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LAW AND AMENDMENT

India Overhauls Criminal Laws

- India is poised for a substantial legal transformation as key legislations are set to be replaced to align its criminal justice system with evolving societal values.
- Recently, the Union Home Minister introduced three bills in the Lok Sabha that aim to repeal and replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr PC), and the Indian Evidence Act, which were enacted during the British rule in India.
- The bills are:
 - ✓ The Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita Bill, 2023, which will replace the IPC, 1860
 - ✓ The Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita Bill, 2023, which will replace the Cr PC, 1898
 - ✓ The Bharatiya Sakshya Bill, 2023, which will replace the Evidence Act, 1872
- “All these laws were jammed with signs of slavery. The British Parliament had passed them, and we just adopted it. They have references in the UK Parliament, London Gazette, Privy Council, and the British Crown. There are 475 such references.” Hence, this sudden change has been brought.

SC Affirms Validity of “Self-Respect” Marriages under Hindu Marriage Act

- The Indian Supreme Court’s recent decision has overruled a 2014 Madras High Court ruling, stating that advocates can indeed solemnize “self-respect” marriages under the Hindu Marriage Act’s Section 7(A).
- This provision recognizes marriages between Hindus, performed in the presence of relatives or friends without traditional rituals or priests. This legal recognition aligns with the Tamil Nadu government’s amendment to simplify weddings, eliminating the need for priests and traditional practices.
- The Court’s verdict, seen in cases like “*Ilavarasan v. Superintendent of Police*,” emphasizes that the public declaration of marital status isn’t a requirement for validity. The Court’s stance signifies a move towards modernizing marriage laws, respecting individual choices, and broadening the interpretation of valid marriage under Hindu law.

SC Handbook on Gender Stereotypes

- Chief Justice of India, DY Chandrachud, has released a 30-page handbook aiming to address gender stereotypes in judicial discourse.
- The handbook, intended for judges and legal practitioners, highlights the significance of using gender-neutral and accurate language in legal proceedings.
- It emphasizes that using outdated language and stereotypes hampers the progress of equality rights envisioned by India’s Constitution.
- The handbook cites examples of problematic language used in judgments, such as mischaracterizing women’s roles and experiences.
- It suggests alternative terminology that respects the dignity and rights of all individuals, irrespective of gender.
- The publication acknowledges that language shapes perceptions of society and reflects the values of the law, advocating for the transformative power of accurate and unbiased language.

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Government of NCT of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2023- President Murmu gives Assent to Multiple Bills

- The President of India Droupadi Murmu gave her assent to following Bills in the Monsoon Session 2023-
 - ✓ National Dental Council, The Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill 2023,
 - ✓ The Digital Data Protection Bill 2023, The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendments) Bill 2023,
 - ✓ The JanVishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill 2023,
 - ✓ Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill 2023,
 - ✓ Integrated Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill 2023.
- One of the most significant Act was the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2023.
- The bill seeks to amend the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991, which defines the powers and functions of the Lieutenant Governor (LG) and the elected government of Delhi.
- The Act establishes the National Capital Civil Services Authority, which consists of the Chief Minister, Chief Secretary of Delhi, Principal Home Secretary of Delhi. It empowers the LG to exercise his sole discretion on several matters.
- As it will comprise the Chief Minister, Chief Secretary of Delhi, and Principal Home Secretary of Delhi. This Authority is tasked with making recommendations to the LG concerning transfers, postings of officials, disciplinary matters, and prosecution sanctions of certain All India Services.

APPOINTMENTS

Former CJI NV Ramana appointed as member of International Mediation Panel

- Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana has been appointed as member of the International Mediator Panel of Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC).
- Chairman of SIMC George Lim presented Justice Ramana the letter of appointment on Tuesday in Singapore.
- The former CJI is in Singapore to take part in the “Singapore Convention Week”, the annual convention organised by Singapore’s Ministry of Law, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and over 20 partner organisations.

Justice Prakash Shrivastava appointed as NGT chairperson

- Justice Prakash Shrivastava, former Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court, took charge as chairperson of the National Green Tribunal.
- He was appointed by the Union government's Cabinet Appointments Committee on August 14.
- In his address, Justice Shrivastava underlined that the right to a healthy environment has been construed to be a part of the right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution.
- Justice Shrivastava was Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court from October 11, 2021, to March 30, 2023.

Geetika Srivastava becomes India’s First Woman Charge d’Affaires In Pakistan

- Geetika Srivastava, currently serving as joint secretary at the headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), will be India’s new chargé d’affaires at its high commission in Islamabad, Pakistan.
- She will succeed Suresh Kumar, who is likely to return to New Delhi.
- After 77 years of Independence, India has appointed a female head of mission in Pakistan.

Justice Subhasis Talapatra sworn in as new Chief Justice of Orissa High Court

- Justice Subhasis Talapatra was officially appointed as the 33rd Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court.

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- The oath of office was administered by Governor Ganeshi Lal, marking his succession of Justice S Muralidhar.
- He is set to hold the position of Chief Justice for a relatively short period of under two months, concluding with his retirement on October 3, 2023.

Sachin Tendulkar Named 'National Icon' by Election Commission

- The Election Commission of India has decided to recognize cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar as the national symbol of the country.
- The Election Commission hopes that Tendulkar's huge influence among young Indians will inspire more to show up at the polls, particularly for the 2024 general elections.
- Last year, actor Pankaj Tripathi was also named a 'National Icon'.
- Other big names like MS Dhoni, Aamir Khan, and Mary Kom have previously been chosen for this honor during the 2019 elections.

Radhika Madan becomes jury member at Emmy Awards 2023

- Actor Radhika Madan became a part of the jury panel at the International Emmy Awards 2023.
- The 75th Primetime Emmy Awards will honor the best in American prime time television programming from June 1, 2022, until May 31, 2023, as chosen by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.
- The ceremony will be broadcast on Fox on January 15, 2024

Parminder Chopra makes history as the first woman to lead India's largest NBFC

- Parminder Chopra has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) at Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC).
- Previously, she had been holding the additional charge of CMD since June 1, 2023, while also serving as the Director of Finance at PFC since July 1, 2020.
- With this Chopra has become the first woman to lead India's largest Non-Banking Financial Company, PFC.
- In 2023 she was awarded 'Icon of the Year' award by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India.
- She also received the "Finance Leader of the Year" Award during the same year.

AFI chief Adille Sumariwalla elected to World Athletics Executive Board

- Adille Sumariwalla has been elected as one of the four vice presidents of World Athletics, the highest post ever held by an Indian in the global track and field governing body.
- He is the president of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), received the third-highest number of votes cast during the WA elections held in Budapest, Hungary.
- He will serve a four-year term.
- He has been president of the AFI since 2012 and has been a member of the WA Council since 2015.

Commander (Eastern Seaboard) S Paramesh appointed as Additional Director General Coast Guard

- S Paramesh has been appointed as Additional Director General Coast Guard at Indian Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi.
- The Flag Officer was at the helm of Coast Guard Region (East), Coast Guard Region (West), and Coast Guard Commander (Eastern Seaboard) before assuming Additional Director General Coast Guard.
- The Flag Officer is an alumnus of the National Defence College, New Delhi, and Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.

Sanjay Kumar Agarwal takes charge as CBIC Chairman

- Sanjay Kumar Agarwal has taken charge as the Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- Agarwal succeeds Vivek Johri who superannuated as CBIC chief on May 31.

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- In an order issued on August 5, the finance ministry had appointed Agarwal, who was holding charge of CBIC member compliance management, looking into investigations.
- The CBIC, which deals with policy making in indirect taxes - GST, customs, excise - is headed by a chairman and has six members in the board.

Jim Skea elected as new Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) chair

- United Kingdom's Jim Skea has been elected as the newly elected chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- WMO and the United Nations Environment Programme are co-sponsors of the IPCC, which provides authoritative scientific assessments concerning climate change, its implications and risks, as well as to adaptation and mitigation strategies.
- With nearly forty years of climate science experience and expertise, Jim Skea will lead the IPCC through its seventh assessment cycle.

Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba gets another one-year extension

- As per a Personnel Ministry order, the government granted Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba a one-year extension in service, extending beyond August 30, 2023.
- This marks his third extension in the same position.
- He received a one-year extension in 2021, and subsequently, another extension in August of the preceding year.

Srettha Thavisin Elected as Thailand Prime Minister

- Thai property tycoon Srettha Thavisin has been elected as the new prime minister of Thailand following a decisive win in a parliamentary vote.
- Srettha Thavisin's election as prime minister ushers in a new era of coalition politics.
- The military, notorious for orchestrating coups in 2006 and 2014 that toppled Pheu Thai (a major Thai political party) governments, holds a significant stake in this coalition.

Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Mnangagwa re-elected for final term

- Emmerson Mnangagwa was re-elected as the President of Zimbabwe for a second and final five-year term.
- The results of Mnangagwa's re-election ensure the continued dominance of the ZANU-PF party in governing the country.
- The party has maintained control of Zimbabwe's leadership throughout the 43-year period since the country's renaming in 1980, which followed liberation from white minority rule.
- It is a landlocked country in Southern Africa.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Muslim Women's Rights Day observed on August 1

- August 1 is regarded as Muslim Women's Rights Day to commemorate the enactment of law against instant triple talaq
- Muslim Women's Rights Day is celebrated on August 1 to mark the passage of the Triple Talaq Bill in Parliament on August 1, 2019'
- Shayra Banu in her writ petition sought the Supreme Court to declare the practices of Talaq-e-bidat, polygamy and nikah-halala as unconstitutional.
- The central government enforced the Triple Talaq law on August 1, 2019.

World Wide Web Day celebrated on August 1

- World Wide Web Day is celebrated every year on 1 August.
- It is observed to commemorate the introduction of the World Wide Web (www).

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- The World Wide Web was first made available to the public on 1 August 1991. It was introduced by Tim Berners-Lee.
- In 1989, Berners-Lee had presented a proposal for a "distributed information system" for sharing and updating information between scientists at CERN.
- The first web browser, World Wide Web (later renamed Nexus), was developed by Berners-Lee and his colleague Robert Cailliau
- The first website of the world went live on 6 August 1991.

World Breastfeeding Week 2023: 1 to 7 August

- Every year, World Breastfeeding Week is observed from the 1st to the 7th of August.
- It is celebrated to promote the benefits of breastfeeding for both mother and the baby.
- The theme of World Breastfeeding Week 2023 is "Enabling Breastfeeding: Making a difference for working parents."
- In 1992, the World Breastfeeding Week was first started.
- In 2018, a resolution of the World Health Assembly endorsed World Breastfeeding Week as an important breastfeeding promotion strategy.

Hiroshima Day 2023

- 6th August 2023, 78th Hiroshima Day, holds a significant position in the history.
- On 6th August 1945, the world witnessed the most devastating events in human history when the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima.
- This act resulted in the loss of thousands of innocent lives and forever altered the course of humanity.
- Since, then August 6th has been observed as Hiroshima Day, a solemn occasion to commemorate the victims and reflect on the horrors of nuclear warfare.

National Handloom Day celebrated on August 7

- Every year on August 7, National Handloom Day is celebrated in India,
- It is observed to commemorate the launch of the Swadeshi Movement in 1905.
- It is also celebrated to recognize the contribution of the handloom industry to socio-economic development and to raise awareness about the industry.
- This year, the 9th edition of National Handloom Day is being celebrated in India.
- National Handloom Day is celebrated all over the country under the aegis of the Ministry of Textiles.
- On the same day in 1905, Swadeshi Movement began. The movement encouraged swadeshi industries and swadeshi spirit, including handloom weavers.
- In 2015, the government decided to designate 7 August as National Handloom Day (NHD).

August Kranti Day (Quit India Day) observed on 8 August

- Every year on 8 August, August Kranti Day (Quit India Day) is observed to celebrate the anniversary of the Quit India movement.
- This year marked the 81st anniversary of the Quit India movement.
- On August 8, 1942, the Quit India Movement began. On this day, Mahatma Gandhi gave the slogan of "Do or Die".
- Quit India movement was started from Gawalia Tank in Mumbai. British arrested the main leaders of the movement, but the movement continued. There was violence during the movement.

World Nagasaki Day 2023

- Nagasaki Day, observed annually on August 9th, holds a somber significance in global history.
- It marks the day when the Japanese city of Nagasaki was devastated by an atomic bomb during World War II.
- This day serves as a reminder of the immense destructive power of nuclear weapons and the need for lasting peace.
- Japan's Nagasaki on Wednesday marked the 78th anniversary of the US atomic bombing.

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International Day of The World’s Indigenous Peoples observed on August 9

- The United Nations’ (UN) International Day of the World’s Indigenous People is observed on August 9 each year.
- To promote and protect the rights of the world’s Indigenous population.
- Also known as World Tribal Day, this event also recognises the achievements and contributions that Indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.
- The 2023 theme is: Indigenous Youth as Agents of Change for Self-determination.

International Youth Day celebrated on August 12

- International Youth Day is celebrated across the world on 12 August every year.
- The 2023 theme is ‘Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World’
- The day aims to draw attention to the cultural and legal issues surrounding youth.
- It also aims to raise awareness about the challenges and difficulties faced by youth around the world.
- Everyone aged 15 to 24 is considered young, and according to statistics, more than half of the people on our planet are 30 or younger, and this number is expected to reach 57% by the end of 2030.

Partition Horrors Remembrance Day observed on 14th August

- The Partition between India and Pakistan started on 14th August. So, this day is officially observed as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day.
- This is one of the most important days in August because it reminds us of the countless innocent lives that were lost in Partition.
- This day was officially announced on 14th August 2021 by PM Narendra Modi.

India celebrates 77th Independence Day

- India is celebrating its 77th Independence Day on August 15, 2023.
- PM Narendra Modi addressed the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort in Delhi and unfurled the national flag.
- This year, the theme is 'Nation First, Always First' under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebration.
- This year, around 1,800 special guests from various sections of society were invited to witness the ceremony.
- The G20 logo made from flowers is displayed on the ground.

World Humanitarian Day observed on August 19

- World Humanitarian Day is an annual observance on August 19.
- To honor the work of humanitarian workers and raise awareness of the need for assistance in crises around the world.
- The 2023 theme is “No Matter What.”

World Photography Day observed annually on August 19

- World Photography Day, observed annually on August 19.
- To marks the celebration of photography's rich history and its role as both an art form and a scientific achievement.
- This day commemorates the invention of the daguerreotype, an early photographic process developed by Louis Daguerre in 1837, which paved the way for modern photography.

World Water Week 2023

- World Water Week is a global event which is organised by the Stockholm International Water Institute every year since 1991.
- The programme will be held from August 20 to 24 at the Waterfront Congress Center.
- It is a non-profit event which aims to develop solutions for the international water crisis (alongside several other problems).
- The 2023 theme is “Seeds of Change: Innovative Solutions for a Water-Wise World”.

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World Senior Citizen Day celebrated on August 21

- World Senior Citizen Day is celebrated on August 21 every year.
- To raise awareness of the contributions of older adults to society.
- In India, a senior citizen means any person who has attained the age of sixty years or above.
- In a more general sense, senior citizens are elderly people, especially those who have retired.
- This day is celebrated to recognise the wisdom, knowledge, and accomplishments of older individuals while raising awareness about the issues they face and advocating for their well-being.

Women's Equality Day observed on August 26

- Women's Equality Day, observed annually on August 26.
- To mark a global recognition of the ongoing struggle for equal rights and opportunities for women.
- The theme for Women's Equality Day 2023 is "Embrace Equity," echoing through the strategic plan spanning from 2021 to 2026. This theme underscores the importance of achieving gender equality, not just for economic growth, but also as a fundamental human right.
- It serves as a tribute to the universal suffrage movement, celebrates women's advancements, and reinforces the commitment to gender equality.

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

- International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is observed on August 23.
- It commemorates the day when an uprising began in Saint Domingue, now called Haiti, on August 23, 1791, against the slave trade.
- 2023 Theme: "Fighting slavery's legacy of racism through transformative education"
- Haiti was a French settlement and a centre of the slave trade across Europe. The uprising led to a revolution against the rulers of the country.

Women's Equality Day celebrated on 26 August

- Women's Equality Day is celebrated every year on 26 August.
- The day acknowledges the ongoing global struggle for equal rights and opportunities for women.
- It serves as a tribute to the universal suffrage movement and celebrates the progress of women.
- The day reinforces the commitment to achieve gender equality at the global level.
- The theme for Women's Equality Day 2023 is "Embrace Equality".
- This theme is in line with the Strategic Plan from 2021 to 2026.
- "Embracing Equality" underscores the importance of achieving gender equality.
- In 1971, the US Congress officially established Women's Equality Day to honor the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment and the ongoing pursuit of full women's rights.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

12 countries responsible for 52% of the World's mismanaged plastic waste

- According to Swiss-based research consultancy Earth Action Earth saw its first Plastic Overshoot Day which means the point at which the amount of plastics exceeds the global waste management capacity.
- India is among the 12 countries which are responsible for 52% of the world's mismanaged plastic waste.
- When it comes to plastic consumption on a per-person basis, the world's worst offender is Iceland
- The global average consumption of plastic per person per year is 20.9 kg

Bhutan's success in increasing its tiger population

- Bhutan's Tiger population has increased by 27 percent since its last count in 2015.

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- The latest survey estimates there now 131 tigers in the country.
- It reflected the success of Tiger conservation efforts in the South Asian Himalayan landlocked nation situated between China and India.
- It was in 2010 that Bhutan continued its commitment to protecting its wildlife when the country joined the global effort to double the number of tigers in the wild by 2022.

China includes Arunachal Pradesh, Aksai Chin in its new 'standard map'

- China has released its official "standard map," including state of Arunachal Pradesh and the Aksai Chin region as part of its territory.
- The ties between India and China came under severe strain following the eastern Ladakh border row that began in May 2020.
- India has been consistently maintaining that peace and tranquillity along the LAC were key for the normalisation of overall ties.

Iran, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Argentina, Egypt and Ethiopia set to join the BRICS

- In a significant geopolitical development, the BRICS alliance, comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, has announced the inclusion of six new member countries.
- This expansion marks a notable shift in the alliance's composition and has the potential to reshape the dynamics of global cooperation.
- President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa, the host nation of the recent BRICS summit, made a historic announcement on August 24th, revealing the names of the new entrants to the alliance.
- The expanded BRICS now welcomes Argentina, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, and Egypt into its fold.

India, ASEAN agree to review FTA by 2025

- In a significant move, India and the ASEAN countries have come to an agreement to re-evaluate their existing free trade pact for goods.
- The aim of this review is to address the existing trade imbalances and disparities between the two parties.
- The Joint Committee of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA), which was originally signed in 2009, convened to discuss the roadmap for revisiting the pact.
- They decided to adhere to a quarterly negotiation schedule and set a definitive goal: concluding the review by the year 2025.

5 Countries That Celebrate Independence Day on August 15

- August 15 is a day of celebration for many countries around the world.
- It is the day on which they gained their independence from colonial rule.
- India, South Korea, North Korea, Bahrain, and Liechtenstein all celebrate their independence on August 15.
- India gained its independence from British rule in 1947.
- This was a momentous occasion for the Indian people, who had long struggled for freedom. The day is celebrated with parades, flag hoisting ceremonies, and cultural events.
- The media regulatory body of Iraq has issued a prohibition on the usage of the term 'homosexuality' instructing both media and social media entities to employ the term 'sexual deviance' in its place.
- Ban on Specific Terms for Media and Internet Companies in Iraq
- This directive encompasses all media and social media establishments functioning within the country, as specified by the Iraqi Communications and Media Commission (CMC).
- The use of these terms in any of their applications is now prohibited for all licensed CMC phone and internet companies. As a result, these companies are constrained from including "homosexuality" or "gender" in any of their mobile apps.
- In recent times, loosely defined morality provisions within Iraq's penal code have been utilized to single out LGBTQ+ individuals.

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Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal launches Tele-Law 2.0

- Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal launched Tele-Law- 2.0 on August 25, 2023, in New Delhi.
- The Department of Justice (DOJ) hosted the Tele-Law 2.0 event at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi.
- The event marks the achievement of helping 5 million citizens and highlights the use of technology in providing pre-litigation advice to the public.
- Tele-law services are being integrated with legal representation services under the Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono) program.
- This integration streamlines access to legal advice, assistance, and representation through a unified registration process on the Tele-Law platform.

India declares August 23 as National Space Day in honor of Chandrayaan-3's moon landing

- On 26 August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the designation of 23 August as National Space Day in honor of India's Chandrayaan-3 moon landing.
- The specific spot where Chandrayaan-3 landed on the Moon will be named 'Shivshakti', and the spot where Chandrayaan-2 landed will be called 'Tiranga Point'.
- PM Modi made this announcement during his visit to the ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network Mission Control Complex in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- On 23 August 2023, Chandrayaan-3 achieved a historic feat by becoming the first mission to land on the South Pole of the Moon.
- India has now joined the ranks of the United States, Russia, and China in successfully landing on the Moon.

India, Asian Development Bank to set up climate change and health hub in Delhi

- India is now all set to open a climate change and health hub in the national capital Delhi in partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- Earlier, India had bagged the first WHO Centre for Global Traditional Medicine.
- WHO Centre for Global Traditional Medicine was set up in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- The new hub for climate change and health will facilitate knowledge sharing, promote partnerships and innovations, and also help countries beyond the G-20, especially developing countries.

4 Years of Article 370 Abrogation

- As of 5 August 2023, it has been four years since the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir.
- The decision to abolish the special status of the region and end its autonomy was a significant and historic move made by the Indian Government on August 5, 2019.
- Article 370 was incorporated into the constitution in 1949, following the accession of Jammu and Kashmir to India in 1947.
- The article followed the state to have its own constitution flag and considerable autonomy in matters of governance, except in areas such as foreign affairs, defence, finance and communications which remained under the jurisdiction of the Indian Government.
- As of 5th August 2023, it has been four years since the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. Throughout the four years, Jammu and Kashmir witnessed a mix of progress and challenges.

CJI Chandrachud Launches QR Code-Based E-Pass for Entry at SC

- In a proactive effort to modernize and streamline access to justice, Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y Chandrachud unveiled the 'SuSwagatam' portal.
- This innovative platform offers a convenient way for advocates, litigants, and citizens to secure QR code-based ePasses, granting them entry to the esteemed halls of the Supreme Court.

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- The 'SuSwagatam' portal, along with its user-friendly mobile application, empowers litigants and visitors with the convenience of a QR code-enabled ePass.

India Is Committed To Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis By 2027

- Union Health & Family Welfare Minister, Mansukh Mandaviya, made the announcement to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis by 2027 during the inauguration of the second phase of the Annual Nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA) initiative.
- With a focal point on 81 districts spread across nine endemic states, including Assam and Uttar Pradesh, this second phase marks a significant step forward in the battle against the crippling disease.
- Minister Mandaviya emphasized the comprehensive approach of "Whole of Government" and "Whole of Society" to combat Lymphatic Filariasis effectively.
- Lymphatic Filariasis Commonly known as elephantiasis, it is considered as a Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD).

India Aims to Triple Natural Gas Share to 15% by 2030

- India is embarking on a bold journey to significantly enhance its current 6% share of natural gas within its energy mix to a robust 15% by the year 2030.
- This audacious endeavor is being spearheaded by Rameswar Teli, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.
- The government is resolutely pursuing an array of far-reaching strategies to realize this vision, as elaborated by the minister in a written response to the Lok Sabha.

India's first AI school launched in Kerala

- Kerala is home to India's first-ever artificial intelligence school.
- The Santhigiri Vidyabhavan was inaugurated in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala's capital city, in a ground-breaking event. On August 23, President Ram Nath Kovind opened the school.
- To improve the educational experience, the school makes use of AI technology.
- The AI school provides information, advice, and test-taking assistance.

Government of India Forms New Standing Committee on Statistics to Enhance Oversight of NSO Data

- In a recent development, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) of the Government of India has taken a significant step by replacing the existing Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES) with a more comprehensive entity called the Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS).
- This new committee has been entrusted with a broader mandate, involving the review of both the framework and outcomes of all surveys conducted under the National Statistical Office (NSO).
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) came into existence in 1999 after the merger of the Department of Statistics and the Department of Programme Implementation.
- It consists of two wings: the Statistics Wing and the Programme Implementation Wing

STATE NEWS

Uttar Pradesh government gives nod to UP Water Tourism & Adventure Sports Policy 2023.

- Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved the Uttar Pradesh Water Tourism and Adventure Sports Policy 2023 on 1 August 2023.
- This policy will be applicable for all inland land-based, air-based and water routes, dams, reservoirs, lakes, rivers, ponds and all water bodies adventure activities in Uttar Pradesh.
- This policy will be valid for 10 years from the date notified by the State Government. Under this policy, the nodal agency will create adventure sports units at the divisional level.

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- Uttar Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation will sign MoU with Uttar Pradesh Ex-Servicemen Welfare Corporation to include ex-servicemen in Adventure Sports Unit.

President of India inaugurates 'unmesha' and 'utkarsh' festivals

- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the national festival of India's folk and tribal expressions "Utkarsh" in Bhopal on 03 August 2023.
- President Murmu also inaugurated the international literature festival "Unmesh" in Bhopal on 03 August 2023.
- This event is being organized by the Culture Department of Madhya Pradesh along with Sangeet Natak Akademi and Sahitya Akademi of the Ministry of Culture from the 3rd to the 5th August.
- Governor Mangubhai Patel and Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan were also present at the inauguration.
- About 800 artists from 36 states and union territories of the country will participate in Utkarsh Utsav.
- Unmesh is Asia's largest literary convention. 575 participants representing over 100 languages from 15 countries will take part in it.

Maharashtra's New Amravati station Becomes Central Railway's 3rd Pink Station

- New Amravati Railway Station (Amaravti, Maharashtra) became the 3rd station within Central Railway (CR) and the 1st station in Bhusaval Division of CR to be designated as a Pink Station, fully managed by women staff.
- Central Railway became the first zone of the Indian Railways to set up all women managed station.
- Matunga suburban station in Mumbai division became the 1st railway station in India to be operated by an all-woman staff in July 2017, followed by Ajni station in the Nagpur division in 2018.

Kerala Assembly Passes Unanimous Resolution to Rename State as 'Keralam'

- The Assembly on 9 August 2023, unanimously passed a resolution urging the Central government to officially change the name of the State from Kerala to Keralam.
- The Assembly sought an amendment to the Constitution, which too refers the State as Kerala, in this regard.
- Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan presented the contents of resolution in the House under Rule 118 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Kerala Legislative Assembly.
- While Keralam is the accepted and common usage in Malayalam, the State is generally referred to as Kerala in official records, especially those in English.
- The First Schedule of the Constitution also specifies the name of the State as Kerala.
- 'The name of State is Keralam in Malayalam language. States were formed based on language on November 1, 1956. Kerala Day is also on November 1.
- Article 3 deals with the formation of new States and alteration of areas, boundaries or names of existing States.
- The resolution also urges the Centre to change the usage as Keralam in all languages mentioned under the Eighth Schedule.

Tamil Nadu celebrated Cultural Festival Aadi Perukku

- On the 18th day of the Tamil month Aadi all the people of South India celebrated Aadi Perukku, the monsoon festival in a grand way. Monsoon season commences in the month of Aadi and symbolizes prosperity.
- Aadi Perukku is also known as Pathinettam Perukku. This festival is an auspicious festival to honor the monsoon season and the fertility of the soil.
- It is considered the ideal time to sow, plant seeds and take up other forms of vegetation. It is to pay tribute to the monsoon rains which fill the rivers.

Kolkata Becomes 3rd Indian City To Get Air Quality Early Warning System

- The Indian city of Kolkata has taken a significant step forward by adopting an Air Quality Early Warning System (AQEWS), developed by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) based in Pune.

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- This system offers both real-time air pollution data and forecasts, with the objective of enhancing readiness and facilitating measures to tackle the escalating air pollution levels within the city.
- The AQEWS in Kolkata comes equipped with an intricate network of sensors that monitor the air quality index (AQI) in real-time.

President Launches 'My Bengal, Addiction-Free Bengal' Campaign In Kolkata

- President Droupadi Murmu launched the 'My Bengal, Addiction Free Bengal' campaign under the 'Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan' organised by Brahma Kumaris.
- The campaign aims to address the issue of drug abuse in society and the country.

Mukhyamantri Nishulk Annapurna Food Packet Scheme

- Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched the Mukhyamantri Nishulk Annapurna Food Packet Scheme on Independence Day.
- Under this initiative, families covered by the National Food Security Act (NFSA) will receive monthly Annapurna food packets containing essential items from fair price shops (FPS) at no cost.
- Each packet includes gram pulses, sugar, iodized salt, soybean refined edible oil, chili powder, coriander powder, and turmeric powder.

UP Government's Tree Plantation Campaign-2023

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath initiated a grand endeavor to plant 5 crore saplings under the Tree Plantation Campaign-2023.
- Speaking at the inauguration near Gomti bank, he emphasized that safeguarding nature is the key to securing humanity from calamities.
- CM Yogi articulated that these trees would serve as bridges connecting people to both nature and spirituality.
- The significance of the sacred trees—Peepal, Pakad, and Banyan—was highlighted, termed as Harishankari by Indian saints.

Ministry of Tourism identifies 'Prayagraj' and 'Naimisharanya' in UP as destinations for development under 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0'

- 'Prayagraj' and 'Naimisharanya' in UP identified by the Ministry of Tourism as destinations for development under 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)'.
➤ These have been identified with the objective of developing sustainable and responsible tourism destinations.
- The government launched 'Swadesh Darshan Yojana' (SDS) in the year 2014-15 for the integrated development of theme-based tourist circuits in the country.
- Swadesh Darshan 2.0 aims at holistic development with a view to developing sustainable and responsible tourist destinations.
- The scheme has been revamped with the mantra of "vocal for local".

Bihar to Constitute 'Rhino Task Force' for Reintroduction of Rhino Conservation Scheme

- The Bihar government to constitute 'Rhino Task Force' for suggesting measures for the reintroduction of rhino conservation scheme in 'Valmiki Tiger Reserve' in West Champaran district.
- The state's wildlife authorities have observed a substantial increase in the tiger population in VTR, prompting them to focus on reviving the rhino population in the region.
- Currently, there is only one rhino in VTR and 14 in Patna Zoo, but with the establishment of the 'Rhino Task Force', the authorities aim to bring back more rhino to the reserve.
- The Valmiki Tiger Reserve has been selected as a potential site under the National Rhino Conservation Scheme.

Rajasthan Govt. announces 19 New Districts, 3 New Divisions in State

- Rajasthan Government recently approved a proposal to form 19 new districts and three new divisions with the purpose of improving governance and decentralizing administrative functions.
- As of now, Rajasthan has 50 districts and 10 divisions, earlier it had 33 districts and 7 divisions.

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- A high-level committee chaired by retired IAS officer Ram Lubhaya formed in March 2022 to give recommendations about the formation of new districts in Rajasthan.
- The committee submitted its report and based on the interim report of the committee, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, on 17 March, made an announcement of the formation of 19 new districts in the state.
- The list of new districts includes Apoonagarh, Balotra, Beawar, Deeg, Didwana-Kuchaman, Dudu, Gangapur City, Kotputli-Behror, Khairthal-Tijara, Neem Ka Thana, Phalodi, Slumber, Sanchore and Shahpura. The state will now have 10 divisions with the addition of Banswara, Pali and Sikar.

AWARD

Manoj Bajpayee's 'Joram' wins awards at Durban International Film Festival

- Manoj Bajpayee headliner Joram has won two awards at the Durban International Film Festival.
- Manoj bagged the 'Best Actor' trophy, the film's cinematographer Piyush Puty won the award for 'Best Cinematography'.
- The film is a psychological thriller about a hunted displaced man who is on the run to protect his daughter directed by Devashish Makhija.
- The film also deals with issues such as social inequalities, injustice with the tribal communities and deforestation.

PM Modi honoured with Greece's Grand Cross of the Order of Honour

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the first Foreign Head of the Government to receive 'The Grand Cross of the Order of Honour' from the Greek government.
- Greek President Katerina N. Sakellariopoulou conferred the Award to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 25, 2023, in Athens.
- This award is given to Prime Ministers and distinguished individuals who have contributed to enhancing Greece's stature due to their prominent positions.
- The Order of Honour was established in 1975.

69th National Film Awards 2023

- The winners of the 69th National Film Awards were announced at the National Media Center in New Delhi.
- These awards are recognized as one of the highest honors in the field of film-making, serve as an evident to the dedication and creativity of individuals who contribute to the nation's rich cinematic tapestry.
- In a glittering ceremony, the winners of the 69th National Film Awards were revealed:-
 - ✓ The Allu Arjun was awarded for the Best Actor for the film Pushpa
 - ✓ Best Actress Award was presented to Alia Bhatt and Kriti Sanon for their films Gangubai Kathiawadia and Mimi respectively.
 - ✓ The Best Feature Film Award was presented to The Nambi Effect.
 - ✓ The Kashmir Files won the Nargis Dutt Award for Best Film on National Integration.

Ratan Tata conferred with Maharashtra govt.'s 'Udyog Ratna' award

- Ratan Tata was conferred with the first ever 'Udyog Ratna' award instituted by the Maharashtra government.
- The award was presented to the 85-year-old chairman emeritus of Tata Sons by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Ministers Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar at the industrialist's home in Colaba in south Mumbai.
- The contribution of the Tata group in all sectors is immense. The steel-to-salt group operates in more than 100 countries across six continents.
- In 2021-22, the collective revenue of Tata companies stood at \$128 billion.

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Gallantry awards 2023

- On the eve of Independence Day 2023, President Smt Droupadi Murmu sanctioned 76 Gallantry awards for personnel of the Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces.
- This recognition encompasses four posthumous Kirti Chakras, 11 Shaurya Chakras with five given posthumously, two Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 52 Sena Medals (Gallantry), three Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry), and four Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).
- Additionally, the President has sanctioned 30 Mention-in-Despatches awards to Army personnel, including a posthumous award for Army dog Madhu, and one for an Air Force member.

Ramon Magsaysay award 2023

- Dr Ravi Kannan, an oncologist from Assam, India, has been awarded the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay award for 2023.
- The award, considered Asia's Nobel Prize, recognizes his outstanding work in providing free or low-cost cancer treatment to the rural poor.
- The Ramon Magsaysay Award holds great significance as Asia's highest honour, recognizing individuals and organizations that have made exceptional contributions to public service across various fields.
- The award was named after the esteemed third president of the Philippines, Ramon Magsaysay, and the award was established in 1957 through the collaborative efforts of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Philippine government.

PM conferred Lokmanya Tilak National Award in Pune

- The Lokmanya Tilak National Award was granted to the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, in Pune, Maharashtra, during a ceremony that commemorated the 103rd death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak.
- The prestigious award, instituted by the Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust in 1983, aims to honor the lasting legacy of Lokmanya Tilak.
- Shri Narendra Modi became the 41st distinguished individual to receive this esteemed recognition.

SPORTS

Aditi Swami has become the first Indian to win an individual World Title at World Archery Championships.

- Aditi Swami won the Title at the World Archery Championships final in Berlin.
- Aditi became the senior world champion when she defeated Andrea Becerra of Mexico.
- With this win, she became the first Indian world champion in an individual event at the Senior World Championships.
- India's Ojas Deotale defeated Lukasz Przybylski of Poland in a final to become the new world champion in Men's individual compound event.
- On 04 August 2023, Aditi Swami, Parneet Kaur and Jyothi Surekha Vennam won India's first-ever gold at World Archery Championships by winning the compound women's team final.
- India came up in first place in among the highest medal winners at the 2023 World Archery Championships. It won 3 gold medals and 1 bronze medal.
- South Korea came in second place with a total of three medals. Host Germany came in third place with 2 medals.
- World Archery Championships are a series of competitions in Archery. They are organised by the World Archery Federation.
- The 2023 World Archery Championships was organized from 31 July to 6 August 2023 in Berlin, Germany.

FISU World University Games in Chengdu, China.

- India won 26 medals including 11 Gold, five silver, and 10 bronze in the FISU World University Games in Chengdu, China.
- The World University Games was the 31st edition of the biennial multi-sport event held in China's sixth-largest city.
- India finished seventh in the medal tally.
- China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea ranked first, second, and third with 178, 93, and 58 medals, respectively.
- This multi-sport meet was conducted from July 28 to August 8.
- The 2021 edition was postponed due to COVID-19.
- Indian teams competed in archery, athletics, badminton, fencing, judo, shooting, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, and volleyball.
- In the previous edition in Naples 2019, Japan was the top-performing nation by topping the table with 82 medals.
- The FISU World University Games is an international multi-sport event organized by the International University Sports Federation (FISU) for university athletes.

India won inaugural Women's Asian Hockey 5s World Cup Qualifier

- India won the Women's Asian Hockey 5s World Cup Qualifier by defeating Thailand 7-2 in the final.
- Mariana Kujur and Jyoti scored two goals each for India in the final.
- Monika Dipi Toppo, Navjot Kaur, and Mahima Choudhary were the other goal scorers for India.
- With the win, India qualified for the Hockey 5s World Cup to be held in Muscat 2024.

Max Verstappen Clinches Third Consecutive Victory at Dutch Grand Prix 2023

- Max Verstappen took his third consecutive win at the Dutch Grand Prix at Circuit Zandvoort in the Netherlands.
- Max Verstappen's victory equaled Sebastian Vettel's record of nine consecutive F1 victories.
- Fernando Alonso secured a podium position by coming in second.
- Sergio Perez, driving for Red Bull, initially finished third, but a five-second penalty resulted in Pierre Gasly taking third place on the podium.
- Dutch Grand Prix also known as the "Grote Prijs van Nederland", is an annual event of the Formula One World Championship.

Neeraj Chopra won the first gold medal for India at the World Athletics Championships

- Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won the first gold medal for India at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary.
- In the men's javelin final, Neeraj Chopra won the Gold medal with a throw of 88.17 meters.
- Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem won the silver medal in the men's javelin throw event with a throw of 87.82 metres.
- Jakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic won the bronze medal in the same event.
- In the javelin throw, Indian player Kishor Jena finished fifth, while Indian player DP Manu finished sixth.

Indian Chess Grandmaster Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa Finishes 2nd In FIDE World Cup

- Indian genius Praggnanandhaa finished second with a win over Magnus Carlsen in the FIDE World Chess Cup 2023 final.
- Magnus Carlsen emerged victorious in the FIDE World Cup for the first time in his career.
- The final match between Carlsen and Praggnanandhaa lasted three days and featured four intense games played in two formats..
- Praggnanandhaa, who celebrated his 18th birthday during the World Cup, created history by becoming the youngest-ever World Cup finalist.
- Seeded 31st, Praggnanandhaa also holds the distinction of being the lowest-seeded player to reach a World Cup final.

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- He achieved the title of Grandmaster at the age of 12.

Priya Malik won a Gold medal at the 2023 U20 World Wrestling Championships in Jordan

- Priya Malik became the 2nd Indian woman wrestler to win the U20 world championship.
- Last year, Antim Panghal became the first Indian woman to win a junior world title in wrestling in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- Priya is from Haryana. She defeated Laura Celine Kuehn of Germany in the women's 76kg freestyle wrestling final.
- Priya has now won both the U17 2021, and 2022 and U20 world titles.

Indian hockey team has won the Asian Champions Trophy 2023

- Indian hockey team has won the Asian Champions Trophy 2023. India defeated Malaysia 4-3 in the final match played in Chennai on 12 August 2023.
- The Indian team has won the Asian Champions Trophy title for the fourth time.
- Now it has become the team to win the title of this tournament for the maximum number of times, India has defeated Pakistan in this matter, which won the title on three occasions.
- Apart from India-Pakistan, only Korea has won this tournament on one occasion, Korea won the title in the year 2021 season.

Dutee Chand gets four-year ban for failing dope test

- Indian sprinter Dutee Chand, renowned as India's fastest female athlete and holder of the national 100m record, has been handed a significant blow with a four-year ban following her failure in an out-of-competition dope test.
- The test revealed the presence of selective androgen receptor modulators (SARMs), leading to the decision to suspend her from competitive sports.
- Chand's ban, which commences from January 3, 2023, stems from her failed out-of-competition dope test for SARMs, which occurred on December 5, 2022.
- The verdict, delivered by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), found Chand in breach of "article 2.1 and 2.2 of the NADA," resulting in a four-year ineligibility period under "article 10.2.1.1 of the NADA ADR 2021."

FIFA Women's World Cup 2023: Spain wins the title

- Spain secured their first ever Women's World Cup title with a 1-0 win over England at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup final in Sydney.
- The win marks a historic FIFA Women's World Cup campaign for Spain who previously failed to make it past the Round of 16.
- Making it to the final after knockout wins over Switzerland, the Netherlands and Sweden, was already a first for Spain with the victory in the final cause for an even bigger celebration.
- Captain Olga Carmona smashed the decisive goal as Spain defeated England 1-0 to lift the FIFA Women's World Cup title.
- Spain's first major international trophy made it the first European team to win the Women's World Cup since Germany in 2007

India's Anahat Singh wins gold in Asian Junior Squash Championship

- Anahat Singh represented India by winning the gold medal in the Under-17 category of the Asian Junior Squash Individual Championship. The event took place in Dalian, China from 16 to 20 August.
- In the final match held on August 20, 2023, 15-year-old Anahat defeated Hong Kong's Anna Kwong by a score of 3-1 to win the gold medal.
- Last year in Thailand, Anahat won his first gold medal in this championship.
- Anahat Singh gained significant recognition in 2019 when she became the Under-11 champion at the British Junior Open squash.
- He claimed the Under-13 title in the Dutch Junior Open squash.

Ranks & Reports

Maharashtra ranks 2nd highest in minor irrigation schemes after UP

- The 6th census report on minor irrigation schemes was released by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- Maharashtra has the second-highest number of minor irrigation schemes in India after Uttar Pradesh.
- Out of 23.14 million minor irrigation schemes in India, 94.8% are Ground Water (GW) and 5.2% are Surface Water (SW) schemes.
- Karnataka, Telangana, and Odisha are ranked after Maharashtra.

India ranks 6th in South Asia region for Internet Resilience

- India, a rapidly developing nation in the realm of technology and connectivity, has achieved an overall score of 43 percent in the Internet Resilience Index (IRI).
- This achievement positions India as the sixth-ranked country in the South Asian region.
- The IRI, developed by the global non-profit organization Internet Society, provides a comprehensive assessment of a country's internet ecosystem, taking into account factors such as security, performance, infrastructure, and market readiness.
- Top 5 countries in the Internet Resilience Index (IRI):
 - ✓ Bhutan
 - ✓ Bangladesh
 - ✓ Maldives
 - ✓ Sri Lanka
 - ✓ Nepal

India retains top spot among EMs for 5th straight month; Brazil second

- India has retained its top spot for the fifth month in a row with a composite score of 75, according to Mint's Emerging Markets Tracker.
- Brazil has the highest import cover among the emerging markets.
- The Philippines jumped up two places to the third spot due to positive growth in exports.
- Mint's Emerging Markets Tracker ranks emerging markets based on seven high-frequency indicators.

Vienna is named the most liveable city in the world for the 4th time

- Singapore ranks 10th among Asia-Pacific cities in the latest Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) ranking of the most liveable cities in the world.
- Vienna is named the most liveable city in the world for the fourth time in five years.
- The four Indian cities in the study, New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, and Bangalore, are ranked between positions 45 and 50 among Asia-Pacific cities

Jal Shakti Ministry releases report on 6th census on minor irrigation

- The Ministry of Jal Shakti released the report on the sixth census on minor irrigation schemes
- As per the report, 23.14 million minor irrigation schemes have been reported in the country, out of which 21.93 million are Ground Water and 1.21 million are Surface Water schemes
- The information about gender of the owner of MI scheme was also collected in case of individual ownership.

Srinagar tops 'Jal Jeevan Survekshan 2023' rankings

- Srinagar district has secured the top spot in the 'Front Runners' category of the 'Jal Jeevan Survekshan 2023.'
- The 'Jal Jeevan Survekshan 2023' evaluated districts across India on their water supply and management systems.
- The Survekshan was conducted from October 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.
- Srinagar topped the ranking due to its significant improvement in water supply and management.

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District Nuh secures 2nd position in NITI Aayog's Delta ranking

- The Aspirational Districts Programme has yielded positive results in Nuh district of Haryana as the district has moved from the 30th position to the second position in Niti Aayog's Delta ranking.
- The Programme aims to uplift and develop the most socio-economically challenged districts in India, and this progress in the Nuh district is certainly a step in the right direction.

Indonesian capital Jakarta has become the world's most polluted

- Indonesian capital Jakarta has become the world's most polluted major city, according to air quality monitoring firm IQ Air.
- Jakarta has regularly recorded "unhealthy" levels of PM2.5, which can penetrate airways to cause respiratory problems, many times the World Health Organization's recommended levels.

WTO's WTSR 2023 Report: India ranked 18th in merchandise exports

- The World Trade Organization (WTO) released its 2023 edition of the World Trade Statistical Review (WTSR) in August 2023.
- India is ranked 18th among merchandise exports due to its diverse economy.
- India is also ranked 7th in the list of services exporters with exports of \$309 billion and 4.4 per cent of global services trade share.

Fortune Global 500: Walmart tops the list, Reliance jumps 16 places

- The Fortune Global 500 list of companies in 2023 was released on 4 August 2023.
- Walmart tops the list followed by Saudi Aramco and State Grid, China.,.
- The list ranks companies by total revenues for their respective fiscal years ended on or before 31 March 2023.
- Reliance was ranked at 104 in the 2022 ranking and in the 2023 ranking it is placed at number 88, according to the publication.

Indore best city, Madhya Pradesh top State in Smart Cities contest

- Indore is the best Smart City while Madhya Pradesh has been chosen as the top State for exemplary performance in the Smart Cities Mission
- Surat and Agra are the second and third-place winners among cities, while Tamil Nadu is the second in the State category followed by Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh in the India Smart Cities Award Contest 2022
- The award for the best UT has gone to Chandigarh.

Indore secures 1st position, Bhopal 5th in Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023

- Indore has secured the first position in Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan-2023 conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board.
- Bhopal ranked fifth, Jabalpur 13th and Gwalior 41st in the same category of cities with a population of over 10 lakhs.
- Madhya Pradesh has secured two of the first five positions for cities with a population of more than 10 lakhs.

2023 Plastic Overshoot Day Report

- Plastic pollution has emerged as one of the most pressing environmental challenges of our time, causing significant harm to ecosystems and wildlife.
- One crucial milestone in this crisis is Plastic Overshoot Day, which signals the point at which the amount of plastics produced exceeds the global waste management capacity.
- On this occasion, the 2023 Plastic Overshoot Day Report was released by the Swiss-based research consultancy Earth Action.

DEFENCE

China, UAE air forces to conduct first joint training FALCON Shield-2023

- Ministry of National Defense announced the air forces of China and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will conduct a joint training exercise in Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region
- According to the ministry, the exercise, Falcon Shield-2023, will be the first joint training between the two nation's air forces.
- Aims: To deepen pragmatic exchanges and cooperation between the two militaries and enhance mutual understanding and trust, the ministry added.

President Droupadi Murmu Launches INS Vindhyagiri

- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the latest addition to the Indian Navy's fleet, INS Vindhyagiri.
- The launch event was held at the Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE).
- Following the launch of INS Vindhyagiri, the vessel will join its sister ships, INS Himgiri and INS Dunagiri, at the Outfitting Jetty at GRSE.

Exercise Malabar to be held off Sydney from August 11-21

- The 31st edition of the Malabar multilateral exercise involving India, Australia, Japan and the US will be held in Sydney from August 11-21, as Australia will host the war games for the first time this year.
- Australia has invited India for the Maritime Energy Summit to be held from November 7 to 9
- The exercise will take place in a large designated area, the East Australian exercise area, spread over a couple of hundred miles off Sydney and will have a harbour and sea phase.
- Exercise Malabar will be followed by AUSINDEX, the India-Australia bilateral naval exercise.

Indian Navy participates in 5th 'AUSINDEX-23' held in Australia

- From August 22 to 25, 2023, the 5th edition of the biennial AUSINDEX maritime exercise occurred in Sydney, Australia, conducted collaboratively by the Indian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy.
- Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy (RAN) jointly organized the exercise.
- The participating ships included INS Sahyadri, INS Kolkata from the Indian Navy, and HMAS Choules and HMAS Brisbane from RAN
- The exercise not only involved ships and their helicopters but also fighter aircraft and maritime patrol aircraft.

Indian Air Force Makes Its Debut In Exercise BRIGHT STAR-23 In Egypt

- An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent has embarked on a significant journey, marking the first-ever participation in Exercise BRIGHT STAR-23.
- This biennial multilateral tri-service exercise is taking place at Cairo (West) Air Base in Egypt, spanning from August 27 to September 16, 2023.
- The participation of the IAF in this exercise underscores a new chapter of cooperation and collaboration among nations.

India's Indigenous Nag ATGM and Helina Dhruvastra Missiles Set to Join Indian Armed Forces

- Indigenous Nag Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) & its helicopter-launched variant HELINA (Dhruvastra) are ready for induction into the Indian Army and Indian Air Force.
- Nag ATGM is the surface-to-air missile and Dhruvastra is the air-to-surface missile.
- This has been developed by Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO) and manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).
- This Nag ATGM developed under the integrated guided missile development programme (IGMDP) includes: Prithvi - Agni - Trishul - Nag - Akash.

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India Launches "Prabal" Long-Range Side Swing Revolver

- India has launched its first long-range side swing revolver, called "Prabal," designed for civilians and arms dealers.
- "Prabal" boasts an impressive firing range of up to 50 meters, setting it apart from other revolvers currently in production.
- This range is more than double that of its counterparts, making it a leader in the long-range handgun category.
- Accuracy at 50 Meters: The .32 bore "Prabal" revolver is known for its accuracy in hitting targets up to 50 meters away, offering reliable performance even at longer distances.

Science & Technology

Chandrayaan-3 Successfully landed on the moon

- India has finally landed on the moon and became the only country in the world to land on the Lunar South Pole.
- India is now also the fourth country to soft land on moon after the United States, Russia & China.
- Undeterred by the challenges of Chandrayaan 2, India geared up for Chandrayaan 3 and the successful landing became a huge victory for our country.
- Chandrayaan 3 holds immense significance as it aims to achieve a soft landing on the Moon and showcases India's resilience and determination in space exploration.
 - ✓ Chandrayaan 1: 2008
 - ✓ Chandrayaan 2: 2019
 - ✓ Chandrayaan 3: 2023

ISRO's next mission to Moon is with Japanese, named LUPEX

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is preparing for one more lunar mission, this one in collaboration with Japanese space agency, The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).
- This mission, called LUPEX, or Lunar Polar Exploration, is slated for 2024-25.
- But there would be more in the Chandrayaan series as well. LUPEX will offer ISRO another opportunity to probe the surface of the Moon.

India's First 3D-Printed Post Office

- India has unveiled its first 3D-printed post office, inaugurated virtually by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in Bengaluru's Cambridge Layout.
- The post office, built by Larsen & Toubro Limited in just 43 days, demonstrates the rapid advancement of 3D printing technology.
- Initially introduced in the 1980s, 3D printing struggled with cost and precision issues.
- However, recent innovations have overcome these hurdles, leading to its integration in industries like automotive, aerospace, and healthcare.

China launches new satellite for Earth observation

- China on Monday launched a new earth observation satellite into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center located in the northwest of the country.
- The satellite, named Gaofen-12 04, was successfully placed into its intended orbit after being launched via a Long March-4C carrier rocket at 1:45 a.m. local time (1745 GMT), Beijing-based Xinhua News Agency reported.
- It will be used in a range of areas, including land surveys, urban planning, road network design and disaster relief.
- It was the 484th flight of the Long March carrier rockets.

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Central Water Commission

- The Central Water Commission launched an app, called 'Floodwatch', which can forecast the chances of floods a day in advance.
- The app also provides a seven-day advisory on the chances of floods at various stations in the country where the CWC maintains its measurement gauges.
- The app will also provide State-wise/basin-wide flood forecast up to 24 hours or flood advisory, up to seven days, that can be accessed via selecting specific stations.
- Central Water Commission (CWC) is India's premier technical organization in water resources.
- It is an attached office of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation

BANKING, ECONOMY AND FINANCE

India to grow at average 6.7% per year from FY24 to FY31

- India's gross domestic product is expected to grow at a rate of 6.7% per year from fiscal year 2024 to FY 2031 in Aug 2023
- Growth is projected to elevate India's GDP from \$3.4 trillion in fiscal year 2023 to \$6.7 trillion.
- As per S&P Global, the rating agency, the per capita GDP is anticipated to increase to around \$4,500.
- The main factor driving Indian growth is a capital accumulation.
- Investment as a proportion of GDP reached a 10-year high of 34% in fiscal 2023.

RBI Introduces UDGAM Portal

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has unveiled a ground breaking solution for individuals seeking their unclaimed deposits.
- Named the UDGAM (Unclaimed Deposits – Gateway to Access Information) portal.
- This centralized web platform is designed to simplify the process of locating unclaimed deposits across various banks.

Airtel Payments Bank Becomes First Indian Bank to Launch Eco-Friendly Debit Card

- Airtel Payments Bank has become the first Indian bank to launch an eco-friendly debit card for both new and existing savings account customers.
- Airtel Payments Bank is the only profitable Indian fintech company operating at scale with a banking license.
- The launch is in line with the bank's commitment to promote sustainable development and eco-friendly practices in the financial sector.

Summits & Conferences

India will host the 5th World Coffee Conference (WCC) in Bengaluru.

- India would host WCC for the first time in Asia. WCC will be held from September 25 to 28.
- Tennis player Rohan Bopanna has been declared as brand ambassador for WCC 2023.
- The central theme of the conference is "Sustainability through Circular Economy and Regenerative Agriculture".
- The event will be jointly organised by the Coffee Board, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and ICO.
- WCC was earlier held in London (2001), Brazil (2005), Guatemala (2010), and Ethiopia (2016).

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- International Coffee Organization is a body set up in 1963 under the auspices of the United Nations. It is headquartered in London, UK.

Global India AI 2023

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is set to host the Global India AI 2023 conference in October.
- The event aims to bring together prominent players in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI), including researchers, startups, and investors from India and worldwide.
- Topics to be covered include Next Generation Learning, Foundational AI models, AI's applications in healthcare, governance, electric vehicles, research trends, computing systems, investment prospects, and nurturing AI talent.
- The conference is steered by Shri Rajeesh Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Electronics & IT, with the goal of shaping the future of AI across sectors.

India, Vietnam holds 5th Joint Trade Sub-Commission meeting

- The 5th meeting of India-Vietnam Joint Trade Sub-Commission JTSC was held in New Delhi on 8 August 2023.
- Vietnam is the 23rd largest global trade partner of India and the 5th largest among ASEAN countries with bilateral trade of 14.70 Billion dollars during 2022-23.
- Vietnam accounts for 11.2 percent of India's total trade with ASEAN.
- Vietnam is an important destination for India's iron and steel and agricultural and animal products mainly meat products, animal fodder, cereals, and marine products.

15th BRICS Summit 2023

- South Africa was the host nation for the 15th BRICS Summit.
- As the Chair of BRICS Summit 2023, South Africa is focusing on the theme as- 'BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Mutually Accelerated Growth, Sustainable Development, and Inclusive Multilateralism'.
- Every year, the BRICS nations as Brazil, the Russian Federation, India, China, and South Africa get together for a summit of their leaders.
- Discussions center on areas of political and socioeconomic coordination, where participating nations have discovered commercial potential, economic complementarities, and collaboration opportunities.
- At the BRICS Summit 2023, the leaders of BRICS Countries announced the admission of six new countries from next year 2024, as the club of large and populous emerging economies seeks to reshape the global order.
- The six countries Argentina, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates full members of BRICS from 1st January 2024.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi later congratulated the new member, saying, "India has always supported the expansion of BRICS.
- BRICS was formed in 2006.
- First summit- It was held in Yekaterinburg in 2009.

Miscellaneous

Virat Kohli becomes the top earner from Instagram from India and Asia

- Virat Kohli is the third-richest athlete on Instagram, commands Rs 11.45 cr per post
- He is the only Indian in the top 20 list published by Hopper HQ.
- The former Indian skipper is third only to Cristiano Ronaldo who has topped the list with 596,848,846 followers, and Lionel Messi who has 479,268,484 followers, in the 2023 Instagram Rich

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List. Ronaldo commands \$3,234,000 or Rs 26.76 crore per post and Messi commands \$2,597,000 or Rs 21.49 crore for a post.

Kashmir to Host Miss World 2023 in December

- Julia Eric Morely, the CEO of Miss World, held a press conference in the picturesque region of Kashmir, India.
- The occasion marked the anticipation and preparation for the 71st edition of the prestigious Miss World beauty pageant, which is scheduled to be hosted in India.
- Morely's words echoed the sentiment of excitement and emotion surrounding the event, saying, "Truthfully, I am so happy.
- It is emotional for us, to see such beauty."

NHAI launches mobile app 'Rajmargyatra' for national highway users

- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has taken a significant step by introducing the 'Rajmargyatra' mobile application.
- This unified app aims to provide comprehensive information and efficient complaint redressal for national highway users, making travel safer and more convenient.
- The 'Rajmargyatra' app is designed to be user-friendly and is available for download on both the Google Play Store and iOS App Store.

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Current Objective Questions

1. What is the main purpose of the Global India AI 2023 Conference?
 - a) Showcasing art and culture
 - b) Hosting sports events
 - c) Providing a platform for AI discussions
 - d) Focusing on space exploration
2. Which bill proposes to replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860?
 - a) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023
 - b) Bharatiya NyayPrakriyaSanhita, 2023
 - c) Bharatiya Sakshya Sanhita, 2023
 - d) None of the above
3. Who became the first-ever Indian to clinch the individual World Title at the World Archery Championships final in Berlin?
 - a) OjasDeotale
 - b) JyothiSurekhaVennam
 - c) Parneet Kaur
 - d) Aditi Swami
4. Which two navies participate in the MALABAR exercises?
 - a) Indian Navy and Russian Navy
 - b) Indian Navy and Chinese Navy
 - c) Indian Navy and US Navy
 - d) Indian Navy and French Navy
5. What does the Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023 define?
 - a) Definitions of agricultural products
 - b) Definitions of export and import duties
 - c) Expressions of online gaming, online money gaming, and virtual digital assets
 - d) Regulations for e-commerce platforms
6. Which nations have been newly incorporated into the BRICS alliance?
 - a) Canada, Australia, Japan, Mexico, France
 - b) Argentina, Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia
 - c) United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland
 - d) South Korea, Turkey, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam
7. On which important Buddhist religious day was Aung San Suu Kyi pardoned, leading to a reduction in her jail term?
 - a) Vesak
 - b) Poya
 - c) DhammaCakka Day
 - d) Asalha Puja
8. Which contestant won the Miss Diva Universe 2023 title?
 - a) Divita Rai
 - b) Trisha Shetty
 - c) Shweta Sharda
 - d) SonalKukreja

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9. What is the name of India's first space-based solar observatory ?
 - a) SunView-1
 - b) Solaris Mission
 - c) Aditya-L1
 - d) Helio Scan-Alpha
10. Who recently became India's first-ever gold medallist at the World Athletics Championships?
 - a) Abhinav Bindra
 - b) P. T. Usha
 - c) Neeraj Chopra
 - d) Sushil Kumar
11. Which club football tournament is the oldest in Asia and the third oldest in the world?
 - a) Durand Cup
 - b) FA Cup
 - c) Copa Libertadores
 - d) AFC Champions League
12. Who inaugurated the national festival of India's folk and tribal expressions "Utkarsh" and the international literature festival "Unmesh" in Bhopal?
 - a) Governor Mangubhai Patel
 - b) Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan
 - c) President Draupadi Murmu
 - d) Culture Department of Madhya Pradesh
13. Who is the current cabinet secretary of India?
 - a) Ajit Doval
 - b) Rajiv Gauba
 - c) Sanjay Kumar Mishra
 - d) Tapan Deka
14. What is the B20 (Business 20)?
 - a) A global business competition
 - b) An international business conference
 - c) The official G20 dialogue forum with the business community
 - d) A financial organization of 20 countries
15. Which organization is responsible for the Chandrayaan Missions?
 - a) NASA
 - b) ESA (European Space Agency)
 - c) ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation)
 - d) JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency)
16. Who will be captain of Indian Men's Cricket team in the upcoming Asia Cup 2023?
 - a) Shubman Gill
 - b) Virat Kohli
 - c) Rohit Sharma
 - d) KL Rahul
17. Who has been honored with the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2023?
 - a) Amit Shah
 - b) Narendra Modi
 - c) Nitin Gadkari
 - d) Medha Patkar

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18. What city retained its top position and won the National Smart City Award in the fourth edition of the India Smart Cities Award Contest (ISAC)?
- Chennai
 - Surat
 - Agra
 - Indore
19. Who became the first Foreign Head of the Government to receive 'The Grand Cross of the Order of Honour' from the Greek government?
- Angela Merkel
 - Emmanuel Macron
 - Narendra Modi
 - Boris Johnson
20. How did the NDA defeat the no-confidence motion in the Lok Sabha?
- By a voice vote
 - By a division vote
 - By a walkout
 - By a secret ballot
21. Which naval exercise recently concluded its 27th edition in Sydney, Australia, involving multiple countries' navies?
- Operation Trident
 - Exercise Blue Waters
 - Exercise Malabar 2023
 - Operation Pacific Unity
22. What name did Prime Minister Narendra Modi give to the spot on the Moon where Chandrayaan-3's lander Vikram touched down?
- Moon Touch Point
 - Lunar Landing Site
 - Shiv Shakti Point
 - ISRO Landing Zone
23. Which country recently achieved the historic feat by becoming the first country to successfully land on the South Pole of the lunar surface?
- China
 - Russia
 - United States
 - India
24. Who was declared the winner in Zimbabwe's presidential elections?
- Robert Mugabe
 - Nelson Chamisa
 - Emmerson Mnangagwa
 - Nelson Mandela
25. What is the name of the Russian space agency?
- RSA (Russian Space Administration)
 - RKA (Russian Cosmonautics Agency)
 - Roscosmos (Russian Federal Space Agency)
 - RFSA (Russian Federal Space Administration)

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26. Who has been declared as the National Icon of the Election Commission of India (ECI)?
- MS Dhoni
 - Aamir Khan
 - Sachin Tendulkar
 - Pankaj Tripathi
27. Why is August 23 celebrated as National Space Day in India?
- It marks the founding day of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
 - It commemorates the successful landing of the Chandrayaan-3 lander on the lunar South Pole.
 - It signifies India's first human spaceflight mission.
 - It celebrates the launch of India's first communication satellite.
28. What is the theme of the 15th BRICS summit held in Pretoria, South Africa?
- "Emerging Economies Unite"
 - "Global Challenges and Collaborative Solutions"
 - "BRICS: Towards Sustainable Development"
 - 'BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Mutually Accelerated Growth, Sustainable Development, and Inclusive Multilateralism'
29. Who emerged as the winner of the FIDE Chess World Cup 2023?
- R. Praggnanandhaa
 - Viswanathan Anand
 - Magnus Carlsen
 - Ding Liren
30. What film was awarded the "Best Feature Film" at the 69th National Film Awards?
- Gangubai Kathiawadi
 - Rocketry: The Nambi Effect
 - Pushpa: The Rise
 - RRR
31. In which South African city is the BRICS Summit 2023 being held?
- Johannesburg
 - Cape Town
 - Durban
 - Pretoria
32. Which nation emerged as the champion of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023?
- Germany
 - Spain
 - USA
 - France
33. How many Kirti Chakra awards were approved by President Smt Droupadi Murmu on Independence Day 2023?
- 2
 - 4
 - 6
 - 8
34. On August 15, 2023, India celebrated its _____ Independence Day.
- 75th
 - 76th

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- c) 77th
d) 78th
35. Who will lead the Indian contingent in the upcoming World Athletics Championships 2023?
a) Shaili Singh
b) Neeraj Chopra
c) P T Usha
d) Hima Das
36. Who recently became Thailand's new Prime Minister?
a) Thaksin Shinawatra
b) Prayut Chan-o-cha
c) SretthaThavisin
d) Joko Widodo
37. Who recently achieved the distinction of being the first Indian, following Viswanathan Anand, to advance to the semi- finals of the FIDE Chess World Cup?
a) Viswanathan Anand
b) Arjun Erigaisi
c) Magnus Carlsen
d) R Praggnanandhaa
38. In which weight category did Priya Malik win the gold medal at U20 World Wrestling Championships in August 2023?
a) 68 kg
b) 76 kg
c) 80 kg
d) 85 kg
39. India wins Asian Champions Trophy 2023 in Hockey. Who was India's opponent in the final?
a) Pakistan
b) Japan
c) Malaysia
d) South Korea
40. What is the name of the Lander Module in the Chandrayaan-3 mission that is expected to land on the Moon's surface?
a) Luna
b) Explorer
c) Vikram
d) Apollo
41. Who clinched the 10m air pistol mixed team gold at the ISSF World Championship 2023?
a) IlaydaTarhan and Yusuf Dikec
b) Esha Singh and Shiva Narwal
c) China's shooting duo
d) Turkish shooting team
42. Who are the finalists in the Chess World Cup 2023?
a) R Praggnanandhaa and Viswanathan Anand
b) Magnus Carlsen and Fabiano Caruana
c) R Praggnanandhaa and Magnus Carlsen
d) Fabiano Caruana and Viswanathan Anand

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43. Which nation is the host of the multilateral exercise Bright Star-23 from 27 August to 16 September 2023?
- Saudi Arabia
 - Greece
 - Qatar
 - Egypt
44. Who recently made history by winning a gold medal at the Under 20 World Championship in men's 61 Kg Freestyle wrestling category?
- Ramesh Kumar
 - Sagar Jaglan
 - Mohit Kumar
 - Deepak Punia
45. Where is the G20 Film Festival being held?
- Mumbai, India
 - Tokyo, Japan
 - New Delhi, India
 - Beijing, China
46. Who is the Director General of the World Health Organisation (WHO) who visited India to attend WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine?
- Dr. Margaret Chan
 - Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
 - Dr. Adhanom Ghebreyesus Tedros
 - Dr. Narendra Ghebreyesus
47. Who holds the top spot in the ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings for batters, as per rankings updated on 16 August 2023?
- Shubman Gill
 - Babar Azam
 - Suryakumar Yadav
 - Mohammad Rizwan
48. What is the name of the bilateral exercise conducted with the UAE Navy?
- 'Maritime Synergy'
 - 'Naval Friendship'
 - 'ZayedTalwar'
 - 'Oceanic Unity'
49. Which national park is known as the natural habitat of Asiatic lions?
- Jim Corbett National Park
 - Kaziranga National Park
 - Gir National Park
 - Bandipur National Park
50. The Parsi New Year is celebrated according to which calendar?
- Gregorian calendar
 - Lunar calendar
 - Shahenshahi calendar
 - Hijri calendar
51. In which city did the 31st World University Games take place?
- New Delhi, India
 - Beijing, China

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- c) Chengdu, China
 - d) Tokyo, Japan
52. What is the main purpose of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill 2023?
- a) To establish a new political party in Delhi
 - b) To amend the Indian Constitution
 - c) To empower the Central Government to make rules for Delhi's administration
 - d) To grant more powers to the local government in Delhi
53. What is the name of the Russian lunar lander set to launch on this mission?
- a) Chandrayaan-3
 - b) Luna 25
 - c) Artemis
 - d) Lunar Rover-1
54. Why was Rahul Gandhi disqualified from the Lok Sabha earlier this year?
- a) He was involved in a corruption scandal.
 - b) He was found guilty of criminal defamation.
 - c) He voluntarily resigned from his position.
 - d) He violated parliamentary ethics and rules.
55. Who has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Tesla?
- a) Zachary Kirkhorn
 - b) Elon Musk
 - c) Vaibhav Taneja
 - d) Rajeev Jain
56. From which date will the 28% GST on casinos and online gaming be implemented?
- a) 1st of November 2023
 - b) 1st of September 2023
 - c) 1st of October 2023
 - d) 1st of December 2023
57. When is the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft expected to make a soft landing near the Moon's South Pole?
- a) July 14
 - b) August 23
 - c) September 11
 - d) October 5

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ANSWER - KEY

CURRENT OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

1	c	16	c	31	a	46	b
2	a	17	b	32	b	47	c
3	d	18	d	33	b	48	c
4	c	19	c	34	c	49	c
5	c	20	a	35	b	50	c
6	b	21	c	36	c	51	c
7	c	22	c	37	d	52	c
8	c	23	d	38	b	53	b
9	c	24	c	39	c	54	b
10	c	25	c	40	c	55	c
11	a	26	c	41	b	56	c
12	c	27	b	42	c	57	b
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