Textile product.

- Andaman & Nicobar Command conducted a Joint Military Exercise "Ex KAVACH"  
Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), the first and only Tri-Service theatre command in India, conducted a large-scale Joint Military Exercise **"Exercise KAVACH"** (EX KAVACH) involving the assets of the Indian Armed forces - Army, Navy, Air Force, and Indian Coast Guard (ICG) from 23rd February 2023 to 7th April 2023.

- Dharmendra Pradhan unveils Digital Version of Employability Skills Curriculum for Students enrolled in ITIS  
On 11th April 2023, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Education and Skill Development (MSDE), unveiled the digital version of the Employability Skills Curriculum (ES) for students enrolled in India's Industrial Training Institutes (ITIS) at the Future Skills Forum in New Delhi, Delhi.

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- India - Ranked 77 in World's 'most criminal countries' List, Ranked 71 at Crime Rate by Country 2023  
According to the ranking of the world's '**most criminal countries**' released by the World of Statistics, **Venezuela** ranked **first** in the list followed by Papua New Guinea and Afghanistan. **India** was at the position **77th** on the list of criminal countries.
- RBI Released Framework for Acceptance of Green Deposits for REs  
On April 11, 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) notified an enclosed Framework for acceptance of Green Deposits for the Regulated Entities (RES) to promote and develop a green finance ecosystem in India.
- GIC Data: India's Non-Life Insurers Report Double-Digit Growth in FY23  
According to provisional statistics released by the **General Insurance Council (GIC)**, India's non-life insurers recorded growth in fiscal year 2023 (FY23) due to strong performance across sectors.  
**About Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI):**  
**Chairperson** - Debasish Panda  
**Headquarters** - Hyderabad, Telangana
- IMF WEO 2023 cuts India's growth forecast for FY24 to 5.9% and for FY25 to 6.3%  
On April 11, 2023, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its bi-annual World Economic Outlook (WEO) 2023 report with a **title 'A Rocky Recovery'** has downgraded India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) forecast for the financial year 2023-24 by 20 basis points (-0.2%) to 5.9% from 6.1% in January 2023 WEO Update.  
**About International Monetary Fund (IMF):**  
**Managing Director** - Kristalina Georgieva  
**Headquarters**- Washington, D.C, USA  
**Establishment**- 1944
- BHEL-led consortium bags Rs 9,600 crore order to Supply 80 Sleeper Class Vande Bharat Trains  
A consortium led by state-owned Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) has bagged an order worth more than Rs 9,600 crore to supply 80 sleeper class Vande Bharat trains to Indian Railways over a period of 6 years.
- RRI & Indian Navy partners to develop secure maritime communications using Quantum Technology  
Bengaluru (Karnataka) based Raman Research Institute (**RRI**) has partnered with the Indian Navy to develop secure maritime communications using quantum technologies.

- Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra launches Unified Portal of CBN  
On 11th April 2023, Sanjay Malhotra, Revenue Secretary, Ministry of Finance (MOF), launched the **Unified Portal** of the Central Bureau of Narcotics (**CBN**), which will instil efficiency and transparency and reduce the time taken by the pharma industry to get a trade licence.
- Former Chairman Emeritus of Mahindra & Mahindra, Keshub Mahindra Passed Away  
On 12th April 2023, **Keshub Mahindra**, former chairman emeritus of Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) Group, passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra, at the age of 99.
- "The Great Bank Robbery", a new book co- authored by V. Pattabhi Ram & Sabyasachee Dash  
Pattabhi Ram & Sabyasachee Dash has co- authored a new book titled **"The Great Bank Robbery: NPAs, Scams and the Future of Regulation"** which discusses 11 scams that have rocked India since its Independence (1947).
- International Day of Human Space Flight 2023 - April 12  
The United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Human Space Flight is annually observed across the globe on April 12 to mark the beginning of the space era for mankind, the contribution of space science and technology, and ensure the realisation of the conservation of outer space for peaceful purposes.  
**About the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA):**  
**Acting Director-** Niklas Hedman  
**Headquarters-** Vienna, Austria  
**Establishment-** 1958
- International Day for Street Children 2023 – April 12  
International Day for Street Children (**IDSC**) is annually observed across the globe on **12th April** to create awareness about the difficulties faced by the children who live on the streets and demand equal rights for them.
- Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates & lays Foundation Stone for various development projects in Azamgarh & Kaushambi of UP  
On 7th April 2023, Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs, inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of **234 development projects** worth **Rs 5,196 crore** in the Azamgarh and Kaushambi districts of Uttar Pradesh (UP).  
**About the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA):**  
**Union Minister-** Amit Shah (Constituency- Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat)  
**Minister of State (MOS)-** Nityanand Rai (Constituency- Ujiarpur, Bihar); Ajay Kumar Mishra (Constituency- Kheri, Uttar Pradesh); Nisith Pramanik (Constituency- Coochbehar, West Bengal)  
**About Uttar Pradesh:**  
**Chief Minister (CM)-** Yogi Adityanath  
**Governor-** Anandiben Mafatbhai Patel  
**Bird Sanctuary-** Samaspur Bird Sanctuary; Okhla Bird Sanctuary  
**Festival-** Ayudha Pooja; Lath Mar Holi

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- Solar Energy Corporation of India gets 'Miniratna Category-I' status  
On April 10, 2023, the Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI) was accorded the status of Miniratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE). A communication to this effect has been issued by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- India's 1st underwater Metro starts trial run under the bed of Hooghly  
Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Limited (KMRCL) successfully conducted the trial run of India's 1st underwater metro train under the river bed of Hooghly through a tunnel of 32 meters below water level.
- India Retains Category 1 Status under US FAA's IASA Programme  
India has retained the Category 1 status under the United States Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) programme.
- Drone Start-Up Garuda Aerospace becomes first to Receive Agri Drone Subsidy  
Chennai (Tamil Nadu)-based **Garuda Aerospace**, a Made in India drone startup, has become India's **1st** company to receive **Agri Drone Subsidy** for agricultural drones.
- AI Index Report 2023: India Ranked 5th with most AI Investment; US Topped the List  
According to '**Artificial Intelligence Index Report 2023**', the 6th edition of the annual Artificial Intelligence (AI) index report published by Stanford University's Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI), **India** is ranked **5th** in terms of private investments received in 2022 by startups offering AI-based products and services with a total investment of **US\$3.24 billion**.
- SEBI unveils new logo with modern design on 35th Foundation Day  
On April 12, 2023, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) unveiled a new logo on the occasion of its 35th Foundation Day.
- HDFC Bank signs pact with KEXIM for \$300mn Credit Line; HDFC MF launches schemes for Large, Mid & Small-Cap Segments  
On April 12, 2023, HDFC Bank signed a '**Master Inter Bank Credit Agreement**' with Export Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM) for a USD 300 million line of credit.  
**About HDFC Bank:**

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**Establishment** - 1994

**MD & CEO**- Sashidhar Jagdishan

**Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Tagline** - We Understand Your World

- Canara Bank, Bharat Bill Pay tie up for cross- border bill payments for Indian diaspora in Oman  
Canara Bank and NPCI Bharat Bill Pay Ltd (NBBL) in co-ordination with Musandam Exchange, Oman have launched cross-border inward bill payment services for Indians based in Oman.

**About Oman:**

**Capital**- Muscat

**Currency**- Omani Rial

- CUB launches India's 1st Voice Biometric Authentication for Logging into its Banking App  
On 12th April 2023, the Citi Union Bank (CUB) based in Kumbakonam (Tamil Nadu), launched **India's 1st Voice Biometric Authentication** for logging into its mobile banking app at an event held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN).
- PhonePe raises Another USD 100 million from General Atlantic  
Walmart Inc.-owned Phone Pe, digital payments and financial services decacorn, raised USD 100 million (about Rs 820 crore) from United States (US) based private equity firm, General Atlantic (GA) and other investors as a part of its ongoing USD 1 billion fundraise to expand into the lending space.
- UNCTAD Report: India's Economic Growth Projected to Slow to 6% In 2023, Down from 6.6% In 2022  
According to the "**Trade and Development Report Update: Global Trends and Prospects**" (April 2023) report published by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India's economic growth is projected to decline to 6% in 2023 from 6.6% in 2022.

**About the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD):**

**Establishment** - 1964

**Secretary-General** - Rebeca Grynspan

**Headquarters**- Geneva, Switzerland



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- India's Exports Increased 6% To USD 447 Billion in FY23, While Imports Increased 16.5% To USD 714 Billion  
According to Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI), **India's exports** increased **6%** to a "record" **USD 447 billion** in financial year 2022-23 (**FY23**), up from USD 442 billion in FY22, while **imports** increased **16.5%** to **USD 714 billion** from USD 613 billion in FY22.
- RBI approves re-appointment of Sanjay Agarwal as MD & CEO of AU SFB for 3 years  
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the re-appointment of **Sanjay Agarwal** as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jaipur (Rajasthan)-based AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) for 3 years with effect from 19th April 2023.
- CCI approves Acquisition of Certain Shareholding of BTS Investment & BTS VCC by NBCUniversal  
The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the acquisition of certain shareholdings of BTS Investment 1 Pte. Ltd. (**BTS Investment**) and Bodhi Tree Systems VCC (**BTS VCC**) by NBC Universal Media, LLC (**NBC Universal**), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Comcast Corporation, under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.  
**About the Competition Commission of India (CCI):**  
**Acting Chairperson-** Sangeeta Verma  
**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi Establishment- 14th October 2003 (Operational from 2009)
- TCG Anadolu: Türkiye's Largest Warship and World's First Drone Carrier  
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Türkiye, officially unveiled 'TCG Anadolu', the **country's largest warship and the world's first unmanned combat aerial vehicle (UCAV)** carrier.  
**About the Republic of Türkiye:**  
**President -** Recep Tayyip Erdoğan  
**Capital -** Ankara  
**Currency-** Turkish Lira
- National Award-Winning Actress Uttara Baokar Passed Away  
National Award-winning actress and noted theatre artist **Uttara Baokar** passed away in Pune, Maharashtra, at the age of 79.

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- Journalist Piyush Babele Authored a New Book Titled "Gandhi: Siyasat aur Sampradaiykta"  
Journalist and author **Piyush Babele** have authored a new book in **Hindi** - "**Gandhi: Siyasat aur Sampradaiykta**" (Gandhi: Politics and Communalism) about Mahatma Gandhi's beliefs about religion, politics, and the struggle for freedom from the British.
- Health Special Issues of CSIR Magazines "Vigyan Pragati" & "Science Reporter" released  
**Health Special issues** of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)'s popular science magazines "**Vigyan Pragati**" and "**Science Reporter**" were released at the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Headquarters in New Delhi, Delhi.
- 39th Siachen Day - 13 April 2023  
Siachen Day is annually observed by the Indian Army on April 13 to commemorate the Indian Army's "**Operation Meghdoot**". The day honours the Bravehearts of the Indian Army who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty during Operation Meghdoot.
- 104th anniversary of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre - 13th April 2023  
13th April 2023 marks the 104th Anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, also known as the Amritsar massacre, on 13th April 1919 in Amritsar, Punjab, British India (now in Punjab, India).

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- NHAI & Nagarjunasagar - Srisailem Tiger Reserve signed a MoU to Enable FASTag Based payment at forest Entry points  
Indian Highways Management Company Limited (**IHMCL**) has Nagarjunasagar - signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Srisailem Tiger Reserve, which extends to the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, to promote a smooth and efficient entry process for vehicles entering the forest area.
- Union Minister Purushottam Rupala launched the projects: APPI and World Bank Funded AHSSOH  
On April 14, 2023 Union Minister Purushottam Rupala, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD) launched the '**Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative**' (APPI) under the aegis of National One Health Mission to improve India's preparedness and response to potential animal pandemics ) and the World Bank (WB)-funded 'Animal Health Systems Support for One Health' (AHSSOH) projects.  
**About Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD):**  
**Union Minister-** Parshottam Rupala (Rajya Sabha Gujarat)  
**Minister of State-** Sanjeev Kumar Balyan; L. Murugan
- CMIE: India's employment Rate rose to 36.6% in March 2023 from 36.9% in December 2022  
According to data by the Center of Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) Pvt Ltd, India's employment rate has been increase to 36.9% in March 2022 quarter from 36.6% in December 2023 quarter.  
**About the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE):**  
**Managing Director-** Mahesh Vyas  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Establishment-** 1976
- Atal Tinkering Labs linked with to KVK and ATMA to involve students in Agri innovation  
On 13th April, 2023 with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India), and Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) under the initiative Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) and Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Agreed to add Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL).
- India to send wheat to Afghanistan MoU signed with UN WFP  
The Ministry of External Affairs (**MEA**), Government of India (GoI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations (UN) World Food Program (**WFP**), paving the way for the delivery of **10,000 metric tonnes** (fifth tranche) of **wheat** to the people of **Afghanistan**.

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- Ghana becomes first country to approve Oxford malaria vaccine  
United Kingdom Republic of Ghana (UK) has become the first country to approve "**R21/Matrix - M**", a highly effective malaria vaccine developed at the University of Oxford.
- Chennai Metro Singara Chennai Card launched in association with SBI  
The '**Singara Chennai Card**' [National Common Mobility Card (NCMC)] was introduced by Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) in association with State Bank of India (SBI), its banking partner to facilitate seamless transportation for commuters.  
**About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):**  
**MD & CEO-** Dilip Asbe  
**Incorporated-** 2008  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- SIDBI announces a financial plan to grow the electric vehicle market  
Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has announced the launch of a pilot scheme '**Mission 50K-EV4ECO**' to unlock the Electric Vehicle market by providing better financing terms and other necessary incentives for better adoption of Electric Vehicles (EVs).
- HCAL gets SEBI nod for transfer of control in merger process  
In a letter dated April 10, 2023, to **HDFC Capital Advisors Limited (HCAL)** the markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** approved the proposed change in control of HCAL subject to certain conditions.
- SBI relaunches Retail Fixed Deposit Scheme 'AMRIT KALASH'  
On April 12, 2023, State Bank of India (SBI) decided to relaunch the retail fixed deposit scheme 'AMRIT KALASH'. This is a special scheme with an interest rate of 7.6% for senior citizens and 7.1% for others with tenure of 400 days.
- Indian Oil and US-based LanzaJet to set up India's first green aviation fuel firm  
Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) is to set up a joint venture (JV) with United States (USA) based clean energy technology company LanzaJet Inc and several domestic airlines to manufacture **Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)**.
- Kumar Mangalam Birla receives Business Leader of the Decade Award at AIMA  
On 11th April 2023, Aditya Birla Group Chairman **Kumar Mangalam Birla** received the **Business Leader of the Decade Award** at the 13th Managing India Awards ceremony of All India Management Associations (AIMA) at Durbar Hall, Taj Palace, New Delhi, Delhi.
- Russia has Test launch of 'advanced' intercontinental ballistic missile  
On 11th April 2023, the Russian Defense Ministry carried out the successful test launch of an "advanced" intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), a mobile

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ground-based missile system, from the Kapustin Yar test site in Russia's southern Astrakhan region.

- **Asian Wrestling Championship 2023:** Aman Sehrawat won the first gold medal for India in Astana, Kazakhstan  
On 13th April 2023, Freestyle wrestler **Aman Sehrawat** won **India's first gold medal** under the men's 57 kg freestyle category at the 2023 Asian Wrestling Championships.
- **World Chagas Disease day 2023 - April 14**  
To raise awareness about Chagas disease **April 14** World Chagas Disease Day (WCDD) observed annually, also known as American trypanosomiasis, is a life-threatening disease that can cause serious heart and digestive problems.  
**About the World Health Organisation (WHO):**  
**Director General-** Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus  
**Headquarters-** Geneva, Switzerland  
**Establishment-** 7 April 1948
- **National Fire Service Day 2023 - April 14**  
April 14 is observed annually across India as National Fire Service (NFS) Day to pay tribute to firefighters who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty and to emphasize the importance of fire service.
- **World Art Day 2023 - April 15**  
**World Art Day** is annually celebrated on April 15 by the International Association of Art (IAA/AIAP), a non-governmental organization (NGO), a partner of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), is celebrated to encourage the development, dissemination and enjoyment of the arts.  
**About the United National Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):**  
**Director-General-** Audrey Azoulay  
**Headquarters-** Paris, France  
**Establishment-** 1945 (came into force in 1946)  
**Members-** 193 Members and 11 Associate Members
- **CM Pushkar Singh Dhami launches "A HELP" programme in Uttarakhand**  
Chief Minister of Uttarakhand (CM) Pushkar Singh Dhami launched "A-HELP" (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production) program at Survey of India Auditorium Dehradun in Uttarakhand.  
**About Uttarakhand:**  
**Chief Minister-** Pushkar Singh Dhami  
**Governor-** Gurmit Singh  
**Festivals-** Butter Festival or Anduri Utsav; Kumbh Mela  
**Stadium-** Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium



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- Meity Notifies FAO: Narrowing the gender gap in agri-food systems could boost the global economy by US\$1 trillion  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (According to 'The Status of Women in Agrifood Systems', released by (FAO), tackling gender inequality in agri-food systems can reduce hunger, boost the economy and protect against shocks such as climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic.
- India, Japan & France launch common platform for Sri Lankan debt restructuring programme  
**India, Japan** and France announced a common platform for talks between creditors to address Sri Lanka's debt restructuring program, the country which was hit by an unprecedented financial crisis in 2022.  
**About Sri Lanka:**  
**Capital-** Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte  
**Currency-** Sri Lankan rupee (LKR)  
**President-** Ranil Wickremesinghe
- SEBI issues framework on upfront contribution by issuers to Settlement Guarantee Fund of LPCC  
On April 13, 2023, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced a new mechanism for upfront collection of amount as fee from eligible issuers at the time of allotment of debt securities for creation of **Settlement Guarantee Fund** of Limited Purpose Clearing Corporation (LPCC).  
**About Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI):**  
**Chairperson-** Madhabi Puri Buch  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Establishment-** 12 April 1992
- CGTMSE enhances guarantee coverage for MSEs from Rs 2 crore to Rs 5 crore  
Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) has increased the limit of guarantee coverage from **Rs 2 crore to Rs 5 crore per borrower** under its Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for MSEs for credit facilities extended by institutions lending to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs).
- City India first blockchain-enabled on Contour LC transaction completed  
Citibank India (CitilIndia) has appointed its customer Cummins India Limited (Cummins), has completed its first blockchain-enabled Letter of Credit (LC) transaction on Contour Pte Ltd (Contour), a diversified industrial manufacturing company.
- US becomes India's largest trading partner in FY23, followed by China

According to data from the Ministry of Commerce, the United States (US) has emerged as India's largest trading partner with USD 128.55 billion in the financial year 2022-23 (FY23), followed by China with USD 113.83 billion.

- **WPI inflation eases to 30-month low in March 2023 on Easing Input Prices**  
As per the Wholesale Price Index numbers in India for 2023 (Base year: 2011-12), the annual rate of inflation based on the All India Wholesale Price Index (WPI) numbers for the month of March 2023 is 1.34% (provisional), which is for the month of February This is lower than the 3.85% recorded in 2023.
- **Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented Maharashtra Bhushan to Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari provided 2022**  
On April 16, 2023 Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (NHA) presented the Maharashtra Bhushan Award for 2022 to Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari during a public function in Kharghar area of Raigad district, Maharashtra.
- **59th Femina Miss India World: Nandini Gupta of Rajasthan won Femina Miss India World 2023 crown**  
On 15th April 2023, 19 years old **Nandini Gupta** from (Kota) Rajasthan won the **59th edition of Femina Miss India World 2023** in a grand ceremony held at Khuman Lampak Stadium in Imphal, Manipur.
- **FAA of USA: India will continue to be published as IASA Category 1**  
United States of America (The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of USA) confirmed to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) that India's International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) category will continue to be published as Category 1.
- **Fengyun-3G: China launches first satellite dedicated to monitoring heavy rainfall**  
On April 16, 2023, China launched its first satellite Fengyun-3G (FY-3G), which allows scientists to monitor Earth's rainfall from space.  
**About China:**  
**President-** Xi Jinping  
**Capital-** Beijing  
**Currency-** Chinese Yuan
- **Taifa - 1: Kenya launches first operational satellite into space**  
On 15 April, 2023, Kenya launched its inaugural operational 3U Earth Observation Satellite (EOS) 'Taifa-1' (Nation-1 in Swahili language), using SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Base in California, United States (USA).  
**About Kenya:**  
**President-** William Ruto

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**Capital-** Nairobi

**Currency-** Kenyan Shilling

- Europe Successfully launched JUICE mission to study Jupiter's icy moons  
On April 14 2023, European Space Agency (ESA) successfully launched Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE) via Ariane-5 rocket from Europe's spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana.
- Second underwater nuclear attack drone by North Korea "HAIL-2" was tested  
Earlier on March 23 In 2010, North Korea claimed to have tested an underwater nuclear attack drone that notably had the ability to unleash a "radioactive tsunami". "Unmanned Underwater Nuclear Attack Craft" was the name given to the drone, also known as "hail" (meaning tsunami).  
**About North Korea:**  
**Capital-** Pyongyang  
**Currency-** North Korean won  
**President/ Supreme Leader-** Kim Jong Un (since 2011)
- New cyprinid fish named Galisharami found in Odisha  
On 16 April 2023 Researchers from Central University of Odisha (CUO), Koraput, (Odisha) and Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) found a rare new edible freshwater cyprinid fish species of genus Garra from Kolab River at Ghatguda, Koraput in Odisha.
- World Voice Day 2023 - 16 April  
**World Voice day (WVD)**, It is observed every year on 16th April across the world to celebrate the phenomenon of voice and to raise awareness about the importance of voice.
- World Hemophilia Day 2023 - 17 April  
**World Hemophilia day**, Hemophilia around the world on 17th April every year, celebrated to create awareness about a hereditary bleeding disorder in which the blood does not clot properly.
- AP government renames Bhavanapadu Port in Srikakulam as Mulapeta Greenfield Port  
on 16 April 2023, Andhra Pradesh (AP) government renamed **Bhavanapadu Port** as "**Mulapeta Greenfield Port**" respecting the sentiments of local villagers in Srikakulam district, AP.

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- PM lays foundation stones of India for the Indian Navy Bought arms worth US\$ 300 million from US  
India Indian Navy **MH60 "Romeo"** Chopper, is set to approve a proposal to acquire armaments worth over US\$ 300 million from the United States of America (USA) to equip it with multi-role helicopters that will enhance its capabilities to counter enemy warships and submarines. Will increase Under this, the fleet of 24 choppers will get additional Hellfire missiles and MK 54 lightweight torpedoes.
- Indian Navy conducts Offshore Security Exercise in Mumbai held the 'departure'  
on 6 April 2023 Indian Navy conducted Offshore Security Exercise Pratigya, a bi-annual coordinated exercise with other defence, state and civilian agencies, at the Greatdrill shadow platform approximately 30 nautical miles (nm) south of Mumbai port, Maharashtra. is in the west.
- Union Minister Giriraj Singh to the underprivileged rural women Launched 'Organization to Prosperity' campaign to bring in SHGs  
on 18 April 2023, Union Minister Giriraj Singh, Minister of Rural Development (MoRD) launched the "Sangathan Se Samriddhi" campaign. It will empower underprivileged rural households by bringing all eligible rural women into Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- Law Minister Kiren Rijiju released the first edition of the Dogri version of the Constitution of India  
Ministry of Law and Justice (MoL&J) Union Minister Kiren Rijiju released the first edition of the Dogri version of the Constitution of India at Jammu University, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- Exercise Orion: IAF participates in multilateral military exercise at Mont-de-Marsan airbase in France  
17 April On 20 February 2023, Exercise Orion, a multilateral military exercise, was launched in France at the Air Force Airbase Mont-de-Marsan of the French Air and Space Force (FASF).
- UPI remains the preferred medium for digital payments in 2022; Bengaluru tops with Rs 6,500 crore digital transactions: Worldline report  
worldline india According to the report titled 'India Digital Payments Annual Report 2022', Unified Payments Interface (UPI) remains the most preferred medium for digital payments in India in 2022, with a 70% increase in the number of transactions to over 74 billion and transactions 126 trillion with a 54% increase in value.

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- **HDFC Bank launches Regalia Gold Credit Card**  
India's largest private bank **HDFC Bank** launches Regalia Gold Credit Card for travel and lifestyle needs.
- **India for Women Empowerment Donated US\$500,000 to UN Women**  
India has given 500 to the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for Women Empowerment., 500,000 (Rs 4.09 crore), also known as UN Women.
- **AU SFB partnered with BBPS to enable bill payment through Video Banking**  
AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) has become the first commercial bank in India to integrate with Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) and provide bill payment services through Video Banking.
- **Karnataka Bank for home loan KBL Centenary Festival" campaign launched**  
Karnataka Bank Limited (KBL) launched a special campaign "KBL Centenary Festival" for Home Loans from 17th April 2023 to 17th July 2023 to mark the 100th year of its establishment.
- **President Draupadi Murmu presented the National Panchayat Awards 2023 & Inaugurated the 'National Conference on Promotion of Panchayats'**  
17 April On , 2023, the President of India, Draupadi Murmu presented the National Panchayat Awards 2023 and inaugurated the 'National Conference on Promotion of Panchayats' in New Delhi, Delhi Did.
- **Economist Utsa Patnaik selected for Malcolm Adiseshia Award 2023**  
An eminent economist of national and international repute, Utsa Patnaik has been selected for the Malcolm Adiseshia Award 2023 by the Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshia Trust (MEAT) based in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN).
- **American Indian FedEx CEO Raj Subramaniam honored with Pravasi Bharatiya Samman**  
16 April On , 2023, An Indian-American Raj Subramaniam, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of FedEx Corporation, the world's largest express transportation company, will be conferred with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award 2023 by India's Ambassador to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, for his contribution to trade. has been awarded.
- **Shekhar Rao as interim head of Karnataka Bank Appointed as MD & CEO**  
Karnataka Bank has Shekhar Rao has been appointed as the interim Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) after the completion of Mahabaleshwar M. S's tenure as CEO.



- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh to identify potential youth start-ups 'YUVA PORTAL' launched  
on 17 April 2023 Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology (Independent Charge) launched "YUVA PORTAL" and a week a week program at National Physical Laboratory (NPL) in New Delhi, Delhi to help connect and identify potential youth start-ups launched.
- International Day for Monuments and Sites 2023 - 18 April  
**international day for monuments and sites**, Also known as World Heritage Day, it is observed on 18th April across the world to create global awareness about the importance of historical, heritage and cultural monuments and measures to protect them so that future generations can see them, and embrace the rich heritage of the world.
- Kerala adopts first-of-its-kind water budget in India to tackle summer water shortage  
**Kerala** has become the first state in India to adopt water budgeting to deal with water scarcity in summer. Chief Minister of Kerala (CM) Pinarayi Vijayan unveiled the details of the first phase of the water budget in Kerala, covering 94 gram panchayats in 15 block panchayats.
- Himachal Pradesh launches Sanjivani project to empower dairy farmers  
on 9th april, Himachal Pradesh's Animal Husbandry Department (AHD) in association with Bharat Financial Inclusion Limited (BFIL), (a subsidiary of IndusInd Bank) has launched an initiative called 'Sanjeevani', aimed at providing veterinary services to farmers at their doorstep.
- TN & High Glory Footwear signs MoU for investment of Rs 2302 cr  
Tamil Nadu on 17 April 2023 (TN) Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Taiwan-based High Glory Footwear India Pvt Ltd, a subsidiary of Pou Chen Group, to set up a footwear manufacturing facility in Tamil Nadu with an investment of Rs 2,302 crore over 12 years. investment is involved

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- Indian Air Force MoTA Minister Arjun Munda launches 'Marketing and Logistics Development for Promotion of Tribal Products from CSS NER in Manipur'  
18 April On , 2023, Union Minister Arjun Munda, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MOTA) launched MoTA's new Central Sector Scheme (CSS) 'Tribal Development from North Eastern Region' during a function at Manipur State Film Development Society (MSFDS) auditorium in Imphal, Manipur. Marketing and Logistics Development (PTP - NER)' for promotion of products.
- Gol targets 20% ethanol blending in petrol by 2030 to 2025-26  
On April 18, 2023, The Government of India (Gol) advanced its target of achieving 20 percent ethanol blending in petrol from 2030 to 2025- 26.
- NTPC & Chempolis India sign MoU to set up bamboo based bio-refinery at Bongaigaon  
On 10 April 2023, NTPC Limited (formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited), the largest power generating utility in India, and Chempolis India Private Limited, a Fortum Group subsidiary and a leading Finnish bio-refining technology The provider signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore the feasibility of setting up a bamboo-based bio-refinery at Bongaigaon, Assam.
- henle & Partners releases the World's Wealthiest Cities Report 2023; new york tops  
investment migration firm henley& Partners released its annual 'World's Wealthiest Cities Report 2023', which again tops the list of Billionaires in 2022 with New York, USA 340,000 Millionaires, 724 Centi-Millionaires and 58 (USA).
- Highlights of EAM S Jaishankar's visit to Uganda, Ethiopia and Mozambique  
Union Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) visited African countries -Uganda, Ethiopia and Mozambique for 6 days from April 10 to 15, 2023 to strengthen India's bilateral ties with the countries.
- UNFPA's SOWP 2023: India's population estimated at 142.8 crores, world's most populous country  
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPF)According to the State of World Population (SOWP) 2023 titled "8 Billion Lives, Infinite Possibilities: The Case for Rights and Choices" published by UNFPA, India has become the world's most populous nation, surpassing China, the previous India's population has increased by 1.56% in one year and is estimated to be 142.86 crores.
- RBL Bank launches unique digital FD scheme for new-to-bank customers  
On April 18, 2023, RBL Bank launched an innovative digital Fixed Deposit (FD) scheme available to new Se- bank customers. Customers can book digital FDs

within minutes without visiting a branch or opening a savings account with the bank.

- IBA constitutes 4-member working group on ARC  
**Indian Banks Association (IBA) Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARC)** A four-member working group has been constituted. Which will work on various issues and report them to IBA, RBI (Reserve Bank of India) and Central Government. Included in the four-member working group.
- SIB introduces 2 savings accounts for NRIs - SIB SEAFARER & SIB PULSE  
On April 18, 2023, South Indian Bank (SIB) launched two flexible savings products namely SIB SEAFARER and SIB PULSE for its Non-Resident Indian (NRI) customers exclusively for seafarers and healthcare professionals.
- SBI board approves raising USD 2 billion through long term debt  
On 18th April 2023, State Bank of India (SBI), a public sector lender, in its Executive Committee of the Central Board, called upon the public to examine the position and issue of loans in USD or other convertible currency during FY2023-2024 in single or multiple tranches. Approved taking a decision on raising long-term funds up to USD 2 billion (approximately Rs 16,000 crore) under Reg-S/144A, by way of offering and/or private placement of senior unsecured notes.
- IIT Roorkee signs MoU with NCDR of Taiwan to develop technological solutions for earthquakes and floods  
Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee), Uttarakhand has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR), Taiwan to develop technology solutions for natural hazards including earthquakes, landslides, floods, debris flows and mixed disasters. Put signature on. ,
- Hurun's Global Unicorn Index 2023: BYJU'S, Swiggy and Dream 11 named India's top unicorns  
Global Unicorn Index published by Research Institute 2023 According to , India ranks third in the index with 68 unicorns (up 14 compared to 2022). Online tutor BYJU'S, valued at US\$22 billion, topped the list of Indian unicorns, followed by on-demand delivery start-up Swiggy and fantasy sports platform travel-stay finder Dream11 (US\$8 billion each) .
- Tata Steel Steel Sustainability Champion for the 6th year in a row 2023 Bunny  
On April 18, 2023, Tata Steel has been recognized by the World Steel Association (worldsteel) as one of the 2023 Steel Sustainability Champions and this was announced at the Worldsteel Special General Meeting of the Board of Members held in Vienna, Austria.

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- World's first smart gun: Biofire Technologies unveils biometric identification to prevent misuse  
Colorado (USA) based gun maker Biofire Technologies has unveiled the world's first smart gun "Biofire Smart Gun", a 9mm handgun secured by fingerprint and facial recognition biometrics.
- world liver day 2023 - April 19  
Every year to raise awareness about the importance of liver health and educate people about maintaining a healthy liver **19 April** World Liver Day is celebrated.
- TNeGA signs MoU with Indian Bank for payment aggregator services  
On 18th April 2023, Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA), a state nodal agency under the Department of Information Technology and Digital Services (IT&DS) of Government of Tamil Nadu (TN) has launched the E-Governance Application for various departments in Tamil Nadu (TN). Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with public sector Indian Bank to integrate a payment aggregator.
- Sabarimala greenfield airport project Site clearance received from MoCA  
Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has given site clearance for the Sabarimala Greenfield Airport Project in Kottayam, Kerala, which aims to enhance infrastructure and connectivity to Sabarimala.

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➤ **Cabinet Approvals on 19 April, 2023**

The Union Cabinet approved the National Quantum Mission (NQM) with an outlay of Rs.6003.65 crore for 8 years (from 2023-24 to 2030-31).

NQM) is approved. With this, India will join the top 6 countries (United States of America (USA), Canada, China, France, Austria and Finland) in R&D in Qt.

ii. Its objective is to promote scientific and industrial research and Development (R&D) is seeded, nurtured and scaled up, and Quantum Technology and Applications to India (QTA) to become one of the leading countries in development.

iii. The Union Cabinet also approved the Cinematograph Amendment Bill, 2023 proposed by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) to amend the Cinematograph Act, 1952.

iv. The Bill aims to improve the process of certification of films by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) and classification of films for certification, and to address unauthorized recording and exhibition of films and the menace of film piracy.

**About Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC):**

**Chairperson-** Prasoon Joshi

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

➤ **UNICEF data indicates declining trust in childhood vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic**

united nations children's fund Routine vaccination coverage for children has declined during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new report titled "State of the World's Children 2023: For Every Child, Vaccination" published by UNICEF.

➤ **SEBI approves - MK Global MF to sponsor business and Nexus Select Trust REIT IPO**

**MK Global Financial Services Co Mutual Fund (MF)** In-principle approval has been received from the Investment Management Department of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to sponsor the business and incorporate an Asset Management Company (AMC).

**About Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):**

**Chairperson-** Madhabi Puri Buch

**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Establishment-** 12 April 1992



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- **IndusInd Bank Japan Signed USD 100 million agreement with JBIC to provide credit facilities to OEMs in India**  
19 April On 2023, IndusInd Bank signed a US\$100 million long-term loan deal with the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) to assist Indian firms interested in purchasing Japanese construction equipment.
- **Fasal Partners with SBI to Support Farmers to Get Easy Financial Access**  
April 13 On , 2023, Fasal, an agri-technology company, announced its partnership with the State Bank of India (SBI) to provide timely and easy financial access to farmers.  
**About Fasel:**  
**Founder-** Ananda Verma, Shailendra Tiwari  
**Headquarters-** Bangalore, Karnataka
- **RBI to move AU SFB, Equitas SFB to deal in foreign exchange in AD category-I granted license**  
on 19 April 2023, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted **Authorized Dealer (AD) Category-I** license to **AU Small Finance Bank (SFB)** under Section 10 of the FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Act) 1999 to deal in foreign exchange.  
**About Au Small Finance Bank Ltd.**  
**MD & CEO-**Sanjay Agrawal  
**Establishment-**1996  
**Headquarters-**Jaipur, Rajasthan  
**About Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd:**  
**MD & CEO-**Vasudevan Pathangi  
**Establishment-** September 5, 2016  
**Headquarters-** Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **Federal Bank inks Banking Correspondent Agreement with Agri Fintech KiVi**  
In April 2023 **Federal Bank** entered into a banking correspondent agreement with Chennai-based agriculture fintech start-up Kisan Vikas (KiVi) to enhance and expand its agriculture loan portfolio in Tamil Nadu.
- **RBI accepts bids worth Rs 5,500 crore in switch and conversion auction of government bonds**  
on 17 April 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) accepted bids worth Rs 5,500 crore in an auction for switching and conversion of 5 Government of India (GoI) bonds against a notified amount of Rs 11,000 crore.

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- Harmanpreet Kaur Tom Blundell, Ben Fox among 5 Wisden Cricketers of the Year 2023  
United Kingdom (The 160th edition of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 2023, a cricket reference book published annually in the UK), named five Wisden Cricketers of the Year 2023.
- RBI approves appointment of Kaizad Bharucha as Deputy MD & Bhavesh Jhaveri as ED in HDFC Bank  
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Kaizad Bharucha as Deputy Managing Director (DMD) and **Bhavesh Zaveri** as Executive Director (ED) of HDFC Bank Limited, one of India's largest private sector lenders, with effect from 19 April 2023.  
**About the HDFC Bank Limited:**  
**Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**-Sashidhar jagdishan  
**Headquarters**- Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Establishment**-1994  
**Tagline**- We Undersatnad Your World
- Cuban President Miguel Diaz Canel re-elected for second term  
On 19th April 2023, Cuban National Congress re-elected Miguel Díaz-Canel as President for a second term as the country faces one of the biggest social and economic crisis since Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution.  
**About Cuba:**  
**Capital**- Havana  
**President**-Miguel Diaz-Canel  
**Currency**-Cuban Peso (CUP)
- Norwegian Government Pension Fund stake in Bajaj Electrical by 1.73%  
On 19th April 2023, Norwegian Government Pension Fund Global has increased its stake in Bajaj Electricals by 1.73% (20 lakh shares) through a bulk deal, taking its total stake in the electrical equipment company to 3.03%.
- SATHI: Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched Seed Traceability Portal and Mobile App  
On April 19, 2023 Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) launched the first phase of SATHI (Seed Traceability, Authentication and Holistic Inventory) portal and mobile application.

- **Manohar Lal Khattar announced 3 services to Digitally Empower Beneficiaries**  
On 19th April 2023, Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar announced 3 online services to digitally empower the beneficiaries. 3 new services - 'Pro-Active Disabled Pension Service'; 'Ask Tau'; And the rest houses of the Public Works Department (PWD) have an online room booking facility.
- **Zimbabwe cricketer Gary Ballance retires from all forms of cricket**  
33-year-old Zimbabwean cricketer Gary Ballance, who represented England internationally from 2014- 2017 and Zimbabwe in 2022-2023, has announced his retirement from all forms of professional cricket with immediate effect.
- **Virginia Tower Norwood, the mother of Landsat, passed away**  
Virginia Tower Norwood Known as "The Mother of Landsat", an American aerospace engineer, inventor and physicist, passed away on 26 March 2023 at the age of 96 in Topanga, California, United States (USA).
- **UN Chinese Language Day 2023 - 20 April**  
United Nations (UN) Chinese Language Day is observed annually on 20 April to celebrate the Chinese language around the world as well as promote the equal use of all 6 official languages throughout the organization.
- **Himachal Pradesh Unidentified bodies Became the first state in India to have DNA database**  
**Himachal Pradesh**, (HP) has become the first Indian state to develop DNA database for unidentified dead bodies. The process of creating this database started in April 2022.  
**About Himachal Pradesh:**  
**Capital**-Shimla-Summer Capital; Dharamshala-Winter Capital  
**Chief Minister**-Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu  
**Governor**- Shiv Pratap Shukla  
**Wildlife Sanctuary**-Daranghati Sanctuary, Kanwar Sanctuary.
- **Kerala Government launches 'One Panchayat, One Playground' to Revive Sport Culture**  
On 19th April 2023, The Government of Kerala launched the "One Panchayat, One Playground" project to revive the sports culture in Kerala by opening quality playgrounds in each panchayat of Kerala.

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- Solar Energy Corporation AIM, NITI Aayog and UNCDF together launch a white paper aimed at making India a global agri-tech leader  
On April 20, 2023, A whitepaper has been launched by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog and United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) which aims to make India a global leader in agri-tech innovation and to extend these innovations to the least developed countries in Asia and Africa.  
**About UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF):**  
**Executive Secretary**-Preeti Sinha  
**Headquarters**-New York, United States of America (USA)  
**Established in** 1966
- Assam, Arunachal Pradesh signs agreement to resolve old border dispute  
On 20th April 2023, The **Government of Assam** and the Government of Arunachal Pradesh signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to settle the long-pending border dispute of 804 km of shared border between the two states.
- CSIR and OIL sign MoU for advanced energy research  
According to a statement by the Ministry of Science and Technology The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi, Delhi and Oil India Limited (OIL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate research in advanced technologies for energy security.
- West Bengal tops the list of states with highest number of ponds and reservoirs: First ever waterbody Census  
As per "Water Bodies First Census - Report" released by Ministry of Jal Shakti West Bengal (WB) has topped the list of states with the largest number of ponds and reservoirs. Tamil Nadu has the largest number of lakes, Andhra Pradesh (AP) has the largest number of tanks and Maharashtra is the leading state with water conservation schemes.  
**About Ministry of Jal Shakti:**  
**Union Minister**-Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Constituency-Jodhpur, Rajasthan)  
**Minister of State**-Bishweswar Tudu (Constituency-Mayurbhanj, Odisha); Prahlad Singh Patel (Constituency-Damoh, Madhya Pradesh)
- IIT Madras to set up its first international campus in Tanzania  
Indian Institute of Technology Chennai (Tamil Nadu) **IIT Madras** zanzibar, is set to establish its first international campus in Tanzania and plans to start classes in October 2023. This will be the first IIT established in Africa.

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- Inprime Finserv by Received NBFC license from RBI  
InPrime Finserv (Ltd., a financial services start-up for the informal economy, has received a Certificate of Registration (COR) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).
- CoRover, LIC collaborate to launch Phase I of AI Virtual Assistant LIC Mitra  
Bengaluru based startup CoRover in association with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched the first phase of conversational AI (Artificial Intelligence) powered chatbot LIC Mitra (Virtual Assistant) to improve customer support services of LIC by automating real-time answering of customer queries.
- AIIB to open first overseas office in Abu Dhabi, UAE  
On April 19, 2023 The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) signed a host member agreement with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to set up its first overseas office, an interim operational hub, at Abu Dhabi Global Market, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- CRED launches P2P UPI payments on its app  
On 17 April, credit card payments application CRED announced the launch of UPI based peer-to-peer (P2P) payments, providing a new payments option to its users. New P2P payments system has been made available with the introduction of Scan & Pay based on Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- Union Bank of India Ranked 1st in EASE Reforms Index for Q3 FY23  
On April 20, 2023, According to the report on Enhanced Access and Service Excellence (EASE) Reforms Index for Q3 FY23 published by the Indian Banks Association (IBA), Union Bank of India has become the first to adopt various reforms earmarked for PSBs Secured 1st Rank among all PSBs (Public Sector Banks).  
**About Union Bank of India:**  
**MD & CEO-** A. Manimekhalai  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Establishment-** 11 November 1919  
**Tagline-** Good People to Bank with
- Wg cdr Deepika Mishra becomes first woman officer of IAF to receive gallantry award  
On April 20, 2023, Wing Commander (Wg Cdr) Deepika Mishra became the first woman officer in the Indian Air Force (IAF) to be awarded the Vayu Sena Medal (VM) for gallantry.
- Karnataka gets National Award for Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana  
first time, Karnataka has won the National Award for the best implementation of the crop subsidy insurance scheme, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) for the year 2022-23.



- ACC transfers top officials in Bureaucratic Reshuffle  
On April 20, 2023, The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi made a bureaucratic reshuffle of the following 12 high-level officials in the government.
- JioCinema ropes in Rohit Sharma as brand ambassador  
**Jio Cinema**, Indian OTT (over-the-top) platform and official digital partner of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023-27 has appointed Indian cricket team and Mumbai Indians (MI) captain Rohit Sharma as its new brand ambassador.
- CCI approves acquisition of up to 76.10% of the voting share capital of Suven Pharmaceuticals Limited by Berhyanda Limited  
Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of 76.10% voting share capital of Suven Pharmaceuticals Limited by Berhyanda Limited, through a share purchase agreement, on 26 December 2022.
- 16th National Civil Services Day - 21 April 2023  
annually to recognize and celebrate civil service officers engaged in various civil service departments across India **21 April** National Civil Services Day is celebrated all over India.
- World Creativity and Innovation day 2023-21 April  
To create awareness about the importance of creativity and innovation in all aspects of human development, the United Nations (UN) World Day of Creativity and Innovation is celebrated across the world on 21 April every year.
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched India's first heavy lift logistics drone  
On April 20, 2023, Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik launched India's first Heavylift Logistics eVTOL (Electric Vertical Take-off and Landing) BonV drone on the inaugural day of "Odisha Skill Conclave 2023".  
**About Odisha:**  
**Capital**-Bhubaneswar  
**Chief Minister**-Naveen Patnaik  
**Governor**-Ganeshi Lal  
**Tiger Reserve**-Simplipal Tiger Reserve, Satkosia Tiger Reserve
- Manipur CM N. Biren inaugurates 5th edition of HUN - Thadau cultural festival at Kangpokpi  
On 18th April 2023, Manipur Chief Minister (CM) Nongthombam Biren Singh inaugurated the 5th edition of HUN (HUN -2023)- a Thadau cultural festival at Thomas Ground in Kangpokpi district of Manipur.

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- SAIL-BSL signs MoU with TCIL to use 5G/IT/Telecom technologies in steel manufacturing  
On April 21, 2023, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)-Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) has set up a telecommunications project to explore the potential of application of 5G/Information Technology (IT)/Telecom and other wireless communication technologies at SAIL-BSL. Consultants India Limited (TCIL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- MoCA launches 5th round regional connectivity scheme UDAN 5.0  
Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has launched the fifth phase of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) or UDAN 5.0 to improve the connectivity of regional areas of the country, after four successful rounds of bidding.
- PM Modi to release Rs 100 coin to Commemorate 100 episodes of Mann Ki Baat  
On 21 April 2023, the Ministry of Finance issued an official notification announcing that the government would announce a new date to commemorate the 100th episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's radio show Mann Ki Baat on 30 April 2023. **₹100 coin** will issue.
- IGGL completes Asia's largest underwater hydrocarbon pipeline  
On 22nd April 2023, Shri Ajit Kumar Thakur, CEO of Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL) announced that the company has completed the construction of Asia's largest underwater hydrocarbon pipeline.
- Telangana CM K CR unveils 125-ft-tall Ambedkar statue in Hyderabad  
On April 14, 2023, Telangana Chief Minister (CM) K Chandrasekhar Rao unveiled a 125 ft tall bronze statue of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ramji (BR) Ambedkar in Hyderabad, Telangana to mark his 132nd birth anniversary as the architect of the Indian Constitution. It has the tallest statue of Ambedkar in India.
- Log9 Materials sets up India's first lithium-ion cell facility  
Bengaluru (Karnataka) based nanotechnology company backed by Amara Raja Group Log9 Materials inaugurated India's first lithium-ion cell manufacturing facility at its campus in Bengaluru CR, Karnataka. Log9's commercial Li-ion cell production facility will have an initial capacity of 50 megawatt hours (MWh).
- World Bank's LPI 2023 Report: India ranked 38th; Singapore topped the index.  
According to the World Bank's (WB) report, "Connecting to Compete 2023: Trade Logistics in an Uncertain Global Economy - The Logistics Performance Index (LPI) and its Indicators", India's rank in the index has moved up 6 places to 38, which was 44 in 2018.

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- **HDFC Bank gets relief from RBI on PSL norms; SEBI approves transfer of controlling stake in HDFC AMC to HDFC Bank**  
In 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given India's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank a 3-year moratorium to meet priority sector lending (PSL) requirements after its merger with Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Ltd.  
**About HDFC Bank Ltd**  
**MD & CEO**-Sashidhar Jagdishan  
**Establishment**-1994  
**Headquarters**-Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Tagline**-We Understand Your World
- **Mastercard partners with India to offer digital invoice discounting to farmers**  
Cooperated with M1 Exchange  
On 20th April 2023, Mastercard partnered with M1 Exchange to offer digital invoice discounting solution to farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and Agri-MSME (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) through its agritech platform Farm Pass have cooperated.
- **ICICI Bank launches EMI facility for UPI payments by scanning QR code**  
On April 11, 2023, ICICI Bank launched a first-of-its-kind easy EMI (Equated Monthly Installment) facility for UPI (Unified Payments Interface) payments made by scanning a QR code.  
**About ICICI Bank Ltd.**  
**Establishment**-1994  
**Headquarters**-Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**MD & CEO**-Sandeep Bakhshi  
**Tagline**-Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka
- **Morgan Stanley: India's GDP to grow at 6.2% in FY24; Inflation to be 5.5% in FY24**  
According to Morgan Stanley India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is expected to grow at 6.2% in FY24 (financial year 2023-24) on the back of a cyclical recovery in consumption, a rise in private sector capex (capital expenditure) and a pick-up in government spending.
- **MoH&FW's National COVID-19 Vaccination Program receives PM's Award for Excellence in Public Administration for Innovation**  
On April 21, 2023, The National COVID-19 Vaccination Program of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) received the Prime Minister's (PM) Award for Excellence in Public Administration under the Innovation (Centre) category.

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- Oliver Dowden after the resignation of Dominic Raab UK's new Deputy PM appointed  
On April 21, 2023, The British government named Oliver Dowden Deputy Prime Minister (PM), replacing Dominic Raab, who resigned following an investigation into allegations of bullying.
- Star Sports signs Indian cricketer Rishabh Pant as brand ambassador  
**star sports network india**, also known as Star Sports India, owned by The Walt Disney Company, has signed Indian cricketer Rishabh Pant as its brand ambassador.
- Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh Tripura Sworn in as 8th CJ of HC  
On 17th April 2023, Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh, Judge of the High Court (HC) of Jharkhand was sworn in as the 8th Chief Justice (CJ) of the Tripura High Court.
- CCI approves acquisition of Emerson Electric Co by BCP Emerald Aggregator LP on 21 April 2023  
The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of climate technologies business of Emerson Electric Company by BCP Emerald Aggregator LP under the Green Channel route.
- ISRO launches 2 Singapore satellites under PSLV-C55 / TELEOS-2 mission  
On 22 April 2023, Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) launched PSLV-C55 with **two Singaporean satellites TELEOS-2** as primary satellite and Lumilite 4 as co-passenger satellite for **PSLV- C55/TELEOS-2 mission**. Launched from Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC)- Sriharikota Range (SHAR), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- Solar Industries to the Indian Army Awarded the contract for the supply of 400 Nagastra- 1 drones  
On April 21, 2023, Nagpur (Maharashtra) based Solar Industries India Limited has bagged an order to supply 400 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (**UAVs**) '**Nagstra-1**' to the Indian Army.
- Former MP Trilochan Kanungo passed away at the age of 83 in Bhubaneswar  
Veteran Politician and Former Member of Parliament (MP) - Lok Sabha Trilochan Kanungo, member of Biju Janata Dal (BJD), passed away at the age of 83 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- International mother earth day 2023 - April 22  
United Nations (UN's International Mother's Day, also known as "Earth Day", is observed around the world on 22 April to create awareness of humanity's relationship with the natural world.

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25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

- **AAI & DGCA sign Pact with European Agencies to Deepen Aviation Ties Between India & EU**  
During the European Union (EU)-India Aviation Summit 2023 held in New Delhi, Delhi from 20 to 21 April 2023, Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Directorate General of India (DGCA India) signs a deal with European agencies to deepen the ties between India and European Union (EU) in the aviation sector.
- **Unicops Plans to set up First Green Hydrogen Microgrid Project in Leh Region**  
On 24th April 2023, Unicops Technologies Limited, a Delhi-based company specializing in green hydrogen and solar development, announced its plan to set up the first green hydrogen microgrid project in the Leh region (Ladakh).
- **Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav Launches New Features in eShram Portal for Unorganized workers**  
On April 24, 2023, The Union Minister for Labor and Employment and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupendra Yadav launched new features in the **eShram portal** to improve the usability of the portal and ease the registration of **unorganized workers**.
- **RAMBAAN, Asia's first Mobile Biosafety Level - 3 Laboratory, Exhibited at G20 Summit, Goa**  
India and Asia's first mobile biosafety level -3 (BSL-3) laboratory named 'Rapid Action Mobile BSL-3 Advanced Augmented Network (RAMBAAN)', which was designed to screen for emerging viral infections, was showcased at the 2nd G-20 Was.
- **India-Built Mongolia's first greenfield oil Refinery to be completed by 2025**  
**Mongolia's first greenfield oil refinery**, which has been built in the South Gobi on the outskirts of the capital city-Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and funded with Indian assistance, will be completed by 2025.  
**About Mangolia:**  
**President-** Ukhnaagiin Khureslukh  
**Capital-** Ulaanbaatar  
**Currency-** Mangolian Tugrik
- **SIPRI Report: World Military Expenditure in 2022 by 3.7% to US\$ 2240 Billion; US topped the list, India ranked fourth**  
According to the **SIPRI** (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute) fact sheet April 2023 '**Trends in World Military Expenditure, 2022**', **world military expenditure** is set to reach an all-time high of US\$2240 billion in real terms for the 8th consecutive year in 2022 at 3.7% (i.e. when inflation adjusted for) increased.



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- Capacity Utilisation robust but New Orders dip in Q3FY23 RBI's 60th OBICUS  
Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has conducted the **60th Round of Quarterly Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilization Survey (OBICUS)** covering 762 manufacturing companies.
- HDFC Bank, Axis Bank Signs the Definitive Agreement with Go Digit Life Insurance  
On April 21, 2023, India's two largest private sector banks, **HDFC Bank** and **Axis Bank** have tied up with insurance technology startup **Go Digit Life Insurance** to pick up **9.94%** equity stake of the insurance firm for a payment of **Rs 69.90 crore** each. Agreements were signed, which will be done in two tranches.  
**About Axis Bank:**  
**MD & CEO-** Amitabh Chaudhry  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Establishment-** 1993  
**Tagline-** Badhtai ka Naam Zingdagi
- Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe to launch Gold-Pegged digital currency  
Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) is set to launch a gold-backed digital currency to serve as legal tender in Zimbabwe. It is an initiative of the Zimbabwean government to stabilize the local currency from continuous depreciation against the United States (US) dollar.
- Indian, Nepali Private companies sign agreement for direct Energy sales  
On 19th April 2023, In order to boost energy cooperation between Nepal and India, private entities and companies of India and Nepal signed an agreement to sell and buy energy directly.
- Md Sahabuddin sworn in as the 22nd President of Bangladesh  
On 24th April 2023, Freedom fighter **Mohammad (Md) Sahabuddin**, a former judge, was sworn in as the **22nd President of Bangladesh** at the Durbar Hall of Bangabhavan, Dhaka in Bangladesh.  
**About Dangleradesh:**  
**Capital-** Dhaka  
**President-** Mohammed Shahabuddin  
**Prime Minister-** Sheikh Hasina  
**Currency-** Bangladeshi Taka
- Shreekant M Bhandiwad takes charge as the chairman of KVGB  
**Shreekant M Bhandiwad** Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (**KVGB**) has taken over as the new Chairman of RBI, an Indian Regional Rural Bank sponsored by Canara Bank headquartered in Dharwad, Karnataka.

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- DRDO & IN successfully test fired BMD interceptor from Naval Platform  
On April 21, 2023, The Defense Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) and the Indian Navy (**IN**) successfully conducted the first flight test of the sea-based Inter-atmospheric Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) interceptor off the coast of Odisha in the Bay of Bengal.

### **About Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO):**

**Chairman-** Dr Samir V Kamat

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

- SpaceX Starship, the World's Biggest Rocket, Explodes During 1st Flight Test  
On 20 April 2023, SpaceX's Starship spacecraft, the most powerful and largest rocket ever built, blasted off during its maiden flight.
- 14th National Panchayati Raj Day 24 April 2023 -  
**National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD)** It is celebrated across India annually on 24 April to mark the day of decentralization of power to the grassroots level with the institutionalization of Panchayati Raj.
- Internationalism of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace Day 2023-24 April  
United Nations (**U.N**)'s International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace is observed annually around the world on 24 April to promote multilateralism and global cooperation to maintain peace and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 as set out in the Charter of the United Nations.
- UN English Language Day 2023 - 23 April  
United Nations (UN) English Language Day is observed annually on 23 April to promote the English language around the world and celebrate the history, culture and achievements associated with the English language.
- World Book and copyright day 2023 - April 23  
**World Book and Copyright Day** Per year **23 April** It is celebrated around the world to honor the role of books and reading, especially among young people, and to promote reading culture around the world.  
**About United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):**  
**Director General-** Audrey Azoulay  
**Headquarters-** Paris, France  
**Formation-** 16 November, 1945  
**Members-** 193 Members and 12 Associate Members

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**26<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

- PM dedicates Various Projects Worth Rs 3200 crore; India's first Water metro and Kerala's first Vande Bharat Express inaugurated in Kochi  
25 April On 2023, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation various development projects worth over Rs 3200 crore at the Central Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.  
**About Kerala:**  
**Chief Minister-** Pinarayi Vijayan  
**Governor-** Arif Mohammed Khan  
**Airport-** Trivandrum International Airport; Cochin International Airport  
**UNESCO heritage site-** Western Ghats
- Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal dedicates Handloom and Handicrafts Portal to make Artisans and Weavers self-Reliant  
On April 24, 2023 Union Minister of Textiles Piyush Goyal launched a new virtual Indian store i.e. e-commerce portal (**India Handmade**) for the handicrafts and handloom industry of Gujarat.
- 28 States/UTs adopt National Common Document Registration System for Land Records  
The National Generic Document Registration System for Land Records (NGDRS) has been adopted by a total of 28 States and Union Territories (UT).
- Canara Bank & RBIH collaborate to launch 'Digitized Submission of Form 15G/15H'  
Canara Bank has launched the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH), announced the launch of a new customer-friendly service called 'Digitalized Submission of Form 15G/15H'.
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, activev.ai Partnered to offer Insurance Products  
**activev.ai** Singapore-headquartered licensed corporate agency under IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India), has partnered with Bajaj Auto to offer insurance products through its technology platform to MSME (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) enterprises and business partner ecosystem.
- Winners of Goldman Environmental Prize 2023 announced  
On April 24, 2023, The winners of the **Goldman Environment Prize 2023** were announced at the War Memorial Opera House in San Francisco, California, United States (USA).

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- **Ratan Tata** honoured with Order of Australia (AO), highest civil honour of Australia  
On 22nd April 2023, **Ratan Tata**, Indian industrialist, Philanthropist and Honorary Chairman of Tata Sons, was conferred with Australia's highest civilian honor the Officer of Awarded the Order of Australia (AO).
- Government has appoints Arun Sinha as chairman of NTRO  
The Government has appointed Arun Kumar Sinha, a 1984 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of Kerala cadre as the appointed as the chairman of the National Technical Research Organization (NTRO).
- Monetary Authority of Singapore clears merger of HDFC Investments with HDFC Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), the central bank and financial regulatory authority of Singapore has approved the merger of HDFC Investments Limited and HDFC Holdings Limited with parent Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Limited.
- ISRO completes PMD operations of GSAT-12 satellite  
On March 23, 2023, the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** completed the **Post-Mission Disposal (PMD)** operation of the communication satellite **GSAT-12**.  
**About Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO):**  
**Chairman-** S. Somnath  
**Headquarters-** Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Pakistani-Canadian journalist Tariq Fatah passed away  
On 24th April 2023, Tariq Fatah, a self-described "Midnight's Child", a well-known Canadian born Pakistani columnist and journalist, passed away at the age of 73 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Tennis legend Jaideep Mukherjee launched his Autobiography "Crosscourt  
On 21 April 2023, **Jaideep Mukherjee**, a retired professional tennis player from India, launched his autobiography titled "Crosscourt" at a function in the presence of prominent Indian tennis players such as Ramesh Krishnan and Somdev Devvarman.
- World Malaria Day 2023 - April 25  
Annually to create awareness about the importance of investment and commitment towards the prevention and control of malaria **25 April** World Malaria Day is celebrated all over the world.

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- **International Delegate's Day 2023-25 April**  
United Nations (UN) International Day of Delegates is observed around the world on 25 April to create awareness about the role of representatives and representatives of member states in the United Nations.  
**About the United Nations (UN):**  
**Secretary-General-** Antonio Guterres  
**Headquarters-** New York, USA  
**Establishment-** 1945
- **World Penguin day 2023 - April 25**  
World Penguin Day annually April 25 is celebrated to celebrate penguins, an educational initiative that encourages people to learn more about these flightless birds and their environment, how important they are to our ecosystems and the dangers they face What are the dangers
- **UN Spanish Language Day 2023 - 23 April**  
**United Nations (UN's Spanish Language Day)** Per year 23 April is celebrated annually, in order to promote multilingualism and the importance of Spanish culture in the world, as well as to promote the use of the Spanish language, one of the six official languages, among UN staff.
- **World day for Laboratory Animal 2023- April 24**  
**World Day for Laboratory Animal (WDLA)** Also known as World Lab Animal Day, it is observed around the world on 24 April to remember the suffering of animals in laboratories.

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27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

- PM lays foundation stones PM dedicates various projects worth Rs 4850 crore in Dadra and Nagar Haveli  
25 April On , 2023, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi announced Rs 4850 crore related to health, housing, tourism, education and urban development in the Union Territories (UT) of Silvassa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli Laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.
- Rajasthan Gets 3 new conservation sanctuaries: Sorsan in Baran, Khichan in Jodhpur and Hamirgarh found in Bhilwara  
International Mother's Day (Earth Day) On the occasion of 2023 (22 April 2023), the Forest Department of the Government of Rajasthan announced 3 new conservation sanctuaries which will protect the rare and endangered wildlife of Rajasthan.  
**About Rajasthan:**  
**Chief Minister (CM)-** Ashok Gehlot  
**Governor-** Kalraj Mishra  
**Wildlife Sanctuaries-** Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary; Tal Chhapar Sanctuary  
**Zoological Park-** Nahargarh Biological Park (Jaipur Zoo); Machia Biological Park (Jodhpur Zoo)
- RBI grants NBFC license to NeoBanking Jupiter; Adoor Co-operative Urban Bank's banking license canceled, allowed to operate as NBFC  
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted a non-banking financial company (NBFC) license to neobanking platform Jupiter, enabling the latter to scale up its lending business.  
**About Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**  
**Governor-** Shaktikanta Das  
**Dputy Governors-** Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Dearbata Patra, M. Rajashwar Rao, T. Rabi Sankar  
**Establishment-** 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- NPCI Bharat Billpay launches NOCS platform to process ONDC transactions  
NPCI Bharat Billpay Limited (NBBL) has developed and launched NOCS platform to provide resolution and settlement services for transactions done on Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) network.
- SBI General Insurance launches digital only health insurance plan - Health Age Insurance  
On April 2023, **SBI General Insurance Company Limited** announced the launch of a fully customizable digital-only health insurance plan named '**Health Age Insurance**'.

- Reliance General becomes the first insurer to accept eRupee in partnership with Yes Bank  
Reliance General Insurance, a subsidiary of Reliance Capital, Erupee for premium payment (e₹, / Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has become the first company to accept **CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currency)**.
- India's FIEO signs MoU with Business Russia to promote business and FDI  
Apex body of Indian exporters Federation of Indian Export Organization (FIEO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Business Russia to promote trade and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) between the two countries.  
**About Federation of India Export Organisations (FIEO):**  
**Director General & CEO-Ajay Sahai**  
**Headquarter- New Delhi, Delhi**  
**Establishment- 1965**
- Prince of Arcot Nawab Muhammad Abdul Ali, Received IAA's Meritorious Service Award 2023  
On 24th April 2023, The Indo-Australian Association (IAA) conferred the Meritorious Service Award 2023 to His Highness Nawab Mohammed Abdul Ali, the current and eighth Titular Prince of Arcot at Ameer Mahal in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN).
- Hari Hara Mishra Becomes CEO of the Association of ARC  
Hari Har Mishra took charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Association of Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARC)s.
- NASSCOM appoints Ananth Maheshwari, President, Microsoft India as Chairperson  
On 25 April 2023, The National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) appointed Ananth Maheshwari, who is the President of Microsoft India, as its chairperson for the year 2023-24.
- NASA successfully extracts oxygen from simulated lunar soil  
Houston Scientists at the Johnson Space Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Texas, United States (USA) have successfully extracted oxygen from simulated lunar soil – the fine-grained material covering the Moon's surface.
- Swedish research rocket accidentally lands in Norway  
On 24th April 2023, TEXUS 58, a microgravity research rocket, which was launched by Sweden Space Corp(SSC) from Assenge Space Center in northern Sweden, malfunctioned and landed in a mountain range 15 kilometers (km) inside Norway.

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- 2023 Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 1- Antalya: India finished second with 4 medals  
India finished second in the overall medal tally with 4 medals (2 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze) in the 2023 Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 1 held in Turkey. The United States of America (USA) topped the medal tally with 4 medals (2 gold and 2 silver).  
**About Turkiye:**  
**President-** Recep Tayyip Erdogan  
**Capital-** Ankara  
**Currency-** Turkish lira
- Five times Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal passed away  
On 25th April 2023, Five time Chief Minister (CM) of Punjab and veteran Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Parkash Singh Badal passed away at the age of 95 in Mohali, Punjab.  
**About Panjab:**  
**Capital-** Chandigarh  
**Chief Minister-** Bhagwant Singh Mann  
**Governor-** Banwarilal Purohit
- Tripura's first Padma Shri awardee Himanshu Mohan Chowdhary passed away  
On 25th April 2023, Former Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, Himanshu Mohan Choudhury, who was the first recipient of Padma Shri from Tripura, passed away in Agartala, Tripura.
- PM Narendra Modi released the book titled 'Saurashtra-Tamil Sangamprashasti'  
On 26 April 2023, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi released a 113-verse book titled "Saurashtra- Tamil Sangamprashasti" (Saurashtra-Tamilsangamprashasti: - Saurashtra Tamil Sangam Stuti) prepared by Sri Somnath Sanskrit University, Gujarat.
- world Intellectual Property day 2023 - April 26  
World Intellectual Property Day (world IP day) Per year It is observed on 26 April to recognize the importance of intellectual property (IP) rights such as patents, trademarks, industrial designs, copyrights in encouraging innovation and creativity around the world.
- International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day 2023-26 April  
United Nations (UN) The International Day of Remembrance of the Chernobyl Disaster is observed around the world on 26 April to mark the anniversary of the 1986 Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant disaster.

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28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

- Cabinet clears National Medical Device Policy 2023; CCEA approves set up of 157 new nursing colleges  
on 26 April 2023 The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved the National Medical Devices Policy, 2023, which is expected to help expand the medical device sector to US\$ 50 billion (~Rs 4 lakh crore) by 2030.
- NITI Aayog released the report titled "Promoting Millets in Diets: Best Practices Across States/UTs of India"  
NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) released a report titled **"Promoting Millets in Diets: Best Practices Across States/UTs of India"** on good and innovative practices adopted by state governments and organizations in various aspects of the millets value chain Presents a collection of practices.
- Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman approved Navratna status to Rail Vikas Nigam  
On 26th April 2023, Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance (MoF) has given Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) Category | Approved to upgrade from Miniratna CPSE to Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE).  
**About the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL):**  
**Chairman and Managing Director-**Pradeep Gaur  
**Headquarter-** New Delhi, Delhi  
**Establishment-** 24<sup>th</sup> January 2003
- Union Minister Amit Shah launched World's first 'Nano DAP' developed by IFFCO  
On April 26, 2023 Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs and Cooperation launched the world's first liquid Nano DAP (Diammonium Phosphate) "IFFCO Nano DAP (Liquid)" developed by Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) in New Delhi, Delhi.
- DoSJE signed MoU with Art of Living to make NMBA more effective and comprehensive  
On April 26, 2023, The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DOSJE) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) launched a non-profit organization to spread the message of Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) among youth, women, students etc., signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Art of Living (AOL), a volunteer-based, humanitarian and educational non-governmental organization (NGO).

- India signs new Work plan 2023 on quality infrastructure with Germany during Indo-German Working Group meeting in Berlin  
On April 25, 2023, The Department of Consumer Affairs, under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action organized the 9th session of the Indo-German Working Group on Quality Infrastructure (QI) in Berlin, Germany.  
**About Germany:**  
**Capital-** Berlin  
**Currency-** Euro  
**President-** Frank-Walter Steinmeiera
- WB's World Development Report 2023: Globally 185 million People are Migrant According to the World Bank's WB's annual report '**World Development Report 2023: Migrants, Refugees, and Societies**', 184 million people (ie 2.3% of the world's population) are migrants (ie they lack citizenship in the country in which they live) in which the largest share of 43% of them was living in low and middle income countries.
- India remains on the Priority Watch List in 2023: USTR's 2023 Special 301 Report United States Trade Representative According to the 2023 Special 301 Report on the Adequacy and Effectiveness of Protection and Enforcement of Intellectual Property (IP) Rights of United States (US) Trading Partners, released by the Office of the USTR, India due to inconsistencies in its progress on IP protection and enforcement Remains on the priority monitoring list for 2023.
- NSE Indices revises index exclusion criteria in case of demergers  
National Stock Exchange (NSE Indices Limited, a subsidiary of NSE, has introduced new guidelines for maintaining a separate entity in its respective index.  
**About National Stock Exchange (NSE):**  
**Managing Director & CEO-** Ashish kumar Chauhan  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- WYLD, the world's first social currency payment card, launched in Mumbai  
WYLD, the world's first social currency payment card, was launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra, and operated by San Francisco (California, USA)-based VISA Inc., an American multinational financial services corporation. The app allows anyone who has more than 1000 Instagram followers and a "WYLD Score" of more than 100 to apply for a WYLD payment card through the app.
- UP's Swachh Bharat Mission receives HUDCO Award 2022- 23; J&K Bank awarded for PM Awas Yojana  
The HUDCO Awards 2022 2023 were announced during an event organized on the 53rd Foundation Day of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) in New Delhi, Delhi on 25 April 2023.



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- 14th Dalai Lama receives 1959 Ramon Magsaysay Award in person after 64 years  
On 26th April 2023, **The Ramon Magsaysay Award** of 1959 was presented personally to Tibetan spiritual leader **Dalai Lama** after 64 years in Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh by Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation Chairperson Susana B Afan and Foundation Trustee Emily A Abrera.
- RINL wins first prize for Steel Ministry's Ispat Rajbhasha Samman 2021-22  
RINL (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited), also known as Vizag Steel, won the first prize of the Steel Ministry's "Ispat Rajbhasha Samman" for the year 2021-22.
- RBI approves reappointment of Kamakodi as MD & CEO of CUB for 3 years  
On 26th April 2023, **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has appointed N Makodi as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kumbakonam (Tamil Nadu) based private sector bank City Union Bank (CUB) with effect from May 1, 2023. Re-appointment for a period of three years has been approved.
- Japanese startup iSpace failed to land its Hakuto-R lander on the Moon  
On 25th April 2023, Tokyo (Japan) based iSpace Inc., a private lunar robotic exploration company, called off its Moon landing mission after its Hakuto-R Mission 1 (M1) lander unexpectedly accelerated and possibly crashed into the lunar surface.
- Jaden Parriott British Became the first Indian in 6 years to reach the podium in the F4 Championship  
of Meghalaya 16-year-old India's Jayden Pariate of Argent Motorsport first in 6 years to reach the podium at the ROKIT British F4 Championship, the first round of the FIA (Federation Internationale de l'Automobile) certified championship at Donington Park in Leicestershire, England, United Kingdom (UK) Be an Indian.
- Boxing champion Padma Padma Shri awardee Kaur Singh passed away  
On 27th April 2023, Veteran heavyweight boxer, Padma Shri and Arjuna awardee, Kaur Singh, 74, passed away in Kurukshetra, Haryana.
- International Girls in ICT Day 2023 - 27 April  
**International ICT** Girls in Information and Communication Technology Day is celebrated worldwide on the fourth Thursday in April to encourage and empower girls and young women to explore and pursue careers in the field of ICT.
- Himachal Pradesh Government & Oil India signed MoU to harness renewable energy sources  
On 26 April 2023, Himachal Pradesh Government & Oil India Limited (OIL) in the presence of Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister(CM) Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu to establish a framework for cooperation in exploitation and development of New and Renewable Energy Sources (NRES) in Himachal Pradesh Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

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- MSME Minister Narayan Rane launched the revised CGTMSE scheme  
On 27 April, 2023, Union Minister Narayan Rane, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (M/o MSME) launched Revised Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) scheme in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates 91 new 100W FM transmitters of AIR  
Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated 91 new 100W FM transmitters of All India Radio (AIR), installed in 85 districts across 18 states and 2 union territories (UTs) to further boost radio connectivity in India.
- India's first cable stayed Anji Khad Railway Bridge May -Will be ready in 2023  
On 26th April 2023, 96 cables have been installed on the Anji Khad Cable Stayed Railway Bridge, India's first cable stayed bridge connecting Katra and Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) at a cost of over Rs 400 crore to be completed by May 2023. I will be able to prepare its 'superstructure'.
- Urgent need to check tax evasion, illicit fund flows by Development Nations: OECD report  
The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has released the first edition of its 'The Tax Transparency in Asia 2023: Asia Initiative Progress Report', highlighting the urgent need to curb tax evasion and illicit financial flows (IFF), especially by Asian countries, who lost an estimated 25 billion euros in revenue in 2016.
- RBI removes restrictions on individuals from opening FCA earning interest in IFSC  
On 26th April 2023, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lifted the restriction on resident individuals from opening interest earning Foreign Currency Accounts (FCAs) in International Financial Services Centers (IFSC) for making investments under the Liberalized Remittance Scheme (LRS).  
**About Reserve Bank of India (RBI):**  
**Governor-** Shaktikanta Das  
**Deputy Governors-** Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M Rajeshwar Rao, T. Rabi Sankar  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Establishment-** 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935
- NPCI International partners with PPRO to facilitate global e-commerce payments through UPI  
On April 27, 2023, NPCI International Payments, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has partnered with digital payments infrastructure provider PPRO to facilitate global e-commerce payments through Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

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- **Razorpay joins with ONDC to offer Payment Reconciliation service**  
On April 27, 2023, Razorpay, a fintech payment and banking platform for businesses, a non-profit company set up by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), as an alternative to internet shopping, E-commerce network joined with Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).
- **Reddington& SBI partnered to offer solar loans up to Rs 5 crore**  
Redington Limited (formerly known as Redington (India) Limited) and State Bank of India (SBI) has partnered to offer solar loans of up to Rs 5 crore at interest rates linked to those charged to its best customers.
- **ITC overtakes Infosys as India's sixth largest company; RIL topped the list.**  
**ITC Limited** market capitalization, It has overtaken Infosys Limited, an Indian multinational information technology company, to become India's sixth largest company by m-cap).
- **68th Hyundai Filmfare Awards: Complete List Of Winners Of Filmfare Awards 2023**  
On 27 April 2023, the 68th edition of the Hyundai Filmfare Awards (Filmfare Awards 2023) took place at the Jio World Conventional Center in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The Filmfare Awards 2023 were presented in association with Maharashtra Tourism, Government of Maharashtra.
- **Green world award2023: India's PGCIL, CMRL & Vedanta each received awards under different categories**  
On 24th April 2023, Green Organization, London, United Kingdom (UK) presented the Green World Awards 2023 at Miami International Airport in United States of America (USA).
- **Neeli Bendapudi received 2023 Immigrant Achievement Award**  
On 28th April 2023, Indian-American Neeli Bendapudi, 59 years old, President of University of Pennsylvania, United States (USA) was honored with American Immigration Council's 2023 Immigrant Achievement Award for her contribution to American higher education.
- **Vodafone appoints Margherita Della Valle as permanentAppointed CEO**  
On 27th April 2023, Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone), a British multinational telecommunications company, appointed Margherita Della Valle, Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (interim) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) as the permanent CEO of Vodafone. She is the first permanent female CEO of Vodafone.

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- A Madhavrao has been elected as the CMD of Bharat Dynamics Limited  
Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) Director (Technical) A Madhavrao has been selected for the post of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) as recommended by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB).
- Scientist and orator Dr. N Gopalakrishnan passed away  
Retired scientist and eminent speaker Dr.N Gopalakrishnan passed away at the age of 68 in Thrippunithura, Kerala.
- World day for safety and health at work 2023 - April 28  
To promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally  
**28 April** World Day for Safety and Health at Work is observed across the world.  
**About the International Labour Organization (ILO):**  
**Director-General-** Gilbert Fossoun Hounbo  
**Headquarters-** Geneva, Switzerland  
**Establishment-** 1919
- Manipur observes 132nd Khongjom Day - 23 April 2023  
Khongjom Day annually It is celebrated in Manipur on 23 April to commemorate the ancestors and pay homage to the heroes of the Khongjom War who died in the Khongjom War (Anglo-Manipur War of 1891).
- 37th Civil Aviation Foundation Day - 27 April 2023 -  
On 27th April 2023 Bureau of Civil Aviation (BCAS), the national regulator of civil aviation security celebrated its 37th Foundation Day in New Delhi, Delhi.

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- MOHUA launches the 'City Beauty Competition' and Portal  
On April 26, 2023 the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA) launched the 'City Beauty Competition' portal for participation of all urban local bodies (ULBS) across the country through an online process.  
About Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA):  
Union Minister - Hardeep Singh Puri (Rajya Sabha Uttar Pradesh)  
Minister of state - Kaushal Kishore (Constituency Mohanlalganj, Uttar Pradesh)
- Ajeya Warrior 2023; India UK joint military exercise begins at Salisbury Plains of UK  
'Ajeya Warrior' in Salisbury Plain The 7th edition of India and the United Kingdom (UK) bilateral training exercise 'Ajeya Warrior 2023' was planned to be conducted at Salisbury Plains, UK, from 27 April to 11 May, 2023.
- SCBS end FY23 with 15.4% Credit Growth: RBI Data  
According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data on 'Sectoral Deployment of bank Credit- March 2023', Scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) reported a robust credit growth of 15.4% in FY23 as compared to the 9.7% in FY22.
- Arya.ag Partners with Shivalik SFB to Lend Farmers & FPO  
**Arya.ag**, India's largest Grain commerce platform of Aryatech Platforms Private Limited, made partnership with **Shivalik Small Finance Bank (SFB)** to drive financial inclusion for farmers and FPOS (Farmers Producers Organisations) through offering loans via Shivalik SFB under warehouse receipt finance.  
**About Shivalik Small Finance Bank Ltd.**  
**MD & CEO-** Anshul Swami  
**Headquarters-** Noida, Uttar Pradesh  
**Establishment-** 1998  
**Tagline-** A Bank For Your Welfare
- ADB Annual Report 2022: Pakistan is the Largest Recipient of ADB Loans in Asia  
According to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Annual Report 2022, Pakistan got loans of USD5.58 billion, making it the largest recipient of ADB-funded programs/projects in 2022.  
**About the Asian Development Bank (ADB):**  
**President-** Masatsugu Asakawa  
**Headquarters-** Mandaluyong, Philippines  
**Establishment-** 1966
- NLCIL signs MoU with TNC India for Repurposing Mined-Out Lands for RE Projects  
NLC India Limited (NLCIL), a central public sector undertaking (CPSU) under the Ministry of Coal, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Nature Conservancy Centre India (TNC India) to collaborate on research work



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pertaining to the repurposing of mined-out lands for setting up of Renewable Energy (RE) projects.

- Sanskrit Scholar Dr M.N. Nandakumara awarded honorary MBE by King Charles III  
The United Kingdom (UK) based Sanskrit Scholar, Dr **M.N. Nandakumara**, Executive Director of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan centre in London, UK has been awarded the honorary MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) by King Charles III.
- ACC appointed Debadatta Chand as MD & CEO of BoB & Rajneesh Karnatak as MD & CEO of Bol  
The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, has approved the appointment of Baroda (BOB) as the new Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BoB with effect from the date of assumption of office on or after 1st July 2023 for a period of three years.  
**About Bank of Baroda (BOB):**  
**Current MD & CEO-** Sanjiv Chadha  
**Headquarters-** Vadodara, Gujarat **Tagline-** India's International Bank  
**About Bank of India(Bol):**  
**Established in** 1908  
**Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Founded in** September 1906  
**Nationalised in** 1969  
**Tagline-** Relationship Beyond Banking
- Venkatasamy Jagannathan Steps Down from his Position as Star Health CEO  
**Venkatasamy Jagannathan**, 79, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Star Health and Allied Insurance Co Ltd, stepped down from his position as CEO and would continue as Non- Executive Director and Non-Executive Chairman of the Board effective from 4th May 2023.
- MIT Engineers developed Injectable Synthetic nanoparticles and a polymer to Stop Internal Bleeding  
Engineers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Massachusetts, United States of America (USA), has designed a two- component system - a combination of Synthetic - nanoparticles and a polymer that can be injected into the body and help form blood clots at the sites of internal injury.
- Barcelona Open: Carlos Alcaraz beats Stefanos open 2023  
On April 23, 2023, Carlos Alcaraz claimed the Barcelona Open title for the second year running after efficiently defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas in the championship match.

- Shashi Shekhar Vempati, Former Prasar Bharati's CEO, released Book Titled "Collective Spirit, Concrete Actions"  
On 26th April 2023, Shashi Shekhar Vempati, a former Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prasar Bharati, released his book titled "Collective Spirit, Concrete Actions" focused on 'Mann Ki Baat', a radio broadcast of Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, and its impact on India.
- International Dance Day 2023 - April 29  
International Dance Day or World Dance Day is annually observed across the world on 29th April to celebrate dance and to create awareness about its role in various cultures and societies across the globe.
- Administrative Professionals Day 2023 - April 6  
Administrative Professionals Day, also known as Secretaries Day or Admin Day, is annually observed across the globe on the Wednesday of the last full week in April to recognize the work of secretaries, administrative assistants, receptionists, executive assistants, personal assistants, and other administrative support professionals.  
**About International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP):**  
**Chair of the board-** Barrett Shaw  
**Chief Executive Officer-** Melissa Mahoney  
**Founded in** 1942
- Pushkaralu festival returns to the Ganga after 12 year  
Pushkaram is a festival celebrated in India once every 12 years, the 12-day Pushkaralu festival of Telugu-speaking people commenced on April 22 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (UP) and it will end on May 3, 2023 is dedicated to worshipping the 12 sacred rivers.

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