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LAW AND AMENDMENT

In the case of *Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay v. UOI, 2023 SCC Online SC 1463*, **Supreme Court Guidelines on Speedy Disposal of Criminal Cases against MPs and MLAs**

- The Supreme Court issued guidelines to expedite the disposal of criminal cases against Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs).
- The Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, issued the guidelines in response to Upadhyay’s plea.
- These guidelines were issued in response to a plea filed in 2016, seeking the prompt resolution of cases involving lawmakers and advocating for a lifetime ban on convicted politicians from contesting elections.
- The Representation of the People Act, 1951 (RP Act), introduced by Dr BR Ambedkar, governs the conduct of elections in India.
- Section 8 of the RP Act deals with the disqualification of lawmakers on conviction for certain offences, including promoting enmity between groups, bribery, undue influence, hoarding, profiteering, or adulteration of food or drugs.
- Section 8(3) specifically imposes a six-year ban on individuals convicted of offences with a minimum two-year sentence.
- Supreme Court’s guidelines include:
 - ✓ The court recommended the establishment of a "special bench" to monitor criminal cases against legislators.
 - ✓ High Courts were directed to undertake suo motu registration of cases against lawmakers to ensure their speedy resolution.
 - ✓ Priority should be given to cases against lawmakers that are punishable by death or life imprisonment. Cases punishable with five years or more imprisonment should also be prioritized.
 - ✓ The court suggested that cases could be heard by a Chief Justice-led special bench or a designated bench. These cases could also be listed at regular intervals, if necessary. The special bench may call upon the advocate general or prosecutor for assistance.
 - ✓ The Court acknowledged the difficulty in establishing uniform guidelines for trial courts across the country and entrusted high courts with the responsibility of devising effective measures to monitor and dispose of such cases.
 - ✓ High Courts were empowered to issue orders and directions for the effective disposal of cases against lawmakers. They could also direct the Principal District and Sessions Judge to allocate "subject cases" to specific courts.

Supreme Court directed the government to form a new delimitation commission.

- To ensure a proportional representation of the communities specified as Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs), the Supreme Court directed the central government to set up a fresh delimitation commission.
- This decision was taken by a bench of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra.
- The demand of the communities for the grant of proportional representation has a constitutional foundation, which can be found in articles 330 and 332.

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- SC said that it cannot direct Parliament to amend or make laws for giving proper representation to communities that are part ST group.
- SC was hearing a case seeking a proportionate representation of the Limbu and Tamang tribal communities in the assemblies of Sikkim and West Bengal.
- This plea was moved by the Public Interest Committee for Scheduling Specific Areas (PICSSA) and an NGO, which argued that the Limbu and Tamang communities are not getting proper representations in West Bengal and Sikkim.
- The NGO has claimed that the ST population has increased in Sikkim and West Bengal and no reservations of seats for them is the denial of their constitutional rights.
- The Limbu and Tamang communities' population has increased from 20.6% in 2001 to 33.8 % in 2011 in Sikkim.

Recently, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has cancelled the provision of 75 percent reservation for the residents of the state in the industries of Haryana

- In November, 2023, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has cancelled the provision of 75 percent reservation for residents of the state in Haryana's industries.
- This reservation was implemented under the Haryana State Employment Act, 2020.
- The government had notified this Act in November 2021.
- According to the notification issued by the state government, there is a provision to give 75 percent reservation to local youth in those private sector jobs in which the monthly salary is less than Rs 30 thousand from January 15, 2022.
- This includes private companies, societies, trusts and state-owned companies.
- The High Court said that this Act is unconstitutional and violates Part 3 of the Constitution.
- Fundamental rights are described in Part-3 of the Constitution.
- This decision was given by the bench of Justice GS Sandhawalia and Justice Harpreet Kaur Jeevan.

Bihar Assembly passed a bill to increase caste reservation from 50% to 65%.

- The Bihar Assembly passed a bill to increase reservation quotas for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Extremely Backward Classes and Other Backward Classes from the existing 50% to 65%.
- Reservation has been increased after the result of comprehensive caste survey conducted by the government.
- As per the bill, the reservation has been increased from 1% to 2% for ST. The quota for SCs has been increased from 16% to 20%.
- The quota for EBCs has been increased from 18 per cent to 25 per cent.
- For OBCs, the reservation has been increased from 12 per cent to 15 per cent.
- Earlier, Bihar had 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in addition to the 50% reservation.
- Now, the total reservation will reach to 75%.
- In the Indra Sawhney case, Supreme Court put a ceiling of 50 per cent quotas and emphasized upon the concept of "social backwardness" in 1992.
- After the recommendation of Mandal Commission, 27% reservation was given to OBCs.
- The Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, 2019 had allowed 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

Fast-track courts

- Continuation of fast-track courts for trying sexual offences has been approved by the Union Cabinet for 3 years.
- The Fast Track Special Court (FTSC) scheme was launched in 2019, it has been now extended up to March 31, 2026.
- Fast Track Special Courts under this scheme are dedicated to the dispensation of justice in cases of sexual offences.

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- The government will cover its share of expenditure from the Nirbhaya Fund.
- The total cost of running the scheme for the three-year period would be ₹1,952.23.
- ₹1,207.24 crore would be borne by the Centre and ₹744.99 crore by the State.
- A total of 30 States and Union Territories have participated in the scheme.
- 761 fast-track courts including 414 dedicated POCSO courts have resolved more than 195000 cases.
- After the passage of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act in 2018, the government has decided to set up 1,023 fast-track courts.

APPOINTMENTS

Three new Judges of the Supreme Court of India take oath

- The Chief Justice of India, Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud administered oath to Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, Justice Augustine George Masih and Justice Sandeep Mehta on 9 November 2023.
- The Supreme Court of India, with a sanctioned strength of 34 judges, is presently functioning with 31 Judges which resulted in a significant backlog of cases and an increased workload for the serving Judges.
- To maintain a full working judge-strength in the Supreme Court, the Supreme Court collegium, comprising of Chief Justice of India, Dr. DY Chandrachud, Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Justice BR Gavai and Justice Surya Kant, recommended the appointment of three Chief Justices of High Court as Judges of the Supreme Court of India on 06-11-2023.
- The Centre Government cleared the appointment of Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, Chief Justice of the High Court of Delhi, Justice Augustine George Masih, Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court and Justice Sandeep Mehta, Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court as Judges of the Supreme Court of India

Squadron Leader Manisha Padhi becomes India's First Woman Aide De Camp to Mizoram Governor

- Recently Manisha Padhi became the country's first woman ADC. Are made.
- He is posted as Squadron Leader in the Indian Air Force.
- He was appointed ADC to the Governor of Mizoram. Has been done as.
- Mizoram Governor Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati appointed him to this post.
- Aide-de-Camp is a title of honor in India.
- Service chiefs, including the chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force, usually have three aides-de-camp.
- The Governor has 1 A.D.C. Are there.
- The President has five aides-de-camp (three from the Army and one each from the Navy and Air Force).

Colonel Sunita becomes the first woman to command an Armed Forces Transfusion Center

- Recently, Colonel Sunita has become the first woman to command the Armed Forces Transfusion Centre.
- Armed Forces Transfusion Center is located in New Delhi.
- Prior to this, she served as the Commanding Officer of a strategically important field hospital in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Presently Colonel Sunita has been given the responsibility of managing AFTC, the largest blood transfusion center of the armed forces.

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- It has state-of-the-art facilities in the field of transfusion medicine including stem cell cryopreservation, fully automated immuno-hematology analyzer.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been elected as the Chairman of Shri Somnath Trust

- Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been elected the Chairman of Shri Somnath Trust.
- He has been elected chairman of this trust for the third consecutive time.
- For the first time, Narendra Modi was elected President of the Trust in the year 2021.
- Narendra Modi has been made the chairman of the trust for 5 years.
- This is the first time in the 74 year long history of Shri Somnath Trust that a Chairman has been selected for a five-year term.
- Shri Somnath Trust is the trust for the management of Somnath temple and public welfare works.
- Somnath temple is located in Saurashtra region of Gujarat.

Hiralal Samaria has been appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner of the country

- Hiralal Samaria has been appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner of the country in November, 2023.
- He was appointed by a committee headed by the Prime Minister.
- Apart from the Prime Minister, this committee includes the leader of the largest party in the Lok Sabha and a cabinet minister.
- Hiralal Samaria was administered the oath by President Draupadi Murmu.
- Hiralal Samaria was posted on the post of Information Commissioner before becoming the Chief Information Commissioner.
- Hiralal Samaria is the first Dalit Chief Information Commissioner of the country.
- He has replaced Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha on this post.
- The Central Information Commission has been constituted under the Right to Information Act, 2005 with effect from October, 2005.
- The Commission is headed by the Chief Information Commissioner.
- There can be a maximum of 10 Information Commissioners.
- It is a non-constitutional body.

Rajendra Menon has been appointed as the Chairman of the Armed Forces Tribunal

- Rajendra Menon has been appointed Chairman of the Armed Forces Tribunal.
- Rajendra Menon has been re-appointed to this post.
- Rajendra Menon has been the former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court.
- He has been appointed to the post of Armed Forces Tribunal for 4 years.
- His tenure will last till June 2027.
- Rajendra Menon was appointed to this post for the first time in the year 2019.
- The Armed Forces Tribunal Act 2007 was passed by the Parliament.
- The Armed Forces Tribunal was inaugurated by the President of India on 8 August 2009.

Mamata Banerjee Appoints Sourav Ganguly as the Brand Ambassador of Bengal

- Mamata Banerjee, the Chief Minister of West Bengal, recently made a significant move by appointing the former Indian cricket team captain, Sourav Ganguly, as the brand ambassador of Bengal.
- Ganguly, fondly known as ‘Dada’ in the cricketing world, has been an influential figure not just in cricket but also in shaping the sporting culture of India.
- His appointment as the face of Bengal is a testament to his charisma, leadership qualities, and ability to connect with people from diverse backgrounds.

Pedro Sanchez has been elected Prime Minister of Spain

- Pedro Sanchez has been elected Prime Minister of Spain in November 2023.

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- He has been re-appointed as Prime Minister.
- For the first time he was appointed Prime Minister of Spain in the year 2018.
- Pedro Sánchez is a member of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party.
- Apart from this, he is also the President of Socialist International.
- Spain is a country located on the Iberian Peninsula in southwestern Europe.
- It is a member of the European Union.
- Its capital is Madrid.

Recently Christopher Luxon has been sworn in as the Prime Minister of New Zealand.

- Christopher Luxon is sworn in as Prime Minister of New Zealand in November 2023.
- Former airline executive Christopher Luxon has been sworn in as New Zealand's Prime Minister with the goal of controlling inflation and lowering interest rates.
- Luxon took office six weeks after his conservative National Party won national elections.
- Christopher Luxon is the 42nd Prime Minister of New Zealand.

CAG GC Murmu appointed as Vice-Chair of UN External Auditors' Panel

- Currently, Girish Chandra Murmu is the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.
- He has been appointed as the Deputy Chief of the Auditor Panel of the United Nations.
- This panel includes the 12 supreme auditor institutions of the world.
- It includes representatives from Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Philippines, Russia, Switzerland and Britain.
- The independent body, including its representatives, conducts financial, performance and compliance audits of UN entities.
- This recognition underlines India's commitment to the highest standards of external audit and its active participation in shaping the global audit landscape.
- Girish Chandra Murmu's tenure as deputy chief will begin in the year 2024.

Justice Manoj Gupta has been appointed the acting Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court

- Justice Manoj Gupta has been appointed the acting Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court in November, 2023.
- Justice Manoj Kumar Gupta was appointed as Additional Judge on 12 April 2013.
- On 10 April 2015, he took oath as a permanent judge.
- Allahabad High Court Chief Justice Pritinkar Diwakar is scheduled to retire on November 22.
- Pritinkar Diwakar was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court in March 2023.
- The sanctioned number of judges in Allahabad High Court is 160.
- At present 92 judges are working in it.
- Allahabad High Court was established in the year 1866 AD.
- In the year 1869 AD it was shifted from Agra to Allahabad.

Hitesh Kumar Makwana has been appointed as the Surveyor General of India

- Hitesh Kumar Makwana has been appointed as Surveyor General of India in November, 2023
- Hitesh was appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet.
- Before this, Hitesh was working as Additional Secretary in the Home Ministry.
- The post of Surveyor General of India is under the Survey of India.
- Colin McKenzie is appointed the first Surveyor General of India.
- Hitesh Kumar Makwana has replaced Sunil Kumar on this post.

Anish Shah has been appointed President of FICCI

- Recently Anish Shah has been appointed President of FICCI.
- Anish Shah was earlier the Vice President of FICCI.
- The full name of FICCI is Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.
- FICCI was founded in 1927 by Indian industrialists GD Birla and Purushottamdas Thakurdas on the advice of Mahatma Gandhi.

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- It is the largest, oldest and top trade organization of India.

Vinay M. Tonse has been appointed as the Managing Director of State Bank of India

- Vinay M. Tonse has been appointed as the Managing Director of State Bank of India.
- His appointment was made by the Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet.
- Before his appointment, Vinay was the Deputy Managing Director of SBI.
- Vinay's tenure as Managing Director will be till November 2025.
- His appointment was recommended by the Bureau of Financial Services Institutions.
- He will replace Swaminathan Janaki Raman.
- State Bank of India has a Chairman and four Managing Directors.
- Dinesh Kumar Khara is currently the Chairman of SBI.

IMPORTANT DAYS

On 1 November, the foundation day of 8 states and 5 union territories

- On 1 November, the foundation day of 8 states and 5 union territories was celebrated at Raj Bhavan of Goa.
- It was celebrated in the presence of former Vice President of India Venkaiah Naidu and Goa Governor P S Sreedharan Pillai.
- On November 1, eight states— Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Tamil Nadu— and five UTs— Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Puducherry— were formed .
- As part of the "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" programme, the Goa Raj Bhavan celebrated the day in collaboration with the leaders of regional associations of various states and Union territories.
- This is the third time that Goa Raj Bhavan is celebrating the foundation day of other states after Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana and West Bengal.

World Tsunami Awareness Day observed on 5 November

- Every year on 5 November, World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed.
- It is celebrated to spread awareness about the Tsunami.
- The theme of World Tsunami Awareness Day 2023 is "Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future."
- In 2015, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) had declared 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day.
- On November 5, 2016, the First World Tsunami Awareness Day was celebrated.
- Tsunami is a Japanese word meaning 'harbor wave'. It is a series of huge underwater waves created by a disturbance.
- India Celebrates 135th Birth Anniversary of CV Raman
- November 7, 2023, marks the 135th birth anniversary of the renowned Indian physicist, Sir Chandrasekhar Venkata Raman, who is celebrated for his groundbreaking discovery of the Raman Effect.
- This discovery revolutionized the field of physics and earned him the prestigious Nobel Prize.

National Cancer Awareness Day observed on 7th November

- Every year India observes National Cancer Awareness Day on November 7.
- Cancer is the second leading cause of death according to the World Health Organization.
- The day was first observed in 2014. It coincided with the birth anniversary of scientist Marie Curie.
- She won the Nobel Prize for discovering radium and plutonium. She was the first woman to win Nobel Prize.

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National Legal Services Day observed on 9 November

- India observed National Legal Services Day on 9 November.
- Access to Justice for All: Empowering the Marginalised through Legal Awareness' is the theme of the National Legal Services Day 2023.
- The theme emphasizes upon the importance of providing equal access to legal resources and knowledge.
- It also marks the anniversary of the enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act in 1995.
- It was passed with a vision to provide legal aid to poor and marginalised people.
- 'National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) at the national level provide free legal service to less privileged people of society.

World Science Day for Peace and Development 2023: 10 November

- Every year on 10 November, World Science Day for Peace and Development is observed.
- The theme of World Science Day for Peace and Development 2023 is "Building Trust in Science".
- The day is observed to highlight the important role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues.
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared this day in 2001, but the day was first celebrated in 2002.
- The 22nd edition of World Science Day for Peace and Development was celebrated in 2023.

National Education Day celebrated on 11 November

- It is celebrated on November 11 every year (Since 2008) to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first education minister.
- National Education Day 2023 Theme: Embracing Innovation.
- The purpose of celebrating National Education Day is to enlighten individuals about the importance of education and its positive impact on the nation's development and well-being.
- He became the youngest person to serve as President of INC in 1923, at the age of 35.

World Kindness Day observed on November 13

- World Kindness Day, observed annually on November 13, promotes acts of kindness to foster compassion, empathy, and goodwill worldwide.
- This year's theme for 2023 is "Be Kind Wherever Possible".
- This day encourages people and societies across the world to engage in acts of big or small kindness to make a more compassionate and peaceful world.
- It is a chance to take stock of the positive effects that kindness has on people and society as a whole.

Children's Day observed on 14 November

- Children's Day or 'Bal Diwas' is celebrated annually on November 14 in India.
- The day is celebrated to appreciate and acknowledge children as they are the future of the county.
- This date also marks the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of the nation Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

National Epilepsy Day celebrated on 17 November

- National Epilepsy Day is celebrated every year in India on November 17.
- To raise awareness about the brain disorder and bust myths surrounding the disease.
- The theme for 2023 is "Seizing the Moment: Breaking the Stigma," which emphasises the importance of dispelling myths and misconceptions surrounding epilepsy.
- Epilepsy is a condition that affects the nervous system and causes recurrent seizures due to abnormal electrical activity in the brain.

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World Children's Day observed on 20 November

- World Children's Day is every year observed on 20th November.
- This day marks the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by the UN General Assembly in 1959 and the Declaration of the Rights of the Child.
- The theme for this year's World Children's Day is 'For every child, every right'.
- It was first observed as Universal Children's Day in 1954.
- It is observed for promoting the international brotherhood, and awareness about child welfare and their rights.
- World Children's Day gives an opportunity to raise awareness about child rights and their welfare.

World Television Day observed on 21 November

- World Television Day is observed every year on 21 November since 1996.
- It is observed to highlight the value of television in globalization and communication.
- According to the United Nations, television continues to be the single largest source of video consumption.
- The United Nations General Assembly declared November 21 as World Television Day in 1996.
- On November 21 and 22 in 1996, the United Nations held the first World Television Forum.
- To mark its anniversary, the United Nations General Assembly adopted November 21 as World Television Day.
- TV was introduced in India on 15 September, 1959 with the assistance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

Guru Tegh Bahadur's Martyrdom Day is observed every year on November 24.

- Every year on 24 November, Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom Day is observed
- It is an auspicious occasion recognized by the Sikh community.
- Guru Tegh Bahadur is the 9th Sikh Guru who was a fearless leader.
- His martyrdom day is observed as Shaheed Diwas every year.
- He fought for the rights of the people till his last breath.
- Guru Tegh Bahadur was martyred under the rule of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb.

Constitution Day celebrated on 26 November

- Constitution Day, also known as Samvidhan Divas or National Law Day, is celebrated in India on November 26th each year.
- This day commemorates the adoption of the Constitution of India on November 26, 1949. The Constitution came into force on January 26, 1950.
- In 2015, the government decided to celebrate this day to promote constitutional values among citizens.

Red Planet Day is celebrated every year on 28 November

- Red Planet Day is celebrated every year on 28 November.
- The red planet is known as Mars.
- The Mariner 4 spacecraft was launched on November 28, 1964.
- This was a spacecraft sent to observe Mars.
- The Mariner 4 spacecraft was launched by NASA.
- Mars is half the size of Earth but is still the fourth largest planet.
- The minimum distance from Earth to Mars is approximately 33.9 million miles.
- It is the fourth planet from the Sun.
- Deimos and Phobos are the names of two moons on Mars.
- One year on Mars is equal to 687 days on Earth.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nepal Officially Registers First Same-Sex Marriage

- Recently Nepal has recognized gay marriage.
- It has become the first country in South Asia to do so.
- Same-sex marriage was allowed by the Supreme Court of Nepal in 2007.
- In this regard, the Constitution of Nepal, adopted in 2015, also clearly states that there can be no discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
- Maya Gurung and Surendra Pandey became the first couple in Nepal to get recognition of same-sex marriage.

Chile has become a member of the International Solar Alliance

- In November 2023, South American country Chile has become a member of the International Solar Alliance.
- Chile has become the 95th member of the International Solar Alliance.
- Chilean Ambassador Juan Angulo handed over the instrument of ratification to the Joint Secretary in the Indian Ministry of External Affairs.
- The International Solar Alliance was established during the COP 21 summit.
- This summit was held in Paris in the year 2015.
- India and France are co-founders of the International Solar Alliance.
- Its headquarters is located in Gurugram, Haryana.

Russia Withdraws from CFE

- Russia has formally withdrawn from the Treaty of Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) duo to NATO's eastward expansion as a threat to its security.
- CFE- a landmark arms control agreement that sought to limit the deployment of conventional weapons in Europe.
- Key Takeaways from "Russia Pulled Out of Treaty of Conventional Armed Forces in Europe":- Geopolitical tensions, international relations, security concerns, treaty violations, and defense implications.
- The CFE, signed in 1990, aimed to prevent an arms race in Europe by setting limits on conventional military equipment.

World Tourism Market was organized in London

- The World Tourism Market was organized in London in November 2023.
- The Union Ministry of Tourism participated on behalf of India in this event.
- Incredible India Pavilion was inaugurated in London.
- In this 'Incredible India! The theme has been kept as 'Visit India Year 2023'.
- Under this theme, a range of different tourism products and transformative experiences are being showcased for tourists visiting India.
- The Indian Pavilion was formally inaugurated by Vikram Doraiswami, High Commissioner of India to Britain.
- A total of 47 participants including state tourism departments of Delhi, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Bihar, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, Assam and Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation are participating in the Incredible India Pavilion.

Bhutan Fully sterilized its entire stray dogs

- Bhutan has become the first country in the world to sterilize stray dogs.
- 'National Dogs Population Management and Rabies Control' was a 14 year long project launched in 2009 and completed in 2023.
- Bhutan is a small country in South Asia.
- It is situated as a 'buffer state' between India and China.

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- The capital of Bhutan is Thimphu.

Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck arrived in India on an official visit

- On November 3, Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck arrived in Guwahati on an eight-day official visit to India.
- He will be on an official visit to India from 3 to 10 November.
- The Bhutan King's visit to India comes amid new momentum in border talks between Bhutan and China.
- The visit will provide an opportunity for both sides to review the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation and take forward the "exemplary" partnership.
- India is keeping a close eye on the talks on the border dispute between Bhutan and China as it may impact New Delhi's security interests, especially at the Doklam tri-junction.
- In August 2023, China and Bhutan had agreed to accelerate and take joint steps to implement a "three-step road map" to resolve their border dispute.
- In October 2021, Bhutan and China had signed an agreement on a "three-step road map" to accelerate talks to resolve their border dispute.

CBSE will open its regional administrative office in UAE.

- Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan made this announcement during a meeting held with the Principals of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools in Dubai.
- The new administrative office of CBSE is set to come in the Emirate of Dubai, UAE.
- The meeting took place at the Consulate General of India in Dubai. It was attended by Ambassador Sunjay Sudhir.
- The administrative office of CBSE in Dubai will further strengthen the educational ties between India and the UAE.
- Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE):
- It is a national-level board of education in India for public and private schools.
- It works under the Ministry of Education.
- It was formed on 2 July 1929. Its headquarters is in New Delhi.

World Local Production Forum is being organized in The Hague

- The World Local Production Forum will be organized in The Hague, Netherlands.
- It is being organized from 6 to 8 November.
- This is the second edition of the World Local Production Forum.
- Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers Bhagwant Khuba is representing India in this forum.
- The World Local Production Forum was established at the request of the World Health Organization.
- Its aim is to make medicines and other medical technology more widely available to the entire world.

An agreement has been signed between India and Italy

- India and Italy signed an MoU in November to facilitate the movement of workers, students and professionals.
- This agreement was made during the visit of Indian Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar to Italy.
- The agreement was signed by Dr S Jaishankar and Italian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani.
- This agreement will enable seamless movement of workers, students and professionals and will also address the challenges of illegal migration.
- Apart from this, both the countries agreed that the potential in agricultural technology, innovation, space, defense and digital sectors should be exploited.

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- The two leaders also discussed in detail the situation in West Asia, the Ukraine conflict and the Indo-Pacific region.
- Italy is a country in Southern Europe.
- Its capital is Rome.

NATIONAL NEWS

President Droupadi Murmu launched the National Education Campaign titled "New Education for New India".

- President Draupadi Murmu has recently launched the 'New Education for New India' campaign.
- This campaign has been started from Sambalpur, Odisha.
- This campaign has been envisioned with the aim of inculcating values and raising the consciousness of students for a better society.
- The President said that moral education helps in building our lives and brings positive changes in the society.
- Moral education makes us aware of the life values of compassion, kindness, friendship and fraternity. Positive changes can occur in a person equipped with these qualities.
- Positive change in an individual can lead to a better society.

First City of Literature in India

- UNESCO welcomed 55 new cities into its Creative Cities Network (UCCN), which focuses on promoting creativity as a strategic factor in urban development.
- Kozhikode in Kerala and Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh have been added to UNESCO's prestigious list of Creative Cities.
- It has remarkable acknowledgment of the city's excellence in the field of literature and media.
- Kozhikode, situated in Kerala, stands out as the first Indian city to be designated as the 'City of Literature' by UNESCO, marking a historic achievement.
- Gwalior, located in Madhya Pradesh, has earned the distinction of being designated as the 'City of Music' by UNESCO, following in the footsteps of Varanasi, which received this recognition in 2015.

International cruise liner

- 'Costa Serena' is India's first international cruise liner.
- This cruise liner started its journey from Mumbai Port.
- This aligns with the Gol's "Dekho Apna Desh" initiative to make sure the middle class prefer domestic tourism over international tourism.
- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal launched this cruise.
- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is focusing heavily on putting India on the world cruising map.
- The ministry at the Global Maritime India Summit 2023 has set a target of carrying 50 million cruise passengers in India by 2047.

India to chair the International Sugar Organisation

- India will chair the International Sugar Organisation (ISO) for the year 2024 a significant development that reflects the country's prominent position in the global sugar sector.
- India, as the largest consumer and second-largest producer of sugar in the world, has been selected to chair the ISO in 2024.
- This decision was made during the 63rd council meeting of the ISO in London, highlighting India's increasing influence in the global sugar industry.

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- The International Sugar Organization (ISO) is an intergovernmental organization that was established in 1968 to improve conditions in the world sugar market.
- It is based in London, United Kingdom.

President Murmu's Visit to Ladakh

- President Murmu, India's first female President, recently embarked on her maiden two-day visit to Ladakh, a region of immense significance, both strategically and culturally.
- President Droupadi Murmu, upon her arrival in Leh for her first two-day visit to Ladakh, participated in the 5th Union Territory Foundation Day ceremony held at Sindu Sanskriti Kendra.
- During this event, she underscored the historical significance of the day, as in 2019, Ladakh was designated as a Union Territory.
- She is serving as the 15th and current President of India since 2022. She is the first person belonging to the tribal community and also the second woman after Pratibha Patil to hold the office.

Recently Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group Development Mission has been launched from Jharkhand.

- On 15th November, Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) Development Mission was launched from Khunti district of Jharkhand.
- This mission was started by the Prime Minister.
- The Mission will benefit 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups-PVTGs across 18 States and Union Territories.
- This mission was announced in the Union Budget 2023 - 24.
- Rs 24000 crore will be spent on this scheme.
- PVTG in tribal groups Are more vulnerable.
- 75 PVTGs listed. The largest number of these is found in Odisha.
- This mission will be implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Recently 'Water Smart Kid Campaign' has been launched by the Government of Meghalaya

- 'Water Smart Kid Campaign' has been recently launched by the Government of Meghalaya.
- This campaign was started by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma did it.
- The objective of this campaign is to generate a sense of responsibility and awareness among the young generation regarding water conservation.
- This campaign is being started under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- Despite being named as one of the wettest places on Earth, the state faces challenges in conserving its water resources.
- Every year Meghalaya receives 63 billion cubic liters of water through rainfall, but it retains only 1 billion cubic litres.

Asia's largest annual open air trade fair 'Ballia Yatra' started

- Recently Asia's largest annual open air trade fair 'Ballia Yatra' started.
- This air trade fair started in Cuttack, Odisha.
- The festival was inaugurated by Finance Minister Bikram Keshari Arukha.
- District Culture Council released its annual souvenir 'Cuttack Ballia Yatra-2023'.
- It was organized by Odisha Rural Development and Marketing Society.
- It showcases other ethnic products from different districts of Odisha and other states.
- These states include Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Manipur, Tripura and West Bengal.

Recently the government has taken CERT-In out of the scope of Right to Information

- The full name of CERT-In is Indian Computer Emergency Response Team - India.
- Recently the government has taken CERT-In out of the scope of Right to Information.

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- The Center has used its powers under sub-section (2) of Section 24 of the RTI Act to exempt CERT-In from the purview of the transparency law.
- Using those powers the Center has included serial number CERT-In 27 in the Second Schedule of the RTI Act.
- Apart from CERT-In, 26 other organizations were included in this list.
- CERT-In is working under the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology.
- It was established in the year 2004.

'Mission Agni' has been started to increase the knowledge of Ayurveda doctors

- The full name of Agni is Ayurveda Gyan Naipunya Initiative (AGNI).
- 'Mission Agni' has been launched in November, 2023 to increase the knowledge of Ayurveda doctors.
- The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences under the Ministry of AYUSH has started this initiative.
- This initiative is strategically designed to encourage Ayurveda practitioners to contribute, document and validate innovative medical practices for the betterment of educational and academic fields.
- It will provide a platform to Ayurveda practitioners to share their innovative practices and experiences in various disease related conditions.
- Additionally, it aims to promote a culture of imparting evidence-based practice among Ayurveda practitioners.

'Mission Daksh' program will be started by Bihar Government

- Recently Bihar government has announced that it will start 'Mission Daksh' program.
- Its objective is to improve the education level of 25 lakh schoolchildren who are weak in reading and writing.
- Under 'Mission Daksh', the state education department has told teachers that they will form groups of maximum five students and guide them.
- The number of students who are weak in reading and writing is very high in almost all government schools.
- Keeping this in mind, the department has decided to launch 'Mission Daksh' in all government schools across the state so that the education level of such students can be improved.
- This program will be started from December 1.

'Every Right for Every Child' campaign launched by Uttar Pradesh

- In November, 2023, the Uttar Pradesh government has launched a campaign called 'Every Right for Every Child'.
- The aim of this campaign is to ensure equal opportunities for students.
- The theme of the program was 'Gender Equality: Providing equal opportunities for every student; Care and Support: To be a champion for every child in families, homes, schools, sports, careers, health care and child protection facilities, community and public life.
- Led by Power Angel and Bal Sansad, the campaign will include daily activities in all primary, upper primary and Kasturba Gandhi schools till November 25.

54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2023

- The 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is set to unfold in Goa from November 20 to 28, 2023.
- It is the 54th edition of the International Film Festival of India.
- Over 250 films will be screened across various sections of the festival, which will be held at the Shamaprasad Indoor Stadium, Panaji, Goa
- The 54th IFFI has invited Indian actors and filmmakers to promote their upcoming films at the opening ceremony.
- This film festival was started by Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur.

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- 'Endless Borders' has been awarded the Golden Peacock Award for Best Film in this festival.

India to Host 2024 World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly

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

CJI DY Chandrachud Inaugurates Mitti Cafe In Supreme Court

- Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud inaugurated 'Mitti Cafe', a unique establishment situated within the Supreme Court premises.
- This cafe stands out for being entirely managed by individuals with disabilities, encompassing those who are visually impaired, have cerebral palsy, and are paraplegic.
- The cafe's management team comprises individuals with diverse abilities, breaking down barriers and setting an inspiring example.
- The Chief Justice expressed his hope that the legal community, including lawyers, would rally behind this initiative, emphasizing the importance of support for the differently-abled.

PM Modi To Launch PM-PVTG Mission And Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra On Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

- On November 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch the PM-PVTG Development Mission, a groundbreaking scheme aimed at fostering the comprehensive development of approximately 28 lakh people belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).
- This significant event is scheduled to coincide with the birth anniversary celebration of the revered tribal freedom fighter, Birsa Munda, observed as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas for the past three years.
- The launch ceremony is strategically planned to take place in Jharkhand's Khunti district, specifically after a visit to Ulihatu village, the birthplace of Birsa Munda.
- This visit will mark a historic moment as Prime Minister Modi becomes the first sitting Prime Minister to visit this village.
- Last year, on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, President Droupadi Murmu made history by being the first President to visit Ulihatu village.

One nation, One registration platform

- 'One nation, One registration platform' for doctors will be launched by the National Medical Commission.
- The regulatory body for medical education and medical professionals, the National Medical Commission, has launched "one nation, one registration platform".
- The aim of the platform is to eliminate duplication and allow the public to get information about any physician working in India.
- In the next six months, NMC will launch the National Medical Register (NMR) on a trial basis.
- Under this pilot project, doctors will be allotted a unique identification number and they can apply for their license to work in any state.
- "Registration of Medical Practitioners and Licence to Practice Medicine Regulations, 2023" gazette notification was issued by the government.
- National Medical Commission has also laid down the process of registration of additional qualifications, renewal of licence to practice medicine, transfer of licence to practice, etc.
- The National Medical Commission has also inked an MoU with the Quality Council of India (QCI) to give ratings to medical institutions in India.

STATE NEWS

The world's first 3D-printed temple has been unveiled by Telangana.

- The world's first 3D-printed temple is a ground-breaking structure located at Burugupally in Siddipet district.
- The innovative construction, achieved through a three-month 3D printing process, is a significant technological milestone.
- Spread over 4,000 square feet and situated at a height of 35.5 feet, this temple has three different parts.
- Especially, the temple consists of three sanctums, each dedicated to a different deity.
- These sanctums include a modak dedicated to Lord Ganesha, a square Shivalay dedicated to Lord Shankar and a lotus-shaped sanctuary for Goddess Parvati.

India's largest tiger reserve will be established in Damoh

- Damoh is a district located in Madhya Pradesh.
- According to the recent announcement, India's largest tiger reserve will be established in Damoh.
- The central government has issued a notification approving the proposal to merge the Noradehi sanctuary with the Rani Durgavati sanctuary in Damoh district.
- With this, a huge tiger sanctuary spread over 2,300 square kilometers will be created.
- This reserve will be centered around the Jabera area of Damoh district and is expected to boost tourism and development in the area.
- Damoh district of Bundelkhand is included in the backward areas but due to this Tiger Reserve, the possibilities of development will increase.

Ladakh secures 4th GI Tag for 'Sea-buckthorn'

- Ladakh has secured its fourth Geographical Indication (GI) tag, this time for "Ladakh Sea Buckthorn."
- Sea Buckthorn is a highly profitable crop in Ladakh, with 90% of its production coming from the region.
- A shrub which produces an orange-yellow coloured edible berry.
- In India, it is found in the Himalayan region, generally in dry areas such as the cold deserts of Ladakh and Spiti.
- The Sea Buckthorn Plantation has many Ecological, Medicinal and Economical benefits.

South-East Asia's first night sky sanctuary has been created in Ladakh.

- According to the recent announcement, South-East Asia's first Night Sky Sanctuary will soon be operational in Ladakh.
- This was announced by the Union Minister of Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh.
- The Dark Sky Reserve is being established in Hanle village in eastern Ladakh as a part of the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary.
- The Dark Sky Reserve will also house several optical, infrared and gamma-ray telescopes.
- Its objective is to spread awareness about astronomy and promote scientific research with less artificial light and wildlife conservation.
- A Dark Sky Reserve is an area where there is minimal or no light pollution.
- It is being established by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics.

Uttar Pradesh Government Banned Halal Certified Products

- In a significant move, the Uttar Pradesh government has imposed an immediate ban on the production, storage, distribution and sale of halal certified products within the state.
- The decision encompasses a wide range of items, including dairy products, sugar, bakery goods, peppermint oil, beverages, edible oil, certain medicines and cosmetic products.
- However, the ban excludes products intended for export.

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- The government's action follows the registration of a First Information Report (FIR) against several organizations accused of extortion and promoting enmity in the name of religion.

Gyanodaya Express to Revolutionize Education in J&K

- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, flagged off the Gyanodaya Express from the Katra railway station in Reasi district.
- This unique project, also known as the "College on Wheels," aims to empower approximately 700 girl students from universities in the Union Territory.
- The initiative is set to revolutionize education by providing immersive and collaborative learning experiences beyond traditional classroom boundaries.

Uttarakhand to Become The First State after Goa To Adopt The Uniform Civil Code (UCC)

- Uttarakhand is on the brink of making history as it prepares to become the first state in India to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC).
- In a move towards legal uniformity and gender equality, the state government is set to convene a special session post-Diwali to clear the UCC Bill, marking a significant departure from the diverse personal laws that currently govern citizens based on their religious affiliations.
- A five-member panel, led by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Desai, completed a draft report in June, which is expected to be handed over to the state government in the coming days.
- The report is likely to include strong recommendations on issues such as live-ins, a ban on polygamy and polyandry, and a push for raising the marriage age of girls. However, notably absent is a suggestion to raise the marriageable age of women from 18 to 21.
- The Uniform Civil Code falls under Article 44 of the Constitution, advocating for a uniform civil code across the country's territory.
- However, as Article 37 clarifies, directive principles are guiding principles for government policies and are not enforceable by courts.
- The UCC proposal is a significant step toward legal modernization and aligns with the constitutional directive to work towards a uniform civil code for all citizens.

Products from Uttarakhand Bag GI Tags

- Recently, more than 15 products from Uttarakhand were given the Geographical Indicator (GI) tag.
- The list included local crops, traditional fibers, and arts and crafts of the state.
- Key Highlights-
 - ✓ Uttarakhand's Berinag tea: Highly sought-after by London tea houses and tea blenders, is made from the leaves of a plant that grows wild in the Himalayas, which are then compressed into a solid mass.
 - ✓ Bichhu buti fabrics: Made from Himalayan nettle fibres, was also on the list of products that bagged the GI tag. As the plant's fibres are hollow, they have the unique ability to accumulate air inside, thus creating a natural insulation and making an ideal clothing material for both winters and summers.
 - ✓ Mandua: A finger millet grown in Garhwal and Kumaon that is part of the staple diet in many parts of the State.
 - ✓ Jhangora: A home grown millet commonly cultivated in the rain-fed areas of the Himalayas in Uttarakhand.
 - ✓ Gahat: One of the most important pulses growing in the dry regions of the State, whose medicinal uses have been known to Ayurveda and traditional physicians for centuries.
- Other products which got GI tags included:
 - ✓ Lal chawal: a red rice organically grown in the Purola region.
 - ✓ kala bhat(black soybean);
 - ✓ malta fruit;
 - ✓ chaulai (ramdana), a grain used on fasting days;

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- ✓ buranshjuice obtained from the red flowers of the Rhododendron arboreum; pahari toor dal;
- ✓ Uttarakhand likhaioor wood carvings,
- ✓ Nainital mombatti(candles),
- ✓ the rangwali pichhodaof Kumaon,
- ✓ Ramnagar Nainital litchis,
- ✓ Ramgarh Nainital peaches,
- ✓ Chamoli wooden Ramman masks, and
- ✓ Almora Lakhori mirchis, a chilli variant.

'Ghol Fish' has been declared as the state fish of Gujarat.

- The Gujarat government has recently declared 'Ghol Fish' as the state fish.
- This announcement was made by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel at the World Fisheries Conference.
- The World Fisheries Conference was recently organized in Ahmedabad.
- The scientific name of Ghol fish is 'Protonibia diacanthus'.
- Ghol fish is also called goldfish.
- Apart from the coasts of Gujarat, this fish is also found in Maharashtra.
- It is one of the largest fish found in India.
- Rich in nutrients like iodine, omega-3, DHA, EPA, iron, taurine, magnesium, fluoride and selenium, this fish is considered a powerhouse of nutrition.
- This fish is especially in demand due to its meat and air bladder.
- It is used to make beer and wine.
- Also, its air bladder is used in pharmaceuticals.

AWARDS

Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award

- Michael Douglas was honoured with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema.
- The award is instituted by the International Film Festival of India (IFFI).
- The recipient is recognized for their exceptional contribution to the growth and development of World cinema.
- Originally known as the IFFI Lifetime Achievement Award.
- First instituted in 1999 during the 30th IFFI.
- During the 52nd edition in 2021, on the occasion of Satyajit Ray's birth centenary, the award was rechristened to "IFFI – Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award."

Shanice Palacios has won the title of Miss Universe

- Recently the Miss Universe contest was organized in San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador.
- It was the 72nd edition of the Miss Universe pageant.
- Shanice Palacios has won the title of Miss Universe.
- Shennis Palacios is from Nicaragua.
- Miss Universe 2022 R Bonnie Gabriel crowned her as Miss Universe.
- The first runner up was Antonia Porsild of Thailand and the second runner up was Moraya Wilson of Australia.
- This time participants from a total of 84 countries participated in Miss Universe 2023.
- India has won the title in Miss Universe 3 times.
- The first Miss Universe winner was Sushmita Sen.
- Shanice Palacios is the first woman from Nicaragua to be Miss Universe.

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51st International Emmy Awards 2023

- The International Emmy Award is called the Oscar Award of television.
- Ekta Kapoor made history as the first Indian woman to secure an Emmy Award.
- The Emmy Award for the comedy film 'Vir Das: Landing' was bestowed upon Vir Das.
- Famous Hollywood actor Martin Freeman received the Best Actor Award for the film 'Responder'.
- Karla Soje, a Hollywood actress, clinched the Best Actress accolade for her role in the Spanish film 'La Caida Dive.'
- 'The Empress' secured the International Emmy Award for Best Drama Series.
- The International Emmy Awards were held in New York.

Lionel Messi has recently been awarded the Men's Ballon d'Or Award

- Argentina's Lionel Messi has recently been awarded the Men's Ballon d'Or.
- The Ballon d'Or award is the most prestigious award given in the field of football.
- Recently these awards were distributed at the Theater du Chatelet in Paris, France.
- Messi has won the Ballon d'Or award for a record 8th time.
- Earlier, it has won this award in the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2019 and 2021.
- This award was presented to Lionel Messi by former football legend David Beckham.
- The Women's Ballon d'Or award has been awarded to Spain's Aitana Bonamati.

The Booker Prize for the year 2023 has been awarded to author Paul Lynch

- The Booker Prize is awarded in the field of literature.
- The Booker Prize was announced in November, 2023.
- This award for the year 2023 has been announced to be given to writer Paul Lynch.
- Paul Lynch has been given this award for his novel 'Prophet Song'.
- Paul Lynch is an Irish writer.
- This fantasy novel is about one woman's struggle to protect her family amidst the dictatorial regime that prevailed in Ireland.
- Paul Lynch is the fifth Irish author to win the Booker Prize.

Nandini Das has been honored with the British Academy Book Award

- Nandini Das is a writer of Indian origin.
- Recently he has been honored with the British Academy Book Award.
- Nandini Das has been given this award for her book 'Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire'.
- This is the first book of Nandini Das.
- It describes the events of Britain and India's relations through England's first diplomatic mission to the Mughal courts.
- The British Academy Book Award was formerly known as the Nayef Al-Rodhan Award.
- This award was established in the year 2013.
- It is provided for global cultural understanding.

'Wildlife Photographer of the Year' award

- 6 Photographers from India win Wildlife Photography Awards.
- Sriram Murali has received the Wildlife Photographer of the Year award in the 'Behaviour: Invertebrates' category for his photograph of the Anamalai Tiger Reserve Forest in Tamil Nadu.
- Vishnu Gopal won the Animal Portraits Category prize. Other winners were Nejjib Ahmed, whose image featured a distressed tiger among anxious people on the fringes of Assam's Orang National Park.
- Raj Mohan's photograph of the Pallikaranai marshes, a Ramsar site, enveloped in flames from burning rubbish.
- Vihaan Talya Vikas, 10-year-old from Bengaluru, is clinching the top prize in his category.

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- This prize is often referred to as the 'Oscars of Photography'. It serves as a global platform for showcasing the world's most exceptional wildlife photography.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Meri Maati Mera Desh programme

- Recently, top States/UTs and Ministries were awarded for 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' programmes.
- Under both these programmes, Gujarat has achieved the top position among the states of the country.
- Haryana and Rajasthan are the joint second ranked states.
- Jammu and Kashmir ranks first among the Union Territories.
- The first place among the ministries is that of the Ministry of External Affairs.
- Defense Ministry is in second place.
- Railway Ministry and Education Ministry are jointly at third place.
- These winners have been jointly awarded by the Prime Minister.

Kerala has received the Global Responsible Tourism Award

- Kerala has been awarded the Global Responsible Tourism Award in November, 2023.
- The award has been given by the state's Responsible Tourism Mission for its sustainable and women-inclusive initiatives successfully promoted by the state.
- Kerala has received this award in the category 'Best for Local Sourcing - Craft and Food'.
- The State RT Mission has been selected for this award, the most valuable recognition given to sustainable and inclusive tourism initiatives.
- It is given to connect women-led small and medium-sized enterprises with tourism activities and ensure effective marketing of indigenous products.
- This award is given by the Responsible Tourism Partnership and the International Center for Responsible Tourism.

Salman Rushdie has been honored with the Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award

- Salman Rushdie is a famous writer.
- Recently he has been honored with the Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award.
- It was announced at a conference in Manhattan, United States.
- Salman Rushdie will be given the first Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award.
- Salman Rushdie's treatment of sensitive religious and political topics has made him a controversial figure.
- His first published novel 'Grimus' was published in the year 1975.
- He got it from the famous novel 'Midnight's Children'.

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2023 has been given to the Indian Medical Association and Trained Nurses Association of India

- Recently the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize was announced for the year 2023.
- This award has been jointly presented to the Indian Medical Association and Trained Nurses Association of India.
- Both these organizations have been given this award as representatives of Covid warriors.
- The award was presented by former Vice President M Hamid Ansari.
- This award is given to every doctor, nurse, paramedic and worker for their selfless service, unwavering dedication and perseverance in the face of adversity.
- This award was started in the year 1986.

EARTHSHOT PRIZE 2023

- This year's winners were chosen from a shortlist of 15 finalists by Prince William and the Earthshot Prize Council.
- This is also called as the "Eco Oscars".

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- The competition is based around five "Earth shots," or environmental goals. S4S Technologies, an Indian full-stack food-processing, solar-tech platform, is among the five winners.
- The other winners of the 2023 prize
- ✓ O South American forest protection initiative Accion Andina;
- ✓ US-based Boomitra, a land restoration incentivizing organization
- ✓ Battery recycling project GRST from Hong Kong; and
- ✓ US-headquartered WildAid Marine Program which is combatting illegal fishing.

Uttar Pradesh won the best state award in inland fisheries.

- In the inland fisheries category, Uttar Pradesh won the first prize.
- The award will be given during the Global Fisheries Conference 2023.
- Uttar Pradesh's fish production has increased from 8.09 lakh metric tonnes in 2021 to 9.15 lakh metric tonnes in 2022.
- In terms of fish seeds, the production has increased from 27,128 lakh metric tonnes in 2021 to 36,187 lakh metric tonnes in 2022.
- In the last six years, fish production in the state has increased significantly.
- 31 projects are being implemented in Uttar Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
- The Fishermen Accident Insurance Scheme has benefited 1,16,159 fishermen in the state.
- Under this scheme, assistance of ₹5 lakh is granted to each family of fishermen who are killed in accidents.

SPORTS

India won 55 medals in the recent Asian Shooting Championship

- Asian Shooting Championship was recently held in South Korea.
- It was the 15th edition of the Asian Shooting Championships.
- In this championship, India won a total of 55 medals including 21 gold, 21 silver and 13 bronze medals.
- India finished second in the medal tally with 55 medals.
- China topped the competition by winning 76 medals, including 33 gold.
- India's Aishwarya Pratap Singh won the gold medal in the individual event.
- He won this gold medal in 50 meter rifle event.
- The Asian Shooting Championships is organized by the Asian Shooting Confederation.

Indian team has won the Women's Asian Champions Trophy

- Recently the Women's Asian Champions Trophy was concluded.
- This trophy was organized in Ranchi.
- Its final was played at Jaipal Singh Munda Astroturf Hockey Stadium in Marang Gomke, Ranchi (Jharkhand).
- The final match was played between India and Japan.
- India won this Champions Trophy by defeating Japan.
- India has won the Women's Asian Champions Trophy for the second time.
- Earlier, India had won this trophy in the year 2016.
- India's Salima Tete was named player of the tournament.
- China's Jiaqi Zhong scored the maximum 7 goals.
- China won the bronze medal by defeating South Korea.

13TH ICC Cricket World Cup 2023

- The final of the ICC Cricket World Cup was played on 19 November.

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- This final was played at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad.
- It is known that Narendra Modi Stadium is the largest cricket stadium in the world.
- The final match was played between India and Australia.
- Australia won the Cricket World Cup by defeating India by 6 wickets in the final.
- This was Australia's sixth Cricket World Cup title.
- India missed out on winning its third Cricket World Cup title.
- The Golden Bat award was given to Indian batsman Virat Kohli.
- Kohli scored the highest score of 765 runs in the tournament.
- The Golden Ball award was given to Indian bowler Mohammed Shami.
- Shami took the maximum 24 wickets in the tournament.
- The title of Player of the Tournament was also awarded to Virat Kohli.
- Indian captain Rohit Sharma was honored with the 'Most sixes' award.
- He hit 31 sixes in the tournament.
- The award for most centuries was given to South African wicketkeeper-batsman Quinton de Kock.
- India was the only team in this World Cup which won all its matches except the final match.

'Ujjwala' has been made the mascot of Khelo India Para Games.

- In November 2023, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur launched the logo and mascot of Khelo India Para Games.
- 'Ujjwala' has been made the mascot of this game.
- 'Ujjwala' is a sparrow.
- This little sparrow is a symbol of the pride of Delhi and its uniqueness reflects determination and empathy.
- Khelo India Para Games will be organized in New Delhi in December 2023.
- This will be the first edition of Khelo India Para Games.

South Africa recently won the Rugby World Cup title.

- The year 2023 Rugby World Cup was held in France.
- The final of this World Cup was played between South Africa and New Zealand.
- South Africa won this World Cup by defeating New Zealand.
- The 'Webb Ellis Cup' is awarded to the winning team of the Rugby World Cup.
- This is South Africa's fourth Rugby World Cup title.
- The first Rugby World Cup was held in 1987.
- Rugby is a game played with an oval ball between two teams of 15 players (rugby union) and 13 players (rugby league games).
- The next Rugby World Cup is scheduled to be held in Australia in 2027.

Asian Archery Championships to be hosted by Bangladesh in the year 2025

- Bangladesh will host the Asian Archery Championships in the year 2025.
- The decision was taken at the World Archery Asia Congress held in Bangkok, Thailand.
- A total of 24 member countries from the Asian continent participated in the Congress.
- Bangladesh and China had bid to organize the 24th Asian Archery Championship.
- When a vote was held in Congress between the two countries participating in the bid, Bangladesh won the vote.
- Bangladesh will host the 24th edition of the Asian Archery Championships.

Novak Djokovic has won the Paris Masters title

- The Paris Masters is a tennis tournament held in France.
- Recently, Serbian player Novak Djokovic has won the Paris Masters title.
- Novak Djokovic defeated Grigor Dimitrov in the final.
- This is Novak Djokovic's record seventh ATP Masters 1000 title.
- No other player in the history of the tournament has won it more than three times.

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- With this, he has left Rafael Nadal behind in terms of the best winning percentage in the history of Masters 1000.
- The 40th Paris Masters tournament was held in November, 2023.

Max Verstappen has won the Sao Paulo Grand Prix title

- The Sao Paulo Grand Prix was held in Brazil in November 2023.
- Max Verstappen won this Grand Prix title.
- It became a record-breaking 17th win for the world champion in a Formula 1 season.
- This is also Verstappen's 52nd Grand Prix win of his career.
- He now has the fourth most Grand Prix wins behind Sebastian Vettel (53), Michael Schumacher (91) and Lewis Hamilton (103).
- Max Verstappen is the driver of the Red Bull team.
- McLaren's L. Norris finished second.

Indian Skydiver Shital Mahajan Makes History Near Mt Everest

- Sheetal Mahajan is an Indian skydiver.
- Recently Sheetal Mahajan has become the first woman in the world to skydive from 21,500 feet near Mount Everest.
- He jumped from a helicopter from a height of 21,500 feet.
- After the jump, she landed on Kalapathar situated at a height of 17444 feet.
- Earlier, she had successfully landed at a height of 12,500 feet at Syangboche Airport with the famous New Zealand 'skydiver' Wendy Smith working as her instructor in the aircraft.
- Sheetal Mahajan has been awarded Padma Shri in the year 2001.

Novak Djokovic won the ATP title for a record seventh time

- In November, 2023, Novak Djokovic has won the ATP title for the seventh time.
- This ATP Finals was played at the Pala Alpitour Stadium in Turin, Italy.
- Novak Djokovic defeated Jannik Sinner in the final.
- With this victory, Djokovic also broke the record of Swiss player Roger Federer.
- Roger Federer has won 6 ATP Finals titles.
- Novak Djokovic won his first ATP final in 2008.
- The ATP tournament started in the year 1972.
- The full name of ATP is Association of Tennis Professionals.
- Currently, Novak Djokovic is at the top position in the tennis rankings.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

ISRO Chief Withdraws Release of his Autobiography 'Nilavu Kudicha Simhanga'

- ISRO Chairman S Somanath announced his decision to withdraw the publication of his forthcoming autobiography, Nilavu Kudicha Simhanga (translated as 'Lions that drank the moonlight').
- The controversy came to light when reports surfaced, suggesting that Somanath's autobiography contained disparaging comments about K Sivan.
- This move came following a controversy sparked by alleged critical remarks made by Somanath about his predecessor, K Sivan, in the book.
- Responding to these claims, Somanath denied any intention of targeting "any particular individual."
- He argued that individuals in high-ranking positions, such as his own, often face a multitude of challenges, one of which involves securing positions within the organisation.

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The book 'Do Palkon Ki Chhavn Main' released

- The book 'Do Palkon Ki Chhavn Main' released by Famous poet, lyricist, and CBFC Chief Prasoon Joshi.
- The book is written by noted academician Dr Hema Joshi.
- Her book is based on the fictional account of her own life and also narrates her love for two Indian cities — Almora and Pryagraj.
- Dr. Hema Joshi is originally from the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand.
- For higher education, she came to Allahabad University, where she became the first woman to earn a DPhil in the English department.
- She taught at the same university for over 36 years and is still active in the academic world.

Twinkle Khanna Launched her New Book 'Welcome To Paradise'

- On November 29, 2023, the renowned actress and author Twinkle Khanna celebrated the launch of her fourth book, "Welcome to Paradise," at Taj Lands End, Mumbai.
- This event marked her return to the literacy scene after a hiatus of five years.
- The book, a collection of short stories, delves into the complex lives of women navigating love, marriage and loneliness, all presented with Twinkle's signature wit and honor.

SCHEMES

Investor Risk Reduction Access platform unveiled by SEBI.

- The Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform has been officially launched by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) at the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
- This innovative platform is conceptualized and implemented by Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs).
- The platform is set to revolutionize the investor experience by addressing potential risks arising from technical glitches at the trading member level.
- The soft launch of IRRA took place on October 3, 2023, and on 20 November, it was officially launched.
- The platform is specifically designed to cater to investors using Internet-based trading and security trading via wireless technology, excluding also trading and institutional clients.

Finance Ministry has launched an amnesty scheme for filing appeals against Goods and Services Tax (GST).

- This scheme will be for entities that were unable to submit their appeals against orders issued by the tax officer on or before March 31, 2023.
- This amnesty scheme will remain open till January 31, 2024.
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has issued a notification regarding this scheme.
- The GST Council had approved this amnesty scheme for filing appeals in the last meeting on 7 October.
- This scheme will benefit taxpayers, who have not filed an appeal within the specified period.
- This scheme will also promote compliance among taxpayers and it will provide a fair and lenient approach to appeal filing.
- It will help tax authorities in resolving disputes efficiently.

Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign

- 3-day Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign launched by the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry.
- On 7 November, the Ministry has launched this campaign to celebrate Jal Diwali.

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- The Ministry has launched this progressive initiative under its flagship scheme – Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT).
- The National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) of the Ministry is also participating in this scheme.
- Odisha Urban Academy is its ‘knowledge partner’.
- The celebration of this “Jal Diwali” campaign will continue till November 9, 2023.
- Under this three-day campaign, women self-help groups will visit more than five hundred and fifty water treatment plants.
- Its objective is to involve women in water management.
- They will be provided with first-hand information about water treatment processes through visits to Water Treatment Plants (WTP) in their respective cities.
- There are more than 3,000 water treatment plants in India, with a constructed water treatment capacity of more than 65,000 MLD and an operational capacity of more than 55,000 MLD.

RANKING AND INDEX

State Food Safety Index 2023

- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) released the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) for 2023.
- According to the index, 19 out of 20 big states' scores registered a decline in 2023 as compared to 2019.
- Maharashtra, Bihar, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh recorded a drop in their 2023 scores from 2019.
- In the last five years, the steepest fall was seen in Maharashtra. Its score has decreased to 45 in 2023 as compared to 74 in 2019.
- Bihar score has declined to 20.5 in 2023 as compared to 46 in 2019.
- Gujarat scored 48.5 in 2023 as compared to 73 in 2019.
- The average score dropped to 51 points in 2021 and 2022.
- ‘Human Resources and Institutional Data’, ‘Compliance’, ‘Food Testing Infrastructure’, ‘Training and Capacity Building’, and ‘Consumer Empowerment’ are the five parameters of the State Food Safety Index.
- The 2023 average compliance score for all large states was 11 points out of 28 in 2023.

Successful Implementation of the State Educational Achievement Survey (SEAS) 2023 by PARAKH

- The inaugural State Educational Achievement Survey (SEAS) 2023, conducted on 3rd November 2023, marked a significant milestone in the education sector.
- Organized by the Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development (PARAKH), the national assessment regulator, this survey aimed to identify areas for improvement in student learning across various grades.
- The successful execution of SEAS 2023, orchestrated by PARAKH, underscores a commitment to enhancing educational standards in India.
- The insights garnered from this survey are poised to pave the way for evidence-based policies, ensuring a holistic approach to education that addresses the diverse learning needs of students across the nation.
- The primary objective of SEAS 2023 was to assess the learning competencies of students at the end of foundational, preparatory, and middle educational stages, with a special focus on Language and Mathematics.

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India Ranks Third in Global Unicorn Rankings with 72 Unicorns

- India, a burgeoning hub of technological innovation, has achieved a remarkable milestone by securing the third position in the global unicorn rankings.
- With a staggering count of 72 unicorns, the country's startup ecosystem has witnessed an unprecedented surge in the creation of billion-dollar companies.
- This achievement reflects the nation's evolution as a powerhouse in the entrepreneurial landscape, showcasing the immense potential and growth opportunities present within its economy.
- The Indian startup ecosystem has displayed robust resilience, fostering an environment conducive to the birth and growth of innovative startups across various sectors.
- This recent feat solidifies India's position as a formidable player in the global entrepreneurial arena, competing alongside established tech giants.

Prime Global Cities Index Q3 2023

- Prime Global Cities Index Q3 2023 has been released by real estate consultant Knight Frank India on 01 November 2023.
- Mumbai has got fourth place among 46 cities globally in terms of price rise of luxury homes.
- Mumbai was ranked at 22nd place in Q3 2022. So, its rank improved by 18 places.
- A rise has been recorded in average annual prices of prime residential or luxury homes in the July-September period in Mumbai, Bengaluru and New Delhi.
- The rank of Bengaluru has improved to 17th in Q3 2023 from 27th rank in the third quarter of 2022.
- National Capital Region (NCR) moved to 10th rank in July-September of 2023 from 36th rank in the year-ago period.
- Manila is in the top spot of ranking with a 21.2% annual rise in prices.
- Dubai with an annual growth of 15.9% is in the second place on the ranking. It has been displaced from the top position for the first time in eight quarters.
- Shanghai is in the third place with an annual growth of 10.4%. The index tracks nominal prices in local currency.
- San Francisco was ranked at 46th place.

'India's most generous' title retained by IT pioneer Shiv Nadar in 2023

- HCL Tech founder Shiv Nadar retained the top spot in Edelgive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023.
- He retained the title of 'India's most generous' for the third time in five years.
- With a daily donation of Rs 5.6 crore, he donated a total of Rs 2,042 crore during the year.
- With an annual donation of Rs 1,774 crore, Wipro's Azim Premji took the second position.
- Securing the third position in the list, India's richest man, Mukesh Ambani donated Rs 376 crore during the year.
- Once again, writer Rohini Nilekani emerged as the most generous female.
- Zerodha co-founder Nikhil Kamath is the youngest on the list.
- Over the last 5 years, the number of donors contributing more than Rs 100 crore has increased from 2 to 14, and the number of donors contributing more than Rs 50 crore has increased from 5 to 24.

WHO Global TB Report

- Number of people newly diagnosed with TB was 7.5 million in 2022: WHO Global TB Report.
- According to the WHO Global TB Report, the world is far away from achieving the WHO End TB Strategy target of a 50% reduction by 2025.
- After two years of COVID-related disruptions, the number of people diagnosed with TB and treated in 2022 has increased.
- Between 2015 to 2022, the number of TB cases decreased by 8.7%.

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- 7.5 million Cases with TB have been registered in 2022, which is the highest number after the WHO began global TB monitoring in 1995.
- 7.1 million Cases were registered in 2019 while 5.8 million cases were found in 2020 and 6.4 million cases in 2021.
- TB is the second leading cause of death from a single infectious agent.
- India, Indonesia and the Philippines collectively responsible for nearly 60% of the reduction in the number of people newly diagnosed with TB in 2020 and 2021.
- Around 1.30 million people have died from TB in 2022. COVID-related disruptions have caused half a million more deaths from TB in the three years 2020–2022.

ECONOMY AND FINANCE

India to Become World's Third-Largest Economy By 2027

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently addressed the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue, highlighting India's remarkable economic trajectory amidst global challenges.
- She predicted that by 2027, India would surpass Japan and Germany to become the world's third-largest economy, underlining the resilience of the Indian economy amid global uncertainties.
- Despite global headwinds, Sitharaman emphasized that India's economic growth is estimated to be just under 7%, the highest among major economies.
- She pointed out that even conservative estimates from the IMF indicate India's ascendancy to the position of the world's third-largest economy by 2027, with a GDP crossing the USD 5 trillion mark.

Women's participation in the country's workforce increased to 37%.

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said that the participation of women in the country's workforce has increased to 37% in 2022–23.
- During the 'Rozgar Mela', Pradhan said that in 2017-18 this figure was 23%.
- He said that increasing participation of women in the workforce has led to balanced development in the society and women are working harder than men.
- The Center is giving priority to women in policy-making and leadership roles.
- The unemployment rate in the country has decreased from 6% in 2017-18 to 3.7% in 2022-23.
- In the programme, the Minister distributed appointment letters of various central organizations like Railways and India Post to 172 people.
- Apart from this, Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Bishweshwar Tudu distributed appointment letters to 114 people at the 'Rozgar Mela' in Cuttack.

India's mid-term GDP growth forecast upgraded by Fitch to 6.2% from 5.5%

- On November 6, rating agency Fitch raised India's gross domestic product (GDP) medium-term growth forecast by 70 basis points to 6.2%, from 5.5% earlier.
- This cut is mainly due to a large reduction in the estimate of China's supply-side growth potential by 0.7 percentage points.
- The agency said in its report that the potential growth of the emerging market has weakened due to China's slow pace.
- China's medium-term growth forecast has been reduced from 5.3% to 4.6%.
- Fitch has said that India's growth rate for 2023-24 is expected to be 6.3%.
- The forecast for Russia has been reduced from 1.6% to 0.8%, for Korea from 2.3% to 2.1% and for South Africa from 1.2% to 1%.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

'Pralaya' ballistic missile was successfully tested from Abdul Kalam Island

- Abdul Kalam Island is located in Odisha.
- It was formerly known as Wheeler Island.
- Recently DRDO from this island, has successfully tested 'Pralaya' ballistic missile.
- Pralay is a surface-to-surface ballistic missile.
- The range of this missile is 350 to 500 km.
- The load-carrying capacity of the catacombs is 500–1,000 kg.
- Pralay is a solid-fueled missile based on the Prithvi Defense Vehicle.
- 'Pralaya' is also capable of changing its course after covering some distance in the air.
- It uses solid-propellant rocket motor as well as other cutting-edge technology.

Collins Dictionary has named 'A' as the Word of the Year for 2023. I.' has declared

- Collins Dictionary is England's English dictionary.
- Recently this dictionary has named 'A' as the word of the year for the year 2023. I.' Has been declared.
- Artificial Intelligence has been in the headlines throughout 2023.
- A.I. made headlines and was the focus of more and more conversations.
- AI has been a central point of discussion this year, with its use quadrupling according to Alex Beecroft, managing director of Collins.
- The recognition comes as UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak hosted a summit to explore the potential benefits of AI while addressing the associated risks.
- Collins Dictionary chose permacrisis as the Word of the Year for 2022.

Nisar satellite will be launched in the year 2024

- The full name of NISAR is NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar.
- It is being developed jointly by NASA and ISRO.
- Nisar's weight is 2800 kg.
- It will be installed in Earth's Lower Earth Orbit.
- An agreement for Nisar was signed between India and America in the year 2014.
- The life cycle or mission period of the NISAR satellite is three years.
- For three years, this mission will intensively investigate the entire land and ice-covered areas of the Earth every 12 days.
- NISAR will be the first satellite to measure changes in our planet's surface using two different radar frequencies (L-band and S-band).

National Pollution Response Exercise started in Vadinar

- The National Pollution Response Exercise is being organized in Vadinar, Gujarat from 24 to 25 November.
- Vadinar is situated in the Gulf of Kutch.
- It is being organized by the Indian Coast Guard.
- This is the 9th edition of the National Pollution Response Exercise.
- This exercise is an important initiative that tests various aspects of marine pollution response mechanisms and assesses the preparedness of resource agencies to deal with any marine spill contingencies.
- Indian Coast Guard Director General Rakesh Pal initiated the exercise.

Israel has declared 'Lashkar-e-Taiba' as a terrorist organization

- 'Lashkar-e-Taiba' is one of the largest Islamic terrorist organizations in South Asia.
- This Pakistan-based organization was established in the year 1986.

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- Recently Israel has listed this organization as a terrorist organization.
- On 26 November 2008, 166 people were killed in terrorist attacks at several places in Mumbai, including some Israeli citizens.
- In these attacks, six Jews were killed in Nariman House, also known as Chabad House.
- 'Lashkar-e-Taiba' was founded by Mohammad Hafiz Saeed.

Bundelkhand Expressway is going to become the first solar expressway of Uttar Pradesh.

- Bundelkhand Expressway is going to be the first solar expressway of Uttar Pradesh.
- PPP on this expressway. Under the model, solar plants will be set up through which 550 MW solar power will be generated.
- With this project, 1 lakh houses connected to the expressway will be able to get electricity daily.
- It is being developed by Uttar Pradesh Industrial Development Authority.
- Green energy will also be developed upon completion of this project.
- This project will also provide an annual benefit of Rs 6 crore on energy consumption by setting up solar plants on Bundelkhand, Purvanchal, Lucknow, Agra and Gorakhpur Expressway.

The country's first Telecom Center of Excellence will be established in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

- According to the recent announcement, the country's first Center of Excellence will be established in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- Its foundation will be laid on December 5, 2023.
- The establishment of this center has received the approval of the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet.
- Here research will be done on connecting 5G with Artificial Intelligence and 6G.
- The Center of Excellence will be built at the Saharanpur campus of IIT Roorkee at a cost of Rs 30 crore.
- This initiative will promote innovation and growth in the telecommunication sector.
- Besides, the youth of the state will also get employment in large numbers.
- The main objective of the Telecom Center of Excellence in Saharanpur is to develop and promote new technology in the field of telecom.

DEFENCE

'Exercise KAZIND-2023'

- The joint military exercise between India and Kazakhstan has concluded in Otar.
- The exercise successfully facilitated synergy in the execution of joint tactical operations, promoting understanding, and enhancing interoperability between the Armed Forces of the two countries.
- According to the Ministry of Defence, a contingent from the Indian Army and Indian Air Force, comprising 120 personnel, actively participated in the 7th edition of the Joint Military Exercise known as 'Exercise KAZIND-2023'.
- This exercise took place from October 30 to November 11 in Otar, Kazakhstan. During this period, a total of 90 personnel from the Indian Army contingent, led by a Battalion from the DOGRA regiment, engaged in the joint exercise.
- The primary focus of 'Exercise KAZIND-2023' was to strengthen coordination and collaboration between the two Armed Forces, specifically emphasizing joint tactical operations.
- The successful completion of this joint military exercise marks a significant achievement in bolstering military cooperation between India and Kazakhstan.

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Exercise AUSTRAHIND-23

- The Indian Armed Forces contingent, comprising 81 personnel, departed for Australia to take part in the second edition of Joint Military Exercise AUSTRAHIND-23.
- It was instituted in 2022, and the first edition was conducted in Mahajan, Rajasthan.
- It is planned to be an annual training event to be conducted alternatively in India and Australia.
- The aim of the exercise is to foster collaborative partnerships and share best practises between the two sides.
- This year, the exercise will be conducted in Perth, Australia, from November 22nd to December 6th, 2023.
- The Indian Army contingent, comprising 60 personnel from a battalion of the Gorkha Rifles will take part in this exercise.

VAJRA PRAHAR 2023

- “VAJRA PRAHAR 2023” exercise started between India and the US Joint Special Forces.
- The 14th Edition of the “VAJRA PRAHAR 2023” started at the Joint Training Node, Umroi in Meghalaya.
- It will be organized from 21st November to 11th December 2023.
- Personnel from the 1st Special Forces Group (SFG) of US Special Forces and Special Forces personnel from the Eastern Command of India are taking part in this exercise.
- Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR's aim is to share best practices and experiences in areas like joint mission planning and operational tactics.
- The first edition of this exercise was conducted in 2010 and the 13th edition was conducted at the Special Forces Training School (SFTS), Bakloh (HP).
- Both countries' forces will take part in a series of Special Operations, Counter Terrorist Operations, and Air Borne operations in simulated conventional and unconventional scenarios in mountainous terrain.
- ‘Combat free fall insertion of troops from stand-off distances’, ‘Water borne insertion of troops’, ‘Precision engagement of targets at long ranges’, etc. will be the main highlights of the exercise.
- It is a platform to enhance interoperability and strengthen defence cooperation between the armies of India and the United States of America.

Exercise ‘Sagar Kavach’

- The coastal security exercise ‘Sagar Kavach’ will be conducted in Kerala and Mahe on November 16-17, 2023. It is a half-yearly exercise with the objective to check coastal security mechanisms and validate standard operating procedures.
- The exercise is conducted and coordinated by the Indian Coast Guard with active participation from the Indian Navy, Coastal Police/State Police, Intelligence Bureau, Customs, CISF, Department of Port, Department of Fisheries, DGLL and Kadalora Jagiratha Samithi.
- The exercise covers the entire Kerala and Mahe coast (590 km). Fishermen play an important role in coastal security. During exercise, fishermen are advised to inform any unknown vessel operating close to the coast, to the Indian Coast Guard,” stated the press release from Indian Coast Guard. During the conduct of the last coastal security exercise in the month of Apr 2023, all attacks were successfully neutralised by the Coastal Security Group (Blue Force).

Exercise Mitra Shakti 2023

- Months after India and Sri Lanka agreed to increase the complexity of bilateral military exercises, the troops from the two sides are set to begin the joint exercise ‘Mitra Shakti’ on Thursday at the Foreign Training Node in Pune.
- Its aim is to promote close relations between armies of both countries and enhance interoperability and sharing of best practices in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism (CI-CT) operations. The 14-day exercise is set to conclude on November 29.

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- 'Mitra Shakti' which means 'power of friendship' is conducted under the United Nations' (UN) mandate as both armies contribute to the UN Peacekeeping Forces deployed in the troubled areas across the world.

LAUNCH OF 'AMINI'

- 'Amini', the 4th of 08 x ASW Shallow Watercraft (SWC) Project being built by M/s GRSE for Indian Navy, was launched on 16 Nov 23 at M/s L&T, KKattupalli
- The Launch Ceremony was presided over by VAdm Sandeep Naithani, Chief of Materiel. In keeping with maritime tradition, Mrs Manju Naithani launched the ship to the invocation from Atharva Veda.
- The ship has been named Amini to signify the strategic maritime importance accorded to the island of Amini at Lakshadweep, located about 400 Km west of Kochi.
- The contract for building eight ASW SWC ships was signed between MoD and GRSE, Kolkata on 29 Apr 19. As per the build strategy, four ships are being built at GRSE, Kolkata and balance four ships sub-contracted to M/s L&T Shipbuilding, Kattupalli for hull and part outfitting.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCE

PM Modi will inaugurate 'World Food India 2023' at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi

- The 'World Food India 2023' will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 3rd November. The event will be held from November 3-5 at Pragati Maidan.
- Ministry of Food Processing Industries is organizing this three-day event.
- India's rich food culture will be showcased to the world in this event.
- More than 1200 exhibitors from 23 states and several countries will participate in the event.
- Ministers of 6 countries will also attend this event. Before this, it was organized in 2017.
- The Netherlands will be the Partner Country in this edition of World Food India. Japan and Vietnam are the Focus Countries.

International Mining and Resources Conference was organized in Sydney

- The International Mining and Resources Conference was held in Sydney, Australia in November 2023.
- In this, Minister of State for Mines, Coal and Railways Rao Saheb Patil Danve represented India.
- The main agenda item of this conference is to promote mutual cooperation in various sectors including mining and manufacturing.
- It provides an ideal opportunity and platform to discuss the success of the mining sector.
- The 10th edition of the International Mining and Resources Conference was held in Sydney.

International Chief Justice Conference was concluded in Lucknow

- International Chief Justice Conference was held in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh.
- This conference was organized at City Montessori School, Lucknow.
- This was the 24th edition of the International Chief Justice Conference.
- Chief Justices of 61 countries participated in this conference.
- Lucknow Manifesto was released on the last day of this conference.
- The chief guest of the conference was Marie Cyril Eddy Boisson, Vice President of Mauritius.

Voice of Global South Summit is being hosted by India

- The Voice of Global South Summit began under the chairmanship of India on 17 November.
- This summit was inaugurated by the Prime Minister.
- This is another name for the Voice of Global South Summit.
- The theme of this year's summit is 'Together, for Everyone's Growth with Everyone's Trust'.

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- This summit will focus on global issues including foreign affairs, education, finance, environment, energy, health.
- The world is divided into two parts on the basis of economic and social development.
- One is Global North and the other is Global South.
- Global North includes developed and prosperous countries of the world like America, Japan, Korea, European countries.
- The Global South consists of less developed or developing countries in terms of economic and social development.
- It includes countries in Latin America, Africa, Asia and Oceania.

International Conference of National Human Rights Institutions was recently held in Denmark

- The International Conference of National Human Rights Institutions in November, 2023 was recently held in Denmark.
- It was organized in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- It was the 14th edition of the International Conference of National Human Rights Institutions.
- The theme of the conference was 'Practical Perspectives on Security: Complaints, Investigations, Access to Justice and Reparations'.
- The conference was attended by Justice Arun Mishra, Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission of India.
- During this session, Justice Mishra provided information about Indian jurisprudence and the practices that have evolved within both the judiciary and the NHRC over the years.
- The conference discussed the important role of these institutions in combating and preventing torture and ill-treatment.
- It was organized by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions.

2nd India-Australia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue will be held on November 20, in New Delhi.

- Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Mr Richard Marles will visit India from 19 to 20 November 2023 to co-chair the dialogue with Defense Minister Shri Rajnath Singh.
- On November 20, a bilateral meeting on defense cooperation will be held between both ministers followed by a 2+2 dialogue.
- The 2+2 dialogue will be co-chaired by Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar along with their Australian counterparts, Richard Marles and External Affairs Minister Ms Penny Wong.
- The 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue was inaugurated in New Delhi in September 2021.
- India and Australia share a comprehensive strategic partnership and Minister Markles' visit is expected to provide further impetus to cooperation as well as bilateral defense cooperation.
- A wide range of issues of mutual interest are to be discussed by both the countries in the 2+2 dialogue talks and bilateral Defense Ministers' meeting.
- On 19 November, Minister Marles will also attend the Cricket World Cup final between India and Australia in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

A.I. Security summit is being organized in Britain

- Bletchley Park AI in Buckinghamshire, UK A security summit is being organised.
- This conference is being organized from 1 to 2 November.
- The theme of this conference is - 'A. I.For Good'.
- Union Minister of State for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrashekhar is representing India at the conference.
- Leading global think tanks, AI experts, renowned academic institutions and government representatives from like-minded countries are participating in the summit.

Global Media Congress was organized in Abu Dhabi

- Global Media Congress was organized in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in November 2023.

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- This was the second edition of the Global Media Congress.
- It is being organized under the patronage of Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President of UAE.
- The theme of this conference has been 'Shaping the future of the media industry'.
- Attracting participants from government, media, academia and industry sectors, the conference will feature speakers, panelists and discussants who will analyze the full range of emerging media trends and the many opportunities presented by the region's business and market developments.
- This Congress will focus on the important role played by environmental media in driving sustainability and climate change mitigation efforts.

India-Nordic Baltic Business Conference was organized in New Delhi

- India-Nordic Baltic Business Summit was organized in New Delhi in November 2023.
- This was the second edition of the India-Nordic Baltic Business Conference.
- It was organized by the Competition Commission of India.
- India announced in this conference that India will soon establish its embassy in the region's country Latvia.
- Nordic - Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland in the Baltic countries. Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden come.
- The event will lay the groundwork for potential policy changes and foster an environment conducive to effective cooperation.

Meeting of Defense Ministers of ASEAN countries is being held in Jakarta

- A meeting of Defense Ministers of ASEAN countries is being held on November 16 and 17, 2023.
- This meeting is being held in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- This is the 10th meeting of Defense Ministers of ASEAN countries.
- India's Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has reached Jakarta to participate in this conference.
- India is currently a dialogue partner country of ASEAN.
- India became a dialogue partner country of ASEAN in the year 1992.
- ASEAN is currently chaired by Indonesia.
- ASEAN was established in the year 1967.
- Its headquarters is located in Bangkok.

Japan, China and South Korea have agreed to a trilateral meeting again

- Recently, Japan, China and South Korea have again agreed to a trilateral meeting.
- The foreign ministers of Japan, China and South Korea have agreed to accelerate preparations for a summit between their leaders.
- This will be the first trilateral summit between the three countries since 2019.
- Japanese Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa and her Chinese and South Korean counterparts, Wang Yi and Fak Chin, held the first foreign ministerial meeting in four years in the South Korean city of Pusan on Sunday.
- The three Ministers agreed that it is necessary to promote practical cooperation with a visionary perspective for regional and global peace and prosperity.
- The first trilateral summit of South Korea, Japan, and China was held in 2008.

India-Korea Business Partnership Forum

- The 6th edition of the India-Korea Business Partnership Forum has begun on 07 November in New Delhi.
- This marks the celebration of 50 years of diplomatic relations between India and South Korea.
- Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, addressed the event.
- He highlighted India's deep business and cultural ties with South Korea.

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- He said that over 5.6 billion dollars have been invested by Korean companies since April 2020.
- He added the investment is expected to grow to 50 billion dollars by 2030.
- India-Republic of Korea established diplomatic relations on 10 December 1973.
- The strategic partnership between the two countries was elevated to “Special Strategic Partnership” in the year 2015.
- In 2022, bilateral trade between the two countries reached record levels of US\$27.8 billion.

ECI and the Ministry of Education inked an MoU to promote electoral literacy.

- To bring electoral literacy into classrooms across the country, an MoU has been signed between the Election Commission of India and the Ministry of Education.
- The MoU provide a roadmap for the development of the institutional framework that wants to embed electoral literacy in schools and colleges.
- The structured curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities will be part of the MoU.
- As part of the MoU, voter education and electoral literacy will be included in the curriculum of the 6th to 12th class.
- This will help in preparing new voters for electoral participation.
- As per the MoU, content on electoral literacy in school textbooks will be included by the NCERT.
- To provide voter ID cards to every student who attains the age of 18, a robust mechanism will be developed by the ECI.

Scientists warn that 2023 is likely to be the hottest year.

- According to the EU’s climate change service, the world is set to be the hottest in 2023 and October was the hottest month on record.
- The average surface temperature was 15.3 degrees Celsius (59.54 degrees Fahrenheit) during October.
- It is 0.85 degrees Celsius above the 1991-2020 average for October and 1.7 degrees Celsius warmer than the preindustrial period of 1850-1900.
- Currently, 2016 is the warmest year ever recorded but 2023 will break the record.
- The 2023 will be the warmest year on record with temperatures 1.43°C above the preindustrial average.
- At the Paris summit, world leaders had promised to stop the planet heating by 1.5C by the end of the century.
- As per the current rate, the global temperature is set to rise by 2.4C.

Cyclonic storm ‘Michaung’ is set to take place in the Bay of Bengal basin

- Cyclonic storm ‘Michaung’ is the fourth storm of this year in the Bay of Bengal and the sixth in the Indian water bodies.
- It is likely to hit parts of India, Bangladesh and Myanmar.
- According to numerical models, more storms are expected to form due to unfavourable weather conditions.
- Cyclonic storm ‘Michaung’ originated from the Gulf of Thailand.
- Odisha, West Bengal and Bangladesh are more vulnerable to the cyclonic storms.
- The name ‘Michaung’ has been suggested by Myanmar.
- Cyclones usually form in the months between April and December. A pre-monsoon spike in cyclonic conditions occurs in May while a post-monsoon peak takes place in November.

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1. Who received the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?
 - (a) Robert Kolodny
 - (b) Pramod Sawant
 - (c) Michael Douglas
 - (d) Anurag Singh Thakur
2. What unique feature distinguishes Bali Jatra, the annual trade fair hosted on the banks of the Mahanadi River in Cuttack, Odisha?
 - (a) Largest open-air annual trade fair in Asia
 - (b) Oldest in trade fair India
 - (c) Most technologically advanced
 - (d) Exclusively for international trade
3. Where is world's largest single-site solar power plant located?
 - (a) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
 - (b) Beijing, China
 - (c) California, United States
 - (d) London, United Kingdom
4. What is the name of the first International Cruise Liner to commence domestic sailing in India?
 - (a) COSTA SERENA
 - (b) Ocean Voyager
 - (c) Indian Cruise Explorer
 - (d) Royal India Odyssey
5. Which city in India is added to UNESCO creative cities list for its contributions in the field of literature?
 - (a) Gwalior
 - (b) Mumbai
 - (c) Kozhikode
 - (d) Kolkata
6. Who was recently reinstated as the chief executive of Open AI?
 - (a) Elon Musk
 - (b) Sam Altman
 - (c) Adam D'Angelo
 - (d) Mark Zuckerberg
7. Where was the "AI Safety Summit 2023," the world's first Artificial Intelligence Safety Summit, held in November 2023?
 - (a) New Delhi, India
 - (b) Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom
 - (c) London, United Kingdom
 - (d) Silicon Valley, USA
8. Who did Pankaj Advani defeat in the finals of the World IBSF Billiards Championship 2023?
 - (a) Rupesh Shah
 - (b) Sourav Kothari
 - (c) Anuja Thakur
 - (d) Subhash Agarwal

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9. Who was sworn in as New Zealand's prime minister on November 27, 2023?
 - (a) Cindy Kiro
 - (b) Christopher Luxon
 - (c) Anthony Albanese
 - (d) Chris Hipkins

10. Where did the release of hostages take place during Ceasefire between Israeli and Hamas forces in November 2023?
 - (a) Tel Aviv
 - (b) Kerem Shalom crossing
 - (c) Gaza City
 - (d) West Bank

11. Who won the Asian Champions Trophy in women's hockey in 2023?
 - (a) Japan
 - (b) China
 - (c) India
 - (d) South Korea

12. Where will the AUSTRAHIND-23 joint military exercise be conducted?
 - (a) New Delhi, India
 - (b) Perth, Australia
 - (c) GORKHA Rifles, India
 - (d) 13th Brigade, Australia

13. What is the primary focus of the Annual United Nations Forum 2023 in New Delhi?
 - (a) Environmental Sustainability
 - (b) International Humanitarian Law and Peacekeeping
 - (c) Economic Development
 - (d) Human Rights Advocacy

14. Who will be honored with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the closing ceremony of IFFI?
 - (a) Shah Rukh Khan
 - (b) Michael Douglas
 - (c) Aishwarya Rai Bachchan
 - (d) Steven Spielberg

15. Who won the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023?
 - (a) India
 - (b) Australia
 - (c) England
 - (d) South Africa

16. In the final, the Indian women's hockey team defeated which team to win the Asian Champions Trophy 2023?
 - (a) China
 - (b) South Korea
 - (c) Japan
 - (d) Singapore

17. What initiative has driven the launch of Costa Cruises' domestic sailings in India?
 - (a) "Make in India" campaign
 - (b) "Atithi Devo Bhava" campaign

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- (c) “Dekho Apna Desh” initiative
(d) “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan”
18. Narendra Modi became the first Prime Minister to fly _____
(a) MI-17 Helicopter
(b) Su-30 MKI
(c) LCA Tejas
(d) Rafale
19. In which year did the ministry of social justice and Empowerment declares 26 November every year as “Constitution Day”?
(a) 2014
(b) 2015
(c) 2017
(d) 2018
20. Mission Daksh will be launched by which government?
(a) Haryana
(b) Odisha
(c) Bihar
(d) Madhya pradesh
21. Which constituency recorded the highest voter turnout in the second phase of Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections?
(a) Kurud
(b) Raipur South
(c) Patan
(d) Sakti
22. Which of the following statements is correct?
1. The Uttar Pradesh government banned halal-branded food items.
2. Halal certification is a guarantee that the product is prepared in accordance with Islamic law and is unadulterated.
Select the correct code:
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 2
(d) None of the above
23. Who was sworn in as the Chief Information Commissioner on November 6, 2023?
(a) Rajiv Gauba
(b) Anandi Ramalingam
(c) Vinod Kumar Tiwari.
(d) Heeralal Samariya
24. Consider the following statements about India International Trade Fair-2023:
1. India International Trade Fair-2023 is the 42nd edition of India International Trade Fair.
2. The theme of the India International Trade Fair-2023 is Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

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25. Which group launched an attack on Israel triggering the subsequent war?
(a) UN Security Council
(b) Hamas
(c) Marshall Islands
(d) Israel
26. Who was chosen by a majority of legislators to form a new government in Spain on November 16, 2023?
(a) Emmanuel Macron
(b) Pedro Sánchez
(c) Edouard Philippe
(d) Marine Le Pen
27. The 2023 Booker Prize has been presented to _____ for the novel 'Prophet Song.'
(a) Paul Lynch
(b) Paul Murray
(c) Conrad Lashley
(d) Paul Harding
28. Which country's newly elected government has repealed the 'Smoking ban' decision?
(a) Australia
(b) France
(c) Norway
(d) New Zealand
29. Which will be the first state to implement the Uniform Civil Code?
(a) Uttar Pradesh
(b) Uttarakhand
(c) Madhya Pradesh
(d) Odisha
30. Who will be the new Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh?
(a) Vishnu Deo Sai
(b) Arjun Munda
(c) Sarbananda Sonowal
(d) Dushyant Kumar Gautam
31. India jumped one place to _____ Position in the climate change index 2023.
(a) 5th
(b) 6th
(c) 7th
(d) 8th
32. What does the term "2 plus 2" signify in the context of the India-US 2 plus 2 Ministerial Dialogue?
(a) Two nations and two objectives
(b) Two ministers from each side (Foreign Affairs and Defence)
(c) Two hours of discussion on diplomatic issues
(d) Two strategic partnerships
33. During which session is the Union Budget presented in the Indian Parliament?
(a) Monsoon Session
(b) Winter Session
(c) Budget Session
(d) Special Session

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34. What was the reason behind the decision to increase the reservation quota in Bihar government jobs?
(a) Economic growth
(b) Caste Based Survey 2022
(c) Political considerations
(d) International pressure
35. Which state was awarded the Raja Bhalendra Singh trophy for the overall championship in the 37th National Games?
(a) Haryana
(b) Maharashtra
(c) Goa
(d) Uttarakhand
36. Who received the Best Woman Athlete trophy in the National Games 2023?
(a) Pranati Naik
(b) Sanyukta Kate
(c) Both (a) and (b)
(d) Shrihari Natraj
37. What is the significance of November 14th in the context of Children's Day?
(a) International Children's Day
(b) Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday
(c) UN Children's Rights Day
(d) Global Youth Day
38. Who received the Best man Athlete trophy in the National Games 2023?
(a) Pranati Naik
(b) Sanyukta Kate
(c) Both (a) and (b)
(d) Shrihari Natraj
39. Who takes oath as prime minister of New Zealand?
(a) Elisabeth Borne
(b) Christopher Luxon
(c) Anthony Albanese
(d) Peter Dutton
40. Which state secured the Third position in the medal tally of the National Games?
(a) Maharashtra
(b) Haryana
(c) Goa
(d) Uttarakhand
41. Australia secured a spot in the ICC World Cup 2023 final by defeating which team in the semi-final?
(a) India
(b) South Africa
(c) England
(d) New Zealand
42. When is the Dubai Airshow 2023 scheduled to take place?
(a) November 10th to 15th
(b) November 13th to 17th
(c) December 1st to 5th
(d) October 20th to 25th

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43. What role did Maulana Abul Kalam Azad play in India's history?
- (a) First Prime Minister
 - (b) First President
 - (c) First Education Minister
 - (d) First Chief Justice
44. When is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women observed?
- (a) December 10th
 - (b) November 25th
 - (c) October 15th
 - (d) March 8th
45. Who has been re-elected as the President of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) in Punjab in November 2023?
- (a) Sukhbir Singh Badal
 - (b) Harjinder Singh Dhami
 - (c) Manpreet Singh Badal
 - (d) Harsimrat Kaur Badal
46. Who won the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2023 in chess?
- (a) R Vaishali
 - (b) Vidit Gujrathi
 - (c) Koneru Humpy
 - (d) Alexandr Predke
47. The 38th National Games will be conducted at which state?
- (a) Maharashtra
 - (b) Haryana
 - (c) Goa
 - (d) Uttarakhand
48. Which aircraft was the first supersonic fighter in service with the Indian Air Force?
- (a) Su-30 MKI
 - (b) MiG-21
 - (c) Mirage 2000
 - (d) Tejas
49. When is the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) scheduled to be hosted by the United Arab Emirates?
- (a) October 15-25, 2023
 - (b) November 30-December 12, 2023
 - (c) January 5-15, 2024
 - (d) February 20-March 2, 2024
50. 'Bletchley Declaration', which was released recently, is associated with which field?
- (a) Crypto currency
 - (b) Artificial Intelligence
 - (c) Economy
 - (d) Climate Change

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ANSWER – KEY

1	C	11	C	21	A	31	C	41	B
2	A	12	B	22	C	32	B	42	B
3	A	13	B	23	D	33	C	43	C
4	A	14	B	24	C	34	B	44	B
5	C	15	B	25	B	35	B	45	B
6	B	16	C	26	B	36	C	46	A
7	B	17	C	27	A	37	B	47	D
8	B	18	C	28	D	38	D	48	B
9	B	19	B	29	B	39	B	49	B
10	B	20	C	30	A	40	B	50	B

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