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LAW AND AMENDMENT

Three new Bills in Parliament

- On August 11, 2023, the Central Government introduced three new Bills in Parliament to reform the country's criminal justice system.
- The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam legislation were just passed by Parliament. The Indian Penal Code of 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1898 and the Indian Evidence Act of 1872 would be repealed by these measures.
- The three Bills were subsequently forwarded to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs for assessment and recommendations.
- *Key Highlights of Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) Sanhita Bill, 2023*
 - ✓ It preserves the majority of IPC crimes and adds community service as a form of punishment.
 - ✓ Terrorism is now an offence. It is described as an act intended to endanger the country's unity, integrity, security, or economic security or to instil fear among the population.
 - ✓ Murder by a mob of five or more individuals for a certain identifiable identity, such as caste, language, or personal belief, is punishable by life in jail or death, as well as a fine.
 - ✓ The victim of a sexual assault must now have their statement documented on audio and video.
 - ✓ For various minor offences, 'community service' has been added as an alternative to incarceration.
 - ✓ Provisions for Zero FIR registration have been created. Within 24 hours, the FIR will be transmitted to the jurisdictional police station.
 - ✓ The maximum prison penalty for “Hit and Run” is ten years.
 - ✓ Kidnapping, extortion, and cybercrime undertaken on behalf of a crime syndicate have been included as offences.
 - ✓ Sedition is no longer an offence under the law.
- *Key highlights of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita, 2023*
 - ✓ The bill proposes to repeal the Criminal Procedure Code (Cr PC) of 1973.
 - ✓ Forensic examination is now required for offenses with a minimum penalty of seven years in jail.
 - ✓ The inquiry must be completed within 90 days after the filing of the charge sheet. The reserved judgements must be rendered within 30 days.
 - ✓ The Medical Examiner will send the victim of sexual harassment's medical examination report to the investigating officer within 7 days.
 - ✓ Fingerprints, voice samples, and specimen signatures or handwriting may be acquired for an investigation or legal proceeding.
- *Bharatiya Sakshya (Second) Bill, 2023*
 - ✓ It is intended to replace the Indian Evidence Act of 1872 (IEA).
 - ✓ It keeps most of the IEA's provisions, including those on confessions, relevance of facts, and burden of proof.
 - ✓ The IEA recognises two types of evidence: documentary and oral. The distinction is preserved in the measure.
 - ✓ It considers electronic records as documents. Electronic hearings, investigations and trials are possible.
 - ✓ Production of electronic communication devices for a trial, investigation, or inquiry will be authorized since they are likely to include digital evidence.
 - ✓ Confessions made in police custody are similarly inadmissible unless validated by a magistrate.

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- ✓ In cases where an accused has absconded or has failed to answer to an arrest order, the law provides for joint trials for many people.

Anand Marriage Act has come into force in Jammu and Kashmir

- The Anand Vivah Act relates to marriages within the Sikh community.
- This Act was passed by the Parliament in the year 2012.
- At that time it was applicable in all the states/union territories except Jammu and Kashmir.
- This Act has also come into force in Jammu and Kashmir in December 2023.
- In the Sikh community it is called 'Anand Karaj'.
- It means 'working towards happiness' or 'working towards a happy life'.
- It was started by Sikh Guru Amar Das.
- The purpose of this Act is to legally validate marriages performed in accordance with Sikh traditions.
- Due to Article 370, it was not applicable in Jammu and Kashmir but now after 11 years it has been implemented in Jammu and Kashmir also.

The Supreme Court has accepted the Parliament's decision to abrogate Article 370 as correct.

- In reference Article 370 petition.
- On December 11, 2023, the Supreme Court delivered its order on the decision taken by Parliament on Article 370.
- This order was taken by the constitution bench of 5 judges.
- In the context of Article 370, this decision was given by 5-0.
- That means all the judges have given a unanimous decision.
- This decision states that the Parliament's decision to abrogate Article 370 was constitutional.
- Chief Justice of India D.Y. While delivering the judgement, Chandrachud said, Jammu and Kashmir does not have the right to internal sovereignty after its merger with India.
- Article 370 was a temporary provision.
- On August 5, 2019, Parliament abolished the effect of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir.
- Along with this, the state was divided into two parts, Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh, and both were made union territories.
- Along with this, the Supreme Court decided that elections should be held in Jammu and Kashmir by September 30, 2023.

Nepal – Register Same Sex Marriage

- The Constitution of Nepal, adopted in 2015, took a bold step by explicitly prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- Nepal became the first South Asian country to formally register a case of same-sex marriage.
- This event occurred in the Dordi Rural Municipality of Lamjung district in Western Nepal, where the union of trans-woman Maya Gurung, 35, and gay man Surendra Pandey, 27, was legally recognized.
- In 2007, Nepal's Supreme Court had already set the stage by allowing same-sex marriage, laying the foundation for the recent groundbreaking development.
- Fast forward to June 27, 2023, when the Supreme Court issued an interim order in response to a writ petition, temporarily legalizing same-sex marriage.
- This interim order marked a significant leap toward the official recognition of the rights of the LGBTQ+ community in Nepal.

Modi Govt Plans 7 New Bills For Winter Session

- The upcoming Winter Session of the Parliament is poised to witness significant legislative activity, with the Narendra Modi government planning to introduce seven new Bills alongside addressing 11 pending bills.
- The proposed legislations cover a diverse range of topics, from establishing a Central Tribal University in Telangana to providing women's quota in Jammu and Kashmir and Puducherry Assemblies. Central University (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

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- One of the key proposals is The Central University (Amendment) Bill, 2023, aiming to establish a Central Tribal University in Telangana. This move reflects the government’s commitment to education and inclusivity.
- Another noteworthy initiative is The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023, which seeks to implement a 33% quota for women in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, emphasizing gender representation in the political landscape.
- Addressing the issue of gender representation, The Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, 2023, aims to provide a 33% women’s quota in the Puducherry Assembly.
- The government is also set to introduce The Central Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2023, aimed at incorporating the recommendations of the GST Council, reflecting the commitment to tax reforms.
- The National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Second Amendment Bill, 2023, seeks to extend the validity of existing laws, offering protection against punitive action for certain forms of unauthorized development in the national capital.
- In an effort to enhance safety regulations, the Boilers Bill, 2023, will revisit a 1923 law related to the safety of life and property. The government emphasizes the need to review and re-enact this legislation for contemporary relevance.
- Similarly, The Provisional Collection of Taxes Bill, 2023, is set to re-enact a 1931 law, indicating the government’s commitment to revisiting and updating existing legislation.

Rajya Sabha has passed the bill related to the appointment and tenure of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners

- Recently Rajya Sabha has passed a bill related to the appointment and tenure of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners.
- This bill was introduced by Union Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal.
- This Bill will replace the Election Commission (Conditions of Service and Tenure of Office of Election Commissioners) Act, 1991.
- It provides for the appointment, salary, and removal of the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners.
- As per the provisions of the Bill, the CEC and EC will be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.
- The selection committee will include the Prime Minister, a Union Cabinet minister and the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha or the leader of the largest opposition party.
- According to the Bill, if the Chief Election Commissioner and the Election Commissioner give orders while on duty, the court cannot take action against them.
- According to the Bill, the status of the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners will be equal to that of a Supreme Court judge.

Parliament gave its nod to raise the age of the president and members of GSTAT.

- A bill to increase the age limit of the president and member of the GST Appellate Tribunals to 70 years and 67 years, respectively has been approved by the Parliament.
- At present, the age limit for the president is 67 years and for members is 65 years.
- Rajya Sabha returned the Central Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2023, to Lok Sabha without any changes.
- Lok Sabha cleared the Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2023.
- The bill also aligned the provisions of the Central GST Act in line with the Tribunal Reforms Act, 2021.
- Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT):
 - ✓ It is a forum of the second appeal in GST laws and the first common forum of dispute resolution between the Centre and States.
 - ✓ GST Appellate Tribunal ensures uniformity in the redressal of disputes arising under GST.
 - ✓ The National Bench of the Appellate Tribunal is situated in New Delhi.
 - ✓ GSTAT is presided by the President and consists of one Technical Member (Centre) and one Technical Member (State).

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IMPORTANT DAYS

National Pollution Control Day observed on 2 December

- National Pollution Control Day is observed every year on 2 December.
- "Sustainable Development for a Clean and Healthy Planet" is the theme for this year's National Pollution Control Day.
- It is observed in the memory of those who lost their lives in the 1984 Bhopal Gas tragedy that took place on December 2 and 3.
- Around 45 tonnes of Methyl Isocyanate (MIC) leaked from an insecticide plant in Bhopal killing thousands of people.
- Every year, people die due to pollution of various kinds.
- Air pollution and water pollution are degrading the earth's environment very rapidly.

World Computer Literacy Day observed on 02 December

- World Computer Literacy Day is annually observed on 02 December.
- It was first celebrated in 2001. It was started by NIIT (National Institute of Information Technology), an Indian company, to mark its 20th anniversary.
- The day emphasizes the importance of computer education. It aims to bridge the digital divide.
- The day serves as a global initiative to promote computer literacy and digital skills.

Indian Navy Day 2023 celebrated on 4 December

- Navy Day in India is celebrated on 4 December to recognize the achievements and role of the Indian Navy.
- The iconic Sindhudurg Fort will host this year's Navy Day.
- For the first time, the Indian Navy will organize a mega event away from any major naval station on the occasion of Navy Day.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be the Chief Guest for the event. He will also unveil the grand statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Rajkot-Malvan.
- The Indian Navy will showcase its operational skills and capabilities through 'Operational Demonstration' covering a spectrum of naval operations by ships and aircraft at the Sindhudurg Fort on the western seaboard of India on 04 December 2023.
- Indian Navy celebrates Navy Day to commemorate "Operation Trident", which was an attack by the Indian Navy on Karachi harbour during the 1971 War.

World Soil Day 2023 observed on 5 December

- Every year on 5 December, World Soil Day is observed.
- The main aim of this day is to spread awareness about the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems.
- 'Soil and Water, a source of life' is the theme of World Soil Day 2023.
- The first official World Soil Day was celebrated in 2014.
- In 2013, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution designating 5 December as World Soil Day.
- It is observed to bring attention to the importance of healthy soil and to advocate the sustainable management of soil resources.

Dr. Ambedkar's Mahaparinirvan Day is celebrated on 6 December

- Mahaparinirvan Day of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar is celebrated every year on 6 December.
- Bhimrao Ambedkar was born on 14 April 1891 in Mhow Military Cantonment, Madhya Pradesh.
- Dr. Ambedkar died on 6 December 1956 in Delhi.
- He was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, in 1990.
- His place of nirvana is known as 'Chaitya Bhoomi'.
- This 'Chaitya Bhoomi' is situated in Mumbai.
- Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was the first Law and Justice Minister of the country.
- His 67th Mahaparinirvan day is being celebrated in the year 2023.

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International Civil Aviation Day is celebrated every year on 7 December

- International Civil Aviation Day is celebrated every year on 7 December.
- The International Civil Aviation Organization was established on December 7, 1944.
- Its headquarters is located in Montreal, Canada.
- International Civil Aviation Day was first celebrated in the year 1994.
- According to the United Nations report, more than 120 million people travel by air every day.
- The air travel industry supports approximately 65.5 million people in their livelihood.
- 'Advanced Innovation for Global Aviation Development' is the theme of this year's International Civil Aviation Day.

Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated annually on 7th December.

- Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated every year on 7 December in the country.
- The purpose of Flag Day is to express gratitude for the selfless contribution made by soldiers towards the nation.
- Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has appealed to the people to contribute wholeheartedly to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund.
- He asked them to join the efforts of the government to ensure the welfare of brave women, ex-servicemen and their families.
- On August 28, 1949, a committee constituted under the Defense Minister had decided to celebrate Flag Day every year on December 7.
- This day is celebrated every year since December 7, 1949.

SAARC Charter Day is celebrated every year on 8 December

- SAARC stands for South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation.
- Charter Day of SAARC is celebrated every year on 8 December.
- On this day in 1985, the SAARC Charter was adopted in Dhaka during the grouping's first summit.
- The main focus of SAARC is to work collectively to promote the welfare of the people in the region and improve their standards of living through social progress and economic development.
- SAARC members aim to promote stability, peace and progress in the region.
- SAARC organization includes Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- Afghanistan became the newest member of SAARC in the year 2013.
- The headquarters and secretariat of this organization is located in Kathmandu, Nepal.

International Anti-Corruption Day is celebrated every year on 9 December

- International Anti-Corruption Day is celebrated every year on 9 December.
- The theme of this day of the year 2023 will be 'UNCAC. At 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption'.
- The main objective of celebrating this day is to spread awareness against corruption and motivate the civil society including government, private and non-government organizations to take joint action to eradicate corruption.
- The 'United Nations Convention Against Corruption' was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in the year 2003 to celebrate this day.
- According to UNO, every year around the world about 2.6 trillion dollars is lost either through bribery or corrupt practices.

World Human Rights Day is celebrated every year on 10 December

- World Human Rights Day is celebrated every year on 10 December.
- December 10 is celebrated as Human Rights Day across the world to commemorate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.
- Under this, the Universal Human Rights Declaration was officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948.
- The main organizing venue of this day in India is New Delhi.
- Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar is the chief guest of this day.
- The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in India is an independent statutory body.

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- It was established on October 12, 1993 under the provisions of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

International Mountain Day is celebrated every year on 11 December

- International Mountain Day is celebrated every year on 11 December.
- The theme of International Mountain Day 2023 is 'Restoring Mountain Ecosystems'.
- The celebration of this day was announced by the United Nations General Assembly in the year 2002.
- This day was celebrated for the first time in the year 2003.
- According to the United Nations, “mountains host almost half of the world's biodiversity hotspots and 30% of all major biodiversity areas.”
- Currently, almost half of the world's biodiversity hotspots are found in mountainous regions.
- Apart from this, mountainous areas play an important role in the sustainable development of agriculture, clean energy, biodiversity etc.

Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year on 16 December

- Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year on 16 December in the country.
- The Indian Army's victory over Pakistan during the 1971 war, to commemorate which December 16 is celebrated every year as Victory Day.
- On this very day, Pakistan Army surrendered to the Indian Army after 13 days of war.
- Pakistan attacked India on 3 December 1971.
- India gave a befitting reply to Pakistan and defeated Pakistan in 13 days and forced it to surrender.
- With this, Bangladesh emerged in East Pakistan.
- Vijay Diwas is celebrated to commemorate this victory.
- On Vijay Diwas, India remembers the important moment when General Niazi of West Pakistan surrendered with 93000 soldiers to the Indian Army and Mukti Bahini of Bangladesh.

International Migrant Day is celebrated every year on 18 December.

- International Migrants Day is celebrated every year on 18 December.
- The theme of International Migrants Day for the year 2023 has been 'Honoring the contribution of migrants and respecting their rights'.
- This day was celebrated for the first time in the year 1997.
- The proposal to celebrate this day was approved by the United Nations General Assembly in the year 2000.
- The day was created by the global body to celebrate the importance of strengthening international cooperation and migration at regional, bilateral and global levels.
- The day is important as it recognizes the efforts, contributions and rights of migrants around the world.
- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) was established in the year 1951 AD.
- Its headquarters is located in Geneva.

Minority Rights Day is celebrated every year on 18 December.

Minority Rights Day is celebrated every year on 18 December in India.

- On this day, attention is drawn to the challenges and issues faced by the minority communities of the country.
- People take inspiration from protecting the rights of religious, cultural, linguistic, and ethnic minorities.
- Minorities in India include Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis.
- Many provisions of the Constitution to protect the interests of minorities are contained in Article 29 and Article 30.
- In the year 1992, 18 December was declared Minority Rights Day by the United Nations.
- According to the 2011 census, the minority community population in India is approximately 20%.

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Goa Liberation Day is celebrated every year on 19 December.

- Goa Liberation Day is celebrated every year on 19 December.
- It is known that even after India's independence, Goa was still under the rule of Portugal.
- On December 19, 1961, Goa became independent from the Portuguese and became an integral part of India.
- After this campaign, the Indian Army liberated the state from 450 years of Portuguese rule.
- Elections were held in Goa after independence from the Portuguese.
- On December 20, 1962, Dayanand Bhandarkar was elected the first elected Chief Minister of Goa.
- Along with Goa, the liberation day of Daman and Diu is also celebrated on 19th December.

Good Governance Week is being organized from 19 to 25 December

- Good Governance Week is being organized every year in the country from 19 to 25 December.
- This week of the year 2023 was inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology.
- The third edition of Good Governance Week is being organized in the year 2023.
- This week was organized for the first time in the year 2021.
- Good Governance Week is organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.
- The events of Good Governance Week yield very positive results and generate a greater sense of commitment and solidarity in the Government's firm objective of promoting administrative reforms.
- Good Governance Week is organized in the memory of former Prime Minister of the country Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

International Day of Human Unity is celebrated every year on 20 December

- International Human Unity Day is celebrated every year on 20 December.
- The theme of International Human Unity Day 2023 is 'Advocating for Change'.
- This day is celebrated with the aim of celebrating 'unity in diversity' and making people aware about the importance of human solidarity.
- According to the Millennium Declaration of the United Nations, solidarity is one of the fundamental values that are essential for international relations.
- The United Nations General Assembly had approved the proposal to celebrate this day in the year 2005.
- This day was celebrated for the first time in the year 2006.

Foundation Day of Judge Advocate General Department was celebrated on 21 December.

- The foundation day of the Judge Advocate General Department was celebrated on 21st December.
- The Advocate General's Department is the judicial and legal wing of the Army.
- This department is the judicial system for officers of all ranks of the army.
- This department is celebrating its 40th Corps Day in the year 2023.
- On this day in 1949, the Army Act Bill was brought in the Parliament.
- Being the legal branch of the Indian Army, it deals with disciplinary matters and litigation related to the Army.

National Mathematics Day is celebrated every year on 22 December in the country.

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- National Mathematics Day is celebrated in the memory of the great Indian mathematician Srinivas Iyengar Ramanujan.
- Celebrating National Mathematics Day started in the year 2012.
- This day was announced by the then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh.

National Farmers Day is celebrated every year on 23 December in the country.

- National Farmers Day is celebrated every year on 23 December in the country.
- The theme of National Farmers Day 2023 has been 'Providing Smart Solutions for Sustainable Food Security and Resilience'.

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- This day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister of the country Chaudhary Charan Singh.
- Chaudhary Charan Singh was the fifth Prime Minister of the country.
- His tenure was from July 1979 to January 1980.

National Consumer Day is celebrated every year on 24 December

- National Consumer Day is celebrated every year on 24 December.
- On this day in the year 1986, the Consumer Protection Act Bill was passed.
- The objective of this law is to provide effective safeguards to consumers against various forms of exploitation, such as defective goods, deficiency in services, and unfair trade practices.
- This day was celebrated for the first time in India in the year 2000.

Good Governance Day is celebrated every year on 25 December in the country

- Good Governance Day is celebrated every year on 25 December in the country.
- The birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee is celebrated every year as Good Governance Day.
- Good governance is defined as 'the way power is used to manage the economic and social resources of a country for development'.
- The celebration of Good Governance Day was announced in the year 2014.

Veer Bal Diwas is celebrated every year on 26 December.

- Veer Bal Diwas is celebrated every year on 26 December.
- This day is celebrated in memory of the martyrdom of two sons of Sikh Guru Gobind Singh.
- The announcement to celebrate this day was made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- This day was celebrated for the first time in the year 2022.
- The second edition of Bir Bal Diwas is being celebrated in the year 2023.

APPOINTMENTS

India has been elected to the International Maritime Organization Council

- Recently elections were held for the International Maritime Organization Council.
- These elections were held in London.
- In this election, India has been elected to the International Maritime Organization Council.
- India has been elected to the Council for the year 2024-25.
- This council IMO It has an executive body which is responsible for monitoring the functioning of the organization.
- India has been re-elected to this council.
- The International Maritime Organization was established in the year 1948.
- Its headquarters is located in London.

Mohan Yadav has been announced as the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh.

- Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections were organized by the Election Commission of India in December 2023.
- The result of this election was declared on 3 December.
- According to the declared results, Bharatiya Janata Party got maximum 163 seats in Madhya Pradesh.
- The majority figure to form government in Madhya Pradesh is 116.
- As per the announcement on December 12, Mohan Yadav will be the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh.
- Mohan Yadav is MLA from Ujjain South.
- He has been the Higher Education Minister in the government of Shivraj Singh Chauhan.

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Vishnudev Sai will be the new Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh

- Elections for the Chhattisgarh Assembly were held in November, 2023.
- In this election, Bharatiya Janata Party has achieved majority by winning maximum 54 seats.
- There are a total of 90 assembly seats in Chhattisgarh.
- According to the recent announcement, Vishnudev Sai will be the new Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh.
- Vishnudev has also been the President of Chhattisgarh BJP.
- He is the first tribal Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh.
- Vishnudev is an MLA from Kunkuri assembly seat of Chhattisgarh.

Justice Arun Bhansali will be the new Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court

- Justice Arun Bhansali will be the new Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court.
- The name of Arun Bhansali has been recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium to the Central Government.
- Presently Arun Bhansali is a judge in Rajasthan High Court.
- Allahabad High Court Chief Justice Pritinkar Diwakar retired on November 21.
- After which Senior Justice M.K. Gupta is serving as the acting Chief Justice.
- Justice Bhansali was appointed judge of Rajasthan High Court in January 2013.
- After getting permission from the Central Government, Arun Bhansali will become the new Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court.

Vita Dani has become the first Indian to join the International Table Tennis Federation

- Vita Dani has become the first Indian to join the International Table Tennis Federation in December 2023.
- Vita Dani has become the first Indian to join the International Table Tennis Federation as a steering committee member.
- This foundation was established by ITTF in 2018 to attract more people towards the sport.
- Vita and his organization (Dani Foundation) have played a big role in shaping the upward trajectory of Indian table tennis.
- She is also the co-owner of Chennaiyin Football Club, which is involved in the Indian Super League.
- The International Table Tennis Federation was established in the year 1926.
- Its headquarters is located in Lausanne, Switzerland.

India has become a member of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

- India has become a member of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in December, 2023.
- The Codex Alimentarius Commission is a United Nations agency.
- It is a food safety and quality standard-setting body.
- India has been unanimously elected as the member representing the Asian region in this commission.
- Becoming its member will provide India an opportunity to contribute significantly to the international standard setting process for various food product categories.
- Codex Alimentarius Commission was established in the year 1963 AD.
- Currently it has 189 country members.

Kanchan Devi has been appointed as the first woman Director General of the Indian Council of Forestry Research Education

- Kanchan Devi has been appointed Director General of the Indian Council of Forestry Research Education in December 2023.
- She is the first woman to become the Director General of this council.
- Before this, she was posted as Deputy Director General (Education) in the Indian Council of Forestry Research Education.
- Indian Council of Forestry Research Education was established in the year 1986 AD.
- Its headquarters is located in Dehradun.
- It is working under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

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Abdel Fatah al-Sisi has been elected President of Egypt

- Egypt is a country in the North African continent.
- Recently Abdel Fatah al-Sisi has been elected President of Egypt.
- Abdel Fatah al-Sisi has become the President of Egypt for the third consecutive time.
- In the recently concluded elections, Abdel Fatah al-Sisi received almost 90% of the votes.
- Now Al-Sisi will remain president for six more years for the third consecutive term.
- Abdel Fatah al-Sisi became the President of Egypt for the first time in 2014.
- Egypt is connected to the Asian continent through the Sinai Peninsula.
- Its capital is Cairo.

Prerna Devasthali becomes the first woman officer to command a warship

- For the first time in the Indian Navy, the responsibility of commanding an entire warship has been given to a woman sailor.
- Lieutenant Commander Prerna Devasthali will be the first woman officer of the Indian Navy to command an entire warship.
- He has been appointed by Rear Admiral Praveen Nair, Commander of the Western Fleet.
- Devasthali 'I.N.S. has been elected commanding officer of 'Trikanth'.
- Commander Prerna Devasthali is now 'I.N.S. Posted at 'Chennai' in the role of First Lieutenant.
- She served as the first female observer on the Tupolev Tu-142.
- It is a maritime reconnaissance aircraft.
- She has also worked on P.8I.

Javier Milei has been sworn in as the new President of Argentina.

- Recently, Javier Milei has been sworn in as the new President of Argentina.
- Argentina is a country in the South American continent.
- Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky participated in his swearing-in ceremony.
- Javier Milei has defeated Sergio Massa in the presidential election.
- Javier Milei replaces President Alberto Fernandez.
- Buenos Aires is the capital and largest city of Argentina.

Donald Tusk has been appointed the new Prime Minister of Poland

- Donald Tusk has been appointed the new Prime Minister of Poland in December 2023.
- He will succeed Mateusz Morawiecki as Prime Minister.
- Mateusz Morawiecki failed to win a vote of confidence in the Polish parliament.
- Donald Tusk was sworn in as Prime Minister by Polish President Andrzej Duda.
- Donald Tusk has previously been the President of the European Council.
- Poland is a country in Central Europe.
- It is the ninth largest continent of the European continent.

Revanth Reddy will be the new Chief Minister of Telangana.

- The results of the Telangana Assembly elections were declared on December 3, 2023.
- In these results, Congress had achieved majority by winning 64 seats.
- After the results, Congress's Revanth Reddy has been declared the new Chief Minister of Telangana.
- Revanth Reddy is the Telangana Pradesh Congress President.
- Revanth Reddy was born in 1969 in Mahabubnagar in undivided Andhra Pradesh.
- He was elected MP from Malkajgiri in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.
- After the announcement of his name, he will be elected the leader of the legislative party.
- The total number of assembly seats in Telangana is 119.

C.S. Rajan will be the new chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank

- According to the recent announcement, C.S. Rajan will be the new chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- The Reserve Bank of India has given consent for his appointment.

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- Rajan was appointed as an independent director on the board of Kotak Mahindra Bank in October, 2022.
- C.S. Rajan's tenure will begin from January 1, 2024.
- His appointment has been made for 2 years.
- Rajan has also been the director of Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Limited.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank was established in the year 1985.

Bhajan Lal Sharma has been declared the new Chief Minister of Rajasthan

- Elections for the Rajasthan Assembly were held in November 2023.
- The results of this election were declared on 3 December.
- In the declared results, Bharatiya Janata Party won majority and secured a total of 115 seats.
- There are total 199 assembly seats in Rajasthan.
- BJP legislature party meeting was held in Jaipur on 12 December.
- In this meeting, Bhajan Lal Sharma was elected the new Chief Minister of Rajasthan.
- Bhajan Lal Sharma is MLA from Sanganer seat of Jaipur.
- He is also the state general secretary of BJP, Rajasthan.

Sanjay Singh has been elected as the new President of the Wrestling Association of India

- Elections were held for the post of President of the Wrestling Association of India in December 2023.
- After this election, Sanjay Singh has been elected the new president of the Wrestling Association of India (WFI).
- Sanjay Singh defeated Anita Sheoran in the election for the post of President.
- Sanjay Singh has replaced Brij Bhushan Singh on the post of president.
- Brij Bhushan Singh was accused of indecency with female wrestling players.
- Sanjay Singh was earlier the vice president of Uttar Pradesh Wrestling Association.
- Wrestling Association of India was established in the year 1967, (now it has winded up.)
- Its headquarters is located in New Delhi.

Captain Fatima Wasim has been deployed for the first time as a woman medical officer on Siachen Glacier

- Captain Fatima Wasim has been deployed as a woman medical officer for the first time on Siachen Glacier.
- Captain Fatima Wasim is the first woman to be appointed as a woman medical officer on the Siachen Glacier.
- His posting will be at an altitude of 15 thousand 200 feet.
- She is the captain of the Fire and Fury Corps.
- The Fire and Fury Corps is officially called the 14th Corps.
- Its headquarters is in Leh.
- They are deployed on the borders of China and Pakistan.
- They also protect the Siachen Glacier.
- Earlier, on December 5, 2023, the Army said that Captain Geetika Kaul of Snow Leopard Brigade had become the first woman medical officer.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

India Becomes Member Of UN's Codex Alimentarius Commission

- India has been unanimously elected as the member representing the Asian region in the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), the UN body's food safety and quality standard-setting body, in November 2023.

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- The 46th session of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), a United Nations entity, took place at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) headquarters in Rome, Italy, from November 27 to 30, 2023.
- The Executive Committee is an important branch of the CAC and member states have a strong interest in obtaining membership of it.

India Re-Elected to the International Maritime Organization Council

- India was re-elected to the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) with the highest number of votes in the elections held on 1 December 2023 in London for the 2024-25 biennium session.
- The 33rd Assembly of the IMO Council is being held from 27 November to 6 December 2023 at the IMO Headquarters in London.
- The Council is an executive body of the IMO and is responsible for monitoring the work of the organization.
- India comes in the category of ten countries with the greatest interest in international maritime trade.
- Along with India, Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are also included in the 10 countries with 'most interest in international maritime trade' in this category.

MHA Declares Canada-Based Lakhbir Singh Landa As A Terrorist Under UAPA

- Lakhbir Singh Landa has been designated an "individual terrorist" by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).
- He is a Canada-based criminal and head of the Babbar Khalsa International (BKI).
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) stated that Landa was affiliated with pro-Khalistan elements in Canada.
- The move comes after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had accused India of participation in the death of prominent Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada.

Meyers, Becomes The World's First Woman With A \$100 Billion Fortune

- In December 2023, France's Françoise Betancot Meyers (70) became the first woman in the world to have a net worth of 100 billion dollars.
- According to Bloomberg data, François Bettenkat Meyers's net worth reached \$100.1 billion.
- François Meyers is the chairperson of Tithis, the holding company of L'Oréal, the world's largest cosmetic company.
- François Mayez is also the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of L'Oréal Group.

NATIONAL NEWS

Lead IT 2.0

- PM Modi launches LeadIT 2.0, prioritizing inclusive industry transition.
- The initiative aims to co-develop low-carbon tech and offer financial aid to emerging economies.
- On the sidelines of the 28th edition of the climate change conference, COP28, taking place in Dubai, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled LeadIT 2.0.
- The initiative, with a primary focus on an inclusive and just industry transition, aims to facilitate the co-development and transfer of low-carbon technology while providing financial assistance to emerging economies.
- The initiative seeks to bridge the technological gap by promoting cooperation between nations for the development and transfer of low-carbon technologies.
- The focus on inclusivity underscores the importance of ensuring that emerging economies have access to sustainable and environmentally friendly technologies.

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Central Government has increased the disability categories to 5.

- Recently the Central Government has increased the disability categories to 5.
- Earlier this number of categories was 3.
- This decision was announced by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- Earlier there were only three categories in which reservation was given to persons with disabilities.
- These 3 categories were as follows -
 - ✓ First, blindness and low vision.
 - ✓ Second, deafness and difficulty in hearing.
 - ✓ Third, Cerebral Palsy, cured leprosy, dwarfism, acid attack victims.
- Now there are 2 new categories as follows – Autism, Intellectual Disability, Specific Learning Disability and Mental Illness and section Multiple Disability.
- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is working under the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- Currently, 4% reservation is being given to the disabled in reservation in central government services.

Election Commission of India has released the results of elections in 5 states

- Assembly elections were held in 5 states of the country in November 2023.
- These states were – Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram.
- The results of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Telangana were released by the Electronics Commission of India on 3 December.
- The results of Mizoram Assembly elections were declared on 4 December.
- There are a total of 230 constituencies in Madhya Pradesh.
- In this, the traditional Bharatiya Janata Party has got 165 seats.
- Congress has got the 63rd floor.
- The current Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh is Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- The total number of assembly constituencies in Rajasthan is 199.
- According to the results declared here, Bharatiya Janata Party has got 115 seats.
- Special Congress has won the 70th quarter.
- Congress Chief Minister Ashok Ashok of Rajasthan has left his post.
- The number of assembly in Chhattisgarh is 90.
- In the election results declared in this state, Bharatiya Janata Party has got 54 seats.
- The 35th guest of the special party Congress has been received.
- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Champaran has resigned from his post after the election results were declared.
- The number of assembly constituencies in Telangana is 119.
- According to the election results here, Congress has got 64 seats.
- The ruling BRS has got 39 seats.
- The total number of assembly seats in Mizoram is 40.

'Developed India@2047: Voice of Youth' was recently launched by the Prime Minister

- The Prime Minister recently launched 'Developed India@2047: Voice of Youth'.
- He appreciated their contribution in bringing together all the stakeholders who have the responsibility of guiding the youth of the country in achieving the goal of Developed India 2047.
- In line with the Prime Minister's vision of actively involving the youth of the country in the formulation of the country's national plans, priorities and goals, the 'Develop India @2047: Voice of Youth' initiative will provide a platform to the youth of the country.
- Through this they will be able to contribute their ideas to the vision of Developed India@2047.
- These workshops will be an important step towards initiating the process of engaging youth to share their ideas and suggestions for a Developed India@2047.
- Developed India@2047 aims to make India a developed nation by the 100th year of independence i.e. 2047.
- This vision encompasses various aspects of development including economic growth, social progress, environmental sustainability and good governance.

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi becomes the first world leader to reach 20 million subscribers on YouTube channel

- In December 2023, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first world leader to reach 20 million subscribers on his YouTube channel.
- Prime Minister Modi is the only world leader who has achieved the distinction of having 2 crore subscribers on his personal YouTube channel.
- The global leader with the second most followers is former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, who has just 64 lakh subscribers.
- This is less than one-third of the Narendra Modi YouTube channel.
- The announcement came as the channel achieved the impressive milestone of 4.5 billion (450 crore) video views,
- This solidified its position as a major force in political communications on the popular video-sharing platform.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi started his YouTube channel in the year 2007.

Kumuram Bheem Block has got the first place in the Aspirational Block Program announced by NITI Aayog

- Aspirational Block Program (ABP) was released by NITI Aayog in December 2023.
- This was the first edition of the Aspirational Block Programme.
- The ranking of the blocks has been calculated based on the performance of the blocks and the progress achieved in key performance indicators in the month of June 2023.
- 500 blocks are included in this index.
- This index has been prepared on the basis of 40 indicators.
- Aspirational Block Program Tiriyani Kumuram Bheem block of Asifabad, Telangana has got the first position.
- Kaushambi block of Kaushambi district of Uttar Pradesh has got the second place.
- The 6Y Aspirational Block Program was launched on January 7, 2023.
- ABP focuses on improving governance to enhance the quality of life of citizens in India's most difficult and relatively underdeveloped blocks.

Government will establish 'Nari Adalats' in all the states in a phased manner under Mission Shakti

- According to the recent announcement of the Central Government, it will establish 'Women's Courts' in all the states in a phased manner under Mission Shakti.
- This effect was announced by Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani.
- In the first phase, the State of Assam and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir have been selected by the Ministry to implement the component of Nari Adalat.
- This court will be established in 2 districts of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Nari Adalat will be established in 7 districts of Assam.
- The Central Government is implementing Mission Shakti Yojana for the safety, security and empowerment of women.
- The Government is committed to accelerating women-led development by addressing issues affecting women and making them equal partners in nation building.

Recently the country's first cyber security center has been inaugurated in Chandigarh.

- The country's first cyber security center has been inaugurated in Chandigarh in December 2023.
- This center was inaugurated by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.
- This center is also known as CenCOPS.
- This cyber security center will be connected to all the states of the country.
- Here, infrastructure has been prepared to solve major and forensic investigation cases related to all the states.
- This center will be under DRDO for 3 years from the beginning.
- Data hacking, phishing mail, OTP fraud and mobile fraud, sextortion etc. are major cyber crimes.

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Varanasi will become the country's first begging-free city

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency Varanasi will become the first begging-free city in the country.
- The city's Beggars Corporation is taking initiative to free the city from beggars.
- For this he has appealed that a reward of one thousand rupees will be given for bringing a beggar to the institution.
- The aim of the Beggars Corporation organization is to rid Varanasi of begging by March 2027.
- A 100-day citizen awareness campaign has been started to create a beggar-free city.
- It appeals to people not to donate to beggars but send them to corporations to work and earn with dignity.
- According to a survey, there are about six thousand beggars in Banaras, out of which 1400 are children.
- Whereas physically able beggars aged between 18 to 40 years living with family or children are also here.
- By giving training to all of them for 3 months, apart from preparing cotton bags and other things, a campaign to start a shop for puja material and flowers will be started in a year.

Firozabad Municipal Corporation has approved the proposal to change its name to 'Chandrannagar'

- Firozabad is a district located in Uttar Pradesh.
- It is bordered by Etah, Etawah and Mainpuri districts.
- Recently the proposal to change the name of Firozabad to 'Chandrannagar' has been approved.
- This approval was granted by the Municipal Corporation.
- Now this proposal has been sent to the state government.
- In the year 1566 AD, there was the kingdom of Raja Chandrasen in Firozabad.
- This place is called Chandranagar after his name.
- Before the Mughal rule, Firozabad was the kingdom of Raja Chandrasen.
- During the time of Akbar, Firoz Shah was sent here to end the terror of robbers.
- Later, the name of this district became Firozabad after the name of Firozshah.

'Water History Festival' is being organized in New Delhi

- Jal Itihas Utsav was started from New Delhi on December 1, 2023.
- It is being organized by the Union Jal Shakti Ministry.
- This celebration marks the culmination of the Water Heritage Fortnight.
- Water Heritage Fortnight was organized from 15 to 30 November.
- The objective of this program is to increase public awareness towards conservation of water heritage sites.
- This will create a sense of ownership among the common people, promote tourism as well as renovate such heritage structures.

Kanger Valley National Park in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Site

- Kanger Valley National Park is located in Chhattisgarh.
- It was given the status of national park in the year 1982.
- Kolab/Sabari River flows through this national park.
- Recently a proposal has been sent to include this national park in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- This proposal has been sent by Kanger Valley National Park Management to the Archaeological Survey Department, Government of India.
- Kanger Valley National Park management claims that this national park fulfills the 10 criteria established by UNESCO.
- This national park is famous throughout the country for its biodiversity, natural beauty, caves, springs, and waterfalls.
- This national park has high mountains, deep valleys, huge trees, and various species of seasonal wildflowers and wildlife.

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French President Emmanuel Macron will be the chief guest on this Republic Day.

- On December 22, the Ministry of External Affairs said Macron would visit India as the chief guest for the 75th Republic Day celebrations.
- This will be the sixth time that a French leader will be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations.
- The choice of guest is guided by several imperatives: strategic and diplomatic, blending business, global geopolitics, and bilateral engagement.
- As strategic partners, India and France share a high level of similarity on many regional and global issues.
- This year, both countries are celebrating the 25th anniversary of the India-France strategic partnership.
- The Prime Minister was the guest of honor at the Bastille Day Parade held in Paris on 14 July 2023.
- Since the establishment of diplomatic relations in June 1948, India and France have enjoyed close and friendly relations for 75 years.
- In 1998, India and France elevated their diplomatic relations to a strategic partnership, which completed 25 years in January 2023.

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Over 1500 perform Tabla in Gwalior, earn Guinness World Record.

- More than 1500 individuals performed tabla simultaneously at the 'Taal Darbar' in Gwalior, setting a Guinness World Record.
- Noteworthy officials like Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, Assembly Speaker Narendra Singh Tomar, and Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia were present at the event.
- To commemorate the achievement, Dec 25 will henceforth be celebrated as 'Tabla Divas'.

Madhya Pradesh Cabinet expansion: 28 MLAs took oath

- A total of 28 BJP MLAs, including Prahlad Singh Patel and Kailash Vijayvargiya, are now part of the Madhya Pradesh government's expanded cabinet.
- Six MLAs each from the SC and OBC communities, four from the ST class, and five women ministers were inducted, reflecting diversity and representativeness.
- This expansion has brought the MP Cabinet strength to 31.

Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan governments have agreed on Parvati - Kalisindh river linking project

- Recently, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan governments have agreed on Parvati-Kalisindh river linking project.
- This is a project of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- Under this project, Parvati and Kalisindh rivers will be linked together.
- The objective of this project is to utilize the monsoon surplus water in small rivers like Kalisindh, Parvati, Mej, and Chakan in the East Rajasthan Canal Project.
- Kali Sindh River originates from Dewas district in Vindhya Range of Madhya Pradesh, after which it joins Chambal River in Rajasthan.
- Parvati River flows through Sehore and Guna districts, flows through Baran district of Rajasthan, and meets Chambal River near Pali village in Sawai Madhopur district.

57 cybercrime police stations to be opened in Uttar Pradesh

- In view of the increasing cases of cybercrime, the cabinet meeting held at Lok Bhawan under the chairmanship of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has approved the proposal to set up cybercrime police stations in the 57 districts.

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- Cyber police stations are already present in 18 divisional headquarters of the state. A big decision has been made to establish police stations in the remaining 57 districts.
- An estimated amount of more than Rs 1 billion, 27 crore, 24 lakh, 51 thousand will be spent on its establishment.
- Till now, an IG-level officer used to look after these police stations, but after cybercrime stations are established in all the districts, the Superintendent of Police will take over the responsibility.

Home Ministry Declares Muslim League J&K As An Unlawful Association

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has declared Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masrat Alam faction) as an unlawful association.
- The organisation has been declared unlawful under Section 3(1) of the Anti-Terrorist Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) 1967 for five years.
- According to the Home Ministry, this organisation and its members are involved in anti-national and separatist activities in Jammu and Kashmir.
- They work to support terrorist activities and instigate people to establish Islamic rule in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967:
 - UAPA is the primary anti-terrorism law enacted in India in 1967.
 - It was enacted to outlaw and punish illegal and terrorist activities which pose a threat to the integrity and sovereignty of India.

'Mazdooron Ka Hit Mazdooron Ko Samarjit' Program Virtually In Indore

- The Prime Minister virtually addressed the 'Mazdooron Ka Hit Mazdooron ko Samarjit' programme, which was planned to pay workers at Indore's Hukumchand Mill who had been owed money for 30 years.
- The Prime Minister urged everyone to take benefit of all government programmes by participating in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.
- The Prime Minister cited Asia's largest operational Gobardhan Plant and the city's development of EV charging infrastructure as examples.
- Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, on behalf of the Prime Minister, symbolically handed over a check of Rs 224 crore to the Official Liquidator and trade union heads of Hukumchand Mill, Indore.
- Under this event, the Prime Minister laid the groundwork for a 60 MW (220 acre) solar power plant being built by Indore Municipal Corporation in the villages of Samraj and Ashukhedi in Khargone district.
- Indore Municipal Corporation issued green bonds of Rs 244 crore to fund the development of the solar facility. It was the country's first urban body to issue green bonds.

Ayodhya Airport to be renamed Maharishi Valmiki Airport

- Ayodhya, the holy city in Uttar Pradesh, is all set to get its first international airport, marking a significant development in its pilgrimage and tourism potential. However, amidst preparations for the grand inauguration on December 30 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a potential name change for the airport has emerged.
- The airport currently boasts the lengthy name “Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram International Airport.”
- The Yogi Adityanath government is reportedly considering renaming it “Maharishi Valmiki Airport,” honoring the revered poet who authored the epic Ramayana.

UP to Build India's First AI City in Lucknow

- In a groundbreaking move, Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state is set to establish the country's first AI city in Lucknow.
- This initiative aims to create a thriving hub for artificial intelligence, integrating cutting-edge technology, research centers, and educational institutions to foster innovation and nurture the workforce of the future.

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- According to a report by Grand View Research, the global AI market size reached \$137 billion in 2022 and is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 37.3% from 2023 to 2030. Uttar Pradesh's move to build an AI city aligns with the escalating global significance of artificial intelligence.

Manipur has started SAANS campaign for prevention of pneumonia

- In December 2023, Manipur has launched SAANS campaign for prevention of pneumonia.
- Its name is SAANS.
- Its full name is Social Awareness and Action to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully.
- This campaign was started from Imphal.
- Manipur Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh flagged off this campaign.
- Pneumonia is a common, preventable and treatable disease if precautionary measures are taken at the right time.

Bihar Police to Launch 'Mission Investigation@75 days' from January 1, 2024

- In a significant move, the Bihar Police has announced the implementation of 'Mission Investigation@75 Days,'.
- Its aiming to streamline and expedite the criminal justice process in the state.
- Starting from January 1 next year, investigators will be mandated to complete the investigation of cases within 75 days of the registration of First Information Reports (FIRs).

Shivaji Maharaj's statue unveiled by PM Modi at Rajkot Fort in Sindhudurg District, Maharashtra.

- PM Modi paid tribute to the rich maritime heritage of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, who built several coastal and sea forts, including the Sindhudurg Fort.
- The seal of the founder of the Maratha Empire inspired the new naval flag, which was adopted in 2022 when PM Modi commissioned the first indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant.
- In addition, the Prime Minister also attended the operational demonstrations by Indian Navy ships, submarines, aircraft, and Special Forces at Tarkarli Beach.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

M.M. Naravane's book 'Four Stars of Destiny' written by Naravane has been unveiled

- M.M. Naravane has been the former Army Chief of the country.
- Recently M.M. Naravane's book 'Four Stars of Destiny' written by Naravane has been unveiled.
- In this, Naravane has mentioned the Galwan Valley military clash that occurred in the year 2020.
- The Galwan Valley military clash took place between the troops of India and China on August 31, 2020.
- To deal with the situation in Galwan Valley, the government had given a free hand to the Indian Army and ordered it to do whatever was appropriate.
- M.M. Naravane was the Army Chief from December 2019 to April 2022.

The book 'India's Moment: Changing Power Equations around the World' has been launched by Jaishankar Prasad

- The book 'India's Moment: Changing Power Equations around the World' was launched in December 2023.
- This book was presented by the country's Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar Prasad.
- This book has been written by former Indian diplomat Professor Mohan Kumar.
- The book covers a wide range of topics, including the recent Russia-Ukraine conflict, trade to climate, and the complexities of war and peace.
- This book has been published by HarperCollins.

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- Dr. Mohan Kumar has been a member of the Indian Foreign Service.

The book 'A Democracy in Retreat: Revisiting the Ends of Power' was launched in New Delhi

- The book 'A Democracy in Retreat: Revisiting the Ends of Power' was launched in New Delhi in December 2023.
- The author of this book is Ashwini Kumar.
- Ashwini Kumar has been the former Union Law Minister of the country.
- Ashwini Kumar was the Law Minister of the country from October 2012 to May 2013.
- According to this book, accountability is important in a democracy and it is not towards any individual, but towards the 'spirit of the Constitution'.
- Democracy talks about restrained politics.
- Democracy is at the top position in India.

Huma Qureshi launches 1st novel 'Zeba: An Accidental Superhero'

- Bollywood actor Huma Qureshi has ventured into a new realm as an author, marking her debut with the fantasy fiction novel titled 'Zeba: An Accidental Superhero.'
- The book was officially launched during the 12th edition of the Bangalore Literature Festival (BLF), adding a new chapter to Huma Qureshi's creative journey.
- Huma Qureshi introduced her novel to the world on the opening day of the Bangalore Literature Festival at The Lalit Ashok Bengaluru.

“The Babri Masjid Ram Mandir Dilemma” Authored by Madhav Godbole

- The Babri Masjid Ram Mandir dispute has been a longstanding and contentious issue in India, intricately woven into the fabric of its history and politics.
- A recent publication, titled “The Babri Masjid Ram Mandir Dilemma: An Acid Test for India's Constitution,” authored by Madhav Godbole delves into the complexities of the issue, emphasizing the missed opportunities for resolution and the imperative for a modern and equitable solution.

Raghuram Rajan's new book 'Breaking the Mould: Reimagining India's Economic Future,' released

- Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor, Raghuram Rajan, in collaboration with economist Rohit Lamba, has released a groundbreaking book titled 'Breaking the Mould: Reimagining India's Economic Future.'
- This latest addition to Rajan's literary contributions marks a significant exploration into the potential and challenges of India's economic trajectory.

AWARDS

'Taylor Swift' has been announced as Time's Person of the Year for the year 2023

- 'Taylor Swift' has been announced as Time's Person of the Year for the year 2023.
- Person of the Year is awarded by Time magazine.
- Person of the Year is awarded to someone who has influenced the world through his good or bad work in the year.
- This recognition follows his title as the most-played artist on Spotify, underscoring the widespread impact of his music and influence.
- Taylor Swift is an American pop singer-songwriter, record producer and actress.
- Time magazine declared Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky as Time Person of the Year 2022.
- Time Person of the Year was started in the year 1927.

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Sanjeev has been awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award for Hindi language.

- Recently the Sahitya Akademi Awards for the year 2023 were announced.
- Sahitya Akademi Award is given for writing in 24 languages.
- Sanjeev of Hindi language has been honored with the Sahitya Akademi Award.
- Sanjeev has been given this award for 'Mujhe Pehchano'.
- Neelam Sharan Gaur's novel 'Requiem in Raaga Janaki' has been adapted for the English language.
- Sadiqa Nawab Sahar's novel 'Rajdev Ki Amrai' was given the Sahitya Akademi Award in Urdu language.
- Sahitya Akademi Award is a literary honor established in the year 1954.
- Apart from the 22 languages included in the Constitution of India, this award is also given in English and Rajasthani.'

National Sports Awards

- National Sports Awards were announced in December 2023.
- Under this announcement, 26 players have been honored with Arjuna Award and 2 players have been honored with Khel Ratna Award.
- Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award is the biggest award given in the field of sports.
- Chirag Shetty and Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy have been honored with the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.
- Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy are badminton players.
- The country's second-highest sports award is Arjuna Award.
- 26 players have been honored with the Arjun Award.
- Cricketer Mohammed Shami and blind cricketer Ajay Kumar have been honored with the Arjuna Award.
- All these players will be presented with National Sports Awards by the President on January 9, 2024.

Nikhil Dey has been honored with the 'International Anti-Corruption Champion' award.

- The 'International Anti-Corruption Champion' award is presented by the United States of America.
- Recently Nikhil Dey has been honored with this award.
- Nikhil Dey is an active RTI activist.
- Nikhil Dey is the co-founder of Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan in India.
- Nikhil Mazdoor works for Kisan Shakti Sangathan, Right to Information and Employment Campaign, and National Campaign for Right to Information.
- The award is awarded by the United States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

Faith Kipyegon and Noah Lyles have recently been honored with the World Athletics Award

- The World Athletics Award for the year 2023 has been awarded to Faith Kipyegon and Noah Lyles.
- Noah Lyles is an American athlete.
- Noah Lyles has won three gold medals at the World Athletics Championships in the year 2023.
- Faith Kipyegon is a Kenyan athlete.
- Kipyegon has won two gold medals with world records in the year 2023.
- The winners were selected through a vote of 50% of the World Athletics Council, 25% of the World Athletics family, and 25% of the public.
- The current President of World Athletics is Sebastian Coe.

Rijul Maini was awarded Miss India USA has been declared

- Rijul Maini will be Miss India USA in December, 2023.
- Rijul Maini is a medical student in Michigan, United States.
- During the competition, Sneha Nambiar of Massachusetts won the title of Mrs. India USA.
- Saloni Rammohan from Pennsylvania won Miss Teen India USA.
- More than 25 participants living in the United States participated in this competition.
- The 41st edition of Miss India USA was held in the year 2023.

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- This competition is organized for Indian-American people.

ISRO has been honored with the Ericsson Lunar Award

- ISRO has been honored with the Ericsson Lunar Award in December 2023.
- This award has been given to ISRO for the success of Chandrayaan-3.
- This award was given to ISRO in Iceland.
- The award recognizes ISRO's extraordinary contributions to lunar exploration and understanding of astronomical phenomena.
- Indian Ambassador Bala Subramanian Shyam received this prestigious award on behalf of ISRO.
- The Leif Ericsson Lunar Prize was established in the year 2015.

Dia Mirza has been declared PETA India 'Person of the Year' 2023

- Recently, Dia Mirza has been declared PETA India 'Person of the Year' 2023.
- This year, Mirza voices the lifelike animatronic elephant in Ellie, who travels to schools across the country to teach children.
- The importance of kindness and empathy for all and encourages them to never support circuses or other places that use elephants for entertainment.
- Mirza also supported PETA India's petition to ban the use of all animals in circuses.
- Mirza joined PETA India's campaign to stop the killing of reptiles and other wild animals for their skins.
- The full name of PETA is People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.
- It is an animal-rights organization.
- Its headquarters is in USA. Located in Norfolk, Virginia.

Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad have been awarded the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

- Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad have been awarded the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize in December 2023.
- He has been given this award for the year 2023.
- Daniel is an Argentinian-born classical pianist.
- Ali Awwad is a Palestinian peace activist working tirelessly with the people of Palestine and Israel for a peaceful resolution to the ongoing conflict in West Asia.
- The award was announced by an international jury headed by former Chief Justice TS Thakur.
- Indira Gandhi Peace Prize was established in the year 1986 AD.
- This award is presented by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.

Hardik Singh and Savita have been declared the best hockey players of the year.

- Recently Hardik Singh has been selected as the best player of the year 2023.
- While Savita was chosen the best female goalkeeper of the year.
- Both these awards were announced by the International Hockey Federation (FIH).
- Hardik Singh and Savita are Indian hockey players.
- Sandeep Singh is a midfielder for the Indian men's hockey team.
- Savita is the captain of the Indian women's team.
- Hardik Singh has earlier been honored with the Best Indian Player of the Year 2022 award by Hockey India.
- Savita has won this title for the third consecutive time.
- The International Hockey Federation was established in the year 1924.
- Its headquarters is in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Afghan NGO has been honored with the International Gender Equality Award

- The International Gender Equality Award was presented in December 2023.
- This award was presented in Helsinki, the capital of Finland.
- International Gender Equality Award has been given to an NGO of Afghanistan.
- This NGO Promotes and protects the rights of women in Afghanistan.

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- Prime Minister of Finland Petteri Orpo honored Mehbooba Siraj, representative of this NGO from Afghanistan, with this award.
- An amount of 3 lakh euros is provided under this award.

Javed Akhtar has been awarded the Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award

- Indian film lyricist Javed Akhtar has recently been honored with the Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award.
- This award will be presented to him at the Ajanta-Ellora Film Festival.
- Ajanta-Ellora Film Festival will be organized in January, 2024.
- This festival is organized in Mumbai.
- The festival serves as a platform to showcase the best films produced in India and around the world.
- It is an annual event organized in collaboration with the Government of Maharashtra and the Government of India.

IIT at the recent COP - 28 Summit. Mandi has been awarded the Green University Award

- Recently at the COP-28 summit, IIT Mandi has been awarded the Green University Award.
- The COP-28 summit is being held in the United Arab Emirates.
- This award has been given to the institute for the work and efforts being made in relation to environmental protection.
- This award was given to Dr. Deepak Swami on behalf of IIT Mandi.
- Green Mentors non-governmental organization has special consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council in the United States.
- IIT. Mandi has been given this award for the sustainable work being done for the environment, its comprehensive commitment towards them and the institute's holistic approach towards environmental protection initiatives.

UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award

- Abdullahi Mire, a Somali refugee, has been named the 2023 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award Global Laureate for his work championing the right to education for displaced children.
- Mire, who grew up in the Dadaab refugee camps in Kenya, has put over 100,000 books in the hands of displaced children and youth in the country.
- He will be presented with the award at a ceremony in Geneva, Switzerland, on December 13, 2023.
- The UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award was established in 1954 to honor the legacy of Fridtjof Nansen, a Norwegian scientist, polar explorer, diplomat, and the first High Commissioner for Refugees for the League of Nations.
- The award is presented annually to an individual or organization for outstanding service to refugees.

V.R. Lalitambika has been awarded France's highest civilian award 'The Legion of Honour'

- Recently Lalitambika has been honored with France's highest civilian award 'The Legion of Honour'.
- V. R. Lalitambika is a scientist at the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).
- It was presented to him by Thierry Matthau, French Ambassador to India.
- Lalitambika's expertise, achievements and tireless efforts have written an ambitious new chapter in the long history of the India-French space partnership.
- The Legion of Honor was started in the year 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte.
- This award is given to a citizen of any country for enhancing the dignity of France.

Jay Shah has been honored with the 'Sports Business Leader of the Year' award.

- Jay Shah is currently the Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- Jay Shah has recently been honored with the 'Sports Business Leader of the Year' award.
- CII Chanakya Choudhary, Chairman of the National Committee on Sports, presented the award underscoring Shah's important role in taking Indian cricket to unprecedented heights.
- This recognition is underlined by a series of unprecedented achievements that have not only elevated the game but also reshaped its dynamics.

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- The recently concluded ICC Men's World Cup under Shah's leadership etched its name in history as the most watched World Cup ever.
- One of the most notable developments under Shah's leadership has been the achievement of pay parity in Indian cricket.

Recently late Vice-Admiral Benoy Roy Chowdhury has been awarded the Vir Chakra.

- Late Vice-Admiral Benoy Roy Chowdhury was a hero of the India-Pakistan war of 1971.
- In this war, Benoy Roy was posted as an engineer on INS Vikrant.
- Recently he has been awarded Vir Chakra.
- 'Veer Chakra' is an award given for military bravery during wartime.
- During the Indo-Pak war of 1971, the boiler of INS Vikrant was not functioning properly.
- Benoy Roy had overcome this shortcoming by showing immense skill with his team.
- The then Navy Chief Admiral SM Nanda had honored Roy with the title of 'An Engineer Par Excellence'.
- This Vir Chakra Award was received by INS Shivaji.
- INS Shivaji is one of the premier technical training establishments of the Indian Navy.
- It is situated in Lonavala, Maharashtra.

President presented the National Awards for the year 2023 for the empowerment of persons with disabilities.

- Recently, the President of India presented the National Award for the year 2023 for the empowerment of persons with disabilities.
- These awards were presented in New Delhi.
- President Draupadi Murmu said that about 15 percent of the total world population are persons with disabilities and their empowerment is a high priority.
- A total of 21 individuals and 9 institutions were presented with the National Awards 2023 by the President.
- Jyoti Sinha of Muzaffarpur, Bihar was honored with the National Award 2023 for 'Best Divyangjan'.
- Jyoti Sinha suffers from 70% muscular dystrophy.
- Jyoti has been awarded the National Award 2023 for Individual Excellence in the category of Best Disabled Person in the Field of Art and Culture for her excellent work in the field of Madhubani painting.

Novak Djokovic and Aryna Sabalenka have been honored with the World Champion Award.

- Novak Djokovic and Aryna Sabalenka are both famous tennis players.
- Recently both these players have been honored with the World Champion Award.
- This award was presented by the International Tennis Federation (ITF).
- Djokovic wins ATP title for record eighth time ended the season at number one in the rankings.
- he won the Australian Open, French Open, and US Open titles this season, taking her total number of Grand Slam titles to 24.
- Djokovic wins ITF title for the eighth time has won the world champion award.
- Sabalenka won this award for the first time.

Meera Chand has been honored with Singapore's highest art award

- Recently he has been honored with Singapore's highest art award.
- Meera Chand is a novelist of Indian origin.
- She has been given this award along with Suchen Christine Lim and Osman Abdul Hamid.
- Singapore President Tharman Shanmugaratnam presented the award.
- This award was established in the year 1997.
- It is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated artistic excellence, made significant contributions and shown commitment to enriching Singapore's arts and culture landscape.

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Kabir Bedi has been awarded 'The Order of Merit'

- Recently Kabir Bedi of Hindi cinema has been honored with 'The Order of Merit'.
- 'The Order of Merit' is one of Italy's highest honours.
- Kabir Bedi's entire family was present in this award ceremony held at Gateway of India, Mumbai.
- The award is given by the Government of Italy to those who have distinguished themselves through outstanding achievements and contributions to Italian society and beyond.
- In this, the recipients are awarded the respective insignia depending on the degree of their contribution.
- Kabir Bedi has acted in India as well as in Italy and other countries.

8 Indian bankers have been honored with the Freedom of the City of London Award

- The Freedom of the City of London Award was presented in London in December 2023.
- 8 Indian bankers have been honored with this award.
- He was given this honor by Chris Hayward, Chairman of the City of London Corporation.
- He has been honored for his work on important trade relations between India and Britain.
- This honor is especially given to individuals who have made special contributions to the financial services sector of the City of London.
- The names of these 8 Indian bankers are – Madhur Kumar, Manish Gupta, Ashok Kumar, Sharukh T Wadia, Rakesh Kumar, Loknath Mishra, Sudhir Kumar Sharma and Arvind Kumar Choudhary.

Recently 6 Indian historical sites have been honored with UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award

- 6 Indian historical sites have been honored with UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award in December 2023.
- Historic sites included are Rambagh Gate and Ramparts, Church of the Epiphany, Peepal Haveli, Karnikara Mandapam, David Sassoon Library and Bikaner House.
 - Rambagh Gate and Ramparts - Amritsar
 - Church of Epiphany - Gurugram
 - Peepal Haveli - Gurudaspur
 - Karnikara Mandapam – Kerala
 - Karnikara Mandapam is located in the Bhagavathi Temple, Kerala.
 - David Sassoon Library - Mumbai
 - Bikaner House - New Delhi.
- The UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award for Cultural Heritage Conservation was established in 2000.
- The purpose of this award is to promote the conservation of such cultural heritage areas, whose conservation efforts have been initiated by an individual or organization.

SPORTS

Chennai's Vaishali Rameshbabu became the 84th Grandmaster of India.

- On 2 December, Vaishali became Grandmaster after crossing the 2500 Elo rating during the 2023 IV Elllobregat Open in Barcelona, Spain.
- Vaishali and her younger brother R. Praggnananda are now India's first brother-sister duo to officially become Grandmasters.
- After Koneru Humpy and Harika Dronavalli, Vaishali is the third female Grandmaster from India.
- Vaishali crossed the 2500 mark by defeating 37-year-old FIDE Master Tamer Tarik Selbes of Turkey in the second round.
- Vaishali had earlier achieved three Grandmaster norms in the form of Xtracon Open 2019, Fischer Memorial 2022, and Qatar Open 2023, and needed only 4.5 rating points to go beyond 2500.
- With a live rating of 2501.5, she is currently the world number 11 in the women's ranking and is India's number two.

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IBA Junior World Boxing Championship

- India won 3 gold, 5 silver, and 1 bronze medals at the IBA Junior World Boxing Championship.
- On 4 December, India bagged three gold, five silver, and one bronze medals in Yerevan, Armenia on the last day of the IBA Junior World Boxing Championship 2023.
- Akansha won the gold medal in the 70 kg weight category, Pari won the gold medal in the 48 kg weight category, and Nisha won the gold medal in the 52 kg weight category.
- Vini won the silver medal in the 52 kg weight category, while Srishti Sathe won the silver medal in the 63 kg weight category.
- In the boy's category, Jatin won a silver medal in the 54 kg category.
- In addition, Hardik Panwar in the 80 kg weight category, Ameesha Kereta in the 54 kg weight category, and Prachi Tokas in the 80 kg weight category won silver medals.

Max Verstappen has won the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix

- Max Verstappen is the Formula One champion for the Red Bull team.
- Recently he has won the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix title.
- Sergio Pérez finished second for Red Bull.
- Ferrari's Charles Leclerc finished third.
- This is the 54th Formula One win of Max Verstappen's career.
- With this victory, he has come third in the list of most Formula Champions.
- Now only Lewis Hamilton (103) and Michael Schumacher (91) are left ahead of him.
- Max Verstappen is a Belgian-Dutch racing driver.
- He represents the Red Bull team.

Punjab won the title of Hockey India Senior Men's National Hockey Championship

- Recently Hockey India Senior Men's National Hockey Championship was organized in Chennai.
- Its 13th edition was organized in the year 2023.
- Its final was played at Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai.
- The final of this championship was played between Punjab and Haryana.
- Punjab won the title by defeating Haryana in the final.
- Tamil Nadu won the bronze medal by defeating Karnataka.
- This championship is organized by the Indian Hockey Federation.
- Its organization started in the year 1928.

India's Ramkumar Ramanathan has won the men's singles title of Kalaburagi Open Tennis Tournament

- Kalaburagi Open Tennis Tournament was organized in Kalaburagi, Karnataka in December 2023.
- I.T.F. Kalaburagi Open World Tennis Tour 2023 saw 75 international tennis players from nine countries participate in the ITF tournament here.
- India's Ramkumar Ramanathan won the men's singles title of this tennis tournament.
- In the final, Ramkumar defeated David Pichler of Austria.
- This is Ramkumar Ramanathan's third ITF. Is the title.

India has won 17 medals in the Junior World Boxing Championship

- The Junior World Boxing Championships was held in Yerevan, Armenia in December, 2023.
- India won a total of 17 medals in this championship.
- These 17 medals included 3 gold, 9 silver and 5 bronze medals.
- Indian boxers Payal, Nisha and Akanksha won gold medals.
- This championship was organized by the International Boxing Association (IBA).
- The International Boxing Association was established in the year 1946.
- Its headquarters is located in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Haryana has won the recently held Vijay Hazare Trophy.

- Vijay Hazare Trophy is a regional cricket competition played in the country.
- Vijay Hazare Trophy was organized in December 2023.

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- The final of Vijay Hazare Trophy was played at Saurashtra Cricket Stadium, Rajkot.
- This final was played between Rajasthan and Haryana.
- Haryana won the title by defeating Rajasthan in the final.
- Haryana team reached the final of Vijay Hazare Trophy for the first time and captured the title for the first time itself.
- The first edition of Vijay Hazare Trophy was held in the year 1993 – 94.
- Tamil Nadu has won this trophy maximum 5 times.

Khelo India Para Games is being organized in New Delhi

- Khelo India Para Games is being organized from December 10 to 17, 2023.
- This game is being organized in New Delhi.
- This is the first edition of Khelo India Para Games.
- 32 States, Union Territories and Services Sports Control Boards are participating in this competition.
- It includes 7 sports events.
- It was inaugurated by Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur.
- The inaugural ceremony was held at the KD Jadhav Indoor Hall located at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex.
- The objective of the Central Government behind organizing Khelo India Para Games is to empower all the para-athletes.

Haryana has secured top position in Khelo India Para Games

- Recently Khelo India Para Games concluded in New Delhi.
- This was the first edition of Khelo India Para Games.
- Haryana secured the top position in this game.
- Haryana won 105 medals including 40 gold, 49 silver, and 26 bronze medals.
- Uttar Pradesh stood second by winning 62 medals including 25 gold, 23 silver and 14 bronze medals.
- Tamil Nadu stood third by winning 20 gold, 8 silver and 14 bronze medals.
- The winners were awarded by Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur.

Bangladesh has won the title of the recently organized Under-19 Asia Cup.

- Under-19 Asia Cup to be organized in December 2023.
- It was a cricket competition.
- The under-19 Asia Cup was organized in Dubai.
- The final of this cup was played between Bangladesh and United Arab Emirates.
- Bangladesh won the Under-19 Asia Cup title by defeating UAE in the final.
- This is Bangladesh's first Under-19 Asia Cup title.
- Bangladesh opening batsman Ashikur Rahman Shibli was declared the player of the tournament.
- The most successful team of the Under-19 Asia Cup is India which has won this title 8 times.

Recently D. Gukesh has won the title of Chennai Grand Masters.

- Chennai Grand Masters was held in Chennai in December 2023.
- It was a chess championship.
- This championship was won by Indian Grand Master D. Gukesh.
- In the final, D. Gukesh defeated compatriot Pantala Harikrishna.
- Gukesh won the title by scoring 4.5 points in the final round after playing a draw with compatriot Pantala Harikrishna.
- However, in the final round, India's Grand Master Arjun Erigasi also showed a brilliant game and scored 4.5 points by defeating Hungary's Sanan Szgirov, but Gukesh won the title on the basis of better tiebreak.
- Whereas Harikrishna stood third in the competition by scoring 4 points.
- The Chennai Grand Masters is an eight-player chess tournament.
- It is held mainly to qualify for the next World Chess Championship.

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Recently the mascot of Khelo India Youth Games has been launched

- The mascot of Khelo India Youth Games in December 2023 has been launched by Anurag Thakur.
- The mascot was launched in Chennai by Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur.
- Veera Mangai Velu Nachiyar has been chosen as the mascot of Khelo India Youth Games.
- Rani Velu Nachiyar was the first queen to fight against the British colonial power in India.
- Tamil people know him as Veeramangai.
- It is known that Khelo India Youth Games will be organized in Tamil Nadu in January 2024.
- This is the sixth Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Tamil Nadu.

Magnus Carlsen has recently won the FIDE World Rapid Chess Championship title.

- Magnus Carlsen is a Norwegian chess player.
- The FIDE World Rapid Chess Championship was held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan in December 2023.
- Recently, Magnus Carlsen has won the FIDE World Rapid Chess Championship title.
- Vladimir Fedoseev finished second and Yu Yangyi finished third in the championship.
- Magnus Carlsen has won the World Rapid Chess title for a record fifth time.
- The FIDE World Rapid Chess Championship was started in the year 2012.

National Badminton Championship was organized in Guwahati

- The National Badminton Championship was organized in Guwahati, Assam in December 2023.
- It was the 85th edition of the National Badminton Championships.
- Chirag Sen won the men's singles title in this badminton championship.
- Chirag defeated Tarun M. in the final.
- Anmol Kharb won the women's singles title.
- Anmol defeated Tanvi Sharma in the final.
- Men's doubles title The pair of Prithvi Roy and Suraj Gola won.
- The women's doubles title was won by the pair of Priya Devi Konzengbam and Shruti Mishra.
- This championship was organized by the Badminton Association of India.
- The Badminton Association of India was established in the year 1934.

Sakshi Malik has announced her retirement from wrestling

- Sakshi Malik is a top Indian female wrestler.
- He has announced his retirement from wrestling in December 2023.
- Sakshi is the first female wrestler from India to receive an Olympic medal.
- Sakshi Malik qualified for the 2016 Rio Olympics and won a bronze medal in her first High Olympics.
- Sakshi won a silver medal in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland.
- He won the bronze medal at the 2018 Queensland, Commonwealth Games.
- Sakshi had won the gold medal in the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.
- Sakshi Malik is a resident of Rohtak, Haryana.

France has won the title of World Women's Handball Championship, 2023

- World Women's Handball Championship to be held in November – December 2023.
- This championship was jointly organized by Denmark, Norway and Sweden.
- The final of this championship was played between Norway and France.
- France defeated Norway to win the World Women's Handball Championship, 2023.
- This is France's third World Women's Handball Championship title.
- Denmark won the bronze medal by defeating Sweden.
- It was the 26th edition of the World Women's Handball Championship.
- A total of 32 teams participated in it.

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INDEX and RANKING

According to recent data, Uttar Pradesh has become the second largest economy state in the country

- Soic In, a leading online blogging platform that keeps an eye on investing and stock market, recently released the economy figures in one and a half.
- According to these figures, Uttar Pradesh has become the state with the second largest economy in the country.
- Uttar Pradesh's share in the country's GDP has increased to 9.2%.
- Maharashtra is the state with the largest economy in the country.
- Maharashtra's contribution to the country's GDP is 15.7%.
- Tamil Nadu is the third largest economy in the country with a GDP share of 9.1%.
- In this context, Gujarat is at fourth place and West Bengal is at fifth place.
- This report of Soic is based on Census and Credit Lyonnais Securities Asia.

World Digital Competitiveness Ranking

- India has been ranked 49th in the 2023 World Digital Competitiveness Ranking.
- The International Institute for Management Development (IMD) has released its 2023 World Digital Competitiveness Ranking (WDCR).
- As per the ranking, India has been kept on the 49th spot among 64 economies.
- India has made significant improvements in cyber security knowledge but lags in technology and future preparedness.
- The WDCR is a comprehensive assessment that shows how countries are navigating the digital landscape amid the rise of artificial intelligence (AI).
- The ranking throws light on crucial elements contributing to a nation's digital prowess.
- The United States remained on the top spot in the ranking. It solidified its position as a "digital nation".
- Netherlands is in the second spot by jumping four places while Singapore secured third place in the ranking.
- Denmark slipped to fourth position due to a decline in future readiness and technology factors.
- In the Asia-Pacific region, India has descended to the 12th position among 14 countries.

According to the data of the year 2023, the highest number of tiger deaths in the country have occurred in Maharashtra

- Recently, the Indian Wildlife Conservation Society released the figures of tiger deaths in the country in the year 2023.
- According to these figures, the highest number of tiger deaths in the country have occurred in Maharashtra.
- Maximum 52 tigers have died in Maharashtra.
- After this is Madhya Pradesh (45).
- Deaths of 26 tigers were recorded in Uttarakhand.
- Tamil Nadu and Kerala recorded 15 deaths each.
- Karnataka recorded 13 deaths.
- The cause of death of 79 tigers in India is 'natural and other causes'.
- 55 tigers died due to illegal hunting.
- 46 tigers died due to mutual fighting.
- 14 tigers died during rescue/treatment.
- A total of 204 tigers died in the country in the year 2023.

Kolkata Emerges Safest City For Third Year In A Row: NCRB Report

- In a recent report published by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Kolkata has emerged as the safest city in India for the third consecutive year.
- The city recorded the least number of cognisable offences per lakh population among metropolises, showcasing a remarkable feat in ensuring public safety.

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- The NCRB data revealed that Kolkata reported 86.5 cases of cognisable offences per lakh people in 2022.
- This marked a significant drop from the previous year's count of 103.4 cases, showcasing a consistent decline.
- In 2020, the number was higher at 129.5, indicating a positive trend in crime reduction.

Nirmala Sitharaman and Three Other Indians Secure Spots on Forbes' "World's 100 Most Powerful Women" of 2023

- In the latest release of Forbes' annual list of "The World's Most Powerful Women," four notable Indian figures have garnered recognition.
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, HCL Corporation Chairperson Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Steel Authority Of India Chairperson Soma Mondal, and Biocon Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw have earned positions on this prestigious list.
- Nirmala Sitharaman, serving as India's first full-time female finance minister, achieves her best ranking yet at number 32, marking her fifth consecutive appearance on the list.

Top 10 Most Polluted Cities Across India

- Northern India has been battling the problem of air pollution for the past few weeks, with several cities experiencing "very poor" air quality.
- The pollution crisis has been particularly severe in Bihar, Rajasthan, and Haryana, with cities such as Begusarai, Bahadurgarh, and Dholpur recording AQI levels above 370.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has released data on the air quality of 242 cities across India.
- According to the data, no city recorded "severe" air quality, but 11 cities, including Delhi, Angul, Faridabad, Bikaner, Bhiwadi, Byrnihat, Arrah, Sonipat, Noida, Dharuhera, and Rohtak, recorded "very poor" air quality.
- The primary cause of air pollution in Northern India is a combination of factors, including vehicular emissions, industrial emissions, and agricultural burning. These factors contribute to the formation of particulate matter (PM), which is a major health hazard.

2023 World Malaria Report

- In the recently published 2023 World Malaria Report by the World Health Organization (WHO), it was revealed that India accounted for a staggering 66% of malaria cases in the WHO South-East Asia Region in 2022.
- Notably, almost half of all cases in the region (46%) were attributed to Plasmodium vivax, a protozoal parasite and the primary cause of recurring malaria.
- The report underscores the paradox that, despite efforts to expand access to insecticide-treated nets and preventive medicines for vulnerable populations, the number of malaria cases is on the rise.
- In the WHO South-East Asia Region, which constitutes approximately 2% of global malaria cases, there was a 76% decline in malaria cases from 2000 to 2022.
- However, the report notes a recent increase in cases, challenging the progress made.

Hyderabad Leads In Food Adulteration Cases: NCRB

- Adulteration is a more serious problem than what it looks like to many people. Nothing can be as dangerous as adulterated food for the human body.
- The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) recently revealed alarming data that sheds light on the severity of the issue, especially in the city of Hyderabad and its surrounding areas.
- The NCRB data pointed out that Hyderabad topped the nation in food adulteration cases in 2022. In close second place was Andhra Pradesh, trailing after Telangana.

India Tops Global Remittance Charts with \$125 Billion in 2023: World Bank Report

- The World Bank's latest report reveals India's leading position in global remittances, reaching \$125 billion in 2023.

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- While remittances to low- and middle-income countries grew by 3.8%, challenges include declines in the Middle East and North Africa. The report underscores the crucial role of inclusive labor markets and social protection policies.
- The World Bank's most recent Migration and Development Brief sheds light on the sustained growth in remittance flows to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) in 2023, albeit at a slower pace compared to previous years.

SCHEMES

Watan Ko Jano Programme

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with 250 Jammu and Kashmir students in the national capital as part of the 'Watan Ko Jano' Youth Exchange project.
- Currently, the students are travelling to Delhi, Ajmer, Jaipur, and other destinations during their 12-day experience visit.
- Sheetal Nanda, Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department, flagged off the group and ten coordinators and carers at the Watan Ko Jano Programme.
- The Jammu and Kashmir Rehabilitation Council, in partnership with the Union Home Ministry, organises the "Watan Ko Jano" initiative.

The green credits initiative has been launched by PM Modi at COP28.

- The initiative was launched by the PM during his two-day visit to the United Nations climate conference being held in the United Arab Emirates.
- The initiatives aim to encourage the plantations.
- This collaborative initiative is based on the Green Credit program, which was introduced by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change in November.
- The Green Credit Program is a "market-based mechanism designed to encourage voluntary environmental actions in a variety of sectors by various stakeholders such as individuals, communities, private sector industries, and companies.
- In its initial phase, the program will focus on water conservation and afforestation.
- The PM also launched another climate initiative for industries.
- The 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) is being held in Dubai from November 30 to December 12.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the conference on the first two days, and delivered a national statement highlighting India's climate actions.

Target To Make 20 Million Women Associated With SHGs 'Millionaires'

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that he aims to make 20 million women associated with self-help groups (SHGs) 'Lakhpati Didis' in the next three years.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said this during a virtual interaction with beneficiaries of various government programs under the ongoing 'Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra' in Dewas district of Madhya Pradesh.
- 'Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra', launched on 15 November is a nationwide program to reach out to citizens with the Centre's welfare programmes.
- Lakhpati Didi Scheme: the scheme is in line with the broader mission of poverty alleviation and economic empowerment.
- Under this scheme, skill training will be provided to women so that they can earn more than Rs 1 lakh per year.

Amplifi 2.0 portal has been launched by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

- The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched Amplifi 2.0 (Assessment and Monitoring Platform for Liveable, Inclusive and Future-ready urban India) portal.

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- This portal will facilitate raw data from Indian cities on a single platform for academics, researchers, and stakeholders to help data-driven policymaking.
- The data related to total diesel consumption; the number of samples tested for water quality; the average annual expenditure on healthcare; and the total number of people residing in slums will be available on the portal.
- Earlier, data provided by Urban Local Bodies was used by the government to rank cities based on the four indices — the Ease of Living Index, Municipal Performance Index, Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework, and Data Maturity Assessment Framework.
- By 2030, about 60 crore (40% of the population) will live in urban areas of India.
- According to the 2011 Census, urban India contribute 63% to the country’s GDP.

Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launches “MedTech Mitra” Portal

- Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched MedTech Mitra virtually on 25 December 2023.
- It is a strategic initiative of the Central Government to empower medtech innovators and advance healthcare solutions.
- MedTech Mitra is a platform for emerging entrepreneurs and innovators in India.
- The portal will be coordinated collaboratively by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), under the guidance of NITI Aayog’s Atal Innovation Mission.
- The MedTech Mitra initiative helps people in the medical technology field work together and make progress in healthcare.

The Geographic Information System application “Gram Manchitra” launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

- This Geographic Information System has been launched with the aim of promoting spatial planning by Gram Panchayat.
- This application facilitates and assists Gram Panchayats in planning at the Gram Panchayat level using geospatial technology.
- It provides a single/integrated geospatial platform to improve the planning of various developmental works to be undertaken in different areas and provide a decision support system for Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP).
- In addition, mActionSoft, a mobile-based solution has also been launched.
- It will help in capturing photos with Geo-Tags (i.e. GPS Coordinates) for the works that have assets as an output.
- Geo-tagging of assets is done in three stages – (i) before the commencement of work (ii) during the work and (iii) on completion of the work.
- It will provide a wealth of information about all works and assets related to natural resource management, water harvesting, drought prevention, sanitation, agriculture, check dams and irrigation mediums, etc.

DEFENCE

India will procure 97 Tejas jets and 156 Prachand choppers.

- India will procure these in over ₹1 lakh-crore deal. Tejas fighter jets cost around ₹65,000 crore.
- Defense Acquisition Council has approved the proposal of the Indian Air Forces to upgrade its Su-30 fighter fleet.
- Defense Acquisition Council is headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- The Defence Procurement Board (DPB) has given in-principle approval to the proposal signaling the government’s willingness to go for a second indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC II). The IAC II will be built by Cochin Shipyard.

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- PM Modi commissioned India's first indigenously-built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant (IAC I) in September.

Indian Navy conducted Exercise 'Prasthan'

- Indian Navy conducted exercise 'Prasthan' in December 2023.
- This exercise was conducted off the Mumbai coast.
- This exercise is done every 6 months.
- This exercise is important in validating and refining the measures and procedures aimed at addressing various contingencies that may arise in oil production platforms.
- Maharashtra Police, Customs, Fisheries Department, Mumbai Port Authority, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority, India Meteorological Department also participated in this exercise.
- The objective of this exercise is to validate and refine measures and procedures to address contingencies in oil production platforms.
- This exercise was organized by the Western Naval Command.

59th Raising Day of Border Security Force (BSF)

- The Border Security Force (BSF) celebrated its 59th raising day on 1st December.
- This significant organization plays a pivotal role in ensuring the security of India's borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh.
- Established in the aftermath of the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965, the BSF's motto, "जीवन पर्यन्त कर्तव्य" (Duty Unto Death), reflects its unwavering commitment to safeguarding the nation.

Commander P. Deosthalee Becomes The First Woman To Command An INW

- Commander Prerna Deosthalee has been appointed as the first woman officer to command a warship in the Indian Navy (INW).
- Commander Deosthalee will command the warship in the Western Fleet of the Indian Navy.
- Information about the appointment of Commander Deosthalee has been given by Indian Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar on 1 December 2023.

INS Imphal

- Indian Navy, in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, will commission its latest stealth guided missile destroyer, Imphal, from the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai on December 26.
- The latest destroyer's commission will signal the formal entrance of the third of four 'Visakhapatnam' class destroyers into the Navy.
- This destroyer was designed in-house by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau and built by Mumbai-based Mazagon Dock Limited.
- The INS Imphal is a stealth-guided missile destroyer ship developed for the Indian Navy by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL).

India-US Joint Exercise 'Vajra Prahar' Concludes In Umroi

- The 14th edition of the joint military exercise "Vajra Prahar 2023" conducted between India and the US concluded on 11 December 2023 at the Joint Training Site in Umroi.
- The joint military exercise of Special Forces between the two countries was conducted from 21 November to 11 December 2023 at Umroi Cantonment in Meghalaya.
- On the successful completion of 'Vajra Prahar 2023', US Ambassador, Eric Garcetti expressed special thanks to India for hosting the 14th edition.
- The main objective of organising this exercise was to share experiences in joint mission planning and operational strategy.

Russia Unveils Two New Nuclear-Powered Submarines

- Russian President Vladimir Putin unveiled two new nuclear-powered submarines on 11 December 2023. These new submarines will soon start patrolling in the Pacific Ocean.
- New submarines Krasnoyarsk and Emperor Alexander the 3rd:

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- ✓ Krasnoyarsk and Emperor Alexander III were inaugurated at the Sevmash shipyard in Severodvinsk. Severodvinsk is in the country's north-west Arkhangelsk region.
- ✓ President Vladimir Putin inspects the hoisting of the Navy flag on newly built nuclear submarines.
- ✓ Putin pledged to complete plans to modernise the Russian navy.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

NASA has launched a mission to study the 'God of Chaos' asteroid

- 'God of Chaos' means 'God of chaos'.
- This is an asteroid which will pass close to the Earth in the year 2029.
- Recently, the American space agency NASA has again started a mission to study this asteroid.
- The OSIRIS-REx spacecraft has recently returned from deep space after collecting samples from the space rock 'Bennu'.
- Its name has been changed to OSIRIS-APEX.
- It has now been sent to study the asteroid Apophis, which will pass very close to the Earth in 2029.
- This asteroid will pass near Earth on April 13, 2029, from a distance of about 20,000 miles.

North Korea has successfully tested 'Hasong-18' intercontinental ballistic missile

- In December 2023, North Korea successfully tested 'Hasong-18' intercontinental ballistic missile.
- According to North Korea, this missile has been tested to respond to any attack by the United States.
- The Hasong-18 is a North Korean three-stage solid-fueled intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).
- It is the first solid-fuel ICBM developed by North Korea.
- The strike range of Hasong-18 is up to 15 thousand kilometers.

The country's first polarimetry mission will be launched by ISRO in January 2024

- The country's first polarimetry mission will be launched by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).
- This mission will launch on January 1, 2024.
- In this, X-ray Polarimetry Satellite (XPoSat) will be sent with PSLV-C58.
- This satellite will collect data of X rays and study black holes and neutron stars.
- XPoSat will be the third observatory to be established in space after Aditya L1 and Astrosat.
- It is India's first and the world's second polarimetry mission after NASA's Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer, launched in 2021.
- XPoSat aims to study the 50 brightest sources in the universe.
- These include pulsars, black hole X-ray binaries, active galactic nuclei, neutron stars and the remnants of non-thermal supernovae.

India will launch a female robot astronaut 'Vyommitra' before the Gaganyaan mission

- Recently the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has announced that it will launch a female robotic astronaut 'Vyommitra' before the Gaganyaan mission.
- 'Vyommitra' will be launched in the year 2024.
- 'Vyommitra' has been developed at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre.
- It is a female humanoid space robot developed by the Indian Space Research Organization for the manned orbital spacecraft Gaganyaan.
- Vyomamitra is made up of two words Vyoma+Mitra (Vyoma = universe/space, Mitra = friend).
- This robot has been designed as half humanoid.
- Through this project, ISRO will conduct the first test using this robotic system to ensure the safe travel and return of Indian astronauts, after which it will send the astronauts into space.
- This humanoid robot was tested on GSLV. MK III.

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India has become the first country to have such capability using a single-firing unit

- Recently, Defense Research and Development Organization has shot down 4 targets simultaneously using Akash missile system.
- India has become the first country in the world to do so.
- D.R.D.O. demonstrated the capability of the Akash missile system to simultaneously engage four aerial targets at a range of 25 kilometers.
- India became the first country to demonstrate the capability to engage 4 air targets simultaneously at a distance of 25 km by command guidance using a single firing unit.
- This ability is Displayed in 'Astra Shakti' military exercises.
- Akash is a short-range surface-to-air missile with a strike range of up to 25 km.
- It is mainly used to protect vulnerable areas and points from air attacks.

China, Egypt Jointly Launch Satellite MisrSat-2

- China and Egypt have achieved a significant breakthrough in their collaborative efforts with the successful launch of the MisrSat-2 satellite.
- Developed and assembled jointly by the two nations, this marks a pivotal moment in their burgeoning space partnership.
- The satellite, assembled in Egypt with Chinese support, was launched from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China, utilizing the Long March-2C carrier rocket.

JT-60SA is the largest and most advanced nuclear fusion reactor in the world.

- It started operations in Ibaraki Prefecture of Japan on 01 December.
- It is a joint initiative between the European Union and Japan. It is the world's biggest experimental nuclear fusion reactor.
- Fusion differs from fission. Fission is the technique currently used in nuclear power plants.
- Fusion includes fusing two atomic nuclei in place of splitting one nucleus.
- The six-story-tall JT-60SA reactor is kept in a hangar near Naka north of Tokyo. Hangar is a large building where planes are kept.
- It consists of a "tokamak" vessel in the shape of a doughnut that is intended to hold spinning plasma that has been heated to 200 million degrees Celsius.
- JT-60SA is a forerunner for the under-construction International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER).

BANKING, ECONOMY AND FINANCE

India will become the world's third-largest economy by 2030.

- On 5 December, S&P Global Ratings said India will be the world's third-largest economy by 2030.
- But it will be a big challenge for the country to take advantage of the huge opportunity and become the next big global manufacturing hub.
- The rating agency expects India will be the fastest-growing major economy in the next three years.
- In this, the growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will increase from the estimated 6.4% in the current financial year to 7% by the fiscal year 2027.
- The Indian economy grew by 7.2% in the financial year 2022-23 ending March 2023.
- India's GDP grew by 7.8% in the June quarter and 7.6% in the September quarter.
- Currently, the Indian economy ranks fifth after the US, China, Germany and Japan.
- India has one of the youngest working populations in the world, with approximately 53% of its citizens under the age of 30.
- The rating agency projected that China's GDP growth will slow to 4.6% in 2024 (in 2023: 5.4%), then accelerate to 4.8% in 2025, and return to 4.6% in 2026

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The government said the share of agriculture in India's GDP will decline to 15% in fiscal year 2023.

- The government reported on December 19 that the share of agriculture in India's GDP declined from 35% in 1990–91 to 15% last fiscal year due to rapid growth in the industrial and service sectors.
- The share of agriculture in the total gross value added (GVA) of the economy has declined from 35% in 1990-91 to 15% in 2022-23.
- This decline is not due to the decline in agricultural GVA but due to the rapid expansion in industrial and service sector GVA.
- In terms of growth, the agriculture and allied sectors have registered an average annual growth of 4% during the last five years.
- As far as the global experience is concerned, the share of agriculture in world GDP has also declined over the past decades and has stood at around 4% in recent years.
- PM-Kisan Yojana was launched in 2019.
- It is an income support scheme that provides Rs 6,000 per year in three equal installments.
- Under this, over Rs 2.81 lakh crore has been released to over 11 crore farmers till November 30, 2023.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCES

First World Odia Language Conference 2024 to be held in Bhubaneswar

- The first World Odia Language Conference will be organised in Bhubaneswar in February 2024. A three-day conference will be organised in Odisha in February 2024.
- In this context, Odia Language, Literature and Culture Minister Ashwini Kumar Patra has informed the media about the decision of the State Heritage Cabinet.
- Linguists of national and international repute have been invited to address the thematic sessions of the First World Odia Language Conference.
- Students from across the state will attend Bhubaneswar extensively to participate in this first World Odia Language Conference.

India To Host Three-Day Global Technology Summit From December 4

- India is going to organize a three-day (4 to 6 December) Global Technology Summit (GTS) from 4 December 2023. In this conference, data privacy, export control and technology affecting politics will be discussed.
- This year in 2023, the eighth edition of the Global Technology Summit will be organized in New Delhi.
- The summit will address topics including new technology, digital infrastructure, and national security.
- Theme of Global Technology Committee: the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on December 1, 2023 that the theme of this Global Technology Summit will be 'Geopolitics of Technology'.
- The conference is being co-hosted by the Policy Planning and Research Division of the Ministry of External Affairs and Carnegie India.

COP33 Summit

- PM Modi proposed to host the COP33 Summit in India in 2028.
- He proposed this during his address at the World Climate Action Summit during the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai.
- During his COP28 address in Dubai, PM Modi said India's goal is to reduce emissions intensity by 45% till 2030.
- He also said India has decided to increase the share of non-fossil fuel to 50%.
- PM Modi was the only leader who joined the opening plenary along with COP28 President Sultan Al Jaber and UN Climate Change President Simon Steill.

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India Internet Governance Forum 2023

- On 5 December, the India Internet Governance Forum 2023 (IIGF-2023) held in New Delhi.
- The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) is a multi-stakeholder forum that brings together representatives of diverse groups to discuss public policy issues related to the Internet.
- After successfully organizing the first two editions of IIGF in 2021 and 2022, the 3rd edition of the IIGF was conducted.
- The theme of the forum was "Moving Forward – Calibrating Bharat's Digital Agenda".
- The event is an effort to create an in-depth discussion on issues such as creating a secure, trusted, and resilient cyberspace for India, enabling innovation for India's development goals, bridging divides, and global digital governance.
- India Internet Governance Forum is an initiative related with United Nations Internet Governance Forum (UN IGF).
- The Indian chapter of the United Nations IGF is called India IGF or IIGF, was formed in the year 2021.

Recently National Unity and Youth Leadership Conference was organized in Itanagar.

- Itanagar is the capital of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Recently a National Unity and Youth Leadership Conference was organized here.
- This is the 26th conference of National Unity and Youth Leadership Conference.
- This conference was inaugurated by Arunachal Pradesh Governor K.T. Paranayaka.
- This conference serves as a platform to contribute towards building 'Ek Bharat: Shrestha Bharat'.
- In this many states with diverse cultures participate in peace and harmony through various programs.
- The theme of this conference was 'Developed Youth, Developed India'.

Indian Art, Architecture and Design Conference inaugurated by Prime Minister

- Indian Art, Architecture and Design Conference started in New Delhi in December 2023.
- This was the first edition of the Indian Art, Architecture and Design Conference.
- This conference was inaugurated by the Prime Minister.
- This conference is being organized in New Delhi.
- It also follows major initiatives like the recently held International Museum Expo and Library Festival.
- In line with the Prime Minister's vision of 'Vocal for Local', 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Center for Design' is being established at the Red Fort.
- It will showcase the unique and indigenous crafts of India and provide a collaborative space between artisans and designers.
- This is a biennial conference.

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Current Affairs MCQs

1. Which Union Minister launched auction of Critical Mineral Blocks?
 - (a) Pralhad Joshi
 - (b) Smriti Irani
 - (c) Piyush Goyal
 - (d) Jyotiraditya Scindia
2. Where is inaugural Telecom Center of Excellence in India set to be established?
 - (a) Maharashtra
 - (b) Tamil Nadu
 - (c) Uttar Pradesh
 - (d) Gujarat
3. Which country will host ceremony to present 2023 Nansen Refugee Award?
 - (a) Switzerland
 - (b) Kenya
 - (c) India
 - (d) Norway
4. Who is Awarded With Nansen Refugee Award 2023
 - (a) Abdullah Habib
 - (b) Sahat Zia Hero
 - (c) Salim Khan
 - (d) Abdullahi Mire
5. Which South Asian Country Became 1st To Formally Register A Case Of Same sex Marriage?
 - (a) India
 - (b) Pakistan
 - (c) Nepal
 - (d) Bangladesh
6. The Primary Purpose Of The Central University (Amendment) Bill, 2023
 - (a) Implementing Gender Quotas In Education
 - (b) Reforming The Central University Structure
 - (c) Establishing A Central Tribal University In Telangana
 - (d) Promoting Vocational Training In Universities
7. What is Primary Aim Of ASEAN India Grassroots Innovation Forum?
 - (a) Strengthening Cultural Ties Between India And ASEAN Nations
 - (b) Promoting Social Innovations In Science And Technology
 - (c) Enhancing Political Cooperation Among Member States
 - (d) Encouraging Economic Reforms In India And ASEAN Nations
8. ASEAN India Grassroots Innovation Forum 2023 Take Place at:
 - (a) New Delhi, India
 - (b) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 - (c) Langkawi, Malaysia
 - (d) Mumbai, India
9. 'Mahima Cult' Is Religious Movement, Originated in which State?
 - (a) Odisha
 - (b) Telangana
 - (c) Karnataka
 - (d) West Bengal

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10. Lokhimon Faith is Associated with which Indian State/UT?
(a) Assam
(b) Odisha
(c) Goa
(d) Kerala
11. Meitei Mayek script is Associated with which State?
(a) Assam
(b) Nagaland
(c) Mizoram
(d) Manipur
12. Bondvol Lake, seen in the news, is located in which State?
(a) Gujarat
(b) Goa
(c) Odisha
(d) Rajasthan
13. Which Institution Released The 'FASTER 2.0' Portal?
(a) Election Commission of India
(b) DPIIT
(c) Supreme Court of India
(d) NITI Aayog
14. Which City Is Host Of World Climate Action Summit 2023?
(a) New Delhi
(b) Dubai
(c) London
(d) Colombo
15. 'Cairns Group', seen in News, Associated with Countries of which Category?
(a) Agricultural Exporting
(b) Oil Exporting
(c) Milk Exporting
(d) Meat Exporting
16. Who won the silver medal in the women's section of the FIDE World Blitz Chess Championship 2023?
(a) Bibisara Balabayeva
(b) Koneru Humpy
(c) Susan Polgar
(d) Vaishali Rameshbabu
17. Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?
(a) Rahul Rasgotra
(b) Anish Dayal Singh
(c) Nina Singh
(d) Vivek Srivastava
18. When is Good Governance Day celebrated?
(a) 15th August
(b) 25th December
(c) 1st January
(d) 10th November

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19. Who will be the Chief Guest for the 75th Republic Day celebrations in India?
(a) Narendra Modi, Prime Minister India
(b) Emmanuel Macron, President France
(c) President Joe Biden, President USA
(d) Rishi Sunak, Prime Minister , Britain
20. What is the period of the Financial Year in India?
(a) April 1 to March 31
(b) January 1 to December 31
(c) July 1 to June 30
(d) October 1 to September 30
21. Which Prime Minister of India is associated with Kishan Diwas?
(a) Indira Gandhi
(b) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
(c) Chaudhary Charan Singh
(d) Rajiv Gandhi
22. Who are the recipients of the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2023?
(a) Shri Chirag Chandrashekar Shetty and Shri Rankireddy Satwik Sai Raj
(b) Shri Manish Kaushik and Ms. P.V. Sindhu
(c) Shri Saurabh Chaudhary and Ms. Vinesh Phogat
(d) Shri Bajrang Punia and Ms. Mary Kom
23. Which bill aims to replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860, governing criminal offenses in India?
(a) Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) Sanhita, 2023
(b) Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita, 2023
(c) Bharatiya Sakshya (Second) Bill, 2023
(d) Indian Evidence Act, 1872
24. What do the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation recognize?
(a) Technological advancements
(b) Outstanding projects in heritage preservation
(c) Urban development initiatives
(d) Modern architectural designs
25. What significant addition does Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) Sanhita, 2023 make to the punishment system?
(a) Capital punishment
(b) Life imprisonment
(c) Fine only
(d) Community service
26. Who is the legendary mathematician honored on National Mathematics Day?
(a) Albert Einstein
(b) Aryabhata
(c) Srinivasa Ramanujan
(d) Isaac Newton
27. Indian team lost to which country in the FIH Men's Junior World Cup semifinal in Kuala Lumpur?
(a) Germany
(b) Netherlands
(c) Australia
(d) Argentina

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28. Who is the new Chief Minister of Rajasthan?
(a) Vasundhara Raje
(b) Bhajan Lal Sharma
(c) Rajnath Singh
(d) Vasudev Devnani
29. Who recently returned to power, as Prime Minister in Poland after nine years?
(a) Mateusz Morawiecki
(b) Donald Tusk
(c) Volodymyr Zelenskyy
(d) Vladimir Putin
30. Where was the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence Summit held in December 2023?
(a) Beijing
(b) New Delhi
(c) Geneva
(d) Washington, D.C.
31. Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh?
(a) Shivraj Singh Chauhan
(b) Dr. Mohan Yadav
(c) Jagdish Deora
(d) Narendra Singh Tomar
32. What initiative did Prime Minister Narendra Modi launch on December 11, 2023 for development of youth?
(a) Viksit Bharat@2047 – Voice of Youth
(b) National Education Policy 2020
(c) Skill Development for Youth
(d) Digital India Campaign
33. Where do the first-ever Khelo India Para Games commence in December 2023?
(a) Mumbai
(b) Kolkata
(c) New Delhi
(d) Chennai
34. Which country won the Davis Cup for The First Time Since 1976?
(a) Italy
(b) Australia
(c) Serbia
(d) Spain
35. Which Ministry Awarded Special Appreciation Medal For Excellence In Display At IITF 2023?
(a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(b) Ministry of Home Affairs
(c) Ministry of External Affairs
(d) Ministry of Power
36. Which Indian State is hosting the Second Edition of Ultimate Kho Kho?
(a) Maharashtra
(b) Odisha
(c) Karnataka
(d) Tamil Nadu

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37. Which Country Recently Decided To Abandon Its Law Aimed At Banning Smoking For Future Generations?
- (a) New Zealand
 - (b) Australia
 - (c) Canada
 - (d) United Kingdom
38. Which Among The Following Peaks Is NOT Located In Nepal Himalayas?
- (a) Lhotse
 - (b) Mount Everest
 - (c) Annapurna
 - (d) Kamet
39. What is name of World's 1st Portable Hospital Unveiled in Gurugram?
- (a) Aarogya Aid Cube
 - (b) Aarogya Maitri Aid Cube
 - (c) Emergency Response Cube
 - (d) Trauma Management Cube
40. Which Organization Unveiled the X-Ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat)?
- (a) DRDO
 - (b) ISRO
 - (c) HAL
 - (d) BARC
41. Primary Focus of 'Mission Daksh' Launched By Bihar Government:
- (a) Infrastructure Development
 - (b) Doctor Skill Enhancement
 - (c) Health Awareness Programs
 - (d) Academic Support For Students
42. What is the Mission Life Expectancy Of The XPosat Satellite?
- (a) Two Years
 - (b) Three Years
 - (c) Five Years
 - (d) Eight Years
43. Goal of Lead IT 2.0 Unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi:
- (a) Financial Aid For Health Sector
 - (b) Low-carbon Technology Development
 - (c) Educational Initiatives
 - (d) Industrial Growth Support
44. Global Drought Snapshot Launched by:
- (a) UN Convention To Combat Desertification
 - (b) Ministry of environment
 - (c) Global Footprint Network
 - (d) World Wide Fund
45. Which Institution launched Centre of Data for Public Good?
- (a) NITI Aayog
 - (b) IISc
 - (c) DRDO
 - (d) IIT Madras

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46. Which city is The Host Of The '2030 World Expo'?
- (a) Riyadh
 - (b) Rome
 - (c) New Delhi
 - (d) Geneva
47. 'AstroSat' is A Space Telescope launched by Which Country?
- (a) USA
 - (b) Russia
 - (c) India
 - (d) China
48. Pressmud is a Residual by product obtained in which industry?
- (a) Automobile
 - (b) Sugar
 - (c) Coal
 - (d) Steel
49. Which country signed MoU with Pakistan to invest around USD 20 Billion?
- (a) Israel
 - (b) UAE
 - (c) Oman
 - (d) Afghanistan
50. PM JANMAN Scheme is associated with which category of people?
- (a) MSME Owners
 - (b) PVTGs
 - (c) Farmers
 - (d) NRIs
51. Which State clinched 13th Senior National Men's Hockey Championship?
- (a) Punjab
 - (b) Tamil Nadu
 - (c) Rajasthan
 - (d) Kerala
52. Which institution constituted taskforce to examine impact of Digital Personal Data Protection Act On Insurance Sector?
- (a) Ministry of Electronics and IT
 - (b) IRDAI
 - (c) RBI
 - (d) SEBI
53. Mahe, Malvan and Mangrol are names of:
- (a) Anti Submarine Warships
 - (b) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
 - (c) Submarines
 - (d) Intercontinental Missiles
54. IUCN has developed 3 Action Plans for Threatened Pollinator Groups in which continent?
- (a) Africa
 - (b) Europe
 - (c) Australia
 - (d) Asia

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55. Angadvir Singh Bajwa seen in News, is associated with which sports?
(a) Shooting
(b) Cricket
(c) Football
(d) Chess
56. Shamsi Talab, is a Water Storage Reservoir Located in which State/ UT?
(a) Assam
(b) New Delhi
(c) Uttar Pradesh
(d) Rajasthan
57. Which Film Received Silver Peacock Award At 54th International Film Festival of India?
(a) Featherweight
(b) Kantara
(c) Sarpatta Parambarai
(d) A Thursday
58. Who has been appointed as India's First Woman Aide De Camp By Mizoram Governor?
(a) Manisha Padhi
(b) Anjali Singh
(c) Avni Chaturvedi
(d) Kavita A. Walia
59. "Gajraj System," is initiated by:
(a) Ministry Of Railways
(b) Ministry Of Agriculture
(c) World Wide Fund
(d) IUCN
60. Who is chosen to Pilot Gajraj System?
(a) Southern Railways
(b) Central Railways
(c) Eastern Railway
(d) Northeast Frontier Railways
61. Who appointed as first woman Director General of ICFRE?
(a) Kalpana Devi
(b) Kanchan Devi
(c) Sheetal Deshmukh
(d) Kritika Bansal
62. HQ of Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education:
(a) Chennai
(b) Gorakhpur
(c) Dehradun
(d) Hyderabad
63. India Internet Governance Forum held in:
(a) Punjab
(b) New Delhi
(c) Andhra Pradesh
(d) Uttar Pradesh

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64. Mount Merapi is situated in:
(a) Kenya
(b) Indonesia
(c) Hawaii
(d) Chile
65. FIT EXPO INDIA 2023 is inaugurated in:
(a) New Delhi
(b) Chennai
(c) Kolkata
(d) Bhubaneswar
66. Arshia Sattar honoured with which French Distinction for her contributions to Indian Literature and Mythology:
(a) Knight of the Order of the Legion of Honour
(b) Commander of the National Order of Merit
(c) Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters
(d) Officer of the Order of Academic Palms
67. Who assumed position of Director General (Inspection & Safety) at Air HQ New Delhi?
(a) Air Marshal Sanjeev Kapoor
(b) Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
(c) Air Marshal Makarand Ranade
(d) Air Marshal RK Dhir
68. What is the purpose of Amplifi 2.0, launched by MOHUA?
(a) To Promote Cultural Events In Urban Areas
(b) To Centralize City Data For Informed Urban Policy-making
(c) To Enhance Agricultural Practices In Rural Areas
(d) To Facilitate International Trade Partnerships
69. Who received PRSI award for contributions to Public Relations Society of India & Public Relations Industry?
(a) Prathap C. Reddy
(b) Sriram Iyer
(c) Suneeta Reddy
(d) Suganthi Sundararaj
70. Which pavilion received prestigious Gold Medal for "Excellence In Display" in State Pavilion Category At IITF-2023?
(a) Delhi Pavilion
(b) Maharashtra Pavilion
(c) Gujarat Pavilion
(d) Odisha Pavilion
71. Reason behind Foxconn's \$1.5 Billion Investment in India:
(a) To Support Apple's Expansion In The Indian Market
(b) To Strengthen Its Presence In China
(c) To Diversify Its Manufacturing Beyond China
(d) To Compete With Technological Rivals In India
72. Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam festival is associated with which State?
(a) Tamil Nadu
(b) Andhra Pradesh

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- (c) Kerala
- (d) Karnataka

73. Which country reached an agreement with India & Paris Club Group of Creditors on a Debt Treatment Plan?

- (a) Afghanistan
- (b) Israel
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Syria

74. Codex Alimentarius Commission in News, was established by:

- (a) FAO and UNICEF
- (b) FAO and WHO
- (c) UNICEF and UNESCO
- (d) World Bank and IMF

75. What was the theme of World AIDS Day 2023?

- (a) Bridges of Understanding
- (b) Harmony in Healing
- (c) Let Communities Lead
- (d) Community for Healing

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ANSWER - KEY

1	A	21	C	41	D	61	B
2	C	22	A	42	C	62	C
3	A	23	A	43	B	63	B
4	D	24	B	44	A	64	B
5	C	25	D	45	B	65	C
6	C	26	C	46	A	66	C
7	B	27	A	47	C	67	C
8	C	28	B	48	B	68	B
9	A	29	B	49	B	69	D
10	A	30	B	50	B	70	D
11	D	31	B	51	A	71	C
12	B	32	A	52	B	72	B
13	C	33	C	53	A	73	C
14	B	34	A	54	B	74	B
15	A	35	D	55	A	75	C
16	B	36	B	56	B		
17	B	37	A	57	B		
18	B	38	D	58	A		
19	B	39	B	59	A		
20	A	40	B	60	D		

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