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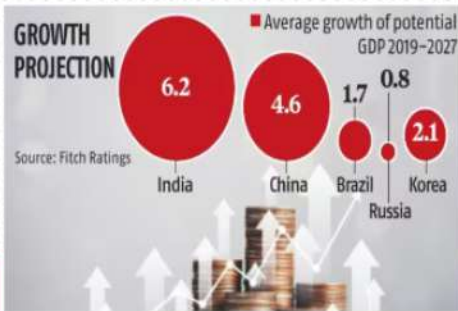
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Appointment

Saima Wazed Elected as WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia

- In a recent development, Bangladesh's Saima Wazed, daughter of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, emerged victorious in the election for the next World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for South-East Asia. She secured a significant majority of votes, surpassing her opponent, Nepal's Shambhu Prasad Acharya.



The Election Outcome

- During the election, which took place at the 76th session of the Regional Committee for the WHO South-East Asia Region (SEARO) in New Delhi, Wazed was nominated through a secret ballot.
- Out of the 10 votes cast, she garnered an impressive 8 votes in her favor, while Acharya, a distinguished WHO official from Nepal, only managed to secure 2 votes.

WHO South-East Asia Region (SEARO)

- The SEARO is one of the six regions within the World Health Organization, with its headquarters located in New Delhi.
- This regional body plays a crucial role in addressing public health challenges and promoting healthcare initiatives in the South-East Asian countries.

Saima Wazed's Upcoming Role

- As a result of her election victory, Saima Wazed is set to take office as the WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia on February 1, 2024, embarking on a five-year term.
- Furthermore, she will have the option for reappointment at the end of her initial term, providing continuity in her leadership role.

Deepesh Nanda Appointed As CEO & MD Of Tata Power Renewable Energy

- Tata Power, one of India's leading integrated power companies, announced a significant leadership change as it appointed Deepesh Nanda as the President-Renewables and the CEO & MD of its subsidiary, Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL). This move, effective from November 1, 2023, marks a strategic step in Tata Power's journey towards becoming a dominant force in the renewable energy sector.



A Leader with a Proven Track Record

- Deepesh Nanda, with 28 years of extensive experience in the industry, brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his new role. His professional journey has seen him excel in various roles across reputable companies like GE, Flowserve, and Tyco.

A Journey of Leadership in South Asia

- Prior to joining Tata Power, he served as the Chief Executive Officer for South Asia at GE Gas Power, overseeing operations in India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, and Nepal. Nanda also held the position of President & CEO of GE's Aero-derivative Gas Turbine business segment for Asia, solidifying his standing as a seasoned leader in the energy sector.

Educational Background and Leadership Training

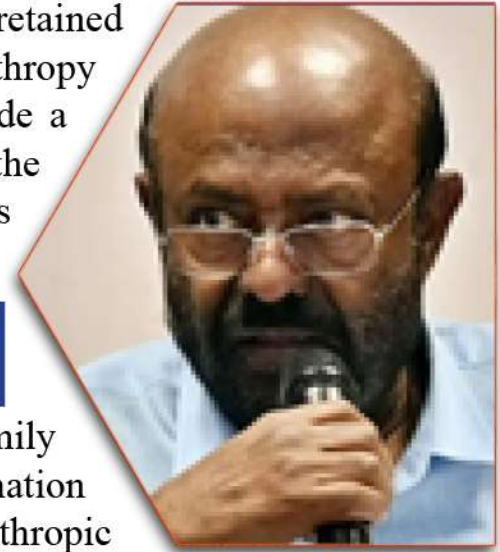
- Deepesh Nanda's academic journey includes being an alumnus of Annamalai University. He furthered his education by completing his MBA from the Open University Business School, Milton Keynes, UK. His extensive leadership training at GE Gas Power refined his skills and prepared him to excel in the dynamic energy sector.

Important

- ✓ CEO & MD of Tata Power : Praveer Sinha

Shiv Nadar Tops the Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023

- HCLTech founder Shiv Nadar and his family have retained the top spot on the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023. For the fiscal year 2022-23, they made a substantial donation of Rs 2,042 crore, marking the fifth consecutive year that Nadar, aged 78, has claimed this distinguished rank.



Azim Premji's Remarkable Leap and Young Philanthropist's Debut

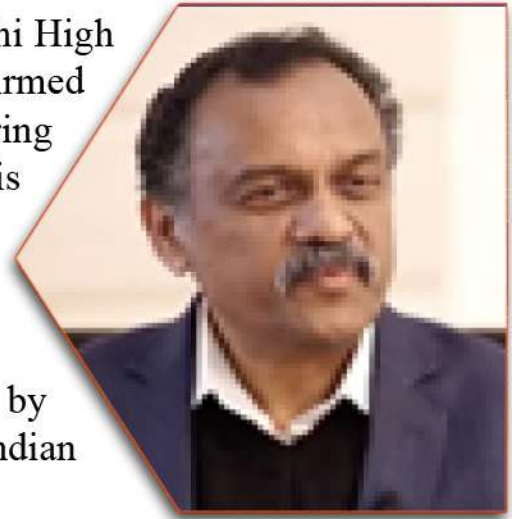
- Wipro founding chairman Azim Premji and his family secured the second position with a noteworthy donation of Rs 1,774 crore. Notably, Premji's philanthropic contribution witnessed a significant surge of 267% compared to the previous year. Furthermore, the list welcomed its youngest philanthropist, Nikhil Kamath, who made a generous donation of ₹110 crore during FY22-23.
- According to the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023, a remarkable 119 Indians made donations exceeding ₹5 crore during the year. This figure represents a notable 59% increase from the previous year and a remarkable 200% surge compared to the period three years ago. A total of 14 individuals from India showcased their extraordinary generosity by contributing more than ₹100 crore. Additionally, 24 individuals donated over ₹50 crore, reflecting a 100% increase, and 47 individuals gave more than ₹20 crore.

Leading Philanthropists

| Rank | Name | Donation (In crores) |
|------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Shiv Nadar and Family | Rs.2,042 |
| 2 | Azim Premji and Family | Rs.1,774 |
| 3 | Mukesh Ambani and Family | Rs.376 |
| 4 | Nikhil Kamath | Rs.110 |
| 5 | Gautam Adani and Family | Rs.285 |
| 8 | Nandan Nilekani | Rs.189 |
| 9 | Cyrus Poonawalla and Adar Poonawalla | Rs.179 |
| 10 | Rohini Nilekani | Rs.170 |

Rajendra Menon Re-elected as Chairman of Armed Forces Tribunal

- Former Chief Justice Rajendra Menon of the Delhi High Court has been re-elected as the Chairman of the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) for a four-year term, ensuring his leadership until June 6, 2027. This marks his second consecutive term as Chairman, having initially been nominated for the position in 2019.



A Legal Career of Distinction

- Justice Menon's legal journey has been marked by significant appointments and contributions to the Indian judiciary. His timeline includes:
 - Appointment as Additional Judge: Justice Menon began his judicial career as an additional judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court on April 1, 2002, and his dedication and expertise led to his elevation to the position of a permanent judge on March 21, 2003.
 - Service as Welfare Commissioner: From December 2010 to March 2015, he took on the role of Welfare Commissioner for the Bhopal Gas Victims Compensation Commission, underlining his commitment to addressing the needs of the affected.
 - Elevation to Chief Justice: On March 15, 2017, Justice Menon achieved the prestigious position of Chief Justice of the Patna High Court, where he presided over significant legal matters until his subsequent transfer to the Delhi High Court.
 - Tenure as Chief Justice of Delhi High Court: In August 2018, Justice Menon assumed the role of Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. His tenure in this position extended until May 2019, where he made valuable contributions to the justice system.



महानता वह नहीं होती कि
आप गिर गए और उठे ही
ना महानता उसे कहते हैं जवाब
गिरकर बार-बार उठते हैं

Rohit Rishi Appointed As Executive Director At Bank Of Maharashtra

- Rohit Rishi has assumed the position of Executive Director at the Bank of Maharashtra. The appointment is for a tenure of three years, starting from November 1, 2023 in place of Shri A.B. Vijayakumar. His extensive experience, academic qualifications, and professional acumen make him a valuable addition to the bank's leadership team.



A Diverse and Accomplished Career

- Rohit Rishi's professional journey started in 1995 when he joined Indian Bank as an Industrial Development Officer. With over 28 years of experience, he has successfully navigated through diverse aspects of the banking industry. Throughout his career, Rishi has demonstrated his ability to thrive in diverse roles, contributing significantly to the growth and transformation of the organizations he served.

Rohit Rishi's Academic Background and Banking Expertise

- Rohit Rishi holds a B. Tech degree in Textiles, an MBA in Finance, and is a Certified Associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers (CAIIB). His experience spans across various aspects of banking, with a strong focus on MSME, Mid-Corporate, and Corporate credit.

RBI Appoints Manoranjan Mishra As Its New Executive Director

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Manoranjan Mishra as the new Executive Director, effective from November 1, 2023. With over three decades of experience in the RBI and a strong background in various aspects of banking and finance, Mishra's appointment brings a wealth of expertise to the central bank.



Educational Background

- Mishra has a post-graduate degree in economics and an MBA in banking and finance. Additionally, he obtained a master's degree in finance and financial regulation from Aston Business School in the United Kingdom. His strong academic qualifications have enhanced his abilities in the finance field.

Responsibilities as Executive Director

- As an Executive Director, Mishra will oversee three crucial departments within the RBI :

Enforcement Department

- In this role, Mishra will be responsible for ensuring that financial institutions adhere to the regulatory framework and maintain the highest standards of compliance. The Enforcement Department plays a pivotal role in safeguarding the integrity of the financial system.

Risk Monitoring Department

- Managing and mitigating risks is a core function of any central bank. Mishra's responsibilities will include monitoring and analyzing various risks in the financial sector, providing early warning signals, and formulating strategies to maintain stability and resilience in the banking and financial system.

Heeralal Samariya Appointed as the New Chief Information Commissioner

- Shri Heeralal Samariya has been appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission and assumed office today. He administered the oath of office to Information Commissioners Smt. Anandi Ramalingam and Shri Vinod Kumar Tiwari at a swearing-in ceremony organized in Central Information Commission.



Chief Information Commission appointment two new chief information commissioner

- **Smt. Anandi Ramalingam**, before joining as Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission, was holding the post of Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Electronics Ltd. (MoD, GOI). She holds BE(Hons) in Electronics & Communication Engineering. She also has experience in the field of procurement, conceptualization, design and development and production of equipment, technical matters and coordination with different authorities and RTI matters. Her area of expertise includes Administration and Governance.
- **Shri Vinod Kumar Tiwari**, an Indian Forest Service Officer, before joining as Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission, was holding the post of Head of Force-cum-Principal Chief Conservator of Forests as Head of Himachal Pradesh Forest Department, Shimla. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Science and a Master's degree in Geology. His area of expertise includes Administration and Governance.

NPCI Appoints Pankaj Tripathi as 'UPI Safety Ambassador'

- In a significant move to enhance awareness and security on digital payment platforms, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has appointed Bollywood actor Pankaj Tripathi as the "UPI Safety Ambassador." This strategic partnership aims to address growing concerns about the safety of digital payment systems, particularly the United Payments Interface (UPI).



Partnership Announcement on Social Media

- The NPCI officially announced its collaboration with Pankaj Tripathi on the social media platform X (formerly known as Twitter). In a video, the acclaimed Bollywood actor shed light on various initiatives by NPCI, including UPI, RuPay and IMPS, aimed at simplifying digital payments and ensuring their security. Tripathi emphasized the extensive reach of UPI payments, spanning cities, towns and even the remotest villages across the country.

Digital Landscape in India

- The digital payments ecosystem in India has experienced remarkable growth, driven by government initiatives, increased internet and smartphone penetration and the surge in e-commerce activities. Private sector players have also contributed to the ecosystem by offering a diverse range of digital payment services.

UPI Transaction Statistics

- As of the end of the calendar year 2022, UPI's total transaction value reached Rs.125.95 trillion, marking a substantial 1.75 times year-on-year growth, as reported by NPCI. This accounted for nearly 86% of India's GDP in FY22. In FY 2022-21, 8,840 crores of Digital Payment Transactions were recorded, with 87.20% of current and savings accounts linked to Aadhaar numbers and 81.05% linked to mobile numbers. By the end of the calendar year 2023, UPI's total transaction volume has reached 83.75 billion.

Important

- ✓ **Pankaj Tripathi emphasized several key UPI safety tips to instill confidence in users and ensure secure digital transactions. These include:**
- ✓ **Do not share UPI PIN with anyone.**
- ✓ **Always verify the UPI ID of the person before making a payment**
- ✓ **Entering UPI PIN means money getting deducted from your account**
- ✓ **Scanning QR is for making a payment, not for receiving money**
- ✓ **Enter UPI PIN on UPI PIN page only**
- ✓ **Check SMS when money is deducted**
- ✓ **Strictly follow the key UPI Safety Shield Tips**

Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar Assumes Command Of The Eastern Fleet

- Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar assumed command of the Eastern Fleet, a significant and prestigious position within the Eastern Naval Command. This change of command ceremony, marking the transition from Rear Admiral Gurcharan Singh, took place at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam. The Eastern Fleet, often regarded as the Sword Arm of the Eastern Naval Command, plays a crucial role in safeguarding maritime interests in the region.



Career Highlights of Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar

- Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar's naval journey began on July 1, 1990, when he was commissioned into the Indian Navy.
- With a specialization in Navigation & Direction, Rear Admiral Dhankhar has accumulated an impressive array of qualifications and experiences throughout his career.

Academic Achievements

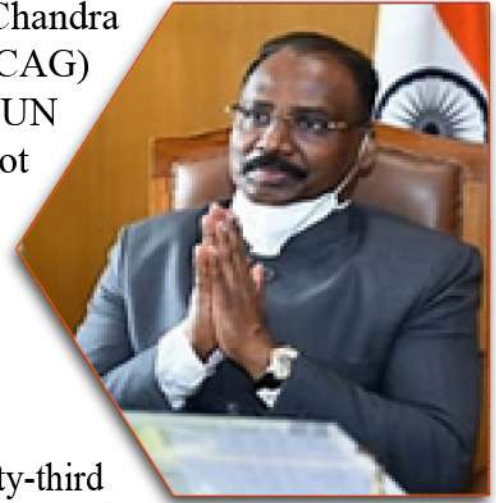
- The newly appointed Flag Officer is an alumnus of the prestigious Naval Academy, where he laid the foundation for his naval education.
- Additionally, he has successfully completed the Defence Services Staff College and pursued his Higher Command Course in Japan, showcasing his commitment to continuous learning and professional development.

Operational Roles and Commands

- During his 33-year career, Rear Admiral Dhankhar has served in various specialist appointments onboard warships, including notable vessels such as Pondicherry, Godavari, Kora, and Mysore.
- His instructional tenures include roles in the erstwhile Project 15 Training Team, Navigation & Direction School, and Officer's Cadet School in Singapore.
- His command appointments further include serving as the Executive Officer onboard INS Delhi and as Commanding Officer onboard INS Gharial, Mumbai, and Vikramaditya.

India's CAG Girish Chandra Murmu Elected Vice-Chair of UN external Auditors' Panel

- In a significant achievement for India, Girish Chandra Murmu, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, has been elected as the vice-chair of the UN Panel of External Auditors. This recognition not only highlights India's commitment to maintaining the highest standards of external audit but also showcases its active role in shaping the global audit landscape.



Participation in the Sixty-Third Session

- Girish Chandra Murmu actively participated in the sixty-third session of the Panel of External Auditors, which took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on November 20-21, 2023. The session brought together the heads of 12 Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) from around the world. The primary responsibility of the panel is to oversee the external audit of the UN Secretariat, funds and programmes, and various specialized agencies.

Composition of the Panel

- The independent body is composed of representatives from 12 countries, namely Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Philippines, Russia, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Together, they conduct financial, performance, and compliance audits of UN entities, ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's financial activities.

Key Discussions and Emphases

- During the panel meeting, members, including Girish Chandra Murmu, emphasized the pivotal role of the UN system in guiding and managing climate finance issues. The discussions also delved into concerns related to digital transformation, recognizing its impact on the functioning of the UN entities.

Bilateral Meeting with Supreme Audit Institution of France

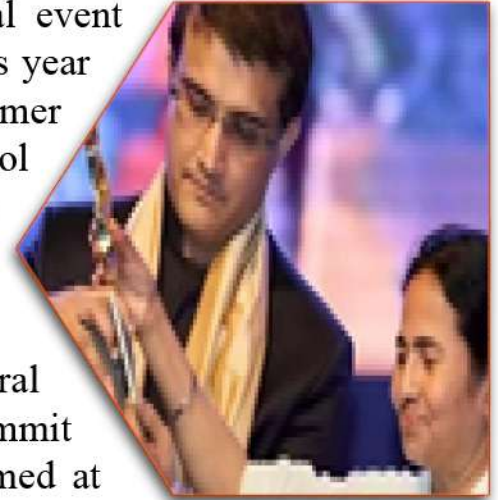
- On the sidelines of the panel meeting, CAG Girish Chandra Murmu held a bilateral meeting with Pierre Moscovici, the First President of Cour des comptes, the Supreme Audit Institution of France. The meeting focused on strengthening bilateral relations between the two SAIs, fostering collaboration and sharing best practices in the field of external audit.

About the Panel

- The Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies, and the International Atomic Energy Agency was established by the General Assembly Resolution in 1959 to further the coordination of the audits for which its members are responsible and to exchange information on audit methods and findings.

Mamata Banerjee Names Sourav Ganguly As The 'Brand Ambassador of Bengal'

- The Bengal Global Business Summit, an annual event held in Kolkata, marked a significant moment this year as Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee declared former cricketer and ex-president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Sourav Ganguly, as the “Brand Ambassador of Bengal.”



Mamata Banerjee's Vision for Bengal

- Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, in her inaugural address at the Bengal Global Business Summit 2023, unveiled a series of ambitious policies aimed at transforming the economic landscape of the state.
- These policies include doubling the state's exports, upgrading logistical infrastructure, and fostering the manufacturing of renewable energy.

Sourav Ganguly: The New Face of Bengal

- Expressing her rationale for choosing Sourav Ganguly as the Brand Ambassador, Banerjee stated, “Sourav Ganguly is a very popular figure, and he can work for the young generation in a very good manner.
- I want to involve him as the Brand Ambassador of Bengal.” This move not only adds a prominent personality to the state's promotional efforts but also leverages Ganguly's influence to connect with the younger demographic.

NITI Aayog Appoints Four Distinguished Fellows under Fellowship Guidelines

- NITI Aayog, the eminent policy think tank of the Government of India, has recently added **four new Distinguished Fellows to its ranks for a period of one year**. These individuals, known for their extensive work experience and expertise in various domains, are expected to contribute significantly to addressing key social, economic, and technical challenges facing the nation.

Prof. (Dr.) Anoop Singh: A Maestro in Macroeconomics

- Dr. Anoop Singh, a distinguished member of the fifteenth Finance Commission, brings a wealth of experience to NITI Aayog.
- He has served in crucial roles at the International Monetary Fund, including Director of the Asia Pacific Department, Director of the Western Hemisphere Department, and Director of Special Operations in the Office of the Managing Director.



- His expertise extends to designing IMF-supported programs in emerging markets, transition, and developing countries across South and Southeast Asia, Europe, and Latin America.
- With a focus on India's fiscal architecture, fiscal governance, and fiscal federalism, Dr. Anoop Singh is poised to make valuable contributions to NITI Aayog.

Dr. O.P Agarwal: Transforming Urban Transport

- Dr. O.P Agarwal, a 1979 batch IAS officer, is a seasoned expert in urban transport
- With a significant role in formulating the national urban transport policy, Dr. Agrawal's experience spans six years as the global Urban Transport Adviser at the World Bank in Washington DC.
- Holding a PhD in Transport Economics from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, and master's degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, Dr. O.P Agarwal's insights into urban transport policy and governance issues are poised to play a pivotal role in shaping India's urban future.



Dr. Ajai Chowdhry: Pioneering the Electronics Industry

- Dr. Ajai Chowdhry, a co-founder of HCL, has been a driving force in establishing India's electronics industry.
- His leadership in various government committees, including chairing a Task Force in 2009 that laid the foundation for the Electronics Policy, showcases his commitment to shaping the sector.
- Recognized with the prestigious Padma Bhushan in 2011, Dr. Chowdhry's contributions extend beyond the corporate realm. His role in creating spaces for intellectual growth and development, including at IIT Hyderabad and IIT Naya Raipur, highlights his dedication to education and innovation.



Sh. V. Lakshmikumar: Legal Luminary in Taxation

- Sh. V. Lakshmikumar, a legal expert with 35 years of experience, specializes in taxation and has successfully navigated complex legal landscapes.
- Advising companies in areas such as International Taxation, Transfer Pricing, GST, Customs, and more, he brings a wealth of knowledge to NITI Aayog.
- With a track record of representing clients in international trade investigations and attending key committee meetings, Sh. Lakshmikumar's expertise will be instrumental in addressing legal challenges in the economic landscape.



Biden Appoints Indian American Shakuntla Bhaya To The Administrative Conference of US

- US President Joe Biden has recently announced several key appointments, including the notable selection of Indian American Shakuntla L Bhaya to serve in a crucial role. According to the White House, Bhaya has been appointed as a member of the Council of the Administrative Conference of the United States.



Shakuntla L Bhaya's Legal Career

- Shakuntla L Bhaya, a co-owner of the Law Offices of Doroshow, Pasquale, Krawitz & Bhaya, a statewide Delaware law firm, brings a wealth of legal experience to her new role.
- Her legal practice is dedicated to representing individuals who have suffered serious injuries due to unsafe decisions made by businesses and individuals.
- Bhaya's commitment to justice and advocacy is reflected in her work over the years, earning her a reputation as a dedicated and accomplished legal professional.

Supreme Court Welcomes Three New Judges to Tackle Pending Cases

- In a significant development, the Supreme Court of India has expanded its judicial strength by welcoming three new judges. This move, coming at a time when pending cases are nearing a critical mark, reflects the court's commitment to addressing the persistent challenge of backlog. Let's delve into the details of this noteworthy development.
- The recent induction of three judges has taken the Supreme Court's judicial strength to its sanctioned capacity of 34. This is crucial for ensuring that the court has the necessary manpower to handle the multitude of cases that come its way.



Swift Collegium Recommendations

- Delhi High Court Chief Justice Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, and Rajasthan and Gauhati Chief Justices Augustine George Masih and Sandeep Mehta were sworn in as Supreme Court judges within three days of the apex court Collegium

recommending them. The expedited appointments align with the Collegium's intent to address the perennial issue of pending cases.

Backlog Tackling Strategy

- The Collegium's recommendation on November 6 highlighted the continuous challenge of pending cases and expressed its determination to tackle the backlog. The year 2022 saw the case count fluctuating around the 70,000 mark due to the pandemic, despite administrative changes. The new appointments aim to eliminate the problem of judicial vacancies.

Current Pendency Statistics

- According to the NJDG dashboard, the total pendency in the Supreme Court as of November 9 evening stands at 79,717 registered and unregistered cases. Among these, 24,834 cases are less than a year old. In October alone, 4,915 cases were instituted, and 4,454 were disposed of. The year 2023 has witnessed 47,135 cases instituted and 46,193 disposed of.

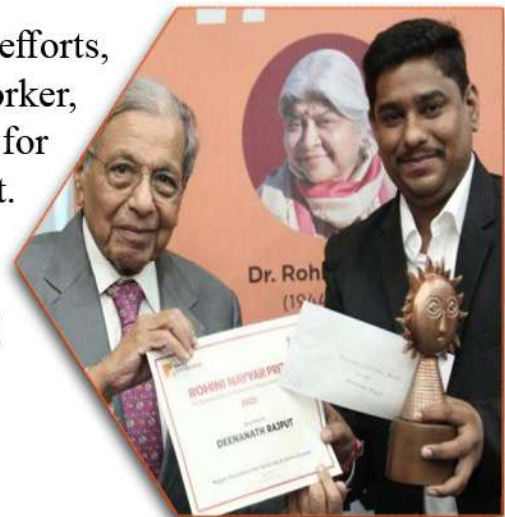


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जलना है तो रोज **उगना** पड़ेगा ।

Awards

Social worker Deenanath Rajput from Bastar wins Rohini Nayar Prize

- In a significant acknowledgment of his remarkable efforts, Deenanath Rajput, an engineer-turned-social worker, was awarded the Second Rohini Nayar Prize for his outstanding contribution to rural development. The prestigious award was presented in memory of the late economist-administrator Dr. Rohini Nayar, and it came with a trophy, a citation, and a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh.

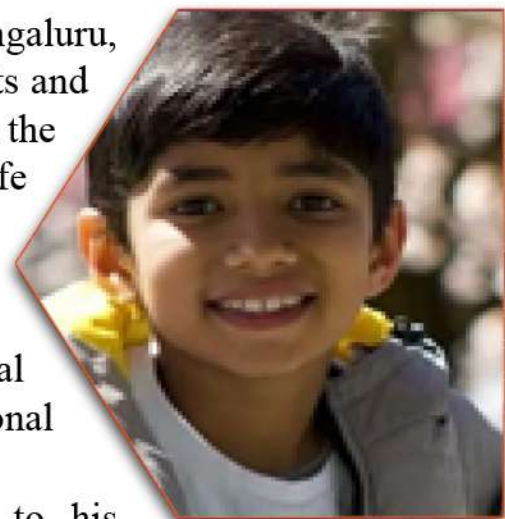


Empowering Tribal Women in Bastar, Chhattisgarh

- Deenanath Rajput's commendable work focuses on empowering tribal women in Bastar, Chhattisgarh, a region known for its challenges, including Naxalite activities. His efforts have been instrumental in positively transforming the lives of over 6,000 tribal women in the area.

10-Year-Old Bangalore Kid Wins 'Wildlife Photographer Of The Year' Award

- Vihaan Talya Vikas, a 10-year-old prodigy from Bengaluru, has captured the hearts of photography enthusiasts and conservationists alike by winning the top prize in the '10 years and under' category renowned Wildlife Photographer of the Year (WPY) competition. This prestigious competition, often hailed as the 'Oscars of Photography,' is organized by the Natural History Museum and serves as a global platform for showcasing the world's most exceptional wildlife photography.



- Vihaan's winning photograph is a testament to his extraordinary talent and creativity. His image portrays a spider in a fascinating pose, positioned alongside a sculpture of Lord Krishna,

nestled on the outskirts of his city. This captivating photograph not only stands out for its aesthetic appeal but also for its thought-provoking narrative. It beautifully captures the spider, seemingly entranced by the divine notes of Krishna's flute, creating a connection between the realms of nature and spirituality.



India-Born Author Nandini Das Wins 2023 British Academy Book Prize

- The British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding, a prestigious international non-fiction award has been claimed by India-born author Nandini Das for her debut book, 'Courting India: England, Mughal India, and the Origins of Empire.' This remarkable work, hailed as the "true origin story of Britain and India told through England's first diplomatic mission to the Mughal courts," secured the top spot this year at a ceremony held at the British Academy in London.



List of Shortlisted authors

| No. | Book Title | Author |
|-----|--|--------------------|
| 1 | 'Black Ghost of Empire: The Long Death of Slavery and the Failure of Emancipation' | Kris Manjapra |
| 2 | 'Red Memory: Living, Remembering, and Forgetting China's Cultural Revolution' | Tania Branigan |
| 3 | 'The Violence of Colonial Photography' | Daniel Foliard |
| 4 | 'Papyrus: The Invention of Books in the Ancient World' | Irene Vallejo |
| 5 | 'Ritual: How Seemingly Senseless Acts Make Life Worth Living' | Dimitris Xygalatas |

Rewarding Excellence

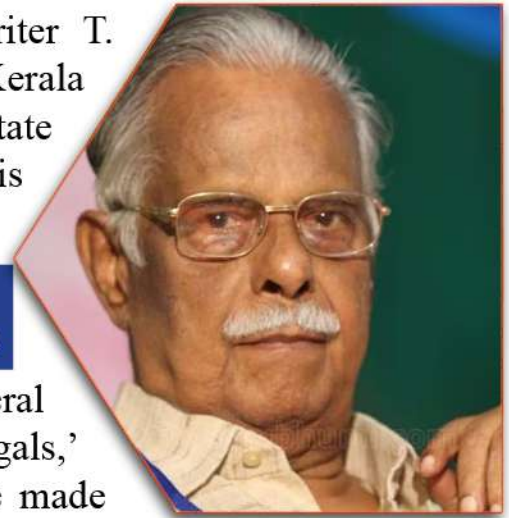
- Nandini Das will be awarded GBP 25,000 as the winner of the British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding. However, the accolades do not end there. The shortlisted authors, including Kris Manjapra, Tania Branigan, Daniel Foliard, Irene Vallejo, and Dimitris Xygalatas, will each receive GBP 1,000 for their exceptional contributions to non-fiction literature.

Eminent Writer T. Padmanabhan Receives Prestigious Kerala Jyothi Award

- Kerala government has selected renowned writer T. Padmanabhan as the recipient of the prestigious Kerala Jyothi award. This highest civilian honor in the state was awarded to Padmanabhan in recognition of his exceptional contributions to Malayalam literature.

Kerala Prabha and Kerala Shree Awards Acknowledge Excellence Across Various Spheres

- The Kerala government has also announced several other accolades, known as the 'Kerala Puraskarngals,' which are bestowed upon individuals who have made remarkable contributions to various aspects of social life. Among the notable awardees are Justice (Retired) M. Fathima Beevi and Nataraja Krishnamurthy, also known as Soorya Krishnamurthy.



RBI Wins 'Changemaker Of The Year' Award

- Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was honored with the 'Changemaker of the Year' award. Governor Shaktikanta Das accepted it on behalf of the RBI. The recognition was part of the Hindu Businessline Changemaker Awards 2023, held at ITC Maurya in New Delhi on November 3.

The 'Changemaker of the Year' Award

- Accepting the 'Changemaker of the Year' award, Governor Shaktikanta Das acknowledged that this recognition was a tribute to the hard work and dedication of the more than 13,000 officers and employees of the RBI.
- Their relentless efforts and teamwork were pivotal in ensuring that the central bank effectively managed the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and continued to safeguard the financial stability of the nation.

Proactive Measures during the COVID-19 Crisis

- Governor Das highlighted the RBI's proactive approach in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The central bank set up a quarantine facility and initiated measures to ensure the uninterrupted functioning of the money market during that challenging period. This emphasized the central bank's unwavering commitment to maintaining the financial stability of the country and ensuring the prosperity of the economy.



AIFF wins AFC President's Recognition Bronze Award for Grassroots Football

- All India Football Federation has secured its second Grassroots Football award, with the previous one being earned in 2014. The accomplishment reflects AIFF's commitment to promoting football at the grassroots level, characterised by several innovative initiatives. Numerous special projects have been initiated as part of this endeavour, including the AIFF Blue Cubs programme, Blue Cubs Coaching Courses, Blue Cubs Leagues, Blue Cubs Football Schools, AIFF Grassroots Awards, AIFF Institutional League for Non-Professional Entities, AIFF Project Diamond and several other projects at the grassroots level.



Other Award Winners

| Award | Winner |
|--|--|
| AFC Diamond of Asia | Saoud Al Mohannadi of Qatar (posthumous) |
| AFC Member Association of the Year | Platinum: Uzbekistan Football Association Diamond: Lebanese Football Association Gold: The Football Association of Hong Kong, China Limited Ruby: Guam Football Association |
| AFC Regional Association of the Year | Central Asian Football Association |
| AFC President Recognition Awards for Grassroots Football | Gold: Football Australia Silver: Guam Football Association Bronze: All India Football Federation |
| AFC Coach of the Year (Women's) | Shui Qingxia (CHN) |
| AFC Coach of the Year (Men's) | Hajime Moriyasu (JPN) |
| AFC Futsal Player of the Year | Moslem Oladghobad (IRN) |
| AFC Women's Player of the Year | Samantha Kerr (Chelsea FC and AUS) |
| AFC Player of the Year | Salem Al Dawsari (Al Hilal SFC and KSA) |
| AFC Asian International Player of the Year | Kim Min-jae (Fenerbahce/SSC Napoli/FC Bayern Munchen and KOR) |
| AFC Youth Player of the Year (Women's) | Maika Hamano (INAC Kobe Leonessa/Chelsea FC and JPN) |
| AFC Youth Player of the Year (Men's) | Kuryu Matsuki (Aomori Yamada High School/FC Tokyo and JPN) |
| AFC Referees Special Award | Chris Beath (AUS) – Referee, Anton Shchetinin (AUS) – Assistant Referee, Ashley Beecham (AUS) – Assistant Referee, Ammar Aljneibi (UAE) – Support Video Assistant Referee |

Apolinaris D'Souza Honored With The 19th 'Kalakar Puraskar' Award

- The 19th edition of the prestigious 'Kalakar Puraskar,' organized by the Carvalho Household of Kundapura in association with Mandd Sobhann, Mangaluru, was awarded to Apolinaris D'Souza, a prominent Konkani singer, lyricist, and composer. The award ceremony took place on the 5th of November 2023, during a public event held at Kalaagann, Mangaluru.



A Journey of Dedication and Creativity

- Apolinaris D'Souza, born in 1953, embarked on a journey of artistic excellence from a young age. After completing his education at St Aloysius College, Mangalore, he ventured to Oman in search of better opportunities.
- His passion for Konkani music, combined with his dedication and creativity, paved the way for a remarkable career. Apolinaris's contributions to Konkani music have left an indelible mark, both in Oman and his hometown, Mangalore.

The Significance of the 'Kalakar Puraskar'

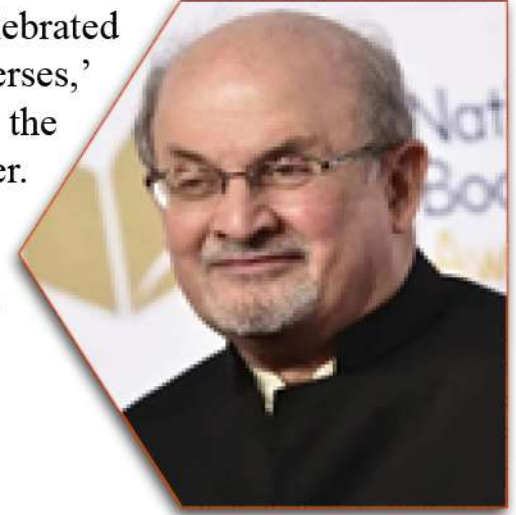
- The 'Kalakar Puraskar' was established in 2005 by linguist Pratap Naik, SJ, and his Carvalho Household of Kundapura.
- This annual award is presented to individuals from the Karnataka region in recognition of their outstanding achievements in various fields related to Konkani culture, including music, dance, theatre, folklore, and cinema.
- The award not only celebrates the recipient's contributions but also serves as a testament to the richness and diversity of Konkani art and culture.



जो सही करने की हिम्मत
उसी में आती है जो गलती
करने से नहीं डरते है।

Salman Rushdie Honored With First 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award'

- World-renowned author Salman Rushdie, celebrated for groundbreaking works like 'The Satanic Verses,' received the inaugural 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award' from the Vaclav Havel Center. Simultaneously, Egyptian activist Alaa Abdel-Fattah was honored with the 'Disturbing the Peace Award for a Courageous Writer at Risk' during a ceremony held on November 14.



Salman Rushdie's Novels

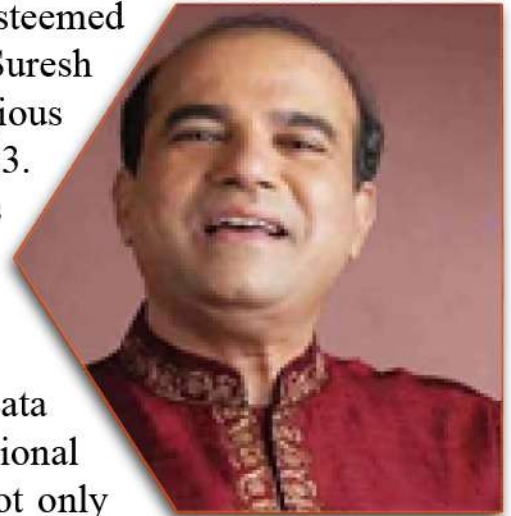
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| 1 | Grimus |
| 2 | Midnight's Children (Booker Prize Winner, 1981) |
| 3 | Shame |
| 4 | The Satanic Verses |
| 5 | Haroun and the Sea of Stories |
| 6 | The Moor's Last Sigh |
| 7 | The Ground Beneath Her Feet |
| 8 | Fury |
| 9 | Shalimar the Clown |
| 10 | The Enchantress of Florence |
| 11 | Luka and the Fire of Life |
| 12 | Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights |
| 13 | The Golden House |
| 14 | Quichotte |



जिस-जिस पर यह जग हंसा है,
उसी ने इतिहास रचा है।

Suresh Wadkar named for Maharashtra's 'Lata Mangeshkar Award 2023'

- The Maharashtra government has chosen the esteemed playback singer and National Award winner, Suresh Ishwar Wadkar, as the recipient of the prestigious 'Gansamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award' for 2023. The announcement was made by Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar, recognizing Wadkar's remarkable contribution to the world of music.
- Suresh Wadkar's selection for the 'Gansamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award' is a testament to his exceptional contribution to the music industry. The award not only recognizes his achievements but also underscores the rich cultural heritage and talent within Maharashtra. The ceremony, yet to take place, will celebrate the achievements of these artists who have left an indelible mark on the cultural tapestry of the state.



Recognition by Maharashtra Government:

- The 'Gansamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award' for 2023 is a recognition of Wadkar's significant contributions to the world of music. The award includes a cash prize, a commendation, and a memento, to be presented at a ceremony later.

Madhuri Dixit Receives Award At 54th IFFI

- Legendary actress Madhuri Dixit has been honored with the 'Special Recognition for Contribution to Bharatiya Cinema' award at the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Panaji, Goa. The announcement was made by Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, along with MoS Information & Broadcasting, Dr. L. Murugan, and Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.



A Storied Career

- Madhuri Dixit's journey in the Hindi film industry began with her debut in 'Abodh' in 1984, and she quickly rose to prominence with her stellar performance in 'Tezaab' (1988).
- Her portrayal of characters with depth and authenticity set her apart, earning her six Filmfare Awards.

- Notably, she holds the record for being nominated for the Filmfare Award for Best Actress an impressive fourteen times.
- In the year 2008, she received the Padma Shri, which is the fourth-highest civilian award in India.

Global Ambassador for Good

- In 2014, Madhuri Dixit was appointed the UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador in India, showcasing her commitment to social causes beyond the realm of cinema.

Nicaragua's Sheynnis Palcios Crowned 72nd Miss Universe 2023

- Nicaragua's Sheynnis Palcios, a 23-year-old TV host and model, achieved a significant milestone by being crowned Miss Universe 2023. The 72nd Miss Universe event concluded with a grand ceremony at the Jose Adolfo Pineda Arena in San Salvador, El Salvador on 18th November 2023.
- Sheynnis Palacios, 23 years old, hailing from Nicaragua, clinched the coveted title of Miss Universe 2023, making history as the first Nicaraguan woman to win the crown.



The Winning Moment

- The pinnacle of the event was reached when the reigning Miss Universe 2022, R'Bonney Gabriel from the United States, graciously placed the crown on Sheynnis Palacios' head. The stage lit up with applause and admiration from the thrilled audience as Palacios, resplendent in a meticulously embellished gown, embraced the spotlight, embodying elegance and grace in her triumphant moment.

Runner-Up Recognition

- Adding to the international flair of the competition, Anntonia Porslid of Thailand earned the esteemed position of the first runner-up while Australia's Moraya Wilson was crowned the second runner-up. These placements not only recognized their individual beauty but also contributed to the celebration of global diversity within the Miss Universe pageant.

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for 2022 Presented to COVID-19 Warriors

- The prestigious Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year 2022 was jointly awarded to the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Trained Nurses Association of India. The award ceremony took place on November 19, where former Vice-President Hamid Ansari presented the honor to Dr. Sharad Kumar Agarwal, President of the IMA and Professor (Dr.) Roy K. George, President of the Trained Nurses Association of India.



Recognition of COVID-19 Warriors

- The award symbolizes a tribute to the relentless efforts of the COVID-19 warriors in India. Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi, who heads the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust, emphasized that the recognition extends to every doctor, nurse, paramedic and support staff for their selfless service, dedication and perseverance in the face of the unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic.

International Emmy Awards 2023, Full List Of Winners

- The global television stage lit up on Monday night in New York as the 2023 International Emmy Awards celebrated outstanding achievements in the industry. The diverse lineup of nominees, spanning 20 countries across six continents, showcased the international prowess of television. Netflix emerged as a standout with two Best Comedy series winners: “Derry Girls” and “Vir Das: Landing,” the latter featuring the comedic genius of Vir Das, one of India’s top comedians.



Ektaa Kapoor Receives Prestigious Directorate Award

- Esteemed film and television producer Ektaa Kapoor was recognized with the coveted Directorate Award, a testament to her significant contributions to the entertainment industry.

Vir Das: Landing and Derry Girls Share Best Comedy Series Honors

- In a historic moment, both “Vir Das: Landing” and “Derry Girls” season 3 secured the Best Comedy Series award. Vir Das’s stand-up special showcased his comedic brilliance, earning him well-deserved accolades.

Emmy Awards 2023 Winners in Key Categories:

- Best Drama Series: “The Empress”
- Best Actress: Karla Souza in “La Caida” (Dive)
- Best Actor: Martin Freeman in “The Responder”
- Best TV Movie/Mini-Series: “La Caida” (Dive)
- Best Non-Scripted Entertainment: “A Ponte – The Bridge Brasil”
- Best Short-Form Series: “Des Gens Bien Ordinaires” (A Very Ordinary World)
- Best Live-Action – For Kids: “Heartbreak High”
- Best Factual And Entertainment For Kids: “Built To Survive”
- Best Documentary: “Mariupol: The People’s Story”
- Best Sports Documentary: “Harley and Katya”
- Best Arts Programming: “Buffy Sainte-Marie: Carry It On”
- Best Telenovela: “Yargi” (Family Secrets)
- Best Animation for Kids: “The Smeds and The Smoos”
- This diverse array of winners reflects the richness and variety of global television content, showcasing excellence across genres and cultures.
- As the curtain falls on the 2023 International Emmy Awards, the spotlight remains on the outstanding contributions of artists and creators who continue to push the boundaries of storytelling on the global stage.

Grammy Awards Nomination 2024

- The anticipation for the 66th Grammy Awards 2024 is reaching a crescendo as the nominations have been officially revealed. SZA takes center stage with an impressive nine nominations, followed closely by Phoebe Bridges, Serban Ghenea and Victoria Monet, each securing seven nods. The esteemed list continues with Jack Antonoff, Jon Batiste, boygenius, Brandy Clark, Miley Cyrus, Billie Eilish, Olivia Rodrigo and Taylor Swift all earning six nominations.



Grammy Awards Nomination 2024 By Category

- Record of the Year
- “Worship” – Jon Batiste

- “Not Strong Enough” – boygenius
- “Flowers” – Miley Cyrus
- “What Was I Made For?” [from the motion picture “Barbie”] – Billie Eilish
- “On My Mama” – Victoria Monét
- “vampire” – Olivia Rodrigo
- “Anti-Hero” – Taylor Swift
- “Kill Bill” – SZA

Album of the Year

- World Music Radio – Jon Batiste
- the record – boygenius
- Endless Summer Vacation – Miley Cyrus
- Did you know that there’s a tunnel under Ocean Blvd – Lana Del Rey
- The Age of Pleasure – Janelle Monáe
- GUTS – Olivia Rodrigo
- Midnights – Taylor Swift
- SOS – SZA

Song of the Year

- “A&W” – Jack Antonoff, Lana Del Rey & Sam Dew, songwriters (Lana Del Rey)
- “Anti-Hero” – Jack Antonoff & Taylor Swift, songwriters (Taylor Swift)
- “Butterfly” – Jon Batiste & Dan Wilson, songwriters (Jon Batiste)
- “Dance the Night” (from Barbie the Album) – Caroline Ailin, Dua Lipa, Mark Ronson & Andrew Wyatt, songwriters (Dua Lipa)
- “Flowers” – Miley Cyrus, Gregory Aldae Hein & Michael Pollack, songwriters (Miley Cyrus)
- “Kill Bill” – Rob Bisel, Carter Lang & Solána Rowe, songwriters (SZA)
- “vampire” – Daniel Nigro & Olivia Rodrigo, songwriters (Olivia Rodrigo)
- “What Was I Made For?” [from the motion picture Barbie] – Billie Eilish O’Connell & Finneas O’Connell, songwriters (Billie Eilish)

Best New Artist

- Gracie Abrams
- Fred again..
- Ice Spice
- Jelly Roll
- Coco Jones
- Noah Kahan
- Victoria Monét
- The War and Treaty

Producer of the Year, Non-Classical

- Jack Antonoff
- Dernst “D’Mile” Emile II
- Hit-Boy
- Metro Boomin
- Daniel Nigro

Best Pop Dance Recording

- “Baby Don’t Hurt Me” – David Guetta, Anne-Marie & Coi Leray
- “Miracle” – Calvin Harris Featuring Ellie Goulding
- “Padam Padam” – Kylie Minogue
- “One in a Million” – Bebe Rexha & David Guetta
- “Rush” – Troye Sivan

Best Dance/Electronic Music Album

- Playing Robots Into Heaven – James Blake
- For That Beautiful Feeling – The Chemical Brothers
- Actual Life 3 (January 1-September 9 2022) – Fred again..
- Kx5 – Kx5
- Quest For Fire – Skrillex

Best Rock Album

- But Here We Are – Foo Fighters
- Starcatcher – Greta Van Fleet
- 72 Seasons – Metallica
- This Is Why – Paramore
- In Times New Roman... – Queens of the Stone Age

Best Rap Song

- “Attention” – Rogét Chahayed, Amala Zandile Dlamini & Ari Starace, songwriters (Doja Cat)
- “Barbie World” [from Barbie the Album] – Isis Naija Gaston, Ephrem Louis Lopez Jr. & Onika Maraj, songwriters (Nicki Minaj & Ice Spice Featuring Aqua)
- “Just Wanna Rock” – Mohamad Camara, Symere Woods & Javier Mercado, songwriters (Lil Uzi Vert)
- “Rich Flex” – Brytavious Chambers, Isaac “Zac” De Boni, Aubrey Graham, J. Gwin, Anderson Hernandez, Michael “Finatik” Mule & Shéyaa Bin Abraham-Joseph, songwriters (Drake & 21 Savage)
- “SCIENTISTS & ENGINEERS” – Andre Benjamin, Paul Beauregard, James Blake, Michael Render, Tim Moore & Dion Wilson, songwriters (Killer Mike Featuring André 3000, Future & Eryn Allen Kane)

JSW Bags Award to Develop Greenfield Port in Karnataka For Rs 4,119 Crore

- JSW Infrastructure, a key player in the Indian port sector and part of the JSW Group, has recently announced the reception of a letter of award for the development of a state-of-the-art, all-weather, deep-water greenfield port at Keni in Karnataka. The port project, valued at Rs.4,119 crore, is set to be executed through a public-private partnership. This significant development is poised to enhance maritime infrastructure and boost trade in the North Karnataka region.



Project Overview

- JSW Infrastructure outlined the key features of the proposed Keni Port, emphasizing its modern, environmentally friendly, mechanized facilities designed for handling cape-size vessels. The initial phase will witness a capacity of 30 million tonnes per annum (MTPA), with substantial potential for expansion in the long run. Keni Port is strategically located between Mormugao Port in the north and New Mangalore Port in the south, contributing to its significance in the region.

Strategic Location and Purpose

- Keni Port is envisioned as an all-weather, greenfield, multi-cargo, direct berthing, deep-water commercial port catering to various types of cargoes. Its strategic positioning aims to serve industries in the North Karnataka region, covering Bellary, Hosapete, Hubballi, Kalaburagi and South Maharashtra. The port's proximity to operational major ports enhances its role as a crucial trade gateway for the region.

Transportation Connectivity

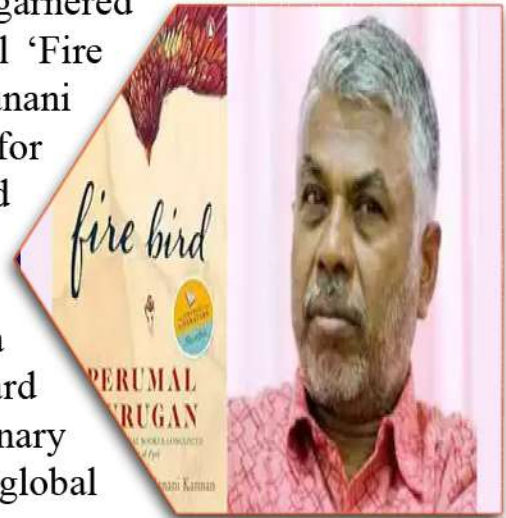
- JSW Infrastructure highlighted the planned rail connectivity for the Keni Port, situated on the southern side and linked to the existing Konkan line north of the Ankola station. The proposed railway alignment spans approximately 8 km, ensuring efficient transportation. Additionally, the port is set to benefit from well-established road and railway connectivity, facilitating seamless cargo movement.

JSW Infrastructure's Commitment

- Aurn Maheshwar, CEO and Joint MD of JSW Infrastructure, expressed the company's commitment to developing Keni Port as an integral part of Karnataka's maritime infrastructure and trade gateway. Once operational, the port is expected to play a pivotal role in addressing the growing import and export trade momentum in the region.

Perumal Murugan's 'Fire Bird' Wins 2023 JCB Prize for Literature

- Acclaimed Tamil writer Perumal Murugan has garnered a significant literary achievement with his novel 'Fire Bird', skillfully translated into English by Janani Kannan, securing the prestigious 2023 JCB Prize for Literature. The announcement ceremony unfolded in New Delhi, graced by the virtual presence of Lord Bamford, Chairman of JCB Group. Deepak Shetty, CEO and Managing Director of JCB India Limited, presented the award in person. The award reaffirms Murugan's position as a literary luminary with a profound impact on both regional and global audiences.



Publication Details

- The English translation of 'Fire Bird', published by Penguin Random House India, captivated readers and critics alike, contributing to its recognition by the JCB Literary Prize.

Award Details

- The esteemed JCB Literary Prize, a distinguished literary accolade, bestows a cash prize of Rs 25 lakh upon the author, Perumal Murugan, and an additional Rs 10 lakh upon the translator, Janani Kannan.

Author's Background

- Prolific Tamil writer Perumal Murugan boasts an impressive literary repertoire, encompassing 12 novels, six collections of short stories, six anthologies of poetry, and numerous non-fiction works. Remarkably, ten of his novels, including 'Seasons of the Palm,' 'Current Show,' and 'One Part Woman,' have been translated into English, solidifying his international acclaim.

Other Shortlisted Works

- The shortlist for the JCB Prize for Literature included exceptional works such as 'The Secret of More' by Tejaswini Apte-Rahm (Aleph Book Company), 'The Nemesis' by Manoranjan Byapari (Westland Books), 'Mansur' by Vikramajit Ram (Pan Macmillan India), and 'I Named my Sister Silence' by Manoj Rupda (Westland Books).

Deepti Babuta becomes first woman to bag Dhahan Prize for Punjabi literature

- Deepti Babuta has etched her name in literary history by becoming the first woman to clinch the prestigious Dhahan Prize, the largest international literary award for fiction in the Punjabi language. Her outstanding achievement is attributed to her compelling short story collection, 'Bhukh Eon Sah Laindi Hai' ('Hunger Breathes Like This').



Award Details:

- Babuta was honored with a cash award of \$25,000 CAD and a trophy during an awards ceremony held at the Northview Golf and Country Club in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada. This recognition marks a significant milestone as it is the first time in the prize's 10-year history that the top honor has been bestowed upon a woman.

Finalists' Recognition:

- Two other finalists, Jameel Ahmad Paul from Lahore and Balijit from Mohali, were also acknowledged for their exceptional contributions to Punjabi literature, each receiving a prize of \$10,000 CAD.

Dhahan Prize Background:

- Established in 2013 by the Canada India Education Society (CIES) and the University of British Columbia (UBC), the Dhahan Prize serves as a platform to elevate both aspiring and established writers, providing them the opportunity to reach a broader, multilingual audience.

Empowering Punjabi Literature:

- Deepti Babuta's historic win not only recognizes her individual talent but also serves as a milestone for women in Punjabi literature. The Dhahan Prize continues to play a vital role in fostering literary excellence and promoting Punjabi literature on the global stage.
- Deepti Babuta's groundbreaking achievement as the first woman to secure the Dhahan Prize underscores the growing recognition of women's contributions to Punjabi literature. The prize itself, through its decade-long journey, remains a beacon for celebrating linguistic diversity and providing a global platform for Punjabi writers.

Economic

8.1% Growth Rate in 8 Key Infrastructure Sectors in September 2023

- In September 2023, the growth rate of eight key infrastructure sectors in India witnessed a slowdown, reaching a four-month low of 8.1%. This decline is notable compared to the 8.3% growth recorded in the same month the previous year. Several of these sectors experienced deceleration, with crude oil output registering negative growth.



Sector-wise Analysis:

- 8.1% Growth Rate in 8 Key Infrastructure Sectors in September 2023

1. Refinery Products

- Growth Rate: The growth rate in the production of refinery products decreased to 5.5% in September 2023, down from 6.6% in the previous year.

2. Fertiliser

- Growth Rate: Fertiliser production growth slowed down to 4.2% in September, compared to 11.8% in the previous year.

3. Cement

- Growth Rate: Cement production witnessed a decrease, with growth standing at 4.7% in September 2023, down from 12.4% in the previous year.

4. Electricity

- Growth Rate: The growth rate in electricity production dipped to 9.3% in September, a decline from 11.6% in the previous year.

5. Crude Oil

- Negative Growth: Crude oil production showed a negative growth of -0.4% in September, though it had contracted by -2.3% in the same month the previous year.

Previous Low in May

- The last time these sectors experienced such a low growth rate was in May, with a growth rate of 5.2%.

Comparison with August

- In August, the core sector experienced a substantial growth of 12.5%, the highest since June 2022, when it reached 13.2%.
- **April to September 2023-24** : For the period of April to September 2023-24, the combined growth of these eight sectors was 7.8%, a notable decrease from the 9.8% growth recorded in the same period the previous year.

Positive Performers in September:

- **Coal** : Coal production surged by 16.1% in September.
- **Natural Gas** : Natural gas production increased by 6.5%.
- **Steel** : Steel production witnessed growth of 9.6%.

India's Fiscal Deficit Reaches 39.3% of FY24 Target in First Half of the Year

- In the first half of the 2023-24 financial year, India's central government faced a fiscal challenge, with the fiscal deficit rising to 39.3% of the annual target, a slight increase from the previous year's 37.3%. This widening gap between expenditure and revenue amounted to Rs 7.02 lakh crore by the end of September 2023, as reported by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA). Despite efforts to contain the deficit, the figures reflected the financial landscape.



1. Fiscal Deficit Details:

- The fiscal deficit stood at 39.3% of the full-year target.
- In actual terms, the gap between expenditure and revenue amounted to Rs 7.02 lakh crore.

2. Budget Projection:

- The Union Budget aimed to limit the fiscal deficit to 5.9% of the GDP in the fiscal year 2023-24.
- This target followed a fiscal deficit of 6.4% of the GDP in the previous fiscal year (2022-23), which was slightly lower than the initial estimate of 6.71%.



3. Tax Revenue Collection:

- Tax revenue reached Rs 11.60 lakh crore, constituting 49.8% of the annual target.
- Net tax collection during April-September 2022-23 reached 52.3% of the year's Budget Estimate (BE).

4. Government Expenditure:

- The central government's total expenditure amounted to Rs 21.19 lakh crore, accounting for 47.1% of the 2023-24 BE.
- This expenditure level was marginally higher than the previous fiscal year, which stood at 46.2% of the BE for 2022-23.

October Gross GST Collections Reach ₹1.72 Lakh Crore

- In October, India witnessed a significant rebound in its Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections, reaching a 10-month high of ₹1.72 lakh crore. This growth of 13.4% year-on-year is the sharpest uptick since December 2022, reversing a three-month trend of deceleration. Several factors contributed to this impressive recovery, including increased domestic transactions, higher services imports, and robust GST levies on goods imports.



Monthly Uptick and Comparison:

- October's GST collections surged by 13.4% to reach ₹1.72 lakh crore.
- This marked a 5.7% increase compared to September, which saw a slowdown in indirect tax growth.
- The 13.4% revenue growth was the most substantial year-on-year increase since December 2022, breaking a three-month trend of deceleration.

Factors Behind the Rebound:

- Domestic Transactions and Services Imports: The uptick in October's revenues was driven by a 13% increase in domestic transactions and services imports.
- Goods Imports: While the Finance Ministry did not disclose the revenue growth from goods imports, it's estimated that GST levies on goods imports increased by 13.9% in October, outpacing growth from domestic transactions.
- GST Compensation Cess Collections: Collections from GST Compensation Cess, which includes levies on goods imports, reached a record high of ₹12,456 crore in October, surpassing the previous highest collection received in April.

State GST Revenue Trends :

- The Ministry did not provide specific state-wise revenue growth trends in the monthly GST revenue statement.
- However, for the first seven months of 2023-24, State GST revenues increased by 12%, with only Manipur (-19%) and Himachal Pradesh (-2%) reporting negative growth.

FY 2023-24 Performance :

- The average monthly GST collection for FY 2023-24 stands at ₹1.66 lakh crore, representing an 11% increase over the previous financial year.

Deadline Effect :

- Experts attribute the strong October GST collections to factors such as the time-barred period for financial year 2017-18, compliance deadlines, and measures to curb evasion.
- Festive spending and efforts to settle disputes for 2017-18 also contributed to the boost in collections.

Revenue Breakdown :

- October's GST revenues included Central GST (CGST) of ₹30,062 crore, State GST of ₹38,171 crore, and Integrated GST (IGST) of ₹91,315 crore.
- The government settled ₹42,873 crore to CGST and ₹36,614 crore to SGST from IGST, resulting in a total revenue of ₹72,934 crore for CGST and ₹74,785 crore for SGST in October 2023 after regular settlements.

“India’s Carbon Tax Response to CBAM Raises Concerns for EU Manufacturing”

- The European Union’s proposed Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) has stirred controversy, with India’s Commerce and Industry Minister strongly criticizing it as “ill-conceived.”

Understanding the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

Sweeping measures

The EU wants to crack down on products made by polluting industries in countries with different regulatory standards



- Proposed by the European Union (EU): The EU aims to reduce carbon emissions from imported goods and prevent competitive disadvantages against countries with weaker environmental regulations.

Objectives

- Reduce carbon emissions from imported goods.
- Promote a level playing field between the EU and its trading partners.
- Protect EU companies that have invested in green technologies.

How CBAM Works

- **Coverage:** Applies to imported goods that are carbon-intensive.
- **Integration:** Integrated with the EU’s Emissions Trading System (ETS), which currently covers industries like power generation, steel, and cement.
- **Implementation:** CBAM taxes imposed on the carbon content of imported goods at the border, based on the carbon price in the EU ETS.
- **Exemptions:** Possible exemptions for countries with comparable carbon pricing systems.
- **Revenue Use:** Revenue generated from CBAM taxes could fund the EU’s climate objectives, including climate-friendly investments and support for developing countries’ climate efforts.

Impacted Parties under CBAM

- Countries: Non-EU countries exporting carbon-intensive goods to the EU, including India.
- Items Covered: Initially includes iron and steel, cement, aluminum, fertilizers, and electric energy production.

- Scope Expansion: The CBAM may extend to cover other sectors in the future.

Advantages of CBAM

- Encourages non-EU countries to adopt stringent environmental regulations, reducing global carbon emissions.
- Prevents carbon leakage by discouraging companies from relocating to countries with weaker environmental regulations.
- Generates revenue for supporting EU climate policies.

Challenges and Concerns with CBAM

- Difficulty in accurately measuring carbon emissions of imported goods, particularly for countries lacking comprehensive carbon accounting systems.
- Potential for trade tensions with the EU's trading partners, especially if retaliatory measures are implemented.

Fitch Raises India's Mid-Term GDP Forecast to 6.2%

- In a recent development, Fitch, the renowned rating agency, has upgraded India's mid-term GDP growth forecast to 6.2%. This favorable revision has implications for India's economic outlook, as well as the emerging markets globally. Here's a breakdown of the key points from Fitch's report.

Upward Revision to India's GDP Growth

- Fitch's upgrade of India's gross domestic product (GDP) mid-term growth forecast is a significant move. The agency has increased the projection by 70 basis points, raising it to 6.2% from the previous estimate of 5.5%. This revision highlights growing confidence in India's economic potential.



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China's Impact on Emerging Markets

- Fitch's report points out that China's economic performance played a pivotal role in influencing the forecast for emerging countries. The estimate for 10 emerging nations collectively has been reduced to 4% from 4.3% due to China's economic challenges. Specifically, China's supply-side growth potential saw a significant reduction of 0.7 percentage points, which had a cascading effect on the overall estimate.

China's Economic Projection

- China's own mid-term growth forecast has been adjusted downward, now standing at 4.6% instead of the earlier 5.3%. This reflects the challenges facing China's economy, which have repercussions for the region and the world.

Gains for India and Mexico

- While China's slowdown had a dampening effect on the emerging market outlook, Fitch's report also highlights significant upgrades for India and Mexico. Mexico benefits from an improved capital-to-labor ratio outlook. India, on the other hand, saw a substantial increase in its growth estimate, rising from 5.5% to 6.2%.

2023-24 Projections

- Looking ahead, Fitch's projections for India's economic growth in 2023-24 indicate an expectation of 6.3% growth. This suggests continued optimism in the country's economic prospects.

Revisions in Other Emerging Markets

- Notably, Fitch has revised the growth forecasts for several other emerging markets. Russia's forecast has been reduced to 0.8% from 1.6%, Korea to 2.1% from 2.3%, and South Africa to 1% from 1.2%. These revisions are influenced by a combination of factors, including demographic trends and lingering disruptions from the pandemic.

RBI allows NRIs to buy Sovereign Green Bonds

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a notification, granting Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) unrestricted investment access to the Government's Sovereign Green Bonds for the fiscal year 2023-24.

Fully Accessible Route Designation

- The RBI circular designates all Sovereign Green Bonds issued in 2023-24 as 'specified securities' under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR).
- This move enhances investment opportunities for NRIs in these environmentally focused bonds.



Immediate Applicability

- As per the notification issued on Wednesday, the directives are effective immediately, signaling an urgency in implementing the regulatory changes.

Government's Green Bond Borrowing Plan

- The government aims to raise Rs 20,000 crore through green bonds in the current financial year.
- This aligns with its commitment to sustainable financing, emphasizing projects with positive impacts on climate and the environment.

Purpose of Green Bonds

- Green bonds are financial instruments dedicated to funding projects with direct environmental benefits.
- These projects encompass renewable energy, clean transportation, and green buildings.
- The issuance of such bonds reflects a global push toward sustainable financing and responsible investing.

NRIs and Investment Opportunities

- The RBI's decision opens doors for NRIs to actively participate in financing eco-friendly initiatives by investing in Sovereign Green Bonds.
- This aligns with the growing trend of environmentally conscious investments globally.

Morgan Stanley Forecasts Robust 6.5% Growth for India's Economy in FY24 and FY25

- In its recently released "2024 India Economics Outlook," Morgan Stanley Research predicts that India's economy will experience substantial growth, hovering around 6.5% for both FY2024 and FY2025. The investment bank attributes this positive outlook to the country's resilient domestic fundamentals, strong corporate and financial sector balance sheets, and the impact of recent policy reforms.

Factors Driving Growth :

- Morgan Stanley highlights the resilience of India's economy amid global uncertainties.
- Strong corporate and financial sector balance sheets contribute to the positive outlook.
- Policy reforms have a positive impact on the economic landscape.



Domestic Demand as Growth Engine :

- The research emphasizes that domestic demand, supported by robust factors, will play a crucial role in sustaining India's growth trajectory.
- This is seen as particularly significant in the face of challenges in the global economic landscape.

Global Concerns :

- Geopolitical tensions in Israel raise concerns about potential impacts on oil prices.
- Potential effects on India's inflation, import bills, fiscal deficit, and trade balance are areas of consideration.

Alignment with Other Assessments:

- Moody's Investor Service maintains India's growth at 6.7% for 2023, applauding the country's resilience.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) revises its growth projection for India to 6.3% for 2023-24.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) estimates a growth rate of 6.5% for FY24.

Inflation and Fiscal Projections:

- Morgan Stanley expects headline inflation to moderate to 4.9% in FY2025 from 5.4% in FY2024.
- The report anticipates the current account deficit to remain in the range of 1.5-1.7% of GDP in FY2025-26.

Global Recognition and Inflows:

- Inclusion of Indian bonds in JPMorgan's emerging market debt index from June 2024 is expected to attract more foreign inflows.
- This is anticipated to enhance the balance of payments for the country.

Monetary Policy Expectations:

- The report suggests that the RBI is likely to maintain interest rates until the first half of 2024.
- A potential shallow rate cut cycle from June 2024 is contingent on sustained moderation in inflation.

Goldman Sachs Adjusts Ratings in Asian Markets: Upgrades India, Downgrades China

- Goldman Sachs Group Inc. has recently made significant adjustments to its ratings in Asian markets, with a notable downgrade on Hong Kong-traded Chinese stocks and a simultaneous upgrade for Indian equities. The decision is driven by varying factors, including low earnings growth in China and the strategic appeal of the Indian market.



Downgrade on Chinese Stocks

- Goldman Sachs has lowered its rating on Hong Kong-listed Chinese companies, citing concerns over low earnings growth and the potential for a consensus downgrade. The decision reflects the bank's reservations about the current state of the Chinese stock market.
- ✓ **Market-Weight for Chinese Companies**
 - The investment bank has moved Hong Kong-listed Chinese companies to a market-weight rating, indicating a more neutral stance. This decision is rooted in the belief that, given the prevailing valuations, earnings will be the primary driver of returns in the Asian markets.
- ✓ **Multiple Downgrades on China Equities**
 - Goldman Sachs has consistently downgraded its views on China equities throughout the year, reflecting a sense of pessimism in the country's stock market. In a notable move in August, the bank reduced the full-year earnings-per-share growth estimate for the MSCI China Index and adjusted the 12-month index target.
- ✓ **Remained Overweight on Chinese Onshore Shares**
 - Despite the downgrades, Goldman Sachs maintains an overweight position on Chinese onshore shares. The bank identifies opportunities in sectors related to China's strategic shift toward higher productivity and greater self-sufficiency, such as artificial intelligence and new infrastructure.
- ✓ **Structural Challenges in China**
 - Goldman Sachs acknowledges the structural challenges facing China, including a housing sector downturn, high debt levels, and adverse demographics. However, the bank believes that opportunities in onshore markets, particularly in sectors with "alpha" potential, can counterbalance these challenges.

Upgrade for Indian Equities

- ✓ **Positive Outlook for India**
 - Goldman Sachs has upgraded its rating on Indian equities, citing the market's strategic appeal. The bank anticipates that India will experience the best structural growth prospects in the region, with mid-teens earnings growth expected over the next two years.

✓ Domestically Driven Growth

- The strategic appeal of the Indian market lies in its largely domestically driven growth. Goldman Sachs identifies various alpha-generating themes for investors, including the 'make-in-India' initiative, large-cap compounders, and mid-cap multibaggers.

✓ Investment Opportunities in India

- The bank sees India as offering a wide array of investment opportunities, driven by its structural growth prospects. The focus on domestic growth adds resilience to the market, potentially making it an attractive destination for investors seeking exposure to emerging markets.

✓ Optimism in Indian Market

- Goldman Sachs expresses optimism about the Indian market's potential for alpha generation, emphasizing the positive trajectory of mid-teens earnings growth. This positive outlook contrasts with the bank's more cautious stance on certain aspects of the Chinese market.

India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) Records Seventh Consecutive Month of Deflation in October

- India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation rate continued its downward trend, reaching a three-month low of -0.52% in October. This marks the seventh consecutive month of deflation, with various factors contributing to the sustained negative trajectory.

Factors Driving WPI Deflation:

- The persistent deflation in factory gate prices can be attributed to the high base effect and declines in the prices of several key sectors. Notably, chemicals, chemical products, electricity, textiles, basic metals, food products, and paper and paper products have experienced reductions in prices compared to the same period in the previous year.

Food Inflation Decline:

- In October, food inflation witnessed a decrease from 3.35% in the previous month to 2.53%. This disinflation in food prices is primarily linked to the ongoing contraction in the prices of vegetables (-21.04%) and potatoes (-29.3%). Additionally, prices of wheat (4.75%) and milk (7.92%) decelerated, while cereals (7.51%), paddy (9.39%), pulses (19.43%), onion (62.6%), and eggs, meat, and fish (2.7%) experienced accelerated inflation during the month.

Manufactured Products Deflation Continues:

- The data reveals that the contraction in prices of manufactured products (-1.13%) persisted for the eighth consecutive month in October, compared to -1.34% in September. This



contraction was led by decreases in the prices of food products, vegetable and animal oil, textiles, paper, chemicals, metals, rubber, and steel.

Fuel Prices Contraction and Acceleration :

- Fuel prices witnessed a continued contraction (-2.47%) for the sixth consecutive month, driven by decreases in liquefied petroleum gas (-4.03%) and high-speed diesel (-6.8%). However, petrol prices saw an acceleration (3.45%) for the second consecutive month.

India's Economic Growth Outlook by Goldman Sachs for 2024-25

- Goldman Sachs, the US-based investment bank, forecasts India's economy to grow at a rate of 6.5% in the fiscal year 2024-25, surpassing the projected 6.2% for the current financial year. The key driver for this growth is anticipated to be increased private sector investment.



Economic Drivers in H1 2024: Consumption Spending and General Elections

- **Consumption Dominance:** The first half of 2024 is expected to be dominated by consumption spending. This surge is linked to India's general elections scheduled during this period. Goldman Sachs predicts that subsidies and transfer payments will play a pivotal role in driving growth during the initial months.
- **General Election Impact:** The report suggests that subsidies and transfer payments are likely to be the primary growth drivers in the lead-up to the general elections in Q2 2024. This aligns with historical spending patterns observed during previous election cycles.

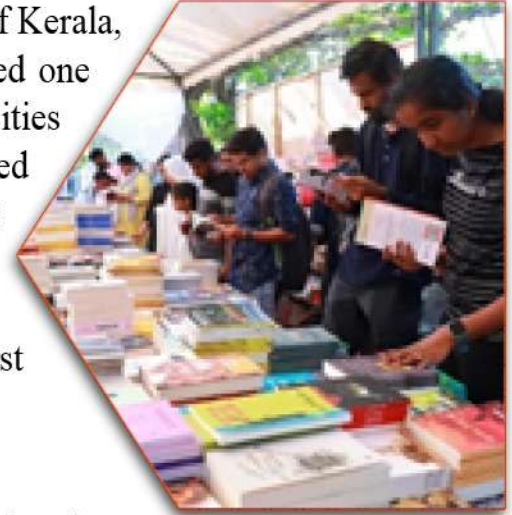
Economic Drivers in H2 2024: Resumption of Investment Growth

- **Post-Election Investment Boost:** The second half of 2024 is forecasted to witness a resurgence in investment growth, particularly from the private sector. Following the elections, Goldman Sachs anticipates a reacceleration of investment activities, highlighting the shift from consumption-driven to investment-driven growth.
- **Government's Role in Investment:** While the government's capital expenditure has been instrumental in propelling overall investment, there is an expectation that it will stimulate private investments. However, the report notes that the growth rate of government capital spending may decrease in the next fiscal year.

National

Kozhikode Named India's First 'City of Literature' by UNESCO

- Kozhikode, a city located in the southern Indian state of Kerala, has made its mark on the global stage by being named one of the latest entrants into the UNESCO Creative Cities Network. This prestigious recognition was bestowed upon Kozhikode on World Cities Day, alongside Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, which was recognized as a 'City of Music'. Kozhikode's new title as the 'City of Literature' marks a significant milestone, as it's the first city in India to hold this coveted distinction.



A Global Network of Creative Cities

- The UNESCO Creative Cities Network comprises cities from across the globe that are acknowledged for their strong commitment to harnessing culture and creativity as an integral part of their development strategies. These cities stand out for their innovative practices in human-centered urban planning. With the inclusion of Kozhikode and Gwalior, the network now boasts 350 creative cities in more than 100 countries, representing seven creative fields: Crafts and Folk Art, Design, Film, Gastronomy, Literature, Media Arts, and Music.

The Journey to the City of Literature Title

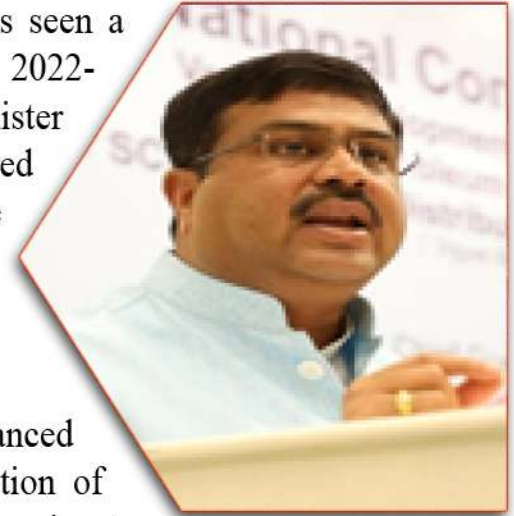
- Kozhikode's journey to becoming the City of Literature began in 2022 when the Kerala Institute of Local Administration proposed the idea. The Kozhikode Corporation swiftly sprang into action, reaching out to the University of Prague in the Czech Republic for assistance in the preparation process. Prague was the first city to receive the City of Literature title in 2014, making it a valuable resource for Kozhikode's aspirations.

Ludmila Kolouchova's Contribution to Kozhikode's Recognition

- Ludmila Kolouchova, a research student from the University of Prague, played a crucial role in Kozhikode's quest for this recognition. She visited Kozhikode and conducted a comparative study, drawing parallels between Kozhikode and Prague. Her research revealed that Kozhikode boasted more than 500 libraries and over 70 publishers, providing a solid foundation for its application.

Education Minister Reports 37% Increase In Women's Workforce Participation In India For FY23

- The participation of women in India's workforce has seen a significant increase, reaching 37 per cent during the 2022-23 fiscal year, according to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. This remarkable upsurge, compared to the 23 per cent recorded in 2017-18, reflects the impact of the government's focused efforts to empower women in the workplace.



Balanced Growth and Hard Work

- Minister Pradhan emphasized the importance of balanced societal growth, underlining the increasing participation of women in the workforce. He noted that women are proving to be hardworking contributors to the economy, highlighting the fact that they often exhibit exceptional dedication and commitment in their roles.

Government Initiatives

- The Narendra Modi government has played a crucial role in boosting women's participation in the workforce. Various women-focused schemes and policies have been implemented to empower women and create equal opportunities in the job market. These initiatives have not only increased women's representation but also improved their access to skill development and employment.

Prioritizing Women in Policy-Making and Leadership

- Pradhan emphasized that the government has given a high priority to women in policy-making and leadership roles. This emphasis on diversity at decision-making levels contributes to more inclusive and gender-aware policies that benefit women in various sectors.

Reskilling and Upskilling

- In a rapidly changing world driven by technology, it's essential for the workforce, including women, to adapt to new challenges. Minister Pradhan stressed the significance of re-skilling and up-skilling working women to help them stay competitive and relevant in evolving industries.

Reduced Unemployment Rate

- One of the most significant achievements noted by Pradhan was the decrease in the unemployment rate. In the 2022-23 fiscal year, the rate of unemployment in the country dropped to 3.7 per cent, a significant improvement from the 6 per cent recorded in 2017-18. This is a testament to the success of government policies and initiatives in generating employment opportunities and reducing joblessness.

UPSC tightens rules for appointment of State Police Chiefs

- In a significant development, the Supreme Court of India has issued a comprehensive set of directives aimed at reforming the police force across the country. These directives, passed by a bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra, come in response to a plea by the Centre to modify the court's 2006 judgment on police reforms. The court's recent ruling includes several crucial provisions to ensure transparency, merit-based appointments, and fixed tenures for top police officials.



Appointment of Police Chiefs

- The Supreme Court has directed all states and Union territories to refrain from appointing any police officer as acting Director General of Police (DGP).
- Instead, states are mandated to send names of senior police officers to the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) for consideration as potential candidates for the position of DGPs or Police Commissioners.

UPSC Selection Process

- The UPSC will meticulously evaluate the submitted names and prepare a list of the three most suitable officers.
- States are then free to appoint one of these officers as the police chief. The emphasis is on meritocracy and transparency in the selection process.

Tenure Consideration

- The Supreme Court has stressed the importance of ensuring that appointed DGPs have a reasonable period of service left, promoting stability and continuity in police leadership.

Suspension of Existing Rules

- The apex court has ruled that any existing rule or state law related to the appointment of police officers will be kept in abeyance, highlighting the necessity of adhering to the new directives.

Scope for State Modification

- While the directives are binding, the states that have specific laws on police appointments have been granted the liberty to approach the Supreme Court for seeking modifications if necessary, providing flexibility in implementation.

PM To Inaugurate World Food India 2023 Mega Food Event

- Today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate World Food India 2023, a celebration of India's culinary heritage and its global food potential. This second edition unites culture, cuisine, and commerce, providing a platform for discussions, partnerships, and agri-food sector investments. The event will commence in Bharat Mandapam at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will do the honors.



Inauguration and Support for Self Help Groups

- A notable highlight of the inauguration will be the Prime Minister's commitment to supporting Self Help Groups (SHGs) by disbursing seed capital assistance for over one lakh SHG members.
- This support aims to empower SHGs to enhance their market presence by improving packaging and manufacturing quality. As stated by the Prime Minister's Office, this initiative will enable SHGs to realize better prices in the market.

Food Street: A Gastronomic Journey

- One of the most anticipated attractions of World Food India 2023 is the 'Food Street.' This culinary delight will showcase regional cuisines and the royal culinary heritage of India.
- Over 200 chefs will come together to present traditional Indian cuisine, offering a unique and immersive culinary experience. The Food Street's intention is to celebrate India's diverse food culture and present it as a vibrant tapestry that reflects the nation's rich heritage.

Showcasing India as the 'Food Basket of the World'

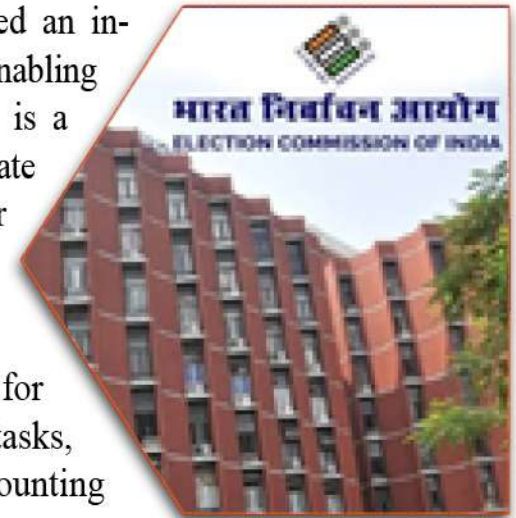
- World Food India 2023 aims to position India as the 'food basket of the world.' The event coincides with the celebration of 2023 as the International Year of Millets, further emphasizing the importance of diverse and sustainable food sources.
- The event will bring together government bodies, industry professionals, farmers, entrepreneurs, and various stakeholders to facilitate discussions, partnership establishment, and exploration of investment opportunities in the agri-food sector.

CEO Roundtables: Focusing on Investment and Ease of Doing Business

- As part of the event, CEO roundtables will be organized with a specific focus on investment and the Ease of Doing Business in the agri-food sector. These discussions will provide a platform for top industry leaders to exchange ideas, share insights, and chart a course for the sector's future growth.

ECI designed in-house software for complete Candidate and election management through 'ENCORE'

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has developed an in-house software named 'ENCORE,' which stands for Enabling Communications on Real-time Environment. ENCORE is a comprehensive software suite designed for efficient candidate and election management, offering a range of features for smooth operations during the electoral process.



Seamless Candidate and Election Management

- ENCORE provides a seamless and integrated platform for Returning Officers to manage various election-related tasks, from candidate nomination to voter turnout tracking, counting of votes, result compilation, and data management.

Here are some key functionalities offered by ENCORE:

1. Candidate Nomination Processing

- Streamlining the candidate nomination process for electoral candidates.
- Digitizing the nomination and affidavit submission for efficient data management.
- 2. Real-Time Voter Turnout Tracking
- Keeping track of voter turnout during the election process.

3. ENCORE Counting Application

- An end-to-end application for Returning Officers to digitize and tabulate votes polled.
- Generating essential statutory reports of the counting process.

4. ENCORE Scrutiny Application

- Allowing Returning Officers to conduct online scrutiny of candidate nominations.
- Verifying nominations and marking them as Accepted, Rejected, or Withdrawn.
- Assisting in the preparation of the final list of contesting candidates and symbol assignment.

5. Online Nomination and Affidavit Portal

- Providing candidates with the convenience of online nomination and affidavit submission.
- Candidates can create accounts, fill nomination forms, deposit the required security, and plan visits to the Returning Officer.
- Enhancing ease and accuracy in the filing process.
- Candidates need to print and notarize the application before submitting it to the Returning Officer in person (optional).

6. Candidate Affidavit Portal

- Displaying detailed information about a candidate's financial assets and liabilities.
- Promoting transparency in candidates' financial disclosures.

7. ENCORE Nodal App

- Facilitating coordination with various departments, including fire, education, police, environment, and CPWD.
- Departments provide 'no objection' certificates for permissions requested by political parties and candidates to hold rallies, road shows, and meetings.
- Streamlining the approval process for campaign-related activities.

Rajnath Singh Inaugurated 'India Manufacturing Show' In Bengaluru

- On November 2, 2023, the Honorable Raksha Mantri, Shri Rajnath Singh, inaugurated the three-day 'India Manufacturing Show' in Bengaluru, Karnataka. This is the sixth edition of the show. Organized jointly by Laghu Udhdyog Bharti & IMS Foundation and supported by the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, this event carries the central theme of 'Make in India, Make for the World.' The event not only serves as a platform for showcasing cutting-edge technologies and innovations but also emphasizes the significance of small-scale industries in India's economic landscape.



Small-Scale Industries: The Backbone of India's Economy

- Shri Rajnath Singh described small-scale industries as the backbone of the nation's economy and acknowledged their immense contribution to its development. These small-scale enterprises are deeply interconnected with local communities and are better attuned to local needs.
- The Raksha Mantri referred to small-scale industries as the youth of industrial development. These enterprises are known for their boundless energy, innovation, and the ability to create something new.

The Vital Role of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in Economies

- Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) constitute more than 95% of all businesses in the majority of economies, and they are the primary drivers of employment growth. Furthermore, they significantly contribute to industrial production and exports, accounting for more than 45% of total manufacturing output and 40% of exports, providing livelihoods to 100 million people.

- In India, the MSME sector plays a pivotal role in the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' (Self-Reliant India Campaign). This sector is highly dynamic, contributing approximately 35% to India's manufacturing output. There's a vision to further increase the MSMEs' contribution to more than 50% of India's GDP.

Government's Support for Small-Scale Industries

- Shri Rajnath Singh highlighted the government's commitment to the welfare of small-scale industries. He mentioned several initiatives, including the MUDRA scheme, launched in 2015.
- This scheme provides collateral-free loans to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). During the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, the government extended additional credit worth crores of rupees to support MSMEs.

India to Host 2024 World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly

- India is set to host the prestigious World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly (WTSA) in 2024, marking a significant step towards the advancements of 5G and 6G networks. Union Communication & IT Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw, made this announcement at the India Mobile Congress 2023, emphasizing the country's growing importance in the global technology landscape.

Significance of World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly

- The World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly (WTSA) is a quadrennial event and serves as the governing conference of the ITU Standardisation Sector (ITU-T). It is one of the three world conferences organized by the International Telecommunication Union, an entity within the United Nations system. This event plays a pivotal role in setting global telecommunication standards, making India's hosting of the WTSA a significant milestone.

India's Technological Advancements

- Minister Vaishnaw underscored India's significant role in technology adoption. The world is closely watching India's technological advancements and hosting the WTSA is a testament to the nation's growing importance in the global tech landscape. As India continues to innovate and make strides in various technology sectors, it is becoming a prominent player in the global tech ecosystem. One of the notable achievements is the development of the 5Gi standard within India, which has gained recognition from the ITU as one of the key technologies for 5G networks.



NITI Aayog held Workshop on India-AU Collaboration

- NITI Aayog, in partnership with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), organized a workshop in New Delhi focused on implementing the commitments from the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (NDLD) signed at a recent G20 Conference. The workshop aimed to strengthen cooperation between India and the African Union (AU) in three key areas: inclusive growth, sustainable infrastructure, and migration management.



Opening Remarks and Analysis

- Dr. V K Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog: Dr. Saraswat emphasized the potential for knowledge, skills, and resource exchange between India and the AU. He called for concrete proposals in the areas of inclusive growth, sustainable infrastructure, and migration management.
- Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog: Prof. Chand highlighted the importance of agricultural growth and mutual learning opportunities between India and the AU. He emphasized cooperation in agricultural research, technology transfer, and market access.
- Shri Dammo Ravi, Secretary, MEA: Shri Ravi stressed the significance of cooperation in trade, investment, and development between India and the AU.
- Shri Sudhendu J. Sinha, Advisor, NITI Aayog: Advisor Sinha underlined the shared goals of India and the AU in achieving the objectives outlined in the NDLD.

Key Workshop Themes and Discussions

Indo-AU Collaboration for an Inclusive World :

- Methods for promoting inclusive growth, reducing poverty and inequality.
- Ensuring universal access to basic necessities like food, water, healthcare, and education.

Indo-AU Collaboration for Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure :

- Cooperation in developing sustainable infrastructure, including energy, transportation, and water management.
- Supporting economic growth and resilience against climate change and other disruptions.

Managing Migration: The Role of Indo-AU Partnership :

- Strategies for managing migration in a safe, orderly, and humane manner.
- Addressing root causes of migration, supporting migrants and refugees, and combating human trafficking.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi as Elected Chairman of Shree Somnath Trust for Five-Year Term

- In a historic development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been elected as the chairman of the Shree Somnath Trust (SST) for a five-year term, marking a significant departure from the traditional one-year tenure for the trust's chairman. The decision, approved by the charity commissioner of Gujarat, underscores the importance of continuity and leadership in managing the iconic Somnath temple near Veraval.
- The recent approval of an amendment to the deed of the Shree Somnath Trust by the charity commissioner of Gujarat has paved the way for this landmark decision. Prior to this amendment, the chairman of the trust had served a one-year term.



Prime Minister Modi's Re-election

- At the 122nd meeting of the SST's board of trustees held at Raj Bhavan in Gandhinagar, Prime Minister Modi, the incumbent chairman, was re-elected to the position for a five-year term.
- This marks a historic moment as it is the first time in the 74-year-long history of the Shree Somnath Trust that a chairman has been elected for a five-year tenure.

Prime Minister Modi's Stewardship

Third Term as Chairman

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been elected as the chairman of the SST board of trustees for the third time. His first election as chairman occurred in 2021, following the unfortunate passing of the then-incumbent chairman, Keshubhai Patel, in 2020. Keshubhai Patel had served as the SST chairman since 2004.

Continuity and Leadership

- The decision to re-elect Prime Minister Modi emphasizes the importance of continuity and effective leadership in the management of the Somnath temple, which holds a special place in the hearts of millions of devotees.
- Showcasing Somnath's Heritage

Release of "Meri Mitti Mera Desh" Video

- In addition to his re-election, Prime Minister Modi unveiled a video prepared by the Shree Somnath Trust as part of the Centre's "Meri Mitti Mera Desh" (My Soil, My Country) campaign. The video serves as a showcase of the rich heritage and history of the Somnath temple, further promoting the cultural significance of this iconic religious site.

Bharat Botanics To Open India's Largest Cold Oil Production Facility In Gujarat

- Recently, Bharat Botanics announced the opening of its cutting-edge wood-pressed Cold Oil processing facility in Gondal, Rajkot Gujarat. This 16,000 square feet automated facility is one of its kind, promoting 100% hygiene and transparency, marking a significant step towards healthier living, sustainability, and providing healthy edible oils for every customer it serves.



Bharat Botanics' Co-Founder, Mr. Manish Popat, on Expanding Production Capacity

- Mr. Manish Popat, Co-Founder of Bharat Botanics, emphasizes, 'We're excited to announce the expansion of our production capacity to meet the exponential rise in demand for our products from the 12,000 direct B2C customers we have served.'
- He further stated, 'At Bharat Botanics' facility, seeds are crushed using traditional "Wooden Ghani's" with the cold-pressed technique, resulting in natural, chemical-free edible oils rich in healthy nutrients, natural flavor, and a scintillating aroma.'

Bharat Botanics: A Beacon of Profitable Innovation and Commitment to Quality

- Bharat Botanics is among rare profit-making startups, and the idea to have their production facility was due to the high-quality standards they set for their products.
- Their products are not just a symbol of Atmanirbharta; they are a testament to dedication to local communities, environmental responsibility, and fostering a culture of wellness.

A Rich Range of Health-Enhancing Oils

- Bharat Botanics offers a wide range of natural products, including a variety of wood-pressed oils, such as Groundnut oil, Coconut (Kopra) Oil, Sesame (Til) Oil, Mustard (Rai) Oil, Castor (Arandia) Oil, Sunflower (Surajmukhi) Oil, Safflower Oil, Almond Oil, and many more.
- These oils elevate culinary excellence, promote heart health, regulate blood pressure, nourish skin, boost immunity, and enrich the overall lifestyle.

About Bharat Botanics

- Bharat Botanics is India's leading wood-pressed edible oil (B2C) brand, known for its pure, chemical-free, and natural oils.
- With a commitment to quality, health, and sustainability, Bharat Botanics sources the finest seeds and nuts from farmers in India and employs traditional methods to produce premium wood-pressed oils.
- This marks a significant step towards a healthier India, one that embraces natural, chemical-free edible oils and encourages sustainability in the process.

54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2023: A Glimpse

- The 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is set to unfold in Goa from November 20 to 28, 2023. This cinematic extravaganza, under the aegis of the Indian Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, promises to be a star-studded celebration of world cinema. Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur announced the event, highlighting India's growing influence in the global media and entertainment industry. Here's a glimpse of what to expect from this grand event:



Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award:

- A prestigious feature of IFFI is the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award (SRLTA), presented to honor Excellence in World Cinema. This year, the legendary Hollywood actor and producer, Michael Douglas, will grace the event to accept this coveted award. His illustrious career spans over 50 years, during which he has earned numerous accolades, including 2 Oscars and 5 Golden Globe Awards. His contributions to the film industry and his humanitarian efforts have made him an international figure.

A Diverse Film Showcase:

- The festival will feature over 270 films from around the world, screened across four venues in Goa. The 'International Section' of IFFI will showcase 198 films, including 13 World Premiers, 18 International Premiers, 62 Asia Premiers, and 89 India Premiers. The festival received a record-breaking 2926 entries from 105 countries, reflecting its global appeal.

Indian Panorama:

- This section of IFFI will highlight 25 feature films and 20 non-feature films from India. The opening film in the feature section is the Malayalam film "Aattam," while the non-feature section features "Andro Dreams" from Manipur.

Celebrating OTT Content:

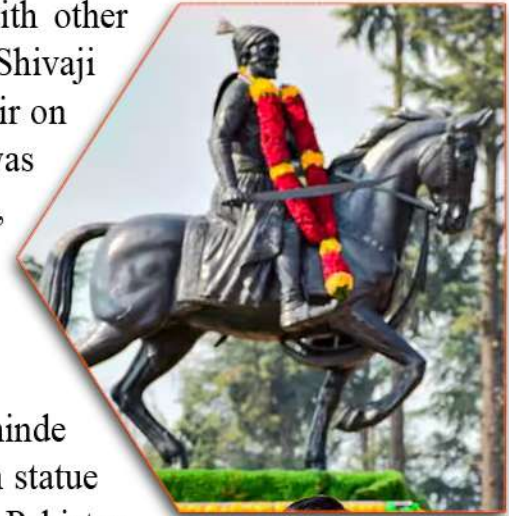
- In recognition of the flourishing content from OTT (Over-The-Top) platforms, IFFI introduces the "Best Web Series (OTT) Award." This new category aims to acknowledge and encourage the creators of web series. Thirty-two entries from 15 OTT platforms will compete for this honor, which includes certificates and a cash prize of 10 lakhs, to be announced at the closing ceremony.

Creative Minds of Tomorrow (CMOT):

- Under the CMOT initiative, young creative talents from various fields of filmmaking will be nurtured. They will participate in a film challenge and have professional classes curated by masters of cinema.

Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde unveils Shivaji Maharaj statue in J&K's Kupwara

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, along with other dignitaries, inaugurated a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in the Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir on November 7. The statue, a symbol of cultural pride, was installed at the 41 National Rifle (Maratha LI) camp, which is located in close proximity to the Line of Control (LoC) separating India and Pakistan.



CM Shinde's Pride in the Monument

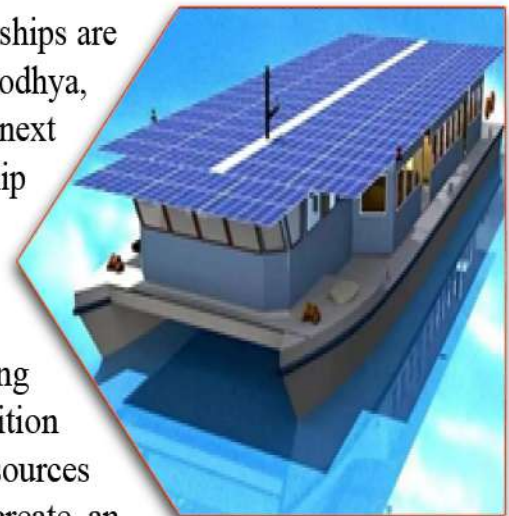
- During the inauguration ceremony, Chief Minister Shinde expressed his pride in having a magnificent equestrian statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj situated near the India-Pakistan border.
- This event signifies the importance of preserving cultural heritage even in challenging regions.

Distinguished Guests in Attendance

- The inaugural event saw the presence of notable personalities, including Maharashtra Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mangantiwar and Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha.
- Their participation added significance to the occasion, highlighting the unity and cultural exchange between the two regions.

Solar-Powered 'Ramayana' Vessels to Navigate Saryu River in Ayodhya

- In a remarkable initiative, two solar-powered 'mini-cruise' ships are set to commence operations in the sacred Saryu River in Ayodhya, just ahead of the inauguration of the Ram Temple in January next year. Varanasi-based Alaknanda Cruise, under the leadership of director Vikas Malviya, will pioneer this unique service, providing an immersive experience centered around the life and teachings of Lord Ram.
- The introduction of solar-powered 'Ramayana' vessels along the Saryu River represents a harmonious blend of tradition and modernity. By leveraging sustainable energy sources and advanced technology, Alaknanda Cruise seeks to create an unforgettable experience for those seeking to immerse themselves in the rich cultural and spiritual heritage associated with Lord Ram and the sacred city of Ayodhya.



Alaknanda Cruise's Venture

- Vikas Malviya, director of Alaknanda Cruise, shared the company's vision to enhance the cultural and spiritual experience for visitors by introducing state-of-the-art 'Ramayana' vessels. These vessels are designed to navigate the serene waters of the Saryu River and unfold the narrative of Lord Ram's life.

Purpose of the 'Ramayana' Vessels

- The primary goal of these vessels is to disseminate knowledge about Lord Ram's significant life events, including his childhood, years in Gurukul, Swayamvar, experiences in the forest, encounters with Lord Hanuman, victory over Ravan, and triumphant return to Ayodhya. The 'Ramayana' vessels aim to serve as educational and cultural platforms, promoting a deeper understanding of one of the most revered figures in Hindu mythology.

Technological Features

- The vessels, each accommodating 30 passengers, are designed with a focus on comfort and luxury. Fully air-conditioned interiors ensure a pleasant journey for the passengers. However, what makes these vessels truly innovative is their complete reliance on solar power for operation. This aligns with the growing global emphasis on sustainable and eco-friendly practices.

India Achieves Historic Milestone in Patent Grants: 41,010 Patents in 2023-24

- In a significant development, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal announced that the Indian patent office has achieved an unprecedented milestone by granting a record-breaking 41,010 patents in the current fiscal year, up until November 15. This remarkable figure starkly contrasts with the 2013-14 fiscal year when only 4,227 patents were granted.

Piyush Goyal's Announcement

- Minister Piyush Goyal took to the social media platform X to share the news, emphasizing the historical significance of this achievement. He hailed the accomplishment as the "highest ever number of patents granted so far in 2023-24," highlighting the remarkable progress India has made in fostering innovation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Recognition

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded this achievement as a "notable feat" and a crucial milestone in India's trajectory towards becoming an innovation-driven knowledge economy. He expressed optimism about the positive impact on India's youth, stating that they would be great beneficiaries of such advancements.



International

Chinese Communist Party Delegation Enhances Ties with Solomon Islands

- A recent visit by a Chinese communist party delegation to the Solomon Islands has highlighted the growing cooperation between the two nations and its significance for their people. The delegation, led by Guo Yezhou, the deputy head of the international department under China's Communist Party central committee, engaged in high-level meetings with Solomon Islands' leadership during their visit.



Diplomatic Engagement

- During the visit, the Chinese delegation met with Solomon Islands' Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare, foreign minister, and energy minister.
- This series of meetings underscored the importance of diplomatic ties between the two nations.

Strategic Partnerships

- China and the Solomon Islands had previously signed a policing pact in July, which marked the elevation of their relationship to a "comprehensive strategic partnership."
- This significant step was taken during Prime Minister Sogavare's meeting with Chinese Premier Li Qiang in Beijing. It represents a deepening of ties in various areas of cooperation.

Australia's Upcoming Visit

- It is noteworthy that China's visit to the Solomon Islands occurred just a week before Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese is scheduled to visit Beijing.
- The timing of these visits holds importance in the context of regional dynamics and international relations.

Review of Security Treaty

- In a significant move, Prime Minister Sogavare had called for a review of the Solomon Islands' security treaty with Australia in June.
- Historically, Australia has provided policing support to the Solomon Islands, and this request for a review signified a potential shift in the region's security landscape.

Thailand Announces Visa-Free Entry For Indians to Boost Tourism

- Thailand is taking steps to revitalize its tourism industry by allowing visa free entries for the citizens of India and Taiwan. This move comes as the high season approaches and is part of a broader strategy to attract more visitors to the country. Thailand had previously visa requirements for Chinese tourists, a significant source of visitors before the pandemic.



Visa-Free Entry for Indian and Taiwanese Tourists

- Starting from 10th November 2023 and continuing until 10th May 2024, tourists from India and Taiwan can enter Thailand without the need for a visa. This decision aims to make it easier for travelers from these countries to explore the beauty of Thailand and contribute to the country's tourism sector.

Visa-Free Entry for 30 Days

- As per the announcement, travelers from India and Taiwan can enjoy a maximum stay of 30 days in Thailand without the need for a visa. This new policy is expected to attract a significant number of tourists from these regions and give a much-needed boost to the local economy.

Thailand's Previous Visa Policy Changes

- In September, Thailand took a similar step by scrapping visa requirements for Chinese tourists. China was Thailand's top pre-pandemic tourism market, contributing 11 million of the record 39 million arrivals in 2019. This move was aimed at rekindling the flow of Chinese tourists to Thailand and rejuvenating the country's tourism sector.

Tourism Statistics

- The decision to waive visa requirements for Indian and Taiwanese tourists aligns with Thailand's efforts to boost its tourism industry. According to the latest government data, from January to October 29, 2023, Thailand welcomed 22 million visitors who contributed 927.5 billion baht (\$25.67 billion) to the economy. These figures indicate a positive trend in Thailand's tourism sector and demonstrate the potential for growth.

Climate Change : Is White Hydrogen the New Saviour?

- The energy and climate change landscape has recently been electrified by the discovery of vast reserves of natural or “white” hydrogen. This development has sparked enthusiasm, with many seeing it as a potential game-changer in the fight against climate change. Amidst the excitement, it is crucial to dissect the reality behind this newfound energy source.



The Big Discovery : Unearthing White Hydrogen

- In July, scientists at France’s National Centre for Scientific Research stumbled upon substantial hydrogen concentrations deep underground, estimating a reservoir ranging from 6 million to 250 million tons of white hydrogen.
- This discovery has triggered a flurry of activity, with similar findings in locations like Mali, the US, Eastern Europe, Russia, and Oman, setting off a global quest for this untapped resource.

Optimistic Outlook: The Potential and Prospects of White Hydrogen

- Optimists believe white hydrogen could be a boundless, continuously replenishing resource, produced by geological processes.
- They estimate that there might be tens of billions of tons of hydrogen globally, potentially exceeding the 100 million tons produced annually today.
- Furthermore, proponents argue that white hydrogen could be economically viable, costing as low as \$1/kg compared to \$6/kg for green hydrogen, which is produced using renewable energy sources.

Skeptical Perspective: Challenges and Considerations

- However, skeptics, including engineers and scientists, caution against over-optimism. They argue that the categorization of hydrogen into various colors can be misleading, emphasizing a distinction between high-carbon (black) and low-carbon (green) hydrogen.
- The Hydrogen Science Coalition defines the dividing line at 1kg CO₂e used to produce 1kg Hydrogen.
- Skeptics raise valid concerns about the form and concentration of hydrogen deposits, the extraction costs (both monetary and environmental), transportation challenges, and the sustainability of these reservoirs in the long run.

India and Bhutan Enhance Bilateral Ties with New Initiatives

- India and Bhutan have recently announced several key initiatives to strengthen their bilateral relationship. During a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, both countries discussed trade, technology, and cross-border connectivity. This comes at a time when China and Bhutan are in negotiations to resolve their border dispute.



Key Initiatives

- ✓ Cross-Border Rail Link
- ✓ Trade Infrastructure Enhancement
- ✓ Immigration Check Posts and Connectivity
- ✓ Development Assistance and Financing
- ✓ Education and Environmental Conservation
- ✓ Exploring Economic Ties

IIT Madras Sets Its First International Campus On Zanzibar Island In Tanzania

- IIT Madras has become the first Indian Institute of Technology to establish an international campus on the picturesque Zanzibar Island in East Africa. Inaugurated by the President of Zanzibar, Hussein Ali Mwinyi, this historic initiative signifies a brighter educational future, facilitated by a memorandum of understanding between India and Tanzania, ushering in a new era of global education and cooperation.



A Historical Milestone

- The establishment of the IIT Madras Zanzibar Campus represents a remarkable achievement for both India and Tanzania.
- This endeavor reflects the Indian government's commitment to spreading the excellence of India's education system to international arenas.
- While the initial campus is located in the Bweleo district, approximately 15 kilometers south of Zanzibar Town, there are plans for a permanent campus to be jointly developed by the Government of Zanzibar and the Government of India.

Chile becomes 95th member of International Solar Alliance ISA

- Chile has recently become the 95th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), a significant development in the global effort to promote solar energy. During a meeting in New Delhi, Ambassador Juan Angulo of Chile handed over the Instrument of ISA ratification to Abhishek Singh, Joint Secretary (Economic Diplomacy) in the Ministry of External Affairs, reinforcing the country's commitment to solar energy cooperation.
- Chile's inclusion marks a significant step towards achieving global sustainability and addressing energy challenges. ISA's 'Towards 1000' strategy outlines ambitious targets that, if achieved, will substantially advance the use of solar energy, ensure energy access for millions, and significantly reduce carbon emissions. As ISA continues to grow, its collective efforts promise a brighter and more sustainable future for all member countries and the world.



What is the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

- The International Solar Alliance is an action-oriented, member-driven, collaborative platform aimed at promoting the increased deployment of solar energy technologies. It serves as a means to provide energy access, ensure energy security, and drive the global energy transition within its member countries.

G7 Foreign Ministers Meet In Japan, With The Israel-Gaza Conflict As A Key Focus

- The Group of Seven (G7) foreign ministers' meetings held this week have taken center stage in addressing the Israel-Hamas conflict and the ensuing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken emphasized the importance of member countries speaking with "one clear voice" in response to these critical issues.



Japan Takes the Helm of G7 Meetings

- Japan, which chairs this year's G7 meetings, hosted the discussions on Tuesday and Wednesday in Tokyo.
- The timing of these meetings is significant, given the growing calls for humanitarian pauses in the Gaza war.

- U.S. Secretary of State Blinken engaged in bilateral talks with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa.

Japan's Strong Stance on the Gaza Conflict

- Foreign Minister Kamikawa opened the meetings by expressing Japan's unequivocal condemnation of "terrorist attacks by Hamas and other Palestinian militants" that occurred on October 7.
- Japan also expressed its hope for the early release of hostages held by Hamas, some of whom are U.S. citizens. Kamikawa commended the diplomatic efforts made by the United States in addressing the Israel-Palestine situation, pledging Japan's utmost support.
- Additionally, Kamikawa stressed the importance of the close unity between Japan and the U.S., particularly in the face of various challenges in different regions of the world, including Ukraine and East Asia.

US Announces \$553 Million Investment in Adani's Sri Lanka Port Terminal Project

- The United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) has revealed a substantial investment of \$553 million in Adani Ports' container terminal project located in the Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka. This significant financial commitment aims to boost private-sector investments that support economic development and strategic partnerships in the region.



US Financial Involvement

- The DFC, led by Chief Executive Officer Scott Nathan, shared its intention to contribute \$553 million to the project. This move demonstrates the United States' commitment to enhancing economic growth and development in the region, positioning Sri Lanka strategically along major shipping routes to serve the growing economies.

The Colombo West International Terminal

- Adani Ports initiated this project in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) and John Keells Holdings. The consortium, named Colombo West International Terminal Pvt. Ltd., has adopted a Build-Operate-Transfer model with a 35-year duration, where Adani Ports holds a majority stake of 51%.

UK to Add India to Safe States List, Restrict Asylum Rights for Illegal Migrants

- In a recent development, the United Kingdom has put forth plans to include India in an expanded list of safe states, which will have significant implications for individuals arriving in the UK illegally from these countries. This move, which aims to expedite the process of returning Indian nationals who have traveled illegally from India and simultaneously eliminate their chances of seeking asylum in Britain, has been met with both support and criticism.



Strengthening the Immigration System

- The UK Home Office has taken this step as part of its broader strategy to reinforce the country's immigration system and to curb potential abuses by individuals making unfounded protection claims. The objective is clear: to deter illegal migration and to swiftly repatriate those found to have no legal basis for staying in the UK.

India and Georgia on the List

- India and Georgia are the two countries featured in the draft legislation that has been laid in the House of Commons. The inclusion of these countries has been justified based on the premise that citizens from these nations are not typically at risk of persecution. This underscores the UK's determination to discourage people from making perilous and unlawful journeys to its shores.

Preventing Illegal Boat Arrivals

- These actions are part of a broader initiative to fulfill British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's promise to prevent the arrival of migrant boats on UK shores following treacherous journeys across the English Channel. Despite the absence of apparent risks of persecution for Indian and Georgian nationals, the UK Home Office has noted an increase in small boat arrivals from these countries over the past year.

Criteria for Inclusion in the Safe States List

- The UK's safe states list, known legislatively as Section 80AA, includes countries like Albania, Switzerland, and the European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) states. For a country to be added to this list, the Home Secretary must be convinced that there is, in general, no serious risk of persecution for its nationals, and the removal of nationals to that country should not contravene the UK's obligations under the Human Rights Convention.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's Five-Day Visit to the United Kingdom

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar embarks on a five-day official visit to the United Kingdom. This visit aims to strengthen the bilateral partnership between India and the UK, marked by a warm and thriving relationship.



- During his stay, Dr. Jaishankar is scheduled to engage in crucial discussions with his counterpart, Foreign Secretary Sir James Cleverly. The focus of these discussions will likely include key diplomatic issues, shared interests, and collaborative initiatives.

Diplomatic Significance

- India and the UK have been fostering a growing bilateral partnership, exemplified by the launch of the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2021. This strategic alliance is further underlined by the joint commitment outlined in the India-UK Roadmap 2030. The roadmap signifies a dedicated effort to build a partnership that mutually benefits both nations.

Key Objectives

- The Ministry of External Affairs highlights that Dr. Jaishankar's visit aims to provide a new impetus to the friendly ties between India and the United Kingdom. The exchange of ideas and collaboration on various fronts is expected to contribute to the overall strengthening of the diplomatic relationship.

Unprecedented Seismic Activity in Iceland Sparks Concerns

- The Iceland Met Office has issued a stark warning of a “considerable” likelihood of a volcanic eruption in the coming days, following a series of seismic events that have rattled the country. This seismic activity has prompted the declaration of a state of emergency in Iceland.

Unprecedented Earthquake Swarm:

- On November 10, Iceland experienced an extraordinary swarm of earthquakes, with a staggering 800 quakes hitting the southwestern Reykjanes peninsula in less than 14 hours. Over the preceding 24 hours, a total of 1,400 earthquakes were recorded, adding to the already alarming tally of 24,000 seismic events since late October. The most potent quake, measuring 5.2 in magnitude, struck approximately 40 km from Reykjavík, the capital of Iceland.



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Rising Concerns and State of Emergency:

- The frequency of seismic activity in the southeast of the island has reached a staggering 1,000 earthquakes per day. Satellite observations have identified land deformation in the affected area, intensifying concerns about an impending volcanic eruption. In response to the escalating situation, Iceland has declared a state of emergency.

A Looming Volcanic Eruption:

- Since late October, Iceland has been grappling with constant seismic activity in the southwest, a region known for previous volcanic eruptions, including one last summer. The current seismic swarm, characterized by the tearing open of the land for miles, has heightened fears that a substantial volcanic eruption is imminent. The exact timing remains uncertain, but the inevitability of a significant volcanic event is looming over the country.

Argentina Elects 'Shock Therapy' Libertarian Javier Milei as President

- In a stunning turn of events, Argentinians have elected Javier Milei as their next president, a self-proclaimed anarcho-capitalist whose sensational rhetoric has drawn comparisons to former U.S. President Donald Trump. With 55.8% of the votes, Milei's victory marks the widest margin since Argentina's return to democracy in 1983, defying all poll predictions. This article delves into the key aspects of Milei's campaign, the economic challenges facing Argentina and the implications of his victory.



Milei's Victory

- With 55.8% of the votes, Milei's victory is the widest margin since Argentina's return to democracy in 1983, Massa, conceding defeat, congratulated Milei. The election results the electorate's dissatisfaction with the current economic situation and a willingness to embrace a candidate promising radical change.

Indo-Australian Defense Talks : Fortifying Maritime Security with Hydrography and Joint Airborne Surveillance

- In a recent bilateral meeting between India and Australia, defense ministers Rajnath Singh and Richard Marles explored avenues to enhance their defense partnership. The discussions centered around strategic collaborations in hydrography and the potential for joint air-to-air refueling. These initiatives aim to bolster maritime security and surveillance capabilities in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).



Hydrography Cooperation

- One key aspect of the discussions focused on hydrography cooperation between India and Australia.
- Both nations recognized the significance of sharing expertise in this field to enhance their understanding of the maritime domain.
- This collaboration is crucial for maintaining accurate and updated navigational charts, contributing to improved maritime safety and awareness.

Air-to-Air Refueling for Enhanced Surveillance

- A pivotal point of the dialogue involved the exploration of joint air-to-air refueling capabilities.
- The objective is to extend the range of airborne platforms, particularly the P8 maritime surveillance aircraft, operated by both countries.
- This extended operational reach will enable more effective monitoring and intelligence-sharing deep into the IOR.

Common Challenges in the IOR

- India and Australia acknowledged the existence of shared challenges in the IOR, with a particular emphasis on the escalating naval activities of China.
- The discussions highlighted the importance of a united front in addressing common concerns, including the need to counteract Chinese naval aggression and initiatives to establish overseas operating bases for warships and submarines.

Utilizing Common Platforms

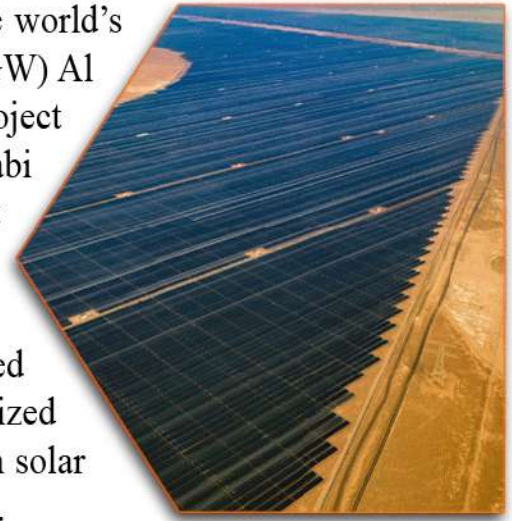
- The collaborative efforts are built upon the foundation of shared resources, with both nations already operating common platforms such as the P8 maritime surveillance aircraft.
- The mutual agreement on air-to-air refueling is expected to further optimize the utilization of these platforms, allowing for seamless cooperation and intelligence-sharing.

Information Exchange and Maritime Domain Awareness

- A crucial aspect underscored during the meeting was the importance of cooperation in information exchange and maritime domain awareness.
- Recognizing the dynamic nature of security challenges in the IOR, both India and Australia emphasized the need for real-time sharing of intelligence to effectively address evolving threats.

UAE Inaugurates World's Largest Single-Site Solar Power Plant

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has inaugurated the world's largest single-site solar power plant, the 2-gigawatt (GW) Al Dhafra Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Independent Power Project (IPP). The plant, located 35 kilometers from Abu Dhabi city, will generate enough electricity to power almost 200,000 homes and is expected to displace 2.4 million tonnes of carbon emissions annually.
- The project was inaugurated by Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Ruler of Abu Dhabi, and emphasized the importance of the plant as a symbol of progress in solar power efficiency, innovation, and cost competitiveness.



UAE's Commitment to Clean Energy

- Dr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber, COP28 President-Designate, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology, and Chairman of Masdar, highlighted the significance of Al Dhafra as a reflection of the UAE's ongoing commitment to clean energy.
- The project broke records in terms of cost for utility-scale solar projects. Initially, the project led to one of the most competitive tariffs for solar power set at AED 4.97 fils/kWh (USD 1.35 cents/kWh), which upon financial close, was further improved to AED 4.85 fils/kWh (US\$ 1.32 cents/kWh).

A Key Step in the UAE's Transition to Clean Energy

- The inauguration of Al Dhafra Solar PV is a key step in the UAE's transition to clean energy. The country has set ambitious goals to triple renewables capacity and double energy efficiency by 2030, with Al Dhafra serving as a model for global ambition in clean energy initiatives.

Alignment with UAE's Net Zero 2050 Goal

- The project aligns with the UAE's Net Zero 2050 goal, reinforcing its leadership in solar energy production on a per capita basis. The project is also a testament to the UAE's commitment to hosting a successful COP28. The country will host the United Nations Climate Change Conference from November 30th to December 12 this year.

Sports

Saudi Arabia To Host 2034 FIFA World Cup

- Saudi Arabia is ready to host the 2034 Men's FIFA World Cup. This development right after Australia unexpectedly pulled out from the bid race just hours before the deadline. This move positions Saudi Arabia to make a substantial mark on the global sports stage.

Australia's Change of Heart

- Australia, long seen as a potential host for the 2034 FIFA World Cup, made a sudden and unexpected announcement. The Football Australia federation stated that after careful consideration, they had decided not to bid for the 2034 competition. Instead, Australia has opted to focus on bidding for the Women's Asian Cup in 2026 and the FIFA Club World Cup in 2029.



Saudi Arabia Emerges as the Sole Bidder

- Australia's withdrawal leaves Saudi Arabia as the only confirmed bidder for the 2034 FIFA World Cup. The Gulf nation wasted no time in announcing its bid on October 4, immediately following FIFA's surprise invitation for expressions of interest from only Asia and Oceania for the 2034 tournament.

FIFA's Bidding and Evaluation Process

- FIFA confirmed Saudi Arabia's status as the sole bidder for the 2034 tournament. However, they emphasized that they would still conduct a thorough bidding and evaluation process for both the 2030 and 2034 tournaments, with the hosts set to be confirmed by October.

2026 and 2030 World Cups: A Unique Set of Hosts

- Spain, Portugal, and Morocco are already slated to co-host the 2030 tournament, while Uruguay, Paraguay, and Argentina will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first World Cup by staging opening matches. FIFA has emphasized its commitment to ensuring that "complete, comprehensive bids" are received and evaluated against the minimum hosting requirements.

IPL Auction 2024: Check Date & Venue, Released Players List

- The Indian Premier League (IPL) is not just a cricket tournament; it's a spectacle that captivates millions of fans each year. With the upcoming 17th season scheduled for 2024, the anticipation is building, and the IPL Auction is a pivotal event in the lead-up to the tournament. This article covers the key details and developments surrounding the IPL 2024 Auction.



IPL Auction 2024 Date and Venue

- The buzz around the IPL 2024 Auction centers on the date and location. It's reported that the auction will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, in Dubai. While the date is confirmed, the exact venue is yet to be determined and is expected to be announced on iplt20.com in due course.

IPL Auction 2024 Budget

- For the IPL 2024 Auction, each franchise is allocated a budget of INR 100 crore, which is approximately USD 12.02 million. This marks an increase of 5 crore from the previous season's budget of INR 95 crore. The final budget for each franchise depends on their decisions regarding player retention and release.

IPL Auction Released Players List 2024

- The IPL Auction 2024 is not just about buying new talent; it's also about the released players. Franchises release players who they no longer wish to retain, and these players become available for purchase by other teams. The released players for this season include notable names like Ben Stokes, Prithvi Shaw, Ravi Sai Kishore, and Shardul Thakur.

IPL Auction 2024 Team Purse

- The team purse for IPL 2024 is worth Rs. 100 crore, up from Rs. 95 crore in the previous auction. This increase of Rs. 5 crore provides teams with more financial flexibility as they strategize their player selections during the auction. The purse available to each franchise on the day of the auction is influenced by the value of the players they have released, and any remaining funds from the previous season will be carried over.

Asian Para Games 2023

Asian Para Games 2023 Medal Tally

- The Asian Para Games 2023 are taking place in Hangzhou, China, from October 22 to 28. India has dispatched its largest-ever contingent to the fourth edition of the Asian Para Games, consisting of 303 athletes, including 191 men and 112 women. This marks a notable increase from the 190 athletes India sent to the 2018 Asian Para Games, where they delivered their best-ever performance, clinching 72 medals, including 15 gold. As of now, in the Asian Para Games 2023, India has accumulated a total of 64 medals, with 15 gold, 20 silver, and 29 bronze medals to their credit.



Asian Para Games 2023 Medal Tally

| No. | Athlete | Sport | Event | Medal |
|-----|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Ankur Dhama | Athletics | Men's 5000m-T11 | Gold |
| 2 | Nishad Kumar | Athletics | Men's High Jump-T47 | Gold |
| 3 | Ram Pal | Athletics | Men's High Jump-T47 | Silver |
| 4 | Shailesh Kumar | Athletics | Men's High Jump-T63 | Gold |
| 5 | Mariyappan Thangavelu | Athletics | Men's High Jump-T63 | Silver |
| 6 | Monu Ghangas | Athletics | Men's Shot Put-F11 | Bronze |
| 7 | Pranav Soorma | Athletics | Men's Club Throw-F51 | Gold |
| 8 | Dharambir | Athletics | Men's Club Throw-F51 | Silver |
| 9 | Amit Kumar | Athletics | Men's Club Throw-F51 | Bronze |
| 10 | Prachi Yadav | Canoe | Women's VL2 | Silver |
| 11 | Kapil Parmar | Judo | Men -60kg J1 | Silver |
| 12 | Kokila | Judo | Women -48kg J2 | Bronze |
| 13 | Avani Lekhara | Shooting | Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 | Gold |
| 14 | Rudransh Khandelwal | Shooting | Mixed 50m Pistol SH1 | Silver |
| 15 | Aruna | Taekwondo | Women's K44 -47kg | Bronze |
| 16 | Praveen Kumar | Athletics | Men's High Jump-T64 | Gold |
| 17 | Unni Renu | Athletics | Men's High Jump-T64 | Bronze |
| 18 | Ekta Bhyan | Athletics | Women's Club Throw-F32/51 | Bronze |
| 19 | Simran | Athletics | Women's 100m-T12 | Silver |
| 20 | Deepthi Jeevanji | Athletics | Women's 400m-T20 | Gold |
| 21 | Ajay Kumar | Athletics | Men's 400m-T64 | Silver |
| 22 | Manish Kaurav | Canoe | Men's KL3 | Bronze |
| 23 | Prachi Yadav | Canoe | Women's KL2 | Gold |
| 24 | Gajendra Singh | Canoe | Men's VL2 | Bronze |
| 25 | Neeraj Yadav | Athletics | Men's Discus Throw-F54/55/56 | Gold |
| 26 | Yogesh Kathuniya | Athletics | Men's Discus Throw-F54/55/56 | Silver |
| 27 | Muthuraja | Athletics | Men's Discus Throw-F54/55/56 | Bronze |
| 28 | Ravi Rongali | Athletics | Men's Shot Put-F40 | Silver |
| 29 | Pramod | Athletics | Men's 1500m-T46 | Silver |
| 30 | Rakesh Bhaira | Athletics | Men's 1500m-T46 | Bronze |
| 31 | Ashok | Powerlifting | Men's -65kg | Bronze |

| No. | Athlete | Sport | Event | Medal |
|-----|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 32 | Rudransh Khandelwal | Shooting | Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 | Silver |
| 33 | Manish Narwal | Shooting | Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 | Bronze |
| 34 | Rubina Francis | Shooting | Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1 | Bronze |
| 35 | Team India | Archery | Men's Doubles Recurve – Open | Bronze |
| 36 | Team India | Archery | Women's Doubles Compound – Open | Silver |
| 37 | Team India | Archery | Men's Doubles Compound – Open | Silver |
| 38 | Pooja | Athletics | Women's Discus Throw-F54/55 | Silver |
| 39 | Sumit | Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw Throw-F64 | Gold |
| 40 | Pushpendra Singh | Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw Throw-F64 | Bronze |
| 41 | Haney | Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw Throw-F37/38 | Gold |
| 42 | Narayan Thakur | Athletics | Men's 200m-T35 | Bronze |
| 43 | Shreyansh Trivedi | Athletics | Men's 200m-T37 | Bronze |
| 44 | Soman Rana | Athletics | Men's Shot Put-F57 | Silver |
| 45 | Hokato Sema Hotozhe | Athletics | Men's Shot Put-F57 | Bronze |
| 46 | Sundar Singh Gurjar | Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw Throw-F46 | Gold |
| 47 | Rinku | Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw Throw-F46 | Silver |
| 48 | Ajeet Singh | Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw Throw-F46 | Bronze |
| 49 | Ankur Dhaka | Athletics | Men's 1500m-T11 | Gold |
| 50 | Rakshitha Raju | Athletics | Women's 1500m-T11 | Gold |
| 51 | Lalitha Killaka | Athletics | Women's 1500m-T11 | Silver |
| 52 | Sharath Makanahalli | Athletics | Men's 1500m-T13 | Silver |
| 53 | Balwant Singh Rawat | Athletics | Men's 1500m-T13 | Bronze |
| 54 | Nimisha Suresh | Athletics | Women's Long Jump-T47 | Gold |
| 55 | Pramod Bhagat / Manisha Ramadass | Badminton | Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5 | Bronze |
| 56 | Manasi Joshi | Badminton | Women's Singles SL3 | Bronze |
| 57 | Sivarajan Solaimalai / Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan | Badminton | Mixed Doubles SH6 | Bronze |
| 58 | Nitesh Kumar / Thulasimathi Murugesan | Badminton | Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5 | Bronze |
| 59 | Mandeep Kaur | Badminton | Women's Singles SL3 | Bronze |
| 60 | Vaishnavi Puneyani | Badminton | Women's Singles SL4 | Bronze |
| 61 | Zainab Khatoon | Powerlifting | Women's -61kg | Silver |
| 62 | Kumari Raj | Powerlifting | Women's -61kg | Bronze |
| 63 | Bhavina Patel | Table Tennis | Women's Singles – Class 4 | Bronze |
| 64 | Sandeep Dangi | Table Tennis | Men's Singles – Class 1 | Bronze |
| 65 | Adil Mohamed Nazir Ansari / Naveen Dalal | Archery | Men's Doubles – W1 Open | Bronze |
| 66 | Sheetal Devi / Rakesh Kumar | Archery | Mixed Team Compound – Open | Gold |
| 67 | Narayan Thakur | Athletics | Men's 100m-T35 | Bronze |
| 68 | Sachin Sarjerao Khilari | Athletics | Men's Shot Put-F46 | Gold |
| 69 | Rohit Kumar | Athletics | Men's Shot Put-F46 | Bronze |
| 70 | Shreyansh Trivedi | Athletics | Men's 100m-T37 | Bronze |
| 71 | Bhagyashri Jadhav Madhavrao | Athletics | Women's Shot Put-F34 | Silver |
| 72 | Monu Ghangas | Athletics | Men's Discus Throw-F11 | Silver |
| 73 | Simran | Athletics | Women's 200m-T12 | Silver |
| 74 | Manisha Ramadass | Badminton | Women's Singles SU5 | Bronze |
| 75 | Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan | Badminton | Women's Singles SH6 | Bronze |
| 76 | Pramod Bhagat / Sukant Indukant Kadam | Badminton | Men's Doubles SL3-SL4 | Bronze |
| 77 | Sukant Indukant Kadam | Badminton | Men's Singles SL4 | Bronze |
| 76 | Krishna Nagar / Sivarajan Solaimalai | Badminton | Men's Doubles SH6 | Bronze |
| 79 | Himanshi Bhaveshkumar Rathi | Chess | Women's Individual Standard VI-B1 | Bronze |
| 80 | Mandeep Kaur / Manisha Ramadass | Badminton | Women's Doubles SL3-SU5 | Bronze |

| No. | Athlete | Sport | Event | Medal |
|-----|--|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| 81 | Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan / Rachana Shaileshkumar Patel | Badminton | Women's Doubles SH6 | Bronze |
| 82 | Sidhartha Babu | Shooting | R6 – Mixed 50m Rifle Prone SH1 | Gold |
| 83 | Rakesh Kumar | Archery | Men's Individual Compound – Open | Silver |
| 84 | Sheetal Devi | Archery | Women's Individual Compound – Open | Gold |
| 85 | Raman Sharma | Athletics | Men's 1500m-T38 | Gold |
| 86 | Solairaj Dharmaraj | Athletics | Men's Long Jump-T64 | Gold |
| 87 | Manu | Athletics | Men's Shot Put-F37 | Bronze |
| 88 | Pradeep Kumar | Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw-F54 | Silver |
| 89 | Laxit | Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw-F54 | Bronze |
| 90 | Lakshmi | Athletics | Women's Discus Throw-F37/38 | Bronze |
| 91 | Pramod Bhagat | Badminton | Men's Singles SL3 | Gold |
| 92 | Nitesh Kumar | Badminton | Men's Singles SL3 | Silver |
| 93 | Yathiraj Suhas Lalinakere | Badminton | Men's Singles SL4 | Gold |
| 94 | Krishna Nagar | Badminton | Men's Singles SH6 | Silver |
| 95 | Nitesh Kumar/Tarun | Badminton | Men's Doubles SL3-SL4 | Gold |
| 96 | Chirag Baretha/Raj Kumar | Badminton | Men's Doubles SU5 | Silver |
| 97 | Thulasimathi Murugesan | Badminton | Women's Singles SU5 | Gold |
| 98 | Thulasimathi Murugesan/Manasi Joshi | Badminton | Women's Doubles SL3-SU5 | Silver |
| 99 | Suyash Narayan Jadhav | Swimming | Men's 50m Butterfly-S7 | Bronze |
| 100 | Neeraj Yadav | Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw Throw-F55 | Gold |
| 101 | Tek Chand | Athletics | Men's Javelin Throw Throw-F55 | Bronze |
| 102 | Dilip Mahadu Gavit | Athletics | Men's 400m-T47 | Gold |
| 103 | Pooja | Athletics | Women's 1500m-T20 | Bronze |
| 104 | Satish Inani Darpan | Chess | Men's Individual Rapid VI-B1 | Gold |
| 105 | Kumar Pradhan Soundarya | Chess | Men's Individual Rapid VI-B1 | Silver |
| 106 | Ashwinbhai Kanchanbhai Makwana | Chess | Men's Individual Rapid VI-B1 | Bronze |
| 107 | Kishan Gangolli | Chess | Men's Individual Rapid VI-B2/B3 | Bronze |
| 108 | Satish Inani Darpan/Kumar Pradhan Soundarya/ Ashwinbhai Kanchanbhai Makwana | Chess | Men's Team Rapid VI-B1 | Gold |
| 109 | Aryan Joshi/Somendra/Kishan Gangolli | Chess | Men's Team Rapid VI-B2/B3 | Bronze |
| 110 | Vruthi Saganlal Jain/ Himanshi Bhaveshkumar Rathi/ Sanskruti Vikas More | Chess | Women's Team Rapid VI-B1 | Bronze |
| 111 | Anita/Konganapalle Narayana | Rowing | PR3 Mixed Double Sculls – PR3 Mix2x | Silver |

Asian Para Games 2023 Medals Table- Overall

- China, in its role as the host nation, has established a remarkable benchmark by earning a total of 492 medals. These medals consist of an outstanding 195 gold, 159 silver, and 138 bronze.

| Rank | Country | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|------|-----------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | China | 214 | 167 | 140 | 521 |
| 2 | Iran | 44 | 46 | 41 | 131 |
| 3 | Japan | 42 | 49 | 59 | 150 |
| 4 | South Korea | 30 | 33 | 40 | 103 |
| 5 | India | 29 | 31 | 51 | 111 |
| 6 | Indonesia | 29 | 30 | 36 | 95 |
| 7 | Thailand | 27 | 26 | 55 | 108 |
| 8 | Uzbekistan | 25 | 24 | 30 | 79 |
| 9 | Philippines | 10 | 4 | 5 | 19 |
| 10 | Hong Kong China | 8 | 15 | 24 | 47 |

ICC ODI Bowler Ranking 2023, Players Name List

ICC ODI Bowler Ranking 2023

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) Ranking for One Day International (ODI) bowlers is a comprehensive and dynamic system that assesses and ranks the performance of bowlers in the ODI format of international cricket. This ranking system is managed and maintained by the ICC, the global governing body for the sport of cricket.
- The ICC ODI bowler rankings serve as a crucial tool for cricket fans, players, and teams to evaluate the skill and effectiveness of bowlers in ODI matches. It takes into account various statistical parameters, such as the number of wickets taken, the economy rate, and the average runs conceded by a bowler, among other factors. These rankings are updated regularly to reflect the current form and performance of ODI bowlers in international cricket.



Men's ODI Bowling Rankings

| POS | PLAYER | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|-----|------------------|------|--------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Shaheen Afridi | PAK | 673 | 688 v West Indies, 10/06/2022 |
| 2 | Josh Hazlewood | AUS | 663 | 733 v England, 26/01/2018 |
| 3 | Mohammed Siraj | IND | 656 | 736 v New Zealand, 21/01/2023 |
| 4 | Keshav Maharaj | SA | 651 | 656 v Bangladesh, 24/10/2023 |
| 5 | Trent Boult | NZ | 649 | 775 v Australia, 11/09/2022 |
| 6 | Rashid Khan | AFG | 648 | 806 v Pakistan, 21/09/2018 |
| 7 | Kuldeep Yadav | IND | 646 | 765 v New Zealand, 26/01/2019 |
| 8 | Mujeeb Ur Rahman | AFG | 641 | 712 v Ireland, 24/01/2021 |
| 9 | Adam Zampa | AUS | 637 | 670 v South Africa, 09/09/2023 |
| 10 | Mohammad Nabi | AFG | 631 | 657 v Zimbabwe, 09/06/2022 |

37th National Games in Goa (2023)

- The 37th edition of the National Games for 2023 is currently in progress in Goa, spanning five cities: Vasco, Ponda, Panjim, Margao, and Mapusa. With the exception of two sports events to be held in New Delhi, all competitions are hosted within Goa.
- The official commencement date of the 37th National Games was on October 25, though certain sports such as Badminton, Netball, Basketball, and Gymnastics had their early starts. The National Games for 2023 will conclude on November 9.



- More than 10,000 athletes representing 28 different states of India, eight Union Territories, and the Services team are vying for medals across 48 distinct sports.

37th National Games Medal Tally 2023 – Points Table

- The 2023 National Games in Goa Medal Standings: This article will offer ongoing information about the medal counts at the 37th National Games in Goa, categorizing the medals by gold, silver, and bronze. Maharashtra currently lead the National Games 2023 medals table with 193 medals; 67 gold, 61 silvers and 65 bronze. So far, 29 teams have won at least one gold medal at the National Games 2023.

Here's the full National Games 2023 medals table

| Rank | State/Union Territory/Team | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|------|--|------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Maharashtra | 67 | 61 | 65 | 193 |
| 2 | Services | 52 | 22 | 28 | 102 |
| 3 | Haryana | 48 | 33 | 47 | 128 |
| 4 | Karnataka | 28 | 23 | 25 | 76 |
| 5 | Manipur | 25 | 19 | 22 | 66 |
| 6 | Madhya Pradesh | 24 | 31 | 29 | 84 |
| 7 | Delhi | 19 | 17 | 46 | 82 |
| 8 | Tamil Nadu | 17 | 20 | 24 | 61 |
| 9 | Kerala | 15 | 19 | 21 | 55 |
| 10 | Uttar Pradesh | 11 | 19 | 22 | 52 |
| 11 | Rajasthan | 11 | 13 | 15 | 39 |
| 12 | Goa | 11 | 12 | 26 | 49 |
| 13 | Punjab | 9 | 23 | 22 | 54 |
| 14 | Assam | 9 | 12 | 18 | 39 |
| 15 | Odisha | 8 | 11 | 23 | 42 |
| 16 | Andhra Pradesh | 7 | 3 | 12 | 22 |
| 17 | Gujarat | 7 | 1 | 14 | 22 |
| 18 | Arunachal Pradesh | 6 | 2 | 5 | 13 |
| 19 | West Bengal | 5 | 22 | 21 | 48 |
| 20 | Jammu and Kashmir | 5 | 8 | 9 | 22 |
| 21 | Chandigarh | 4 | 6 | 1 | 11 |
| 22 | Telangana | 3 | 8 | 8 | 19 |
| 23 | Uttarakhand | 3 | 3 | 11 | 17 |
| 24 | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| 25 | Jharkhand | 2 | 3 | 11 | 16 |
| 26 | Mizoram | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| 27 | Himachal Pradesh | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| 28 | Nagaland | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 29 | Chhattisgarh | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| 30 | Bihar | 0 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 31 | Tripura | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 32 | Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 33 | Lakshadweep | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 34 | Sikkim | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Here's the list of sports at the National Games 2023 Goa organized in a table format:

Aquatics, Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Beach Football, Beach Handball, Beach Volleyball, Billiards & Snookers, Boxing, Canoeing & Kayaking, Cycling, Fencing, Football, Gatka, Gymnastics, Golf, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Lawn Bowls, Lawn Tennis, Lagori, Mallakhamb, Modern Pentathlon, Netball, Pencak Silat, Roller Skating, Rollball, Rowing, Rugby, Sepak Takraw, Shooting, Softball, Soft Tennis, Sqay Martial Arts, Squash, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Wushu, Yachting, Yogasana

Sultan of Johor Cup 2023 Indian Hockey Team Wins Bronze Medal



Current Affairs

December 2023

- The Indian junior men's hockey team added another feather to their cap by securing the bronze medal in a heart-stopping match at the Sultan of Johor Cup 2023, in Johar, Malaysia. In an electrifying 3rd/4th place contest, they faced arch-rivals Pakistan and emerged victorious in a dramatic penalty shootout. This victory marks a significant milestone for the young Indian hockey talents and it is an evident of their relentless hard work and determination.

A Riveting Matchup

- In a match that had fans on the edge of their seats, the Indian and Pakistani junior teams put on a show of skill and determination. The teams were tied at 3-3 at the end of the stipulated time, setting the stage for a thrilling penalty shootout. Arun Sahni, Poovanna CB and captain Uttam Singh were the heroes for India, netting crucial goals during regular time, while Sufiyan Khan, Abdul Qayyum and Pakistani's captain Shahid Hannan answered in kind.

The Heroics of Mohit HS

- In the high-stakes penalty shootout, India's goalkeeper Mohit HS played a pivotal role, displaying nerves of steel as he saved crucial shots from the Pakistani side. Mohit's brilliance between the posts helped India secure the win with a 6-5 shootout score, clinching the bronze medal in 11th Sultan of Johor Cup.

Johor Cup Glory

- This victory marked India's third title in the Sultan of Johor Cup. The junior men's hockey team had previously won the prestigious Johor Bahru Cup twice in 2013 and 2014. They reached the final in the 2019 edition but narrowly lost 2-1 to Great Britain. Prior to this year's triumph, they had finished as runner-up in the tournament four times, in 2012, 2015, 2018 and in the last edition in 2019.

Expanded Participation

- The 11th Sultan of Johor Cup in 2023 witnessed an expansion in participation, with a total of eight teams competing, up from traditional six. India was replaced in Pool B, where they showcased their prowess and resilience throughout the tournament.

Germany Claims Gold

- In the final match, Germany emerged as the champion of the 11th Sultan of Johor Cup, securing the gold medal by defeating Australia 3-1 in a penalty shootout. India has to face a tough defeat at the hands Germany in the semi-finals, but they bounced back to seize the bronze, making their presence felt on the international stage.

Road Ahead

- The Indian junior men's hockey team by securing the bronze in 11th Sultan of Johor Cup is now gearing up for the FIH Junior World Cup, scheduled to be held in Kuala Lumpur from December 5 to 16, 2023. Under the able leadership of captain Uttam Singh, these young talents are all set to represent their nation on the global stage and chase another historic victory.

ICC Suspends Sri Lanka Cricket's Membership Over Government Interference

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has taken a significant step by suspending Sri Lanka Cricket's membership, citing serious breaches of its autonomy and government interference. The move comes in the wake of the Sri Lankan government's decision to sack the cricket board due to the national team's disappointing performance in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023.



Sri Lanka's Angelo Mathews becomes first Cricketer to get 'timed out'

- In a dramatic turn of events during the Cricket World Cup 2023 match between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, former Sri Lanka captain Angelo Mathews etched his name into the annals of cricket history by becoming the first player to be timed out in an international cricket match. This incident has not only grabbed the attention of cricket enthusiasts but is also significant for examination purposes.



Angelo Mathews' Delay

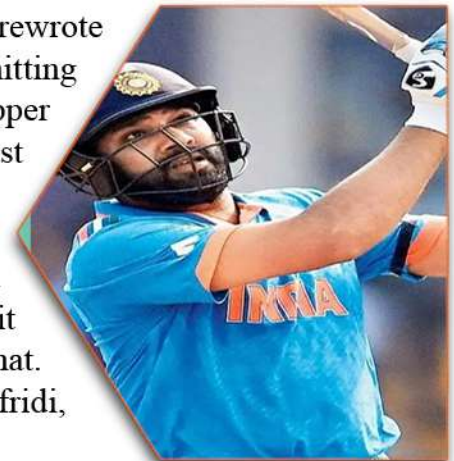
- In Mathews' case, he failed to meet the requirement of being ready within the stipulated two minutes due to the issues with his helmet and the subsequent request for a replacement. As a result, he became the first player in international cricket to be dismissed through a timed out rule.

Historical Significance

- Angelo Mathews' timed out dismissal during the Cricket World Cup 2023 will undoubtedly be remembered as a unique and unprecedented moment in the history of international cricket. It serves as a testament to the importance of adhering to the rules and regulations of the game, which are designed to maintain the integrity and pace of cricket matches.

Most Sixes in International Cricket 2023

- After completing 100 runs in World Cups, Rohit Sharma rewrote another record, edging past West Indies legend Chris Gayle hitting most sixes in International Cricket Matches. The Indian skipper hit six off Naveen-ul-Haq's bowling in the 8th over to go past Gayle's tally of 553 sixes in international cricket. India's Rohit Sharma surpassed West Indies' Chris Gayle for the record of most sixes across formats (Tests, ODIs and T20Is) in international cricket. With the six which came just after Rohit had reached his fifty, he now has 554 sixes across the format. In the list follow big cricketing names like Gayle, Shahid Afridi, Brendon McCullum, Martin Guptil and MS Dhoni.



Most Sixes hitting Cricketers in International Cricket Matches

| Players | No. of sixes in International Cricket | Years Active |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Rohit Sharma (India) | 573 | 2007- 2023 |
| Chris Gayle (West Indies) | 553 | 1999-2021 |
| Shahid Afridi (Pakistan) | 476 | 1996-2018 |
| Brendon McCullum (New Zealand) | 398 | 2002-2016 |
| Martin Guptil (New Zealand) | 383 | 2009-2022 |
| MS Dhoni (India) | 359 | 2004-2019 |

India Claimed The Top Titles At The FIDE Grand Swiss Chess Event

- On November 5, India celebrated a historic moment as both Vidit Gujrathi and R. Vaishali emerged victorious at the Grand Swiss tournament held at the Isle of Man, securing coveted spots in the Candidates tournament, set to take place in Toronto early next year.



The Grand Swiss Tournament : A Gathering of Chess Titans

- The Grand Swiss tournament is a prestigious chess event that garners worldwide attention due to the coveted qualifying spots it offers. With two slots available from each tournament (open and women's), the Grand Swiss attracted the best chess talents from around the globe. Vidit Gujrathi and R. Vaishali, although not among the highest seeds, demonstrated their exceptional skills and determination to overcome the odds.

Vidit Gujrathi : Seizing the Open Championship

- Vidit Gujrathi, a brilliant Indian chess player, was seeded 15th in the open tournament. This placed him behind formidable competitors like Fabiano Caruana, Hikaru Nakamura, Alireza Firouzja, and fellow Indians D. Gukesh and R. Praggnanandhaa. However, Gujrathi's resilience and strategic brilliance shone through.
- In a thrilling final round game, Gujrathi faced Alexandr Predke and emerged triumphant, while his rivals had mixed results. Hikaru Nakamura was held to a draw by the talented Arjun Eriagaisi, and Andrey Esipenko was defeated by Anish Giri. In the end, Vidit Gujrathi secured the championship with 8.5 points, marking a significant milestone in his career.

R. Vaishali : Conquering the Women's Title

- In the women's section of the Grand Swiss tournament, R. Vaishali's journey to victory was equally impressive. Seeded 12th in the competition, Vaishali had an Elo rating 110 points below the top seed, Aleksandra Goryachkina. Nevertheless, Vaishali's determination and skills propelled her to the forefront of the tournament.
- In the final round, Vaishali needed only a draw against Batkhuyag Mongontuul, a feat she accomplished with ease. This 22-year-old from Chennai finished with 8.5 points, securing a clear first-place victory, half a point ahead of her closest competitor, Anna Muzychuk.

Max Verstappen Wins Brazilian Grand Prix 2023

- Brazilian Grand Prix, three-time champion Max Verstappen showcased his driving prowess by leading from start to finish and securing a well-deserved victory. The race, held at the Interlagos Circuit in São Paulo, provided a spectacular spectacle for Formula 1 fans around the world.



Verstappen's Dominance

- Max Verstappen, representing Red Bull Racing, displayed exceptional control and skill as he led the race right from the beginning. His flawless performance on the track solidified his status as one of the sport's elite drivers.

Perez's Strong Finish

- Max Verstappen's teammate, Sergio Perez, also of Red Bull Racing, delivered an impressive performance, securing the fourth position. This finish allowed Perez to create some distance between himself and Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton in the ongoing competition for the runner-up position in the championship.

Indian Women's Hockey Team Wins Gold at Asian Champions Trophy 2023



- The Indian women's hockey team has emerged victorious in the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023, securing the gold medal for the second time in the

competition's history. The team's remarkable journey to victory was celebrated and praised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The tournament's final match, which sealed India's triumphant moment, took place on 5th November 2023, at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Mundra Astro turf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi. India displayed exceptional prowess by defeating Japan 4-0 in the final match.

India Triumphs in the Final

- In a thrilling showdown, Indian women's hockey team, displayed impeccable skills and teamwork to outclass Japan with a score of 4-0. This victory marked India's second gold medal in the Women's Asian Champions Trophy, with their previous win occurring in 2016.

Key Results of Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023

- Unbeaten Streak: India's spectacular performance included securing seven consecutive victories in as many matches throughout the tournament. Their unblemished record highlighted their dominance and unwavering commitment.
- Player of the Tournament: Salima Tete, hailing from Jharkhand.
- Top Goal Scorer: Sangeeta Kumari, representing the India team, showcased her goal-scoring prowess by netting an impressive total of six goals during the tournament.
- Leading Scorer: China's Jiaqi Zhong emerged as the top scorer of the tournament,

Maximum Team Goals Award

- India's remarkable goal-scoring prowess was recognized with the Maximum Team Goals Award. They scored an impressive 27 goals in seven games,

Recognition and Rewards

- In recognition of their exceptional performance throughout the tournament, Hockey India announced a reward of Rs.3 lakh for each member of the Indian team and Rs.1.5 lakh for each member of the support staff.

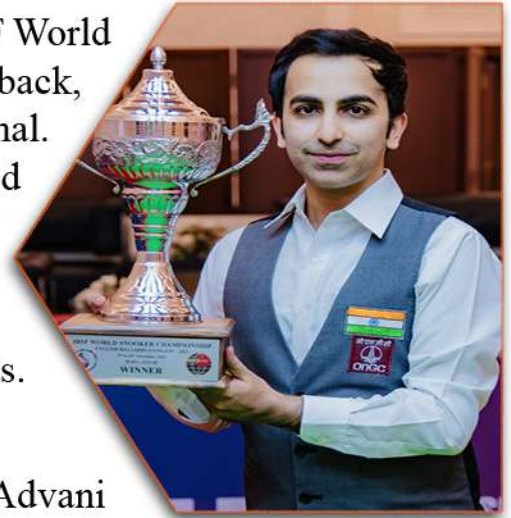
Novak Djokovic Wins Record Seventh ATP Finals Title

- Novak Djokovic made history on November 19, by securing his seventh ATP Finals title in Turin, Italy. The world number one defeated local favorite Jannik Sinner in a commanding fashion with a 6-3, 6-3 victory. This triumph places Djokovic ahead of the retired Roger Federer in ATP Finals victories, capping off a remarkable season that included three Grand Slam wins, bringing his total to a record-breaking 24 and claiming his 40th Masters 1000 titles.



Pankaj Advani wins World Billiards Championship for Record 26th Time

- Indian cueist Pankaj Advani secured his 26th IBSF World Billiards Championship title in a remarkable comeback, defeating compatriot Sourav Kothari in the final. Trailing 26-180 in the first hour, Advani rallied to a convincing 1000-416 victory in a rematch of last year's title clash in Kuala Lumpur. The match showcased Advani's resilience and skill, highlighting his dominance in the world of billiards.



Advani's Legacy

- Having won his first world title in 2003, Pankaj Advani continues to elevate his game and maintain a superlative level of performance. With nine victories in the 'long format,' eight triumphs in the 'point format' and a World Team Billiards Championship title, Advani's legacy as a pioneer in the 3-ball game is firmly established.

Anahat Singh Becomes Second Youngest to Win National Squash Championship Title

- In a remarkable turn of events at the Senior National Squash Championships 2023, 15-year-old Anahat Singh scripted history by becoming the second youngest title winner in the tournament's prestigious history. The young prodigy faced off against Tanvi Khanna in the final, where Khanna was unfortunately forced to retire midway through the match due to a knee injury. Anahat's victory marked a historic moment, as she triumphed against her opponent who is 12 years her senior.



The National Squash Championship Match

- The championship match witnessed a gripping battle between the generations, with Anahat initially losing the opener 9-11. However, she showcased her resilience in the second game, leading 6-4 before Khanna's untimely injury. The retirement of Khanna resulted in Anahat securing the title and etching her name in the record books as the second youngest Senior National Squash Champion in 23 years.

Youthful Triumph

- Anahat's triumph is not only a personal achievement but also a significant moment for Indian squash. At just 15 years old, she managed to secure the title, displaying skill, determination and resilience on the court. The age difference of 12 years between Anahat and her opponent, Tanvi Khanna, adds another layer of astonishment to her accomplishment.

Pervious Achievements

- Anahat Singh's journey in the world of squash has been nothing short of spectacular. At the age of 14, she made history as the youngest athlete to represent India at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. During the Games, she not only defeated opponents but also contributed to India's medal tally with a team bronze and a mixed doubles bronze at the 2023 Asian Games.

Asian Games Glory

- The young squash sensation continued to shine on the international stage by securing a team bronze and mixed doubles bronze at the 2023 Asian Games. Both Anahat Singh and Tanvi Khanna were integral parts of the Asian squad, contributing to India's women's team bronze. Additionally, Anahat clinched the mixed doubles bronze alongside Abhay Singh.

Men's Championship Final

- In the men's National Championship final, Abhay Singh faced a tough battle against Velavan Senthilkumar, ultimately losing 10-12, 3-11, 10-12. While the men's title eluded Abhay, Anahat Singh's historic win undoubtedly took center stage, capturing the hearts of squash enthusiasts across the nation.

Max Verstappen won the Las Vegas Grand Prix 2023

- Max Verstappen emerged on top at the end of an action-packed Las Vegas Grand Prix, beating Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc and Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez. Max Emilian Verstappen is a Belgian and Dutch racing driver and the 2021, 2022, and 2023 Formula One World Champion. Ferrari's Leclerc passed Sergio Perez on the final lap to clinch second place, while British star Lando Norris ended up in hospital after a third-lap 180mph crash. Lewis Hamilton finished seventh.

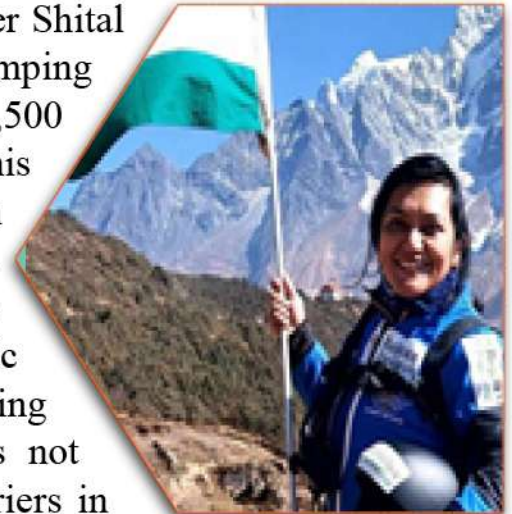


Recent Grand Prix Winner

| Grand Prix | Year | Winner | Nationality |
|-------------------------------|------|----------------|-------------|
| Brazilian Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Max Verstappen | Netherlands |
| Sao Paulo Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Max Verstappen | Netherlands |
| Italian Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Max Verstappen | Netherlands |
| Dutch Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Max Verstappen | Netherlands |
| Hungarian Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Max Verstappen | Netherlands |
| British Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Max Verstappen | Netherlands |
| Austrian Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Max Verstappen | Netherlands |
| Canadian Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Max Verstappen | Netherlands |
| Spanish Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Max Verstappen | Netherlands |
| Monaco Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Max Verstappen | Netherlands |
| Miami Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Max Verstappen | Netherlands |
| Australian Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Max Verstappen | Netherlands |
| Bahrain Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Max Verstappen | Netherlands |
| Japanese Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Max Verstappen | Netherlands |
| Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Sergio Pérez | Mexico |
| Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Sergio Pérez | Mexico |
| Singapore Grand Prix 2023 | 2023 | Carlos Sainz | Spain |

Indian Skydiver Shital Mahajan Makes History Near Mt Everest

- In a groundbreaking achievement, Indian skydiver Shital Mahajan has etched her name in history by jumping off a helicopter from a staggering height of 21,500 ft near the world's highest peak, Mt Everest. This remarkable feat marks her as the first woman to accomplish such a daring skydive. Mahajan skillfully landed at Kalapatthar peak, situated at an altitude of 17,444 ft. Shital Mahajan's historic skydive near Mt Everest is an inspiration for aspiring adventurers. Her bravery and accomplishments not only set new records but also break gender barriers in extreme sports. This extraordinary feat showcases the spirit of determination and courage, encouraging everyone to reach for new heights in their pursuits.



Shital Mahajan's Achievements:

- Shital Mahajan is a renowned Indian skydiver with numerous records to her name. Her remarkable accomplishments include holding several skydiving records and being honored with the Padma Shri, the fourth-highest civilian award in India, in 2001.

- Ms. Mahajan's series of high-altitude skydives in the Everest region showcase her courage and expertise. On November 11, she took her first leap from an altitude of 17,500 feet, successfully landing at 12,500 feet at Syangboche airport. Skydiving legend Wendy Smith from New Zealand served as her instructor during this daring jump.

National Record for Highest Flag Skydiving Landing:

- On November 12, Ms. Mahajan achieved another milestone by performing a flag jump with the Indian flag at Syangboche airport from 8,000 feet. Accompanied by skydiving legends Wendy Elizabeth Smith and Nadia Solovyeva, she secured the national record for the highest flag Skydiving landing by a woman.

Australia Won the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 by 6 Wickets



- ICC Cricket World Cup 2023, Australia has lift the world cup trophy by defeating India with a convincing 6-wicket margin. Australia reached the target in 42.5 overs with six wickets in hand. Australia faced an early setback in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 final when David Warner (7) fell to Mohammed Shami, and later, Jasprit Bumrah dismissed Mitchell Marsh (15) and Steven Smith (4). At 47 for 3, the team was in a precarious position.
- However, Travis Head (137) and Marnus Labuschagne (58 not out) demonstrated remarkable poise, constructing a game-changing partnership of 196 runs. This resilient effort not only put Australia in a commanding position but also paved the way for their sixth World Cup title triumph. With this win Australia has won the World Cup title 6 times viz. 1987, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2015 and 2023.
- Earlier, fast bowler Mitchell Starc took three wickets as Australia dismissed India for 240 in the World Cup final in front of nearly 130,000 fans in Ahmedabad on November 19.

- Australia's Travis Head was declared the Player of the Match in his side's 2023 ODI World Cup final win against India in Ahmedabad. The Australian opener top-scored for his side in a 241-run chase, with a 120-ball 137.

Australia in ICC ODI World Cup Final – Results

- ✓ 1987: Beat England by 7 runs (Kolkata)
- ✓ 1996: Lost to Sri Lanka by 7 wickets (Lahore)
- ✓ 1999: Beat Pakistan by 8 wickets (Lord's)
- ✓ 2003: Beat India by 125 runs (Johannesburg)
- ✓ 2007: Beat Sri Lanka by 53 runs (Bridgetown)
- ✓ 2015: Beat New Zealand by 7 wickets (Melbourne)
- ✓ 2023: Beat India by & 6 Wickets (India)

Virat Kohli Earns the “Player of the Tournament” title

- The ICC World Cup 2023 witnessed a spectacular display of cricketing prowess, with Indian batting maestro Virat Kohli earning the “Player of the Tournament” title for his exceptional performance. However, despite Kohli-record breaking feats, Australia emerged victorious in the high-stakes final at the Narendra Modi Stadium, marking their sixth ODI World Cup win.



Virat's Kohli's Record Breaking Performance

- Kohli's stellar performance in the tournament set new records, with the total score of 765 runs in 11 innings, the highest-ever runs scored by a batter in a single edition of the World Cup. He averaged at 95.62, and ended up with a strike rate of 90.3. The former Indian skipper also notched 6 fifties to his name, including the 63-ball half-century in the tournament's final.

Virat Kohli's 2023 World Cup Performance

- ✓ Total – 765 runs
- ✓ Average – 95.63
- ✓ 6 fifties, including in final
- ✓ 3 centuries, including in semis vs New Zealand

Kohli Beraks Sachin Tendulkar's Record

- ✓ The 35-year-old cricket icon added another feather to his cap by surpassing the legendary Sachin Tendulkar's record, achieving his 50th One-Day International (ODI) century. Tendulkar's longstanding record of 49 ODI centuries was eclipsed by Kohli, making this World Cup edition particularly special for the prolific batsman.

ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 Top Wicket Taker

| Bowler | Mat | Wickets | Econ | Average | BBI |
|-------------------------|-----|---------|------|---------|------|
| Mohammed Shami (IND) | 6 | 23 | 5.01 | 9.13 | 7/57 |
| Adam Zampa (AUS) | 9 | 22 | 5.26 | 18.90 | 4/8 |
| Dilshan Madushanka (SL) | 9 | 21 | 6.70 | 25.00 | 5/80 |
| Jasprit Bumrah (IND) | 10 | 18 | 3.98 | 18.33 | 4/39 |
| Gerald Coetzee (SA) | 7 | 18 | 6.40 | 19.38 | 4/44 |
| Shaheen Afridi (PAK) | 9 | 18 | 5.93 | 26.72 | 5/54 |
| Marco Jansen (SA) | 8 | 17 | 6.41 | 24.41 | 3/31 |
| Ravindra Jadeja (IND) | 10 | 16 | 4.25 | 22.18 | 5/33 |
| Mitchell Santner (NZ) | 10 | 16 | 4.84 | 28.06 | 5/59 |
| Bas de Leede (NED) | 9 | 16 | 7.26 | 30.43 | 4/62 |

Player of the Tournament Winners in ODI World Cup, List (1992 to 2023)

| Year | Player Name | Country | Achievements |
|------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 1992 | Martin Crowe | New Zealand | 456 runs, 9 innings |
| 1996 | Sanath Jayasuriya | Sri Lanka | 221 runs, 7 wickets |
| 1999 | Lance Klusener | South Africa | 281 runs, 17 wickets |
| 2003 | Sachin Tendulkar | India | 673 runs, 11 innings |
| 2007 | Glenn McGrath | Australia | 26 wickets, 11 matches |
| 2011 | Yuvraj Singh | India | 362 runs, 15 wickets, 9 matches |
| 2015 | Mitchell Starc | Australia | 22 wickets, 8 matches |
| 2019 | Kane Williamson | New Zealand | 578 runs, 11 matches |
| 2023 | Virat Kohli | India | 765 runs in 11 innings |

ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 In Brief

| Event | Men's World Cup 2023 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Edition | 13th |
| Date | 5th October 2023 – 19th November 2023 |
| Format | One Day International |
| Host Country | India |
| Total Team | 10 |
| Total Matches | 48 |
| Winner | Australia |
| Runner-up | India |
| Player of the Tournament | Virat Kohli |
| Man of the Match | Travin Head |
| Most Runs | Virat Kohli (765 runs) |
| Most Wickets | Mohammed Shami (24) |
| Tournament Format | Round-Robin and Knockout |
| Mascot | 'Blaze' and 'Tonk' |
| Theme Song | Dil Jashn Bole |
| Brand Ambassador | Shahrukh Khan |

Important Days

November 2023

Important Days And Dates in November 2023

| Day | Event | Importance |
|---------------|--|---|
| November 1st | World Vegan Day | Raises awareness about the benefits of a vegan diet and commemorates the UK Vegan Society's 51st anniversary. |
| November 1st | All Saints' Day | Honors all saints, also known as All Hallows' Day or Halloween. |
| November 1st | Rajyotsava Day (Karnataka Formation Day) | Celebrates the formation of Karnataka on November 1, 1956. |
| November 2nd | All Souls' Day | Honors souls who have passed away, especially in Roman Catholicism. |
| November 2nd | Parumala Perunnal | A significant festival in Kerala. |
| November 3rd | World Jellyfish Day | Marks the migration of jellyfish to the shores of the northern hemisphere. |
| November 3rd | World Sandwich Day | Honors John Montagu, the supposed inventor of the sandwich. |
| November 5th | World Tsunami Awareness Day | Raises awareness about tsunami dangers and emphasizes early warning systems. |
| November 6th | International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict | Focuses on preventing environmental exploitation in war. |
| November 6th | National Nachos Day | Celebrates the popular snack. |
| November 7th | Melbourne Cup Day | Features one of the most famous horse races in the world. |
| November 7th | Infant Protection Day | Raises awareness about protecting infants. |
| November 7th | National Cancer Awareness Day | Observes and raises awareness about cancer. |
| November 7th | Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman Birthday | Marks the birth anniversary of C.V. Raman, Nobel Prize winner in Physics. |
| November 8th | World Radiography Day | Promotes radiography as a career and highlights its role in healthcare. |
| November 9th | National Legal Services Day | Raises awareness about legal literacy. |
| November 9th | Uttarakhand Foundation Day | Marks the foundation of Uttarakhand on November 9, 2000. |
| November 9th | Kartarpur Corridor Inauguration | Celebrates the development of the Kartarpur Corridor. |
| November 9th | World Usability Day | Observes how to make the world better through usability. |
| November 10th | World Science Day for Peace and Development | Recognizes the importance of science in society. |
| November 11th | Armistice Day (Remembrance Day) | Observes the end of World War I. |
| November 11th | National Education Day | Commemorates the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. |
| November 12th | World Pneumonia Day | Raises awareness about pneumonia and its prevention. |
| November 13th | World Kindness Day | Promotes acts of kindness. |

| Day | Event | Importance |
|---------------|---|--|
| November 14th | Children's Day | Celebrates the birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru. |
| November 14th | Jawaharlal Nehru Jayanti | Observes the birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru. |
| November 14th | World Diabetes Day | Raises awareness about diabetes. |
| November 15th | Jharkhand Foundation Day | Celebrates the foundation of Jharkhand on November 15, 2000. |
| November 15th | Birsa Munda Jayanti | Commemorates the birth of Birsa Munda, a tribal freedom fighter. |
| November 16th | International Day for Tolerance | Raises awareness about the importance of tolerance. |
| November 16th | National Press Day | Honors the Press Council of India. |
| November 17th | International Students Day | Remembers student bravery in 1939. |
| November 17th | National Epilepsy Day | Raises awareness about epilepsy. |
| November 17th | World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day | Observes awareness about COPD. |
| November 19th | World Toilet Day | Focuses on global sanitation issues. |
| November 19th | International Men's Day | Highlights men's health issues. |
| November 20th | Universal Children's Day | Promotes international cooperation for children's welfare. |
| November 20th | Africa Industrialization Day | Raises awareness about African industrialization. |
| November 20th | World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims | Emphasizes road safety and remembers traffic victims. |
| November 21st | World Television Day | Highlights the role of television in global communication. |
| November 21st | World Hello Day | Promotes conflict resolution through communication. |
| November 23rd | Fibonacci Day | Honors mathematician Leonardo Bonacci. |
| November 23rd | National Espresso Day | Celebrates the powerful beverage. |
| November 23rd | National Cashew Day | Acknowledges the delicious seed. |
| November 24th | Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November) | A national holiday in the U.S., celebrating harvest and blessings. |
| November 24th | Lachit Diwas | Celebrates Ahom General Lachit Borphukan's victory. |
| November 25th | International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women | Raises awareness about violence against women. |
| November 26th | National Milk Day | Commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien. |
| November 26th | Constitution Day of India | Observes the adoption of the Indian Constitution on November 26, 1949. |
| November 27th | World Tourism Day | Raises awareness of the benefits of tourism. |
| November 28th | Red Planet Day | Commemorates the launch of the Mariner 4 spacecraft. |
| November 29th | International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People | Observes solidarity with the Palestinian People. |
| November 29th | International Jaguar Day | Honors the jaguar as an emblem of sustainable development. |
| November 30th | Saint Andrew's Day | Celebrates Saint Andrew's Day in various countries. |

Current Affairs

QUIZ

- Silkyara Tunnel, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?**
[A] Jharkhand [B] Uttarakhand
[C] Assam [D] West Bengal
- As per a recent UN report, which region was ranked as World's Worst Region for Water Scarcity?**
[A] Africa [B] South America [C] South Asia [D] Europe
- 'Transporter-9 mission' is associated with which country?**
[A] USA [B] UK [C] Russia [D] Israel
- Which Union Ministry proposed to establish Cyber Security and Management Systems (CSMS) regulations?**
[A] Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
[B] Ministry of MSME
[C] Ministry of Electronics and IT
[D] Ministry of Science and Technology
- What is the rank of India in the OBI Inclusiveness Index?**
[A] 107 [B] 117 [C] 129 [D] 135
- Which city made a world record of lighting 22.23 lakh earthen lamps on the eve of Diwali?**
[A] Varanasi [B] Ayodhya [C] Mysuru [D] Bhopal
- 'Knowledge, Healthcare, Innovation, and Research (KHIR) City' is associated with which state/UT?**
[A] Karnataka [B] Tamil Nadu [C] Assam [D] West Bengal
- Carlo Rovells, who was seen in the news, is associated with which profession?**
[A] Politician [B] Sports person [C] Physicist [D] Businessperson
- India and New Zealand are qualified for the knockout semi-final of ODI World Cup 2023. What are the two other countries which entered semifinal?**
[A] South Africa and Australia [B] South Africa and England
[C] Australia and Sri Lanka [D] Australia and Afghanistan

1-B

2-C

3-A

4-A

5-B

6-B

7-A

8-C

9-A

10. The 'AANA Dashboard for Cities' portal has been launched by which Union Ministry?
- [A] Ministry of MSME
[B] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
[C] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
[D] Ministry of Electronics and IT
11. Who is the singer of 'Abundance in Millets' song, which has been nominated for the Grammy award?
- [A] Falguni Shah [B] Udit Narayan
[C] Asha Bhosle [D] Shankar Mahadevan
12. Which Union Ministry released the 'Digital Advertisement Policy, 2023'?
- [A] Ministry of Electronics and IT
[B] Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
[C] Ministry of Home Affairs
[D] Ministry of External Affairs
13. Coronation Food Project, which was seen in the news, is associated with which country?
- [A] USA [B] UK [C] The Netherlands [D] Australia
14. Lok Sabha Ethics Committee adopted a report recommending the expulsion of which Member of Parliament?
- [A] Ramesh Bidhuri [B] Mahua Moitra
[C] Kunwar Danish Ali [D] Nishikant Dubey
15. Which state passed a Bill, which increases the total reservation in the state to 75%?
- [A] Bihar [B] Kerala
[C] Jharkhand [D] Andhra Pradesh
16. "Building trust in science" is the theme of which special day celebrated on November 10?
- [A] World Education Day
[B] World Science Day for Peace and Development
[C] World Youth Development Day
[D] World Students Day
17. 'APAAR', which was seen in the news, is a registry associated with which field?
- [A] Business [B] Sports [C] Academics [D] Finance

10-B 11-A 12-B 13-B 14-B 15-A 16-B 17-C

18. India undertook BONGOSAGAR-23 and CORPAT exercises with the Navy of which country?
[A] Sri Lanka [B] Bangladesh [C] France [D] Iran
19. What is the name of world's first robot CEO?
[A] Tina [B] Harry [C] Yo-yo [D] Mika
20. Which Indian company partnered with US-based Archer Aviation for all-electric air taxi service?
[A] Air India [B] InterGlobe Enterprises
[C] Spice Jet [D] Pixxel
21. As per WHO 2023 Global TB report, which county accounted for the highest number of tuberculosis (TB) cases in the world in 2022?
[A] China [B] India [C] Indonesia [D] Ethiopia
22. 'The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA)' is the flagship report of which institution?
[A] World Bank [B] ADB [C] FAO [D] IMF
23. Which institution releases the 'Production Gap report'?
[A] UNEP [B] IMF [C] FAO [D] AIIB
24. What is the name of the recently launched brand of National Cooperative Organics Ltd (NCOL)?
[A] Namo Organics [B] Bharat Organics
[C] India Fresh [D] India Dairy
25. 'Quota of special drawing rights (SDR)', which is seen in the news, is associated with which institution?
[A] International Monetary Fund [B] Reserve Bank of India
[C] US Federal Reserve [D] Bureau of International Settlements
26. Which country has pulled out of the 'Treaty of Conventional Armed Forces in Europe'?
[A] Israel [B] Russia [C] Germany [D] France
27. Which Indian state/UT launched 'Abua Bir Dishom Abhiyan'?
[A] Kerala [B] Jharkhand [C] Odisha [D] West Bengal
28. 'HEL10S' Spectrometer, which was seen in the news, is associated with which country?
[A] USA [B] Russia [C] Israel [D] India

18-B 19-D 20-B 21-B 22-C 23-A 24-B 25-A 26-B 27-B
28-D

29. Which country has the highest weighting on the MSCI Emerging Market Index (EM)?
[A] China [B] India [C] Taiwan [D] Singapore
30. NASA's Curiosity rover was launched to study which celestial body?
[A] Sun [B] Jupiter [C] Mercury [D] Mars
31. Which institution released the '2024 Asia-Pacific Human Development Report'?
[A] ADB [B] AIIB [C] UNDP [D] WEF
32. Which country hosted the two-day summit of European space ministers, dubbed as 'Space Summit'?
[A] France [B] Italy [C] Spain [D] Denmark
33. When was the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) scheme launched in India?
[A] 2016 [B] 2020 [C] 2018 [D] 2022
34. Which is the first port in the country to handle 16 million metric tonnes (MMT) of cargo in a month?
[A] Kandla Port [B] Cochin Port [C] Mundra Port [D] Chennai Port
35. Which Union Ministry launched "Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign"?
[A] Ministry of Jal Shakti
[B] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
[C] Ministry of Women and Child Development
[D] Ministry of Education
36. Which country is the host of World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly (WTSA) 2024?
[A] India [B] China [C] Bangladesh [D] Saudi Arabia
37. Saima Wazed, the next Regional Director for the World Health Organization's South-East Asia region, is from which country?
[A] India [B] Bangladesh [C] UAE [D] Malaysia
38. When is the 'International Day for Biosphere Reserves'?
[A] November 1 [B] November 3 [C] November 5 [D] November 7
39. Which country is funding India's 'Hunger Project' and promote food security in Uttarakhand?
[A] France [B] UK [C] Canada [D] Norway

29-A 30-D 31-C 32-C 33-B 34-C 35-B 36-A 37-B 38-B
39-D

40. Which Indian state bagged the Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023?
[A] Assam [B] Kerala [C] Goa [D] Uttarakhand
41. Which city is the host of 'World Food India 2023'?
[A] Mumbai [B] New Delhi [C] Varanasi [D] Gandhi Nagar
42. Which institution released the '2023 Adaptation Gap Report'?
[A] World Bank [B] UNEP [C] IMF [D] WEF
43. As per a new study, which species has their head all over its body?
[A] Octopus [B] Star Fish [C] Jelly fish [D] Mambas
44. 'State of Climate Services' is an annual report released by which institution?
[A] FAO [B] WMO [C] UNEP [D] IEA
45. 'National Efficient Cooking Programme' is associated with which institution?
[A] EESL [B] NABARD [C] NITI Aayog [D] REC
46. Which Indian city has been added to the 'UNESCO Creative Cities Network', in Literature' category?
[A] Madurai [B] Kozhikode [C] Mysuru [D] Kurnool
47. Which institution conducts the 'Inflation Expectations Survey of Households'?
[A] NITI Aayog [B] Ministry of Finance
[C] RBI [D] SEBI
48. Which organisation released the 'Impact of Disaster on Agriculture and Food Security'?
[A] NABARD [B] NITI Aayog [C] FAO [D] UNEP
49. Which footballer player has won the Ballon d'Or prize for the best player?
[A] Lionel Messi [B] Erling Haaland
[C] Kylian Mbappé [D] Cristiano Ronaldo
50. Which organisation released a report, which states that Indian Farmers faced \$169 Billion Implicit Tax due to Export Measures in 2022?
[A] NABARD [B] OECD [C] IMF [D] World Bank
51. India procured 'S-400 air defence missile squadrons' from which country?
[A] USA [B] Israel [C] Russia [D] France
52. Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP) aims to connect Kolkata Seaport with which country?
[A] Thailand [B] Myanmar [C] Bangladesh [D] Cambodia

40-B 41-B 42-A 43-B 44-B 45-A 46-B 47-C 48-C 49-A
50-B 51-C 52-B

53. Which European country announced to discontinue its 'Golden visa initiative' from 2024?
[A] France [B] The Netherlands [C] Belgium [D] Denmark
54. Which institution regulates the Co-operative banks in India?
[A] RBI [B] NABARD
[C] Ministry of Cooperation [D] NITI Aayog
55. Which country is associated with 'Integral Field Ultraviolet Spectroscopy Experiment (INFUSE)'?
[A] USA [B] UK [C] China [D] Germany
56. India's first-ever Lavender Farm is constructed in which state/UT?
[A] Uttarakhand [B] Jammu and Kashmir
[C] Himachal Pradesh [D] Sikkim
57. What is the name of the platform launched by Prime Minister on the National Unity Day?
[A] Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) platform [B] PM YUVA Platform
[C] Meri Maati Platform [D] Kartavya Platform
58. Project Kusha, India's long-range air defense system project, is under the purview of which institution?
[A] HAL [B] DRDO [C] L&T [D] BHEL
59. Which institution was tasked with the preparation of 'Vision India@2047' plan?
[A] NASSCOM [B] NITI Aayog
[C] RBI [D] Election Commission of India
60. Manaus, which was seen in the news, is a city in which country?
[A] Brazil [B] Argentina [C] USA [D] Greece
61. What is the theme of 'Vigilance Awareness Week 2023'?
[A] Integrity and ethics
[B] Say no to corruption, commit to the Nation
[C] Stay Vigilant; Stay Honest
[D] Information is Power
62. 'Operation Sesha', which was launched recently, aims to curb the illegal trade of _____:
[A] Tortoises [B] Timber [C] Exotic Birds [D] Tusk

53-B 54-A 55-A 56-B 57-A 58-B 59-B 60-A 61-B 62-B

- 63. Saleemul Huq, who passed away recently, was associated with which profession?**
 [A] Scientist [B] Climate Change Expert
 [C] Economist [D] Writer
- 64. Which institution has mandated 'penny drop' verification for NPS fund withdrawal?**
 [A] IRDAI [B] SEBI [C] PFRDA [D] RBI
- 65. Which state/UT launched the 'Abua Awas Yojna'?**
 [A] Gujarat [B] Jharkhand [C] Assam [D] West Bengal
- 66. Which Union Ministry is associated with 'National Gopal Ratna Awards'?**
 [A] Ministry of Agriculture
 [B] Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
 [C] Ministry of MSME
 [D] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 67. SURYA KIRAN is a joint military exercise between India and which country?**
 [A] Nepal [B] Bangladesh [C] Sri Lanka [D] France
- 68. Which country has been declared as the Chair of the International Sugar Organisation (ISO) for the year 2024?**
 [A] India [B] China [C] Russia [D] USA
- 69. India formalized Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on semiconductors with which bloc?**
 [A] G-20 [B] G-7 [C] European Union [D] ASEAN
- 70. India's first sloth bear rescue centre is located in which state?**
 [A] Assam [B] West Bengal [C] Karnataka [D] Tamil Nadu
- 71. Which state has received Geographical Indication (GI) tag for which cashews?**
 [A] Kerala [B] Goa [C] Tamil Nadu [D] Odisha
- 72. Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform has been developed by _?**
 [A] SEBI [B] RBI [C] Stock Exchanges [D] NSDL
- 73. The National Stock Exchange (NSE) signed MoU with which state to help small and medium enterprises (SMEs) raise funds through the capital market?**
 [A] Odisha [B] West Bengal [C] Gujarat [D] Maharashtra
- 74. Which state has announced the ghol species as the state fish?**
 [A] Tamil Nadu [B] Gujarat [C] Maharashtra [D] West Bengal

63-B 64-C 65-B 66-B 67-A 68-A 69-C 70-C 71-B 72-C
 73-B 74-B

75. **Noa-Dihing music frog is a newly discovered species found in which state?**
[A] Assam [B] Arunachal Pradesh [C] Manipur [D] Meghalaya
76. **Which institution released the '14th Emissions Gap Report 2023'?**
[A] UNEP [B] FAO [C] World Bank [D] WEF
77. **'Vajra Prahar 2023' is a joint exercise between which countries?**
[A] India and Sri Lanka [B] India and the United States
[C] India and UK [D] India and France
78. **Atmospheric Waves Experiment (AWE) is associated with which space agency?**
[A] NASA [B] ESA [C] ISRO [D] JAXA
79. **Ganymede, Callisto, and Europa are the moons of which planet?**
[A] Mars [B] Jupiter [C] Saturn [D] Venus
80. **Which scarce element has been discovered in the Sutlej River?**
[A] Titanium [B] Tantalum [C] Scandium [D] Lithium
81. **Javier Milei, who was seen in the news, is the new President of which country?**
[A] Brazil [B] Argentina [C] South Africa [D] Chile
82. **China recently signed a 'Bilateral Currency Swap Agreement' with which country?**
[A] Saudi Arabia [B] UAE [C] Israel [D] Russia
83. **World Heritage Week is observed every year during which month?**
[A] January [B] April [C] September [D] November
84. **Which country hosted the 'APEC Informal Leader's Dialogue'?**
[A] India [B] China [C] USA [D] UAE
85. **Which state has signed CSIR and DRDO as knowledge partners for the proposed Bulk Drugs Park?**
[A] Assam [B] Uttar Pradesh [C] Tamil Nadu [D] Odisha
86. **Which state is the host of the 'Global Fisheries Conference India 2023'?**
[A] Gujarat [B] Tamil Nadu
[C] Maharashtra [D] Andhra Pradesh
87. **'LuPEX' is the joint effort between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and _____ ?**
[A] NASA [B] ESA [C] JAXA [D] CNA
88. **Which country is the host of 'Ukrainian Defense Industrial Base Conference'?**
[A] India [B] USA [C] UK [D] Germany

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85-B 86-A 87-C 88-B

89. What is the rank of India in the Hotspot Map, which shows the level of climate change threat faced by women working in agricultural sectors?
[A] 5 [B] 12 [C] 35 [D] 42
90. The Dhillu festival, which was seen in the news, is celebrated in which state/UT?
[A] Odisha [B] Goa [C] Telangana [D] Chennai
91. Who is the first recipient of Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award?
[A] Dr Mathavaraj S [B] P Veeramuthu Vel
[C] Ritu Karidhal [D] Kalpana Kalahasti
92. Which country hosted the 'Voice of the Global South Summit' (VOGSS) recently?
[A] India [B] Indonesia [C] Sri Lanka [D] Bangladesh
93. Which is the Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year for 2023?
[A] Hallucinate [B] Manipulate [C] Backfire [D] Depression
94. As per a CDC-WHO Report, around 11 lakh children in India missed their first dose of the measles vaccine?
[A] COVID [B] Measles [C] Pneumonia [D] Rubella
95. ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter Mission is associated with which space agency?
[A] NASA [B] ESA [C] ISRO [D] JAXA
96. Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023 is organised between India and which country?
[A] Australia [B] Sri Lanka [C] Iran [D] Bangladesh
97. As of 2023, which country is the world's biggest polluter?
[A] USA [B] India [C] China [D] Russia
98. Which institution released the report titled 'Sand and Dust Storms: A Guide to Mitigation, Adaptation, Policy, and Risk Management Measures in Agriculture'?
[A] FAO [B] UNEP [C] World Bank [D] UNESCO
99. The World Health Organization (WHO) has officially recognized which condition as a grave global health threat?
[A] Loneliness [B] Social Exclusion [C] Racism [D] Casteism
100. Zorawar light tank project is a collaborative initiative between DRDO and _____?
[A] ISRO [B] Indian Army [C] Larsen and Toubro [D] BHEL

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99-A 100-C



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