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## Chapter 1: Appointment (National, International)

### (National)

Organization	Person
<p><b>Appointed as new Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)</b></p> <p>About the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) is a voluntary self-regulatory organization of the advertising industry in India. Established in 1985, ASCI is registered as a non-profit company under section 25 of the Company Act.</li> </ul>	<p>Saugata Gupta (Updated 2 October)</p>
<p><b>Appointed as member of UPSC</b></p>	<p>Dinesh Dasa (Updated 2 October)</p>
<p><b>The Printers (Mysore) Pvt. Ltd was elected Chairman of the Press Trust of India's Board of Directors</b></p>	<p>K.N. Shanth Kumar (Updated 2 October)</p>
<p><b>Assumed charge as the 28th director general (DG) of the Border Roads Organization (BRO)</b></p>	<p>Lieutenant General Raghu Srinivasan (Updated 3 October)</p>
<p><b>The Union government has extended the tenure, the incumbent chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)</b></p>	<p>Nitin Gupta (Updated 3 October)</p>
<p><b>Appointed part-time chairman of Dhanalakshmi Bank by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)</b></p> <p>About Dhanalakshmi Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established - 14 November 1927</li> <li>Headquarters - Thrissur</li> <li>CEO &amp; MD - J. Of. Shivan</li> </ul>	<p>KN Madhusudanan (Updated 3 October)</p>
<p><b>South Indian Bank has appointed as its MD &amp; CEO</b></p> <p>About South Indian Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Founded - 1929</li> <li>Headquarters - Thrissur, Kerala</li> <li>Chairman - Salim Gangadharan</li> <li>MD &amp; CEO - PR Seshadri</li> <li>Tagline - Experience Next Generation Banking.</li> </ul>	<p>P R Seshadri (Updated 3 October)</p>
<p><b>Assumed the role of Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff (DCNS)</b></p>	<p>Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti (Updated 5 October)</p>

<b>The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the extension as the CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)</b>	Amit Agrawal (Updated 5 October)
<b>The Reserve Bank of India has appointed as the Executive Director</b>	Muneesh Kapur (Updated 6 October)
<b>Appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)</b>	Ramaswamy N (Updated 6 October)
<b>Appointed as Global CEO of PayU</b>	Anirban Mukherjee (Updated 9 October)
<b>The Government of India extended the tenure of SBI Chairman</b> About State Bank of India (SBI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Founded - 1 July 1955</li> <li>Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra</li> <li>Chairman - Dinesh Kumar Khara</li> <li>Managing Director - (4) Alok Kumar Choudhary, Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, and Ashwini Kumar Tewari</li> </ul>	Dinesh Khara (Updated 10 October)
<b>Reliance Retail's JioMart has signed up as its brand ambassador</b>	Mahendra Singh Dhoni (Updated 11 October)
<b>The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) has elected as its new chairman and vice-chairperson</b>	Navneet Munot and Anthony Heredia (Updated 12 October)
<b>Takes over as National President of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC)</b>	Pankaj Bohra (Updated 15 October)
<b>Appointed as the non-executive part-time chairman of the South Indian Bank</b> About South Indian Bank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Founded - 1929</li> <li>Headquarters - Thrissur, Kerala</li> <li>MD &amp; CEO - PR Seshadri</li> <li>Tagline - Experience Next Generation Banking.</li> </ul>	VJ Kurian (Updated 15 October)
<b>Appointed as the Director of Finance of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)</b>	Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty (Updated 17 October)
<b>Appointed the new Chairman and Managing Director of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO)</b>	Sanjay Kulshreshtha (Updated 20 October)



**(International)**

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
<b>Named a Laureus ambassador</b> Laureus is a global sports-based charity that works to improve the lives of youngpeople.	Neeraj Chopra (Updated 15 October)
<b>Become Ecuador's youngest-ever president after winning the runoff elections</b> About Ecuador <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital- Quito</li> <li>• Currency- United States Dollar</li> <li>• President- Daniel Noboa</li> <li>• Official language- Spanish</li> </ul>	Daniel Noboa (Updated 18 October)
<b>Elected to the Board of the International Dairy Federation (IDF) during the General Assembly of IDF</b>	Dr. Meenesh Shah (Updated 19 October)
<b>Sports brand Puma has roped in as its brand ambassador</b>	Mohammed Shami (Updated 19 October)
<b>Elected as the 42nd Prime Minister of New Zealand</b> About New Zealand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital – Wellington</li> <li>• Currency – Dollar</li> <li>• Prime Minister - Christopher Luxon</li> </ul>	Christopher Luxon (Updated 19 October)

**Chapter 2: Awards (National, International)**

<u>Award</u>	<u>Person/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose/ Field</u>
<b>The 2023 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize</b>	Ruixiang Zhang Berkeley(USA)	For his <b>outstanding contributions in mathematics</b>
<b>(International)</b>		
<u>Award</u>	<u>Person/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose/ Field</u>

<b>The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2023</b>	Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman	For their <b>discoveries concerning nucleoside base modifications, enabling effective mRNA vaccines</b> to develop against <b>COVID-19</b>
<b>The 2023 Nobel Prize in Physics</b>	Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier	For experimental methods that <b>generate attosecond pulses of light</b> for the study of <b>electrodynamics in matter</b>
<b>The 2023 Nobel Prize in chemistry</b>	Moungi G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus, and Alexei I. Ekimov	For the <b>discovery and synthesis of quantum dots</b>
<b>The 2023 Nobel Prize in Literature</b>	Norwegian author Jon Fosse	For his <b>innovative plays and prose</b> which give <b>voice to the unsayable</b>
<b>Nobel Peace Prize for 2023</b>	Narges Mohammadi	For her <b>fight</b> against the <b>oppression of women in Iran</b> and her fight to promote <b>human rights and freedom for all</b>
<b>The Spinoza Prize</b>	Indian-origin professor Dr Joyeeta Gupta	The highest distinction in <b>Dutch science</b> for her work in the field of <b>climate change</b> at a ceremony in the <b>Netherlands</b>
<b>The 2023 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences</b> <b>The Best Asian TV Series at the ongoing Busan International Film Festival (BIFF)</b>	Claudia Gold in Hansal Mehta's newsroom drama series Scoop	For having <b>advanced our understanding of women's labour market outcomes.</b>
<b>The prestigious Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award at the 54th International Film Festival of India</b>	Renowned Hollywood actor and producer Michael Douglas	Douglas is known for his films like <b>'Wall Street', 'Fatal Attraction', 'The China Syndrome', 'The American President', 'Basic Instinct', and 'Ant-Man'</b> among others.
<b>U.S. First Lady Jill Biden</b>	Teenage Indian-American inventor Gitanjali Rao along with 14 other young women leaders	For leading a <b>change and shaping a brighter future</b> in their <b>communities</b> across the nation.
<b>Dalip Singh Saund Award for political leadership</b> <b>Awarded for being ranked 'A+' in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023</b>	Indian-American Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das	In recognition of his <b>"exemplary commitment to advancing the interests of Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities in Congress.</b>

**Nobel Prize 2023**

**1. Nobel Prize in Physiology/Medicine 2023**

- Katalin Kariko, Drew Weissman
- Purpose - For developing effective mRNA vaccines against COVID
- Nobel Prize in Physics 2023
- Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz & Anne L'Huillier
- Purpose - for experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electro dynamics in matter

**2. Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2023**

- Mouni G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus, Alexei I. Ekimov
- Purpose - for the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots.
- Nobel Prize in Literature 2023
- Jon Fosse (Norwegian author)
- Purpose - for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable.
- Nobel Prize in Peace 2023
- Narges Mohammadi (Iran)
- Purpose - for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all.

**3. Nobel Prize in Economics 2023**

- Claudia Goldin
- Purpose - for having advanced our understanding of women's labour market outcomes.

**Chapter 3: Government Scheme/Campaign**

SCHEME	PURPOSE
'Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas' (SHRESHTA)	The primary goal of this initiative is to extend the impact of <b>government development programmes</b> and <b>bridge service gaps</b> in areas predominantly inhabited by <b>SC communities</b> within the <b>education sector</b> .
'Lek Ladki Yojana' (Dear Daughter Scheme) (Maharashtra)	<b>Maharashtra</b> state cabinet has approved the ' <b>Lek Ladki Yojana</b> ' ( <b>Dear Daughter Scheme</b> ) for families with annual income up to <b>Rs one lakh</b> . The scheme is meant to promote the <b>birth of a girl child</b> , and <b>her education</b> and to <b>stop child marriage</b> and <b>malnutrition</b> .
The 'Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative (LAccMI)' scheme (Odisha)	To ensure a <b>sustainable, affordable, assured and safe transportation of passengers</b> and commodities across the <b>State</b> .

**Chapter 4: Summit/ Conference**

Summit/Conference	Location	About
<b>Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav and Technology &amp; Bharatiya Bhasha Summit</b>	New Delhi	The summit will focus on the integration of technology in promoting <b>Bharatiya Bhasha</b> , including its role in teaching, examination, and translating educational materials.
<b>The 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit, P-20</b>	New Delhi	The main theme of the P20 this year is <b>Parliament for One Earth, One Family, One Future</b> .
<b>The Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development General Conference (AIBD GC) for the 3rd successive term</b>	India	This milestone has happened for the first time in the history of <b>AIBD</b> , which is a <b>50-year-old</b> organization and this indicates the confidence of the <b>broadcasting organizations across the Asia Pacific</b> and the world that <b>India</b> can show the way, lead the way in providing a <b>new value of broadcasting</b> .
<b>The 16th Agricultural Science Congress</b>	Kochi	The primary aim of the meet, organized by the <b>National Academy of Agricultural Sciences</b> , is to generate a scientific discourse around <b>transforming India's agri-food systems</b> into <b>sustainable enterprises</b> , to facilitate <b>its benefits</b> for future generations.
<b>The International Research Conference on Just and Resilient Agri-Food Systems</b>	New Delhi	It is titled " <b>From Research to Impact Towards Just and Resilient Agri-food Systems</b> "
<b>The 23rd Council of Ministers meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)</b>	Colombo	The association's member states will hold discussions on collaboration in various sectors, including <b>trade and investment, maritime safety and security, fisheries management, disaster risk management</b> , and the <b>blue economy</b> , among others.
<b>The 10th "India-Sweden Innovation Day" meeting</b>	New Delhi	The partnership covers several areas, including <b>smart cities, transportation and eMobility, energy, clean technologies, new materials, space, circular and bio-based economy</b> , and <b>health and life sciences</b> .
<b>The review meeting on Left Wing Extremism</b>	New Delhi	Chairing a meeting to review the security situation in <b>LWE-affected States</b> , the year 2022 witnessed the lowest number of <b>incidents of violence and deaths</b> in <b>Naxal-hit</b> areas in the last four decades.



The 2023 International Conference on Climate Change and Nuclear Energy	UAE	<p>The UAE has chaired the 2023 International Conference on Climate Change and Nuclear Energy, organized by the <b>International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)</b>.</p> <p>The conference aims to provide a platform for <b>Member States, representatives of low- carbon energy sectors, international organizations</b>, and other relevant bodies to exchange information on the role of <b>nuclear energy</b> in the path to eliminating <b>carbon emissions</b>, in line with the <b>goals of limiting global warming</b>.</p>
The 8th BRICS International CompetitionConference	New Delhi	The theme of the conference is <b>new issues in competition law and policy, dimensions, perspectives, and challenges</b> .
The organization of Bihar Business Connect, Investors Summit	Bengaluru	This summit served as a <b>pivotal platform</b> for <b>fostering investment opportunities</b> in the Bihar.
The 26th Energy Technology Meet	New Delhi	Objective - <b>To provide a common forum for refiners and technology service providers forthe exposition of recent advances</b> .
The 141st International Olympic Committee (IOC) session	Mumbai	Important decisions regarding the future of Olympic games are made at <b>IOC sessions</b> . <b>India</b> is hosting the <b>IOC session</b> for the second time after a gap of about <b>40 years</b> .
The 5th and concluding event of the 'Women and Water Dialogue Series'	Uttar Pradesh	The ' <b>Women and Water Dialogue Series</b> ' is a <b>programme</b> started during the <b>Ganga Utsav 2022</b> to highlight the pivotal role of women in the water sector.
The 6th annual technology conference 'INFINITY 2023'	Amity University Noida campus	Theme- ' <b>Digital transformation for futuristic businesses: Emerging technologies leading growth and sustainability</b> '
The meeting of the 18th India-Vietnam Joint Commission	Hanoi	<p>External Affairs Minister <b>Dr S Jaishankar</b> has co-chaired the meeting with his <b>Vietnamese counterpart Bui Than Son</b>.</p> <p><b>India-Vietnam's Comprehensive Strategic Partnership</b> will only further strengthen over the coming years. They also shared perspectives on the <b>Indo-Pacific region</b>, commitment to <b>global issues</b>, and collaboration in various <b>multilateral groupings</b>.</p>
The third edition of theGlobal Maritime India Summit 2023	Mumbai	The summit provides an <b>excellent platform</b> for attracting <b>investment in the country's maritime sector</b> .

<b>India-UK 2 plus 2 Foreign and Defence Dialogue</b>	New Delhi	The two sides discussed possibilities to boost collaboration, particularly in areas of <b>trade and investment, defence, critical and emerging technologies, civil aviation, health, energy, culture and strengthening people connections.</b>
<b>The 5th edition of India STEM Summit 2023</b>	New Delhi	<b>STEM Summit</b> pertains to integrating in the education sector that results in <b>Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)</b> developing <b>curiosity, inquisitiveness, critical thinking, problem-solving capacities, imagination, questioning and exploration skills</b> among learners.
<b>The Ninth G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20)</b>	New Delhi	During the concluding session of the Summit, <b>Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla</b> handed over the P20 Presidency to the <b>Parliament of Brazil.</b>

### Chapter 5: Partnership/Agreement

<b>Partnership/ Agreement</b>	<b>Aim</b>
<b>India and Argentina have signed a Social Security Agreement (SSA)</b>	The agreement would protect the <b>rights of professionals and workers against loss of benefits or contributions</b> made towards social security in both countries and thus facilitate <b>greater movement of professionals and the labour force.</b>
<b>India and Tanzania have agreed on a five-year roadmap</b>	The two countries inked six agreements providing for cooperation in the <b>digital domain, culture, sports, maritime industries and white shipping information sharing.</b>
<b>The International Olympic Committee (IOC) with the Olympic Museum has aligned with Reliance Foundation</b>	To build on the success of the <b>Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP)</b> in India and signed a new cooperation agreement.
<b>Axis Bank and fintech firm Fibe</b>	To launch <b>India's First Numberless Credit Card</b>
<b>SUN Mobility has partnered with electric vehicle fleet operator Bluwheelz</b>	To deploy over <b>16,000 EVs</b> in the next <b>12 months</b>

**Chapter 6: Ranking Index**

Index	Index releasedby	India's Rank	1st Rank
Global Hunger Index 2023	Concern Worldwideand Welthungerhilfe	111th	Belarus
"World's Best Employers 2023" in the Forbes World's Best Employers list 2023		NTPC Limited 261st	Bureau Veritas
The 15th annual Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI)		45th	Netherland

**Chapter 7: Mergers and Acquisitions**

**Chapter 8: Loan**

Organization/Bank	Loan Amount	To which country	Purpose
The Asian Development Bank(ADB)	USD 181 million loan	Gujarat	To build <b>quality infrastructure and service</b> toward improving urban <b>livability</b> and <b>mobility</b> in the peri-urban areas of <b>Ahmedabad, Gujarat</b>

**Chapter 9: App/Website/Portal**

App/ Website/Portal	Company / Department	Purpose
'Rozgar Prayag Portal'	Integrated Tribal Development Agency	The portal has been opportunities developed by the <b>Uttarakhand</b> government for the youth with the aim of providing employment in the state on a single portal.
Web portal "Apna Chandrayaan"	Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan	The web portal " <b>Apna Chandrayaan</b> " has activity- based support material such as <b>quizzes and puzzles</b> for students.

### Chapter 10: Important MoU

MoU	Between Which Countries
Signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on securing a green hydrogen supply chain and cooperation on power grid interconnection.	India and Saudi Arabia
Signed three pacts in areas of semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence and quantum computing.	US multinational technology giant IBM with IT Ministry

### Chapter 11: GDP Forecasting

#### 1. World Bank retains India's FY24 GDP growth at 6.3% amidst challenges

- The World Bank has decided to maintain its growth forecast for India in the fiscal year 2023-24 at 6.3 percent.
- This decision comes as India continues to exhibit strong economic growth despite facing substantial external challenges. The bank had earlier lowered its growth forecast for India in April.
- The World Bank highlighted India's remarkable resilience within a demanding global environment.
- Notably, bank credit growth has surged to 15.8% in the first quarter of FY23/24, indicating a healthy financial environment.

### Chapter 12: Current Affairs (National)

#### 1. Ayush Board to be formed in Uttar Pradesh

- During a meeting of the Ayush department, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath provided directions for the formation of an integrated Ayush Board in the state.
- The board is for the management of institutions related to Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathy, Siddha, Naturopathy, and Yoga practices, as well as the registration of doctors associated with these methods.
- At present three separate boards are operating regarding Ayurvedic, Unani and Homeopathy medical practices. It is now necessary to integrate all these under one board, giving them a unified look.

#### 2. Bihar to get second tiger reserve in Kaimur district

- After the Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) in West Champaran district, Bihar is set to get a second tiger reserve in Kaimur district (Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary) by the end of the year or early 2024.
- The total tiger count in the State currently is 54.
- A report from the NTCA said that the tiger population in the Valmiki reserve has increased from 31 in 2018 to 54.

#### 3. Dr Jitendra Singh launches Capacity Building Plan for Govt employees

- Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched the Capacity Building Plan for Government Employees at the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) Headquarters in New Delhi.

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- The Capacity Building Scheme is a new initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to train officers and rationalize the deployment of officers and staff based on skills and acquired competencies.
- 4. PM Modi launches Sankalp Saptah**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a week-long program called "Sankalp Saptah" for aspirational blocks in New Delhi.
  - Sankalp Saptah is linked to the effective implementation of the Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP).
  - The nationwide programme was launched by the PM on January 7, 2023. It aims to improve governance at the block level in order to enhance the quality of life of citizens.
  - It is being implemented in 500 Aspirational Blocks across 329 districts in the country. To implement the Aspirational Blocks Programme and to prepare an effective block development strategy, chintan shivirs were organized at village and block levels across the country.
- 5. 4th edition of Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival organized by ICCR**
- The fourth edition of Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) began in New Delhi.
  - Total 34 artists of three countries - Colombia, Ecuador and Chile are participating in the two-day festival.
  - The festival is bringing together key stakeholders from India and Latin America to deliberate on the prospects of cultural and educational collaborations.
- 6. Winter action plan unveiled by Delhi Chief Minister**
- Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has introduced a 15-point 'Winter Action Plan' to tackle air pollution in the upcoming winter season.
  - The 15-point 'Winter Action Plan' includes measures to tackle pollution and improve air quality in Delhi.
  - Steps have been taken in Punjab to diversify crops, promote short-duration paddy varieties and encourage the conversion of stubble into energy or fertilizer.
  - Analysis last winter showed that Delhi had the highest levels of PM2.5 among 27 NCR towns and cities.
  - PM 10 levels have also reduced from 324 in 2014 to 223, signifying a 30% reduction in pollution levels.
- 7. India to host PATA Travel Mart 2023 in New Delhi**
- India will host the 46th edition of the Pacific Asia Travel Association Travel Mart at Pragati Maidan in Delhi from October 4-6.
  - The physical version of the event is being held after a hiatus of three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - The PATA Travel Mart 2023 will be held at the International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC).
  - The event in Delhi will bring together tourism professionals and business stakeholders from across the world, offering a unique platform for networking, learning and collaboration.
- 8. PM Modi lauds J&K for achieving 100% villages ODF plus status**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded Jammu and Kashmir for achieving 100 percent villages Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus status in the Model category under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) phase-2.
  - The Union Territory has attained new heights in development and growth after the abrogation of Article 370. The schemes implemented by the Central Government are now being seamlessly extended to the nook and corners of Jammu and Kashmir.
- 9. PM Modi launched 27 thousand crore rupee development projects**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of development projects worth more than 26 thousand crore rupees in Jagdalpur, the divisional headquarters of tribal Bastar division in Chhattisgarh.
  - Prime Minister also dedicated to the nation the NMDC's greenfield Steel Plant established at Nagarnar in Bastar.

- Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for the upgradation of Jagdalpur Railway Station and also dedicated to the nation the new rail line between Antagarh and Taroki and the double rail line project between Jagdalpur and Dantewada.

**10. Uber launches 'Uber Sustainovate' Startup Challenge'**

- **Uber** has introduced the '**Uber Sustainovate' Startup Challenge**, a dynamic initiative to expedite the **adoption of sustainable mobility in India**.
- In partnership with Startup India and NASSCOM AI, this competition seeks to reward startups with groundbreaking concepts that can accelerate the transition to sustainable transportation within the nation.
- The winning startup would be awarded a grant of \$120,000 (approximately Rs 1 crore), and the top 3 entries would be awarded mentorship sessions with the tech leadership of Uber in India in order to help them sharpen their skills and competencies.

**11. PM inaugurated the country's first high-tech sports training center**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the country's first high-tech sports training center for Divyangjan, named after former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee, in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- This initiative aims to provide equal opportunities in sports, enhance talent, and encourage participation in various sports disciplines.
- Divyangjan from all over the country can practice and train in the Atal Bihari Training Center for Divyang Sports.

**12. Rajnath Singh launched Navy's updated indigenous programme Swavalamban 2.0**

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the Navy's updated indigenous programme Swavalamban 2.0 in New Delhi.
- During the event, also released the fifth Positive Indigenisation list of 98 items at the event. It shows the major step in the Indigenisation process of the Armed forces.
- He also launched 76 challenges for the industry under 10th Defence India Start-up Challenges & DISC 10 PRIME of Innovations for Defence.

**13. Madhya Pradesh announces 35 % reservation for women in govt jobs**

- The Madhya Pradesh government has issued a notification for providing 35 percent reservation for women in recruitment, barring the forest department.
- The government has introduced an amendment to the Madhya Pradesh Civil Services (Special Provision for Appointment of Women) Rules, 1997 to provide 35 percent reservation for women in the state.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan recently announced that 35 percent of vacancies in police and other government jobs will be filled by women.

**14. PM Modi announces to establish Central Tribal University in Telangana**

- The Union cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a proposal for an amendment to the Central Universities Act, 2009 to establish a Central Tribal University in Telangana.
- The cabinet approved the introduction of the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2023, which further amends the Central Universities Act, 2009.
- This was done with the aim of establishing the Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in the Mulugu district of Telangana as stipulated in the Thirteenth Schedule to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014.
- The new tribal university will be named after Telangana's tribal deities Sammakka and Sarakka. A budget of Rs. 889.07 crore would be allocated towards the establishment of this institution.

**15. Bihar govt announces 10% reservation for EWS in judicial services**

- Bihar government has announced 10 percent reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in the judicial services and state-run law colleges and universities.
- The announcement came just a day after the government released the first set of data from state's caste survey.
- The cabinet approved amendments in the guidelines of the State Judicial Services, 1951, allowing 10 percent reservation for EWS category in judicial services and also in state-run law institutes and universities.

**16. PM Modi launched Rs 5000 cr projects in Rajasthan**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched multiple projects worth ₹5,000 crore in Rajasthan and asserted that they will lead to further development of the state.
- Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated multiple development projects in sectors like road, rail, aviation, health and higher education.
- The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of various projects, including a 350-bedded trauma centre and critical care hospital block at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur, and seven critical care blocks under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) to be developed across the state.
- The centre at the AIIMS will be developed at a cost of more than ₹350 crore
- The facility will bring a holistic approach in the management of trauma and emergency cases by providing multidisciplinary and comprehensive care to patients while critical care blocks across Rajasthan will augment district-level critical care infrastructure.

**17. Rajasthan CM announces three new districts**

- Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has announced the formation of three new districts in the state - Malpura, Sujangarh, and Kuchaman City. Rajasthan will now have 53 districts.
- The new districts were being created to meet the public demand and in accordance with the recommendations of a high-level committee.
- The state government had formed 17 new districts earlier in August this year. NLC India secures 810 MW solar photovoltaic project in Rajasthan
- Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) India Limited, a Navratna Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSE) under the Ministry of Coal, has emerged victorious in securing an 810 MW Solar PV project capacity from Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Nigam Limited (RRVUNL).
- The entire 810 MW capacity was successfully acquired by NLCIL through a tender floated by RRVUNL in December 2022.
- The project is set to be developed at RRVUNL's 2000 MW Ultra Mega Solar Park in Pugal Tehsil, Bikaner District, Rajasthan.
- The land required for the project and the power evacuation system connected to the State Transmission Utility (STU) will be provided by RRVUNL, streamlining the project's development timeline.

**18. Rajasthan govt orders to conduct caste survey**

- Close on the heels of Bihar releasing the caste data, the Congress government in Rajasthan ordered a similar caste-based survey to find out the socio-economic status of different sections of society and formulate targeted welfare schemes for them.
- The survey will be conducted with the State government's own resources.
- As the Social Justice and Empowerment Department issued a notification for the exercise after the State Cabinet's nod, the survey will continue even after the enforcement of the model code of conduct for the upcoming Assembly election.
- The Census could only be conducted by the Centre, the State government was within its rights to take up the survey of families in which their economic condition would also be revealed.

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**19. Hyderabad's new solar-covered cycle track illuminates the city**

- Hyderabad has inaugurated a 23-km long cycle track with a solar roof, much on the lines of the Daejeon and Sejong bike highways in South Korea, making it India's first solar-covered cycle track.
- Named Healthway, it has two lines. The pink line stretches from Nanakramguda to Telangana State Police Academy (TSPA) spanning 8.5 km while the blue line stretches from Narsinghi hub to Kollur spanning 14.5 km.
- The panels have the potential to generate 16MW of electricity, equivalent to powering 32,000 streetlights or illuminating 800 kilometers of city streets.

**20. Tripura becomes fourth state to implement an E-Cabinet System**

- Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha introduced the state's e-cabinet system, positioning Tripura as the fourth Indian state and the second in the Northeast region to adopt an e-cabinet system.
- The Chief Minister also presided over the first Council of Ministers meeting, conducted entirely without paper.
- After Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh, and Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura became the fourth state to adopt the E-Cabinet system. Among the 28 states, Tripura now holds the fourth position.

**21. NITI Aayog organized State Workshop on Women-Led Development in Goa**

- The inaugural edition of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) – NITI Aayog State Workshop Series on Enabling Women-led Development through Entrepreneurship has been organized at CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) Auditorium, Goa.
- The workshop was held in collaboration with the Government of Goa with a focus on the western region of the country.
- The primary focus was deliberating on a hub-and-spoke model aimed at extending women-led development to grassroots levels, covering the last mile.
- The workshop recorded over 500 participants, including women entrepreneurs, local self-help groups (SHGs) and clusters, government officials, industry representatives, incubators/accelerators, financial institutions, philanthropic foundations, and more.

**22. Air India commissions mega warehouse facility in Delhi**

- Air India has commissioned a mega warehouse facility in Delhi for storing over 1,000,000 engineering spares for aircraft maintenance.
- Spread across 54,000 square feet and located near Terminal 3, at Delhi Airport's cargo complex, the centralized warehousing facility will improve the turnaround time of flights operating out of Delhi.
- The facility will offer a one-stop solution for storing aircraft spares, tools, and ground support equipment ranging from hardware to sophisticated and complex avionics, hydraulics, structural, pneumatic, and mechanical components.
- This facility will not only boost Air India's fleet and operational efficiency but will also strengthen India's aviation ecosystem.

**23. Uttar Pradesh declares Dolphin as State Aquatic Animal**

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has declared the Gangetic Dolphin as the state aquatic animal.
- CM Yogi emphasized the need to maintain the purity of ponds and rivers. These dolphins are found in rivers like Ganga, Yamuna, Chambal, Ghaghra, Rapti, and Gerua.
- The estimated population of Gangetic dolphins in Uttar Pradesh is estimated at around 2000.
- These dolphins are found in rivers like Ganga, Yamuna, Chambal, Ghaghra, Rapti, and Gerua.



**24. 'A-HELP' programme launched in Jharkhand**

- The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, unveiled the 'A-HELP' (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production) programme in the state of Jharkhand.
- The program aims to empower women in the livestock sector by engaging them as Accredited Agents for disease control and livestock insurance.
- The initiative has been made possible through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between DAHD (Department of Animal husbandry and Dairying) and the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) under the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India.
- Operation Ajay set to evacuate Indian nationals from Israel
- India has launched Operation Ajay to facilitate the return from Israel of its citizens who wish to return.
- External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar announced this operation, emphasizing the government's commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of Indian nationals abroad.
- The Indian Embassy in Israel has initiated contact with registered Indian citizens, starting with the first group, for the special flight. Subsequent flights will follow, and communication will be made accordingly.

**25. Assam Cabinet approves Rs 3000 cr for new road project under Asom Mala**

- The Assam cabinet has approved Rs 3,000 crore for a 1,000-km-long economic corridor project in the state.
- The cabinet gave its in-principle approval for the project under the Asom Mala Scheme.
- The cabinet also approved projects worth Rs 950 crore to improve rural infrastructure. The fund will be obtained from NABARD as a loan. The loan will be used to upgrade 90 rural roads and four rural bridges under the Public Works Department.

**26. Govt to organize World Food India 2023 in Delhi**

- The Indian government will organize World Food India 2023 from 3-5 November in New Delhi to bring the global food processing industry together.
- World Food India 2023 is an opportunity for global industry leaders to collaborate and innovate in the food processing sector.
- The Start-Up Pavilion at World Food India 2023 aims to have maximum participation of women entrepreneurs.

**27. Nitin Gadkari launches India Jewellery Shopping Festival (IJSF) 2023**

- Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has launched the India Jewellery Shopping Festival (IJSF) 2023 in New Delhi.
- This industry provides employment to lakhs of people and contributes to the nation's growth through exports. He added that there is a bright future for this industry.
- The launch will be held across the country from 15th October to 22nd November. Udaipur set to become India's first Wetland City
- Udaipur, 'City of Lakes' known for its enchanting surroundings, lakes, forts, palaces, and historical significance, is in a race to earn the prestigious title of India's first-ever wetland city.
- The city, known for its numerous picturesque lakes, including Lake Pichola, Lake Fateh Sagar, Lake Doodh Talai, Lake Rang Sagar, and Lake Swaroop Sagar, serves as a major tourist attraction.
- Currently, there are 42 wetland cities worldwide. In India, both Udaipur and Bhopal are vying for the remarkable distinction of being recognized as India's first wetland city.

**28. Kerala's first 3D-printed building to be inaugurated**

- Named Amaze-28, Kerala's first building built using 3D printing technology has been inaugurated.
- Inaugurated by revenue minister K Rajan. The building with a 380 sq ft one-room summer house is in Kerala State Nirmithi Kendra (Kesnik) campus at PTP Nagar of Thiruvananthapuram.
- Designed as a demonstration project, Amaze-28 is a model that was completed in just 28 days. The project was completed by Kera State Nirmithi Kendra with the support of Tvasta, a Chennai-based construction tech start-up launched by some IIT-Madras alumni.

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- 3D printing is layer-by-layer printing. In 3D printing basically, there are 3 processing. First is data processing, second is material processing and 3rd is robotic printing.

**29. KVIC celebrates nationwide Khadi Mahotsav**

- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is celebrating a nationwide Khadi Mahotsav from the 2nd to the 31st of October.
- This festival is dedicated to supporting the "Vocal for Local" initiative and the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan'.

**30. Maharashtra government approves to establish Independent ST Commission**

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde approved to establish an Independent Scheduled Tribes Commission for Maharashtra on the lines of the Central Government.
- The proposal was approved in the State Tribal Advisory Council meeting held in Mumbai.
- Along with this, various issues like reorganization of scheduled areas of the state, provision of funds according to population, starting of project office in talukas of tribal districts, and other issues were discussed in the meeting.

**31. Bihar to grant govt employee status to teachers via test**

- Bihar's education department has uploaded the draft of the Bihar School Specialist Teachers Rules 2023.
- It will pave the way for the absorption of teachers appointed since 2006 through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local bodies (ULBs) as state government employees.
- The draft rules have clearly laid down the criteria for seniority and promotion of Specialist Teachers. The seniority list for them will be maintained separately subject-wise for primary, middle, secondary and senior secondary at the district level.
- The basic salary will vary from ₹25,000 to ₹32,000 depending on different grades, besides Dearness Allowance, House Rent Allowance, Medical Allowance and City Transport Allowance, as per the prevailing rates of the State Government.

**32. PM lays foundation stones of various projects worth Rs 4200**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of various development projects worth 4200 crore rupees at Pithoragarh district in Uttarakhand.
- The Central Government is continuously working to bring development in the border villages by developing them under the Vibrant Village Scheme.
- The government took care of people living in remote areas, resulting in 13.5 crore people coming out of poverty in just five years.

**33. Anurag Thakur launches trailer of animated series KTB- Bharat Hain Hum**

- Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur has launched the trailer of enthralling animated series 'Bharat Hain Hum' in New Delhi.
- While addressing the launch of the 'Krish, Trish and Baltiboy – Bharat Hain Hum' series, Anurag Thakur said, "After independence, schools taught about some selective people but there were a lot of people who had a major role in our freedom struggle like Birsa Munda, Rani Abbakka and others, students are unaware of them. From where should people know what has happened in the country? There are many names, like (Rani Abbakka)."
- Central Bureau of Communication to earn revenue for first time with this series. 16th edition of Landscape and Gardening Expo 2023 in Mumbai
- The 16th edition of Landscape and Gardening Expo 2023 was inaugurated by actress Varsha Usgaonkar in Mumbai.

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- This is the first time that Mumbai is hosting such an expo that will see participation from firms dealing in horticulture development, Darjeeling orchidplants, bonsai, ornamental flowers, green roof systems, nursery products, soil substitutes, etc.
- To add value a 'Global Conference on Urban Green Living Concepts' has also been planned for the Landscape, Golf Courses, and Sports Infrastructure industry.
- With an aesthetically appealing landscape, trees, and potted plants being high in demand in Mumbai and its suburbs, the expo aims to promote the idea of green living and popularize the concept of vertical gardening.

**34. Bihar CM launches Rabi Mahabhiyan-2023**

- Bihar CM Nitish Kumar has launched the Rabi Campaign-2023 and flagged off the campaign chariots to all the districts of the state by showing a green flag.
- This campaign has been launched for the success of Rabi-2023.
- Farmers will be informed about the schemes run by the Agriculture Department related to the Rabi season.

**35. 8th edition of Ladakh Zaskar festival Inaugurated**

- Commissioner Secretary Tourism & Culture UT Ladakh, Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan has inaugurated the 8th edition of the two-day Ladakh Zaskar Festival-2023 at Padum in Zaskar, Kargil.
- The 8th edition of the Zaskar festival began with people in traditional attire and exhibition stalls displaying traditional cuisine, attire, lifestyle, ethnicity, and unique Zaskar culture.
- The festival aimed to support traditional folk artists, cultural performers, handloom and handicraft artisans, traditional nomadic life (Doksa), and traditional archery sports besides Ladakh Zaskar Festival-2023 was a celebration of culture, tradition, and unity.

**36. Health Minister inaugurates Nagaland's First Medical College**

- Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated Nagaland's first Medical College- Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR) at Phreibagei in Kohima, Nagaland.
- The institution will add strength to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of creating a healthier and prosperous India.
- NIMSR will not only serve the purpose of providing medical education but also contribute in research and finding solutions to any rare diseases for the people of Nagaland.

**37. Parshottam Rupala inaugurated 10th phase of Sagar Parikrama from Chennai**

- Union Minister for Fisheries Parshottam Rupala has begun the 10th phase of Sagar Parikrama from Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Sagar Parikrama is one of the ambitious projects of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This programme was launched with the goal of understanding the needs and the challenges of fishermen.
- It was a great expectation to travel onboard the Indian Coast Guard ship Sujay.
- The ship will first land at Krishnapattinam where there will be a fish food festival. Later, the Minister will proceed to Nellore.

**38. Jharkhand CM unveils mascot 'Juhi' for Women's Asian Champions 2023**

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren, and President of International Hockey Federation Dato Tayyab Ikram have unveiled the trophy and event mascot 'Juhi' for the hockey Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023 at the Project Bhawan in Dhurva, Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- The mascot, named 'Juhi' is inspired by the popular elephant at Betla National Park.
- Six countries— India, Japan, South Korea, China, Malaysia and Thailand - will participate in the championship to be held in Ranchi from October 27 to November 5.

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**39. India to push developed nations to become carbon-negative before 2050**

- India wants to push developed nations to become carbon negative rather than carbon neutral by 2050, arguing that would allow emerging market economies more time to use fossil fuels for development needs.
- India, which is resisting calls to commit to a deadline for phasing out its own use of coal and other fossil fuels, is set to make its proposal at the COP28 climate summit in Dubai later this year.
- Developed countries including the United States, Britain, Canada, and Japan are targeting net zero by 2050. China has committed to net zero by 2060 while India has committed to reaching that goal by 2070.
- COP28 is scheduled to take place between Nov 30 and Dec 12. Female Labour Force Participation Rate in India improved to 37%
- The Female Labour Force Participation Rate in the country has improved significantly by 4.2 percentage points to 37 per cent this year.
- This was revealed in the data released by the Statistics and Programme Implementation Ministry in its Periodic Labour Force Survey Report 2022-23.
- According to the data shared by the Women and Child Development Ministry, the female labour force participation rate increased from 23.3 per cent in 2017-18 to 24.5 per cent in 2018-19; 30 per cent in 2019-20 to 32.5 per cent in 2020-21 and 32.8 per cent in 2021-22 to 37 per cent in 2022-23. PM Narendra Modi releases new Garba Song "Maadi"
- On the auspicious occasion of Navrati, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released a new Garba song titled "Maadi".
- The song, penned by PM Modi, is sung by Divya Kumar and is composed by the Meet Bros.

**40. UP CM unveils freedom fighter Raja Rao statue in Unnao**

- Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath has unveiled the equestrian statue of freedom fighter Raja Rao Rambaksh Singh in Daundiyakheda village of UP's Unnao district.
- He also laid the foundation stone of development projects worth Rs 804 crore in Unnao.
- As per the Sanatan Dharma tradition, the period of 'Pitrapaksha' is dedicated to showing gratitude towards our ancestors and it is a matter of great pride that during this period we are unveiling the statue of the eminent freedom fighter, Raja Rambaksh Singh, whose heroic efforts ignited the flame of independence.

**41. Amit Shah inaugurated Samau Shaheed Memorial and Library in Gujarat**

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the Samau Shaheed Memorial and Library in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- During the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Prime Minister Narendra Modi started initiatives to build memorials of countless unsung martyrs across the country who sacrificed their lives in the 90 years of freedom struggle from 1857 to 1947 and revive their history so that the youth and the new generation could draw inspiration from them.

**42. Bhopal's Mahila Thana became country's first to get ISO certification**

- The Mahila thana (women police station) of Bhopal became the first women-centric police station across the entire country to be conferred with the ISO 9001:2015 certificate.
- Bhopal Mahila Thana has been pulling out all the stops to curb women-related crimes. The Mahila thana has improved a lot on its part in registering grievances of the complainants, comforting them, and probing cases.

**43. Tamil Nadu's first AI-based early warning system for elephant**

- Tamil Nadu is close to completing its first artificial intelligence (AI)-based early warning system designed to protect wild elephants from train collisions along the Ettimadai-Walayar railway section.
- This initiative involves the installation of 12 e-surveillance towers equipped with thermal imaging cameras to monitor elephant movements.
- The towers for thermal imaging cameras have been installed in the highly vulnerable area of 7.05 km of Ettimadai-Walayar section, passing through Solakkarai reserve forest of Madukkarai range, covering 2.9 km in the 'A' line and 4.15 km in the 'B' line.
- Objective - To achieve the goal of 'zero elephant deaths' on railway tracks in the region.



**44. President Murmu launched 4th Agriculture Road Map of Bihar**

- President Droupadi Murmu has launched the 4th Agriculture Road Map of Patna, Bihar.
- Several new specifications have been added to the new Agriculture Roadmap which will be implemented during 2023 to 2028.
- In this five-year plan we will promote agriculture taking into account the geographical and soil-related virtues of different regions.
- With this projection the state will be able to ensure low-cost farming and increase productivity in crops like paddy, wheat, makhana and others.

**45. RK Singh launched dashboard for Data on Adoption and Forecasts**

- Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister RK Singh launched the EV-Ready India Dashboard in New Delhi.
- The dashboard has forecast a 45 percent growth in electric vehicles by 2030.
- According to the Power and New and Renewable Energy Ministry, the dashboard is a free digital platform focusing on near real-time electric vehicle adoption and forecasts, associated battery demand, charging density, and market growth trends.
- The dashboard is expected to facilitate greater inclusion across audiences, for the industry, policymakers and end users of electric vehicles.

**46. Amul's 'Be More Milk' campaign goes global at Time Square**

- Amul said its 'Be More Milk' campaign had made a big splash at New York's Times Square, the world-famous intersection that sports massive digital screens.
- The campaign displayed the 'Be More Milk' message in a colourful and animated billboard that grabbed the attention of passersby and lit up the iconic intersection in a unique way.
- Famously known as the melting pot of cultures from all over the world, this setting played a special role in the launch of this campaign, internationally.

**47. PM Modi launched 511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched 511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras in Maharashtra through video conferencing.
- These centers being established across 34 rural districts of the state, will conduct skill development training programs across various sectors to provide employment opportunities to rural youth.
- Each centre will train about 100 youngsters in at least two vocational courses. Dharmendra Pradhan launches India Skills 2023 competition
- Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the India Skills 2023 competition in New Delhi.
- The skill competition is important in showcasing the unique and varied talents of the nation's youth. The future of India's education lies in skill development over conventional rote learning.
- The New Education Policy will bring skill upscaling and rescaling to meet the market needs and boost employability.

**48. UP government to organize three-day 'Sri Anna Mahotsav'**

- The Uttar Pradesh government will organize Sri Anna Mahotsav in the state capital from October 27 to 29 to promote the use of millet.
- Farmers doing good work for the production of millets would be felicitated on the occasion.
- Fifty progressive farmers from each division will take part in the event which is aimed at creating awareness among people and farmers with regard to the cultivation and consumption of millets in the state.

### Chapter 13: Current Affairs (International)

#### 1. India to unveil largest BR Ambedkar statue in Maryland, USA

- India will unveil the largest statue of BR Ambedkar outside India in Maryland, North America on October 14.
- According to the Ambedkar International Center (AIC) who is the organizer of the project informed that the 19-foot statue, named Statue of Equality has been made by renowned artist and sculptor Ram Sutar.
- He also constructed the Sardar Patel statue in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The statue of Ambedkar, the key architect of India's Constitution built on 13 acres of land in Accokeek City Maryland.
- The 132nd birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was celebrated as Ambedkar Jayanti in India on April 14, 2023.

#### 2. Israel launches operation 'Iron Swords' after Hamas' surprise attack

- The Israel Defence Forces has launched Operation 'Iron Swords' in response to Hamas's surprise attack on Israel.
- IDF is striking Hamas targets in Gaza. "In response to the barrages of rockets launched by Hamas from Gaza at Israel, the IDF is currently striking Hamas targets in Gaza.
- Operation Iron Swords is Israel's retaliation for a surprise attack by Hamas, a Palestinian Islamist militant organization on Israel.

#### 3. S Jaishankar unveils bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Tao Dan Park in Vietnam

- External Affairs Minister, Dr. S Jaishankar unveiled the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Tao Dan Park in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
- The unveiling of the bust is a symbolic moment for the friendship between India and Vietnam and underlines the message of independence, self-reliance, and human dignity.
- Mahatma Gandhi's contributions to truth, non-violence, and the freedom and independence of people have been recognized the UN by proclaiming his birthday as the International Day of Non-Violence.

### Chapter 14: Banking & Financial

#### 1. SIDBI to launch app-based 'invoice financing' loans platform

- With an aim to enhance the economic and financial sustainability of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME), the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is in the process of launching an app-based 'invoice financing' loans platform 'GST Sahay'.
- The MSMEs are vital for the economic growth and development of India. They (MSMEs) create jobs and contribute enormously to the socio-economic development of the country.

#### 2. Karnataka Bank launches "Doorstep Gold loan facility" with Sahi Bandhu

- **Karnataka Bank** has partnered with **Sahi Bandhu**, an aggregator platform for gold loans backed by the Manipal Group, to launch a 'doorstep gold loan' facility named 'KBL-Swarna Bandhu'.
- The bank will be able to provide gold loan services at the customer's doorstep through this product. Initially, the product will be available to customers in select centres of the bank and will be gradually rolled out to all branches
- Sahi Bandhu will act as a corporate business correspondent and a lending service provider.

**3. GST collection hits ₹1.62 trillion in September**

- Central and state governments collected Rs 1,62,712 crore in goods and services tax (GST) in September, marking the fourth highest monthly collection since the inception of the indirect tax regime and a 10% annual growth from the year-ago period.
- Overall, GST receipts so far this year are in line with the 10.5% nominal GDP growth rate projected by the finance ministry and reflect the trends in tax administration efficiency as well as consumption.
- After the settlement of taxes on inter-state sales, the central government received ₹63,555 crore while states received ₹65,235 crore in September.
- Proceeds from the GST cess levied on items like high-end automobiles stood at a robust ₹11,613 crore

**4. SBI launches Mobile Device for banking convenience**

- The State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a 'Mobile Handheld Device' as part of its financial inclusion drive in a bid to improve accessibility and convenience.
- The drive "aims to empower financial inclusion and extend essential banking services to the masses."
- In its first stage, the gadget will offer five main banking services that account for 75 percent of transactions at CSP outlets.

**5. Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- PhonePe launched its own app store platform Indus Appstore
- Utkarsh Small Finance Bank launched of Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) Using UPI on ATMs
- Axis Bank Launched 'NEO For Business' Ban Platform for MSMEs
- Ujjivan SFB launched Maxima Savings Account & Business Maxima Current Account
- ACKO Insurance introduced the 'Platinum Health Plan'

**6. RBI revealed its fourth bi-monthly Monetary Policy**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revealed its fourth bi-monthly monetary policy. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), led by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.
- Currently, Repo rate is at 6.5 percent, Reverse Repo at 3.35 percent and Bank rate is at 6.75 percent.
- The MPC last raised this rate by 25 bps to 6.50% at its meeting in February 2023. Announcing the bi-monthly monetary policy, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said the transmission of 250 bps repo rate cut is still incomplete.
- The Real GDP growth projection for FY24 remains unchanged at 6.5%. Similarly, inflation for FY24 is projected at 5.4%, unchanged from earlier.
- Preventing food and fuel price shocks are a non-negotiable necessity, the Governor said.

**7. RBI Repo Rate are as under -**

- Policy Repo Rate – 6.50%
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) - 6.25%
- Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) - 6.75%
- Bank Rate - 6.75%
- Reverse Repo Rate – 3.35%
- Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) – 4.50%
- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) – 18%

**8. IDFC FIRST Bank and Outlook Group launched "Outlook Money 40After40"**

- Outlook Group has launched its highly anticipated retirement planning event "40After40" in association with IDFC FIRST Bank.

- The plan is to provide invaluable insights and expert guidance to individuals, helping them make informed decisions to secure a prosperous retirement.
- It's a one-stop shop for all conversations around timely retirement, panel discussions, chats, master classes, interactions with planners, product presentations, etc.

**9. SBI Foundation and Villgro Join Forces to Support Entrepreneurship**

- SBI Foundation, under its flagship program, SBIF LEAP (Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Accelerator Program) has announced the Innovators for Bharat initiative to provide support to high-impact incubators.
- This initiative will offer support to startups working to address pressing development challenges in the country.
- Under this initiative, the SBI Foundation has recently partnered with Villgro, a social enterprise incubator, for a new program, 'Innovators for Bharat: Climate Resilient Agricultural Livelihoods'.

**10. Yes Bank becomes first lender to offer 'ONDC Network Gift Card'**

- Yes Bank has taken a significant leap forward in the digital commerce space by introducing the ONDC Network Gift Card. This move makes YES Bank the first bank in the country to issue such a card.
- In partnership with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), this initiative aims to transform the shopping experience for Indian consumers.
- The ONDC Network Gift Card is open for sponsorship and utilization by corporate and individual customers, enabling them to extend thoughtful gestures to their customers, employees, or for their loved ones. This card leverages the Rupay network and offers the flexibility to load up to Rs 10,000.

**11. Indian Navy & SBI launches unique NAV-eCash card for online transactions**

- Indian Navy and the State Bank of India have launched the 'Nav-eCash' card, a unique e-cash card that can work in both online and offline mode.
- India is leading the world with over 100 billion digital financial transactions being recorded annually and the number is steadily growing.
- This is a giant step as India eyes complete Self-reliance and digital transformation. The SBI Nav-eCash card will be implemented pan Navy.

**12. GST Council hikes age limit for Appellate Tribunals' president**

- The tenure of the president of the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) has been increased to 70 years of age from 67 years earlier, revealed the GST Council in its 52nd meeting.
- The Council also added that the members can hold their post till they attain the age of 67 years as opposed to 65 years earlier.
- The minimum age for the president and members has been set to 50 years by the Council. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman pointed out that the advocates should have a minimum experience of 10 years to become judicial members.

**13. RBI stops Bank of Baroda from adding new customers on its Mobile App**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed the Bank of Baroda (BoB) to stop on-boarding new customers into its mobile banking facility – 'bob World' — with immediate effect.
- The action is based on certain material supervisory concerns observed in the manner of onboarding of their customers onto this mobile application.
- In order to add customers, the bank will have to rectify the existing deficiencies observed and strengthen the process according to the RBI standards.
- BoB assured that existing customers would not face any disruption and would continue to have uninterrupted services on the mobile app.

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**14. IMF raises India's FY24 growth forecast to 6.3% from 6.1%**

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has raised its FY24 growth projection for India by 20 basis points to 6.3 percent, citing stronger-than-expected consumption between April and June.
- India is one of the large emerging economies that (have) been doing better than expected for quite a while now. (It) is one of the one of the growth engines in the world economy.
- The IMF's latest World Economic Outlook (WEO) kept its global growth forecast unchanged at 3 percent for 2023 and pared down the 2024 projection by 10 basis points to 2.9 percent.
- Growth in India is projected to remain strong, at 6.3 percent in both 2023 (FY24) and 2024 (FY25), with an upward revision of 0.2 percentage (points) for 2023 (FY24), reflecting stronger-than-expected consumption during April-June.

**15. RBI raises monetary ceiling of gold loans for UCBs**

- In order to remove difficulties faced by the Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs), the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the monetary ceiling of gold loans under Bullet Repayment Scheme from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 4 lakh for UCBs.
- The move will strengthen cooperatives and treat them on par with other economic entities.
- The RBI announced the increase in the monetary ceiling of gold loans that can be granted under the bullet repayment scheme from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 4 lakh for UCBs who have met the overall PSL target and sub-targets as of March 31.
- The Ministry of Cooperation recently had also taken another historic decision to provide funds to the registrar of cooperatives of states and Union Territories (UTs) and Agriculture and Rural Development Banks (ARDBs) by the Center for Computerization.

**16. 18 lakh accounts under Mahila Samman Savings Certificate opened**

- Over 18 lakh accounts to the tune of over 11 thousand crore rupees have been opened under Mahila Samman Savings Certificate 2023 across the country.
- The new scheme Mahila Samman Savings Certificate was launched on 1st April this year.
- The two-year tenure scheme offers an attractive and fixed interest of 7.5 percent interest compounded quarterly.

**17. RBI plan to include PM Vishwakarma Scheme beneficiaries in PIDF Scheme**

- Reserve Bank Governor has decided to include PM Vishwakarma under the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) Scheme as well as extend the tenure of the scheme by another two years.
- It is now proposed to extend the PIDF Scheme by a further period of two years, that is up to December 31, 2025, the RBI said while announcing a bi-monthly monetary policy.
- Operationalized in January 2021, the PIDF Scheme aims at incentivizing the deployment of payment acceptance infrastructure such as physical Point of Sale (PoS), Quick Response (QR) codes in tier-3 to tier-6 centres, north-eastern states and Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

**18. Retail inflation eased to 5.02% in September from 6.83% in August**

- India's retail inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), declined to a three-month low of 5.02% in September due to easing food prices, according to data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO).
- The inflation has come back to the Reserve Bank of India's comfort level of below 6% after a gap of two months.
- In July 2023, India's CPI stood at 7.44%, while in August 2023, it was at 6.83%.
- Industrial output as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) was 10.3% in August 2023. Factory output measured in terms of the IIP had contracted by 0.7% in August 2022.
- The data showed that the manufacturing sector's output increased by 9.3% in August 2023. Mining production rose 12.3% during the month under review.

**19. RBI imposes 1 crore penalty on Union Bank of India**

- The RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on Union Bank of India for non-compliance with directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions.'

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- Examination of the financials for FY21 revealed that the bank sanctioned a term loan to a corporation in lieu of or to substitute budgetary resources envisaged for certain projects, and without undertaking due diligence on the viability of the projects.
- It also fined RBL Bank for an amount of ₹64 lakh for violation of norms on regulatory approval for the acquisition of shares or voting rights in private sector banks.
- The lender failed to obtain the annual declaration in Form B from one of its major shareholders, within one month of the close of FY18, FY19, and FY20.

**20. ICICI Bank introduces 'iFinance, a One-Stop Solution**

- ICICI Bank has launched 'iFinance', which will enable customers, both retail and sole proprietors, to get a consolidated view of their savings and current accounts in one place.
- 'iFinance' provides a single-view dashboard of all accounts. Users can check account balances, get valuable insights on spending patterns, download statements and more.
- The dashboard offers significant convenience to users and assists them to exercise better control over expenses and monitor their finances in a seamless manner.

**21. Rasper.ai Unveils World's First AI Wallet**

- Rasper.ai, a pioneering force in the cryptocurrency industry, is thrilled to introduce the world's first AI-integrated crypto wallet, the Rasper Wallet, accompanied by an exclusive RASP token presale.
- The Rasper AI Wallet is an unparalleled fusion of artificial intelligence (AI) and blockchain technology, redefining the very essence of a cryptocurrency wallet.

**22. Why Choose the Rasper Wallet?**

- As demonstrated above, the Rasper Wallet sets an unprecedented standard in the world of crypto wallets by offering a multitude of exclusive intelligent features, all while guaranteeing that users retain uncompromised control over their assets.

**23. RBI cancels Registration Certificate of Ind Bank Housing Ltd**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the Certificate of Registration of Chennai-based Ind Bank Housing Ltd.
- Indian Bank and HUDCO (Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd) are major shareholders in the housing finance company, holding 51 percent and 25 percent stake, respectively.
- The company was set up in 1991.
- The housing finance company's net loss widened to ₹55.78 lakh in FY23 against ₹12.93 lakh in FY22. The balance loss carried to balance sheet stood at ₹135.70 crore in FY23 against ₹135.15 crore in FY22, per the HFC's annual report.

**24. Federal Bank launched the 'Mookkannoor Mission' initiative at its founder's village**

- The Federal Bank has inaugurated the 'Mookkannoor Mission', an initiative under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, on the 106th birth anniversary of its Founder KP Hormis.
- Mookkannoor, a village in Ernakulam district, is the birthplace of the Founder.
- The Bank adopted a comprehensive plan of digitizing the entire village as well as a cleanliness drive that includes waste management, tree plantation, community development, renewable energy projects, etc that will be implemented in stages.

**25. RBI imposed penalty on ICICI Bank, and Kotak Mahindra Bank for violation of norms**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of ₹12.19 crore on ICICI Bank and ₹3.95 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank for non-compliance of certain regulatory norms.

- The penalty on private sector lender ICICI Bank has been imposed for contravention of norms related to 'Loans and Advances-Statutory and Other Restrictions' and 'Frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks and select FIs'.
- The penalty on Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited has been imposed for contravention of directions related to "Managing Risks and Code of Conduct in outsourcing of Financial Services by banks", "Recovery Agents engaged by Banks", "Customer Service in Banks", and "Loans and Advances - Statutory and Other Restrictions".

### Chapter 15: Committee

Committee	Headed by	Purpose
28th Meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee	RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan J	To review the flow of credit to <b>Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises - MSME sector</b>

### Chapter 16: Defence News

#### 1. Taiwan reveals first domestically made submarine in defense milestone

- **Taiwan unveiled its first domestically developed submarine**, a major step in a project aimed at strengthening the island's defence and deterrence against the Chinese navy, though it won't enter service for another two years.
- Taiwan, which China claims as its own territory, has made the indigenous submarine programme a key part of an ambitious project to modernize its armed forces as Beijing stages almost daily military exercises to assert its sovereignty.
- President Tsai Ing-wen, who initiated the plan when she took office in 2016, showed off the first of eight new submarines in the southern city of Kaohsiung.
- The first submarine, with a price tag of T\$49.36 billion (\$1.53 billion), will use a combat system by Lockheed Martin Corp (LMTN) and carry US-made Mark 48 heavyweight torpedoes. It will enter sea trials next month before delivery to the navy by the end of 2024.

#### 2. Indian Army wins gold medal in Cambrian Patrol 2023 military exercise

- The Indian Army has won a gold medal at the Cambrian Patrol Competition 2023 International Military Exercise in Wales, UK.
- A team from 3/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force) represented the Indian Army at the prestigious Cambrian Patrol Exercise in Wales, UK, the Army said.
- The Indian Army team participated in the event and competed against a total of 111 teams, which included 38 international teams representing Special Forces and prestigious regiments from around the world.

#### 3. Pakistan successfully tests medium-range 'Ababeel Weapon System'

- Pakistan has successfully conducted the flight test of the 'Ababeel Weapon System' to further strengthen its deterrence.
- The latest test of the ballistic missile system was aimed at "re-validating various design, technical parameters, and performance evaluation of different sub-systems."
- The Ababeel missile has a length of 21.5 meters and a diameter of 1.7 meters and is designed to carry both conventional and nuclear warheads.

Defence Exercise	Between	About
The 30th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)	Singapore-India	The exercise witnessed the signing of a <b>Joint Standard Operating Procedure on Submarine Rescue</b> between India and Singapore in the presence of the <b>High Commissioner of India to Singapore and the Singapore Navy Fleet Commander</b> .
Indo-Bangla joint exercise SAMPRITI-XI	India and Bangladesh	The exercise -- " <b>SAMPRITI-XI</b> " - promises to further enhance the <b>defence cooperation between India and Bangladesh, fostering deeper bilateral relations, cultural understanding and mutual benefits</b> from shared experiences.
The annual Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief 'Chakrawat' exercise	The Indian Navy	The ' <b>CHAKRAVAT</b> ' 9 exercise involves the participation of the <b>three-armed forces, paramilitary forces and several disaster response organizations</b> .
A two-day comprehensive Coastal Security Exercise 'Sagar Kavach' involving all maritime security agencies	The Indian Navy in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry	The exercise aimed to assess the <b>efficacy and robustness of the coastal security mechanism</b> While dealing with an " <b>asymmetric threat</b> " emanating from the sea.

### Chapter 17: Sports News

#### 1. India wins gold medal in women's 25m pistol team event

- The Indian women's 25m pistol team consisting of Manu Bhaker, Esha Singh, and Rhythm Sangwan secured a gold medal at the Asian Games.
- The trio achieved a total score of 1759, claiming the top spot of the podium.
- Chinese team secured the silver medal with a total score of 1756, while South Korea's shooters secured the bronze medal for the third position with an overall score of 1742.

#### 2. ICC announces official mascots for Cricket World Cup 2023

- ICC After fans around the globe participated in voting, the names of the two official ICC mascots have been revealed, ahead of the 2023 Cricket World Cup in India.
- The ICC has announced that 'Blaze' and 'Tonk' have been unanimously chosen as the names of the mascot duo.
- 'Blaze' is a female mascot, bowling at rapid pace, leaving batters in sheer awe. She is adorned with a belt carrying six power cricket orbs, each meticulously prepared for various game-changing tactics.
- 'Tonk' is a male mascot, with icy-cool composure, making him a batting champion. Tonk has an electromagnetic bat and versatile shot repertoire, lighting up the grandest stage.

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**3. India beats Pakistan to bag gold medal in men's squash team event**

- India has won a gold medal in men's squash team event after beating Pakistan 2-1 at the Asian Games.
- In a tightly contested match, the team led by Abhav Singh outperformed their rivals in the final round. The best-of-three tie started with Mahesh M losing to Nasir Iqbal in straight games – 8-11, 3-11, 2-11.
- Saurav Ghosal, however, pulled the contest square with his 11-5, 11-1, 11-3 victory over Muhammad Asim. The decider between Abhav Singh and Noor Zaman stretched the full distance but the Indian eventually prevailed 11-7, 9-11, 7-11, 11-9, 12-10.

**4. India bagged gold medal by Men's Team in 50m Rifle 3P event**

- Shooters Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar, Swapnil Kusale, and Akhil Sheoran clinched gold in the men's 50m rifle 3P team event in the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.
- With a score of 1769 points, Team India secured the gold.
- While, the woman's Team of Divya Thadigol, Esha Singh, and Palak won the Silver Medal in the 10m Air Pistol Women's team event.

**5. Murali Sreeshankar wins silver medal in men's long jump at Asian Games 2023**

- India's Murali Sreeshankar won a silver medal in the men's long jump event at the Hangzhou Asian Games with a best jump of 8.19 meters.
- Wang Jianan of China won the gold medal with a jump of 8.22 meters.
- Murali Sreeshankar's personal and season's best jump is 8.41 meters, which ranks him fourth globally and second among Asian athletes.
- Another Indian athlete Jesswin Aldrin finished eighth in the same event with a best jump of 7.76 metres.

**6. Indian men's, women's teams bag bronze in roller skating**

- Indian roller skaters clinched two bronze medals in men's and women's 3000m team relay events to match their best ever performance at the Asian Games 2023.
- The women's team of Sanjana Bathula, Karthika Jagadeeswaran, Heeral Sadhu and Aarathy Kasturi Raj opened India's account on the ninth day of competitions, finishing with a timing of 4:34.861s.
- The Indian quartet finished behind gold medallists Chinese Taipei (4:19.447) and South Korea (4:21.146).
- Aryanpal Singh Ghuman, Anandkumar Velkumar, Siddhant Kamble and Vikram Ingale then sealed a second bronze with a timing of 4:10.128 in men's team relay.
- Chinese Taipei (4:05.692) and South Korea (4:05.702) took the top-two spots.

**7. Tajinderpal Singh Toor wins Gold in Shotput**

- India's Tajinderpal Singh Toor has won gold in men's shot put at the Hangzhou Asian Games. Toor won India its second track and field gold in the event.
- Toor got started with a monster first throw which landed around the 20m mark, but it was deemed a no-throw. His second throw was also ruled out. Toor managed his first legal throw in his third attempt, registering 19.51m, by which time Saudi Arabia's Mohamed Daouda Tolo was leading the field with a best throw of 19.93m.

**8. Aditi Ashok clinches historic silver in individual Golf event**

- India's star golfer Aditi Ashok has created history by clinching a first-ever medal in the women's individual event at the 19th Asian Games.
- Aditi won a silver medal with -17 at Par. Indian women's golfers had never won a medal in Asian Games before.
- India has only two individual gold medals in golf by Lakshman Singh (1982) and Shiv Kapur (2002). India's most recent golf medal came in 2010, at the Guangzhou Asian Games in China.
- Thailand's Arpichaya Yubol bagged gold with -19 at Par. South Korea's Hyunjo Yoo secured a bronze medal in the women's individual event with -16 at Par.

**9. Avinash Sable wins gold in men's 3000m steeplechase**

- **India's Avinash Sable** has won the **gold medal in the men's 3000m steeplechase at the Hangzhou Asian Games.**
- He took top honours with a timing of 8:19:50s, breaking the Games record along the way.
- Sable's medal is India's 12th gold at this edition of the Asian Games and the first track and field gold in Hangzhou.

**10. India win gold in Trap men's team event**

- The Indian men's team comprising of **Kynan Chenai, Zoravar Singh Sandhu and Prithviraj Tondaiman** has **claimed gold in the Trap event.**
- The Indian trio secured 361 points in total as compared to Kuwait's 352 and China's 346.
- This was India's 21st medal in shooting at the Asian Games 2023.
- India was able to fend off competition from Kuwait and China to secure the top spot on the podium to take the tally in shooting to 21 medals with 7 gold, 9 silver, and 5 bronze.

**11. Indian-origin Pereira wins Singapore's 1st Athletics Asian Games Gold**

- **Shanti Pereira** has won **Singapore's first Asian Games athletics gold medal** for almost 50 years in the **women's 200m final in Hangzhou.**
- Indians have been bringing a rich medal haul in athletics at the Asian Games, but there has not been success in the sprints - the 100m and 200m races.
- Shanti Pereira, therefore, was a name that stood out on the winners' list on the giant screen at the end of the 200m final. Earlier, Shanti had won a silver in the 100m final.

**12. Parul Chaudhary wins gold in women's 5000m race**

- **India's Parul Chaudhary** made history as she became the **first woman from her country to win the 5000m race at the Asian Games 2023.**
- This is Chaudhary's second medal at this Asiad after her silver in the women's 3000m steeplechase race.
- Chaudhary clocked a time of 15:14.75 ahead of Ririka's 15:15.34 and Kazakhstan's Caroline Chepkoech Kipkirui (15:23.12). Chaudhary's compatriot Ankit finished fifth with a time of 15:33.03.
- Chaudhary and Sable are the only two Indian athletes to win gold medals in track and field events at these Games in Hangzhou, China.

**13. ICC names Sachin Tendulkar as 'Global Ambassador' for ODI World Cup**

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar as the 'Global Ambassador' for the Cricket World Cup 2023.
- Sachin, who has participated in a record six 50-over World Cups, will unveil the World Cup trophy before the inaugural match between England and New Zealand, thereby officially opening the tournament.
- The largest Cricket World Cup ever will also feature an eclectic group of ICC ambassadors, including West Indies legend Vivian Richards, South Africa's AB de Villiers, England's World Cup-winning captain Eoin Morgan, Australia's Aaron Finch, Sri Lanka's spin wizard Muttiah Muralitharan, New Zealand's Ross Taylor, India's Suresh Raina and former captain Mithali Raj, as well as Pakistan all-rounder Mohammad Hafeez.

**14. Annu Rani wins gold in women's javelin throw**

- India's **Annu Rani** has won the gold medal in the women's javelin throw with a 69.92m throw at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.
- She became the first Indian woman to win a javelin gold in Asian Games history.

- Sri Lanka's Nadeesha Dilhan Lekamge Hatarabage won the silver medal with 61.57 metres throw, and China's Huihui Lyu won bronze with 61.29 metres throw.
- Rani started with a 56.99m throw in her first attempt and followed it with a 60+ in the next one. Her 61.28m throw in the second attempt put her in the medal contention but her 62.92m throw in the fourth attempt turned out to be insufficient for a gold. Rani's first-place finish secured India its 15th gold.

**15. Jyothi-Ojas pair wins compound mixed team gold**

- Indian players Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Pravin Ojas Deotale have won gold in the Compound Archery Mixed Team event in the Asian Games 2023.
- Jyothi-Pravin defeated the South Korean pair in a close encounter by one point 159-158. This is the first gold for Archery in the ongoing Asian Games.
- In addition, Indian race walkers Manju Rani and Ram Baboo also won the bronze medal in the 35km race walk mixed team event.

**16. Rest of India won the 2023 Irani Cup by 175 runs**

- Rest of India has won the Irani Cup 2023 by defeating Saurashtra by 175 runs. This was Rest of India's 30th Irani Cup title.
- The match took place at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot, Gujarat.
- The Irani Cup marks the beginning of the Indian domestic cricket season.
- Hanuma Vihari led Rest of India, while Jaydev Unadkat captained Saurashtra.
- About Irani Cup

**17. Neeraj Chopra wins Gold, Jena Silver at Asian Games 2023**

- India celebrated a remarkable 1-2 finish in the Men's Javelin Throw competition at the Asian Games 2023, held at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Park Main Stadium in the People's Republic of China.
- Neeraj Chopra secured the gold medal, while Kishore Kumar Jena clinched the silver, showcasing their exceptional talent on the grand continental stage.
- Neeraj Chopra, the reigning champion, delivered an outstanding performance by achieving a season's best throw of 88.88 meters.

**18. India wins gold in Trap men's team event**

- Indian shooters wrapped up their historic campaign at the Asian Games 2023 with gold and silver medal in the men's and women's trap shooting team events, respectively, in Hangzhou.
- Kynan Chenai, Zoravar Singh Sandhu and Prithviraj Toindaman won the gold medal for India in the men's trap team with an Asian Games record of 361.
- The women's trap team of Manisha Keer, Preeti Rajak and Rajeshwari Kumari won silver with a combined score of 337.
- Medals in the trap team events at the Shotgun Ranges were awarded on the basis of cumulative scores of the shooters from each country in the qualifying round.
- Kynan Chenai missed just three shots in the qualifying round and topped with 122/125.

**19. Boxer Preeti Pawar settles for bronze in 54kg Weight Category**

- India's Preeti Pawar won the bronze medal in the women's 54kg category in boxing at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.
- She lost to China's Yuan Chang 0-5 on points in the semi-final at the Hangzhou Gymnasium.
- Preeti became the second boxer to win the bronze medal after Nikhat Zareen. It's pertinent to note that Chang is the reigning Asian Games gold medallist.

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**20. Indian men's football team wins SAFF Under-19 Championship**

- In Football, India won the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-19 Championship after defeating Pakistan 3-0 in a dominating display in the final at the Dashrath Rangasala Stadium in Kathmandu.
- Manglenthang Kipgen and Gwngwmsar Goyary scored for India.
- The first half ended goalless courtesy of an excellent defensive display by the Green Shirts but they could not keep up the same intensity throughout as India opened their account in the 64th minute. The game went in India's favour as they were up by three goals.

**21. Table Tennis players won bronze medal in women's doubles tournament**

- Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee have won the bronze medal in the women's doubles in table tennis in the ongoing Asian Games in Hangzhou.
- The Indian duo lost to the North Korean pair of Sugyong Pak and Suyong Cha 11-7, 8-11, 11-7, 8-11, 9-11, 11-5, 2-11 in the semi-final at the Gongshu Canal Sports Park Gymnasium Table 1.
- Aykhika and Sutirtha fought hard for 59 minutes before going down. Athlete walks 100 m on slackline in less than two minutes, sets world record
- An athlete from China broke the world record for the 'fastest 100 metres slackline walk'.
- Shi Hailin accomplished this feat by walking on a slackline suspended 100 metres above the ground between two hills in only 1 minute 14.198 seconds.
- With this, he surpassed the previous record of 1 minute 59.73 seconds held by Lucas Milliard of France in 2016.
- The world record took place 1,600 m above sea level at the Guanyindang camp in Mount Wugong, Pingxiang. Though Hailin walked more than 222 m in total, he was timed specifically within a marked 100 m area.

**22. Arjun Singh and Sunil Singh Salam win bronze in Asian Games 2023**

- India won the bronze medal in the men's canoe double 1000m event at the Asian Games.
- The India duo of Arjun Singh and Sunil Singh finished third with a timing of 3:53.329.
- Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan won gold and silver respectively. Indian men's hockey team Clinches Gold at Asian Games 2023
- Indian men's hockey team dished out a clinical performance to reclaim the Asian Games gold medal after a nine-year wait as they thumped Japan 5-1 in the final in Hangzhou.
- Indian captain Harmanpreet Singh scored twice in the final, converting two penalty corners after Manpreet Singh had given India the lead with a bullet reverse strike in the second quarter.
- India led 2-0 at half-time, and Amit Rohidas converted another penalty corner to triple India's lead.

**23. Dipika Pallikal, and Harinder Pal Sandhu clinch gold in Squash Mixed**

- Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Sandhu won gold medal in Mixed Doubles Squash event defeating Malaysian pair by 2-0 in the final.
- Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Sandhu defeated Malaysia's Aifa Azman-Mohd Syafiq Kamal 2-0 (11-10, 11-10) in the mixed doubles final.
- Aifa Azman and Mohd Syafiq Kamal, both gold medallists in team events at the Asian Games, began aggressively and didn't let the Indian pair settle.

**24. Indian team wins gold in men's 4x400m relay in Asian Games 2023**

- The Indian quartet won the gold medal in the men's 4x400m relay at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou.
- The team comprising of Amoj Jacob, Muhammed Anas Yahya, Rajesh Ramesh and Muhammad Ajmal Variyathodi finished with a time of 3:01.58.
- India qualified for the finals by clocking the fastest time of 3:03.81 minutes in the heat 1 ahead of Qatar, Japan, and Iraq.
- India also holds the Area Record in the event achieved by the same quartet at the recently concluded Athletics World Championships in Belgium.
- The team clocked 2:59.05 minutes to qualify for the finals behind the eventual champion USA in that event.

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**25. Jyothi Surekha Vennam wins Gold in Women's Archery at Asian Games 2023**

- India's Jyothi Surekha Vennam won the gold medal in the women's individual compound archery event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.
- Jyothi defeated So Chaewon of South Korea 149-145 in the final to complete a hat-trick of gold medals, having already won titles in the women's and mixed team events.

**26. Sonam Malik bags bronze in women's freestyle 62kg category**

- Indian grappler Sonam Malik took home a bronze medal in women's freestyle 62kg category by China's Long Jia at the ongoing 19th Asian Games.
- This achievement marks India's third wrestling bronze medal in this edition of the Asian Games.
- Earlier, Sunil Kumar had secured a bronze in the Greco-Roman category, and Antim Panghal had won a bronze in the women's 53kg category.

**27. Indian Women's Kabaddi Team Clinches Gold at Asian Games 2023**

- India achieved the magical figure of 100 medals at the ongoing Asian Games after the women's kabaddi team defeated Chinese Taipei 26-25 in a thrilling final to clinch gold in Hangzhou, China.
- India was held to a 34-34 draw by the same opponent in the group stage but the women in blue managed to run down the clock with a one-point lead at the end in the summit clash.

**28. Ojas Deotale is Nagpur's First Asian Games Gold Medalist**

- India's first world champion in an individual archery event, Ojas Pravin Deotale, is now Nagpur's first sports person to win an Asian Games medal after he created history by clinching a gold in the mixed team compound event at Hangzhou.
- The 21-year-old city boy paired up with Jyothi Vennam Surekha and surprised archery powerhouse South Korea to win the first archery gold for India in the 19th edition of the Games.
- In the gold-medal match of the mixed-team event, the Indian duo of Ojas and Jyothi defeated Korean duo of Chaewon So and Jaehoon Joo 159-158.
- Indian archer Ojas Deotale, hailing from Nagpur, clinched the gold medal in the men's individual compound archery event.

**29. Jyothi Vennam wins gold medal in women's individual compound archery**

- India's Jyothi Surekha Vennam won the gold medal in the women's individual compound archery event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.
- Jyothi defeated So Chaewon of South Korea 149-145 in the final to complete a hat-trick of gold medals, having already won titles in the women's and mixed team events.
- India's Jyothi Surekha Vennam won gold medal in the women's individual compound archery event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, on Saturday.
- Jyothi defeated So Chaewon of South Korea 149-145 in the final to complete a hat-trick of gold medals, having already won titles in the women's and mixed team events.
- Jyothi's individual medal, India's seventh in archery at this edition. Aditi Swami bags bronze in compound archery women's individual event
- India's Aditi Swami has won the bronze medal in the women's individual compound archery event at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.
- Aditi, who is the reigning world champion, defeated Ratih Zilizati Fadhlly of Indonesia 146-140 in the bronze medal playoff.
- The 17-year-old from Maharashtra had lost 146-149 to Jyothi Surekha Vennam, 10 years senior to her, in an all-Indian semifinal.

- This is Aditi's second medal at her first-ever appearance at the continental event. The teenager, along with Jyothi and Parneet Kaur, defeated Chinese Taipei 230-229 to clinch the women's team gold medal.

**30. Aman Sehrawat won bronze medal in men's 57kg category**

- Aman Sehrawat secured a bronze medal for India in the men's freestyle wrestling 57kg category at the Asian Games 2023.
- Sehrawat beat local favorite Liu Minghu by 11-0.
- Aman Sehrawat is the U-23 world champion. Aged 16, he became the first Indian wrestler to win a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Pontevedra, Spain, last year.
- He also won a silver medal at the U-20 World Wrestling Championships.
- A year later, Aman has an Asian Games bronze medal to his name now. Aman started his Asian Games 2023 journey with a 6-1 win over Korean wrestler Kim Sung-gwon in the Round of 16. He then knocked out Iran's Ebrahim Khari in the quarterfinals with a 19-8 victory.

**31. Prannoy wins bronze in men's singles badminton**

- India's H.S. Prannoy clinched bronze after going down against China's Li Shifeng in the badminton men's singles semifinal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou.
- After going into the first game break trailing 10-11, World No. 1 Shifeng cruised through the contest as he won 21-16, 21-9 in just over 45 minutes.
- This is India's third medal in the sport in the 19th edition of the Asian Games. Syed Modi previously finished third in the 1982 edition of the Asian Games.

**32. India won Asian Games cricket gold without having to bat**

- India was crowned Asian Games men's cricket champions without needing to bat in an anti-climactic finish.
- India was declared winners of the final under an Asian Games-specific rule where the higher-ranked team takes the honours if the match cannot be finished, in this case due to rain.
- Afghanistan made 112-5 under the floodlights in Hangzhou before the wet weather arrived after 18.2 overs.
- Despite the damp ending, it completed a golden double for India after they beat Sri Lanka by 19 runs to be crowned women's champions last week.
- Twenty20 cricket has been played at the Asian Games twice before, at Guangzhou 2010 and Incheon 2014, with Bangladesh and then Sri Lanka crowned men's winners. Afghanistan was runners-up both times, but India did not take part. Satwiksairaj-Chirag duo win India's first-ever gold medal in badminton
- The Indian men's doubles badminton duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty made history by securing India's first-ever gold medal in badminton at the Asian Games.
- The dynamic pair emerged victorious after defeating the formidable Korean duo with a scoreline of 21-18, 21-16 in a breathtaking final match.
- With this victory, the dazzling duo of Satwik and Chirag brought India's first medal in men's doubles in 41 years since Leroy D'sa and Pradeep Gandhe won a bronze in the 1982 edition.
- The two became the first Indians to win the Asian Championships in 58 years in March this year, extended their sensational run with a 21-18, 21-16 win over Choi and Kim, ranked 15th, to achieve their crowning glory.
- India had won a silver and bronze in the 2018 edition at Jakarta, while bagging five bronze at the 1982 edition.

**33. India won 107 medals at 19th Asian Games in China**

- More than 12,000 athletes from all 45 members of the Olympic Council of Asia competed in the 19th Asian Games, which took place in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China from 23 September to 8 October.
- A total of 481 events were contested, with competitions in nine sports - archery, artistic swimming, boxing, breaking, hockey, modern pentathlon, sailing, tennis and water polo - will serve as Olympic qualifiers, with Paris 2024 quotas on the line.

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**34. Ayodhya to host National Archery Championship in November 2023**

- The Senior National Archery Championship will be held in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh from 25 to 30 November 2023.
- The championship will feature individual, team, and mixed team events under Indian, recurve, and compound rounds.
- The competition will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on November 25.
- Union sports minister Anurag Thakur will participate in the closing ceremony. Iran's Shadloui becomes costliest player in Pro Kabaddi League auction at ₹2.35 Crore
- Iran's Mohammadreza Shadloui Chiyaneh emerged as the costliest player in the history of the Pro Kabaddi League auction after he was bought for Rs 2.35 crore by Puneri Paltan. This made him the league's most expensive foreign player, overtaking Fazel Atrachali's previous price of ₹1.38 crore last year with Puneri Paltan.
- While India's Maninder Singh was roped in by Bengal Warriors for Rs 2.12 crore. Shubhi Gupta wins U-19 Girls National Chess Championship
- Shubhi Gupta has won the U-19 Girls' National Chess Championship 2023 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Shubhi is an integral member of the Cohort sponsored and supported by the esteemed Pravaha Foundation as part of their laudable Initiative, "64 Squares."
- The "64 Squares" initiative encompasses a group of immensely talented chess players, spanning various age groups and levels of expertise.

**35. Rohit Sharma Smashes India's Fastest World Cup Century**

- India captain Rohit Sharma slammed his 31st ODI century in the World Cup 2023 at Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium.
- He completed his hundred off 63 balls, fetching him the record for the fastest century ever by an Indian in the history of World Cup surpassing the legendary Sachin Tendulkar for the most hundreds.
- Earlier during his innings, Rohit knocked down two more impressive milestones. First, he completed 1000 runs in World Cup, becoming only the fourth Indian to the landmark after Tendulkar, Virat Kohli and Sourav Ganguly and then struck three sixes to become the leading six-hitter in international cricket, surpassing 'Universe Boss's Chris Gayle.

**36. National Games 2023 to be held in Goa**

- The 37th edition of the National Games 2023 will be held in Goa from October 26 to November 9.
- This will be the first time Goa will host the National Games.
- The National Games are India's homespun Olympic-style multi-sport event where athletes from the various states and Union Territories compete for medals.
- This year's National Games will have a record number of 43 sports, including Olympic and indigenous sports. Last year, over 7,000 athletes featured in 36 sports. Kho Kho, yoga, and mallakhamb made their National Games debut.
- The National Games 2023 will mark the debut of several new sports, including beach football, roll ball, golf, sepak takraw, sqay martial arts, kalaripayattu and pencak silat. Additionally, yachting and taekwondo are making a return after their exclusion during the last edition.

**37. Ayush Shetty wins bronze medal at BWF World Junior Championships 2023**

- India's Ayush Shetty has won a bronze medal at the BWF World Junior Championships held in Spokane, USA.
- The 23rd edition of the BWF World Junior Championships was held in Spokane, United States of America (USA).
- Indonesia's Alvi Farhan won the BWF World Junior Championships gold medal.
- Ayush Shetty won the bronze medal in the competition, losing to Alvi Farhan.
- Another semi-finalist, France's Alex Lanier, also won a bronze medal. IOC suspends Russian Olympic Committee for 'breach of charter'

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- After nearly 20 months of waging war in Ukraine, Russia was suspended by the International Olympic Council (IOC) for a land grab in sports administration.
- The International Olympic Committee's executive board imposed the suspension on the Russian Olympic Committee for a breach of the Olympic Charter — a book of rules and principles for international sports bodies — by incorporating sports councils in four regions in eastern Ukraine.

**38. Gill and Athapaththu named ICC Players of the Month for September**

- India's talented young batter Shubman Gill won the ICC Men's Player of the Month for September after run-scoring feats in his country's trophy-winning Asia Cup campaign.
- Gill claims his second Player of the Month prize for 2023 after overcoming compatriot Mohammed Siraj, and England's Dawid Malan, both of whom displayed outstanding form in shorter formats of the international game ahead of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.
- While Influential Sri Lanka skipper Chamari Athapaththu wins her first Women's Player of the Month accolade after spearheading a historic T20I series win in England.

**39. 11th Sultan of Johor Cup to be held in Johor, Malaysia**

- The 11th edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup 2023 will be held in Johor, Malaysia from October 27 to November 4.
- The Sultan of Johor Cup is an annual under-21 men's field hockey event held in Malaysia.
- Hockey India has announced the 20-member Indian junior men's hockey team that will participate in the 11th Sultan of Johor Cup. Uttam Singh was appointed captain while Rajinder Singh will serve as his deputy.
- The 11th edition of the tournament will feature eight teams instead of the customary six.
- India has been placed in Pool B along with Malaysia, Pakistan, and New Zealand, while Pool A will consist of Germany, Australia, South Africa, and Great Britain.

**40. IOC apex body accepts a proposal to include cricket in the 2028 Olympics**

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) executive board has accepted a proposal to include T20I Cricket along with squash, lacrosse, flag football, and baseball/softball in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.
- Calling cricket a sport with great potential, IOC President Thomas Bach said that it did not take much thinking to include it in the Games programme.
- Organizers of the 2028 Games had recommended a package of five sports, including cricket to be "potential inclusions" in the Games programme last week.
- Even if cricket gets the final seal of approval in the IOC session vote, its participation will be confined to the 2028 Olympics.
- The sport will have to be reconsidered for the 2032 Brisbane Olympics in Australia.

**41. Former England captain Alastair Cook announces retirement**

- Former England captain Alastair Cook, his country's record test run scorer, announced his retirement from professional cricket.
- The 38-year-old left-handed opener, who retired from international cricket in 2018, played his entire county career with Essex.
- Cook was England test captain from 2012 to 2017 and also captain for 69 one-day internationals from 2010-14.
- He scored 766 runs in seven innings during the 2010-11 Ashes tour to help England to their first series win in Australia for 24 years.

**42. Raunak Sadhwani won FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship**

- 17-year-old Raunak Sadhwani has won the U-20 World Junior Rapid Chess Championship in Sardinia, Italy.
- Raunak scored 8.5 over 11 rounds to win the Championship ahead of Arseniy Nesterov of Russia, who scored 8.

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- Raunak became a grandmaster at the age of 13. He is the ninth youngest player in history and the fourth youngest Indian to be awarded the title.

**43. Ashutosh Sharma Breaks Yuvi's Record for Fastest 50 in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy**

- Railways' middle-order batter, Ashutosh Sharma broke former India batter Yuvraj Singh's 16-year-old record for the fastest fifty by an Indian.
- Ashutosh smashed his half-century in 11 balls in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament, in a Group C clash against Arunachal Pradesh in Ranchi.
- Ashutosh made his T20 debut way back in 2018 for Madhya Pradesh and last played the format in 2019. He has featured in just one 50-over game, for MP also in 2019, and is yet to make his first-class debut.

**44. Punjab hits highest-ever T20 total in Indian cricket history**

- Punjab created history by smashing the highest-ever T20 total by any Indian cricket team, 275/6 against Andhra Pradesh in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2023.
- Abhishek went on to score 112 runs in just 51 balls as Punjab posted a mammoth total of 275 for 6 in their 20 overs, beating the previous record of 263 set by IPL side Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) against Pune Warriors India in 2013.
- This is the highest total in Indian T20 cricket (SMAT or IPL) and fourth highest overall in T20 cricket history.
- Punjab went past Mumbai's record, who smashed 258 runs against Sikkim in the 2019 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy edition.
- The explosive Punjab batting also broke the previous record (RCB, 21 sixes) of most sixes by a team in a T20 match. With the help of 9 sixes each by Abhishek and Anmolpreet, 2 of Naman Dhir, and 1 of Prabhsimran, Punjab hit as many as 22 sixes in the match.
- Andhra Pradesh lost the match by 15 runs as they managed to score 170/7 in their 20 overs in reply to Punjab's historic total.

**45. Sornnarin Tippoich retires from international cricket**

- Former Thailand captain Sornnarin Tippoich has announced her retirement from international cricket in Bangkok, bringing curtains on a near 16-year playing career.
- Tippoich led Thailand to their first-ever T20 World Cup appearance at the 2020 mega-event in Australia.
- Tippoich first represented Thailand in 2008, when the national women's team did not have international status.
- The 37-year off-spinning allrounder has now played 75 T20Is (of which she has captained in 39) and 9 ODIs.

**Chapter 18: Book and Author**

Book	Author
The Book of Life: My Dance with Buddha for Success"	Launched by Vivek Agnihotri

**Chapter 19: Important Day**

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
2 October	World Habitat Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Resilient Urban Economies: Cities as Drivers of Growth and Recovery</b>
2 October	International Day of Non-Violence	The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on <b>October 2</b> every year, and is dedicated to <b>honouring Gandhian principles</b> .
3 October	World Nature Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the challenges our environment faces, particularly due to climate change.</b>
4 October	World Animal Welfare Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Great or Small, Love Them All</b>
5 October	World Teachers Day	Theme 2023 - <b>The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage</b>
6 October	World Cerebral Palsy Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Together Stronger.</b>
6 October	World Smile Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Radiate Joy</b>
7 October	World Cotton Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Making cotton fair and sustainable for all, from farm to fashion</b>
9 October	World Post Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Together for trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future</b>
10 October	World Mental Health Day	The theme of World Mental Health Day 2023 is <b>"Mental health is a universal human right."</b>
10 October	National Current Good Manufacturing Practice Day (cGMP Day)	This day shall be dedicated to <b>entire pharmaceutical industry to create awareness on the cGMP guidelines.</b>
11 October	International Day of the Girl Child	Theme 2023 - <b>Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being</b>
12 October	World Sight Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Love your eyes at work</b>
12 October	World Arthritis Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Living with an RMD at all stages of life.</b>
13 October	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	Theme 2023 - <b>Fighting inequality for a resilient future.</b>

13 October	National Cinema Day	<b>National Cinema Day</b> aims to celebrate the <b>magic of the big screen</b> and applaud the <b>success of recent blockbusters</b> .
14 October	World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)	Theme 2023 - <b>Water: Sustaining Bird Life</b>
15 October	World Students Day	This day is a tribute to his remarkable contributions to <b>education</b> and his <b>unwavering commitment</b> to the welfare of children and <b>students across India and the world</b> .
15 October	International Day of Rural Women	Theme 2023 - <b>Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All</b>
16 October	World Food Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave No One Behind</b>
16 October	World Anaesthesia Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Anaesthesia and Cancer Care</b>
17 October	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Theme 2023 - <b>Decent Work and Social Protection: Putting Dignity in Practice for All</b>
17 October	World Trauma Day	Objective - <b>To raising awareness about trauma, its causes, symptoms, and prevention.</b>
20 October	World Statistics Day	The day is dedicated to create awareness about the <b>significant role of advanced, reliable, and good- quality statistics in the development of global nations.</b>
20 October	World Osteoporosis Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Build Better Bones</b>

## Chapter 20: Science & Technology

### 1. Iran launched Noor 3 satellite into orbit

- Iran has successfully launched an imaging satellite 'Noor 3' into space,
- The Noor-3 satellite had been put in an orbit 450km above the Earth's surface.
- The aerospace arm of Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, which has had success in launching satellites in the past, had carried out the most recent launch.

### 2. China launches Yaogan-33 04 new remote-sensing satellite

- China sent its latest remote-sensing satellite into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China.
- The satellite, Yaogan-33 04, was launched on a Long March-4C carrier rocket and has entered its planned orbit successfully.
- Objective - To be used for scientific experiments, land resource surveys, crop yield estimates, and disaster prevention and relief work.

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- The launch was the 489th flight mission of the Long March carrier rocket series. Nokia launches first-of-its-kind 6G Lab in Bengaluru
- Nokia has launched a first-of-its-kind 6G Lab in Bengaluru to contribute to the 'Bharat 6G Vision'.
- The lab is expected to accelerate the development of fundamental technologies and innovative use cases underpinned by 6G technology that will address the future needs of both industry and society.
- The lab, which will focus research areas around foundational 6G technologies like Network as a Sensor, and Network Exposure and Automation, will function as a platform for collaboration for industry stakeholders and facilitate the testing of innovative solutions while establishing their potential for commercialization.

### 3. ISRO in collaboration with VIBHA organizes exhibition Space on Wheels

- Indian Space Research Organization in collaboration with Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA) is organizing an exhibition called "Space on Wheels" program in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The programme features a mobile exhibition vehicle showcasing models of satellites, launching vehicles, and communication systems.
- It aims to bring the wonders of space to the doorstep of students and enthusiasts across the region.

### 4. NASA has launched a spacecraft called 'Psyche'

- NASA has launched a spacecraft called 'Psyche' on a six-year mission to study a unique metal-rich asteroid also named 'Psyche'.
- It is the largest of the several metal-rich asteroids known in our solar system and is believed by scientists to be the remnant core of an ancient protoplanet, offering clues about Earth's formation.
- This asteroid orbits the Sun between Mars and Jupiter. The primary goal of the Psyche mission is to explore the iron core, a previously unexplored aspect of the planet.
- The Psyche probe, folded inside the cargo bay of a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket, blasted off under partly cloudy skies from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral on a planned journey 2.2 billion miles (3.5 billion km) through space. The spacecraft, roughly the size of a small van, is due to reach the asteroid in August 2029.
- Asteroid Psyche measures roughly 173 miles (279 km) across at its widest point and resides on the outer fringes of the main asteroid belt between the planets Mars and Jupiter.
- After reaching the asteroid, the spacecraft would then orbit it for 26 months, scanning Psyche with instruments built to measure its gravity, magnetic properties, and composition.
- The first asteroid of its kind chosen for study at close range by spacecraft, Psyche is believed to consist largely of iron, nickel, gold and other metals, with a collective hypothetical monetary value placed at 10 quadrillion dollars.
- Upon reaching Psyche, the probe is set to circle it in a series of gradually descending orbits, ending up a mere 40 miles (64 km) from the asteroid's surface, before finishing the mission in November 2031.

## Chapter 21: Obituary

Person	About
Film producer PV Gangadharan	Popular Malayalam film producer and director of the Mathrubhumi group of publications, PV Gangadharan passed away at the age of 80.
Padma Shri awardee, Dahyabhai Shastri	Padma Shri awardee, Dahyabhai Shastri, an Indian scholar of Sanskrit and the founder of Brahmashri Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Nadiad, passed away.  He is also a former president of the Gujarat state unit of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad.

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**19th Asian Games**

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Shooting	7	9	6	22
Athletics	6	14	9	29
Archery	5	2	2	9
Squash	2	1	2	5
Cricket	2	0	0	2
Kabaddi	2	0	0	2
Badminton	1	1	1	3
Tennis	1	1	0	2
Equestrian	1	0	1	2
Hockey	1	0	1	2
Rowing	0	2	3	5
Chess	0	2	0	2
Wrestling	0	1	5	6
Boxing	0	1	4	5
Sailing	0	1	2	3
Bridge	0	1	0	1
Golf	0	1	0	1
Wushu	0	1	0	1
Roller skating	0	0	2	2
Canoe	0	0	1	1
Sepaktakraw	0	0	1	1
Table tennis	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>107</b>

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	201	111	71	383
2	Japan	52	67	69	188
3	South Korea	42	59	89	190
4	India	28	38	41	107
5	Uzbekistan	22	18	31	71
6	Chinese Taipei	19	20	28	67
7	Iran	13	21	20	54
8	Thailand	12	14	32	58
9	Bahrain	12	3	5	20
10	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	11	18	10	39
11	Kazakhstan	10	22	48	80
12	Hong Kong China	8	16	29	53
13	Indonesia	7	11	18	36

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RANK- 90

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**MAMTA KUMARI**  
Rank - 16



**ADITI KUMARI**  
Rank - 20



**ANISHA KUMARI**  
Rank - 11

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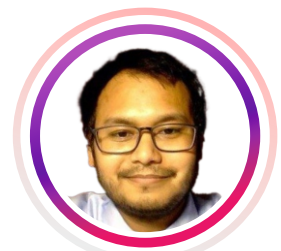
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