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State Issues

- Scientists at the Central Horticultural Experiment Station (CHES) in **Kodagu** have developed a new variety called '**Arka Coorg Ravi**', that will further improve **coffee-based avocado cultivation** in the district.
- Among five States in southern India, **Karnataka has the highest operative Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs)** issued by cooperative banks, regional rural banks, and commercial banks
- **Mangaluru, Hi-tech bus stand constructed** under 'Smart and Digital Surathkal' initiative inaugurated
- **Mangaluru International Airport (MIA)** will carry out major **rehabilitation/recarpeting work on its runway**
- The free wildlife safari programme, '**Bandipur Yuva Mitra**', for students of government schools in **Chamarajanagar district**
- **Karnataka is set to get its first wildlife forensic sciences laboratory in Bengaluru.**
- **Talacauvery in Kodagu district** of Karnataka, source of the Cauvery river, has emerged as South India's Hanle, as astronomers have been hosting "**star parties**".
- **Hampi and Mysuru** included in **Swadesh Darshan scheme from Karnataka**
- The **87th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana** will be held in the "sugar bowl of South Karnataka" **Mandya.**
- **Classical Language research centre** is located at **Mysore**
- **Sara Aboobacker**, eminent **Kannada writer, passed away.** Her shot fame novel was **Chandragiri Teeradalli. Sahana, Vajragalu, and Panjara** are her notable work
- **Karnataka's performance in the implementation** of the Rejuvenating Watershed for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development (**REWARD**) scheme, the **World Bank** has decided to get agricultural officers from Sub-Saharan countries to visit the **State to learn from its experience**
- PM inaugurated the 26th National Youth Festival in **Hubbali**, held on National Youth Day, **Organized by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with the Government of Karnataka with theme: 'Viksit Yuva Viksit Bharat'**
- **India Post** started an **evening post office in Bengaluru**, the **second such post office in Karnataka** after the **first one opened in Dharwad** last year
- **Karnataka ranks second after Telangana** in country for **Cadaver organ donations**
- The **High Court of Karnataka permitted the State government** to use **Balabrooie guest house to set up the proposed Constitutional Club**, a recreational facility for legislators
- India International Technology Law Conference in Bengaluru
- **KSRTC** to start '**Business Intelligence Dashboard**' to bring transparency in operations . It will give **information on bus schedules, regularity, traffic revenue, off road vehicles and breakdown details on a daily basis**, that can be viewed by passengers also.
- **Bengaluru-based technology-driven mining services company, Squadrone**, has become **the first Indian firm to fly autonomous drones in underground mines** in the country.



- **U.S. aerospace manufacturer Pratt & Whitney** opened its new India Engineering Centre (IEC) in **Bengaluru**
- Under KVIC Initiative, Chairman distributed 300 Bee-boxes at **Malavalli District, Mandya**
- **Millets & Organics -2023**: Three-day International Trade Fair organized at **Bengaluru**
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- Karnataka is the fastest growing market for home loans in the entire country for State Bank of India (SBI)
- Sparsh Leprosy awareness(SLAC) campaign to be held in Dakshina Kannada



- The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTc) is all set to launch “Nimmbus” mobile app, which will help commuters in planning their trips, locating nearby bus stops, and checking arrival time of the bus, among other things
- Albinism in wild dog documented in Karnataka’s Cauvery sanctuary
- Naguvanahalli in Mysuru got a ‘tobacco-free’ tag and Suggenahalli Gram Panchayat in Ramanagaram district too had been declared tobacco-free.
- Eight Indian airports, including Kempegowda International Airport, have been awarded the Airports Council International’s Airport Carbon Accreditation in the Asia Pacific and Middle East region.
- The annual tiger census, which is conducted at the park-level by various national parks, commenced at Nagarahole Tiger Reserve
- National Forensic sciences university to be established in off campus of Dharwad university
- Belgian Malinois breed joined the canine squad of CISF that overlooks the security of the Mangaluru International Airport (MIA).
- The Karnataka government has constituted a committee under educationist Mohan Alva on declaring Tulu as Karnataka’s second official language.
- The first G20 Energy Transition Working Group (ETWG) meeting under India’s presidency will be held in Bengaluru
- K V Tirumalesh an erudite writer with a wide range of interests passed away
- NTPC depicts Sustainable Transition of the Indian Power Sector at Nurture Nature Exhibition at Bengaluru

National Issues

- 108th Indian Science Congress is held in Nagpur Maharashtra. The theme of this year’s ISC is “Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment.
- Official Government of India Calendar for 2023 was released ‘Naya Varsh, Naye Sankalp’ themed calendar to showcase achievements and future commitments of Government
- The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), the two prominent institutions under the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India for regulating



medical education and conducting scientific research respectively, have launched **'SMART' (Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching Professionals)** program aimed to boost scientific research in priority healthcare research areas through Ayurveda colleges and hospitals.

- **NTPC Ltd commissions India's first green hydrogen blending project.** The green hydrogen blending has been started in the piped natural gas (PNG) network of NTPC Kawas township, Surat.
- **ADB, India sign USD 350 million loan to expand metro rail network in Chennai**
- **ADB, India sign \$300 million loan to improve 300 kilometres of state highways and major district roads (MDRs) in Assam**
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB) and India signed a \$220 million loan to improve energy security, quality of supply, efficiency, and resilience of power sector in Tripura.**
- **India to take over leadership of the Asian Pacific Postal Union**
- **Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project is located at Himachal Pradesh**
- **Virtually Intelligent Tray Retrieval System inaugurated at MOPA (GOA) International airport**
- **Coal India Ltd & Unions ink MoU Recommending Minimum Guaranteed Benefit to Employees**
- **18th National Scout Guide Jamboree held at Rajasthan**
- **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) constituted a high-powered committee chaired by Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai for the Union Territory of Ladakh development**
- **Municipal Corporation of Tirupati (MCT) is set to take a giant leap in water treatment by putting in place claimed to be the country's largest liquid waste treatment plant to use phytorid technology.**
- **World's longest luxury river cruise - 'Ganga Vilas' - from Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi to Dibrugarh in Assam**
- **The Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium is an international hockey stadium situated at Rourkela, India.**
- **Microsoft collaborates with ISRO to support space-tech startups in India**
- **Hampi and Mysuru included in Swadesh Darshan scheme from Karnataka**
- **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to hold Mission Olympic Cell members' meeting in Bhubaneswar**
- **India's first-of-its-kind inclusivity for Divyangjans,' Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity' began in a glorious ceremony in Goa**
- **All India States' Ministers Conference On 'WaterVision@2047' in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**
- **National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) in association with Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML) organises Astro Tourism- A Sky Gazing event at India Gate**
- **The Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs won the Platinum Icon in the Digital India Awards 2022 for their initiative "DataSmart Cities:**



Empowering Cities through Data” under the ‘Data Sharing and Use for Socio Economic Development’ category.

- The **17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention** is being organized in partnership with the **Madhya Pradesh Government** from **08-10 January 2023 in Indore**. The theme of this PBD Convention is **"Diaspora: Reliable partners for India's progress in Amrit Kaal"**.
- **Indian Army deploys** its largest **contingent of women peacekeepers** in United Nation mission at **Abyei, UNISFA**
- **National Genome Editing & Training Centre (NGETC)** inaugurated at **Mohali, Punjab**
- **Zaneta Felice Antoinetta Mascarenhas** is guest of honor at **17th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas**
- The **Marayur Sandalwood Division** in Idukki, the **only natural sandalwood reserve** in Kerala, is **introducing a new product ‘sandal brisket’**, is a sandalwood chips.
- For the **first time, India is constructing "permanent vertical bunkers"** to station BSF troops at **Sir Creek and 'Harami Nalla' marshy area** along the India-Pakistan International Border in Gujarat
- **e-NAM initiative of Ministry of Agriculture** won **Platinum Award** in the **Digital Empowerment of Citizens Category** in **Digital India Award 2022**
- **Living roots bridges** are from **Meghalaya**
- **Parshuram Kund festival** at **Arunchal Pradesh**
- **Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Education** organizes the **‘Dhara’ on Sangeet and Natya Parampara**. Dhara is a **series of conferences** under the **aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** to create awareness, preserve and promote multiple domains of Indian Knowledge Systems.
- **‘Jai Hind’ – The New Light & Sound Show at Red Fort** .It will be a dramatic presentation of **the bravery and the history of India** from the **17th century to the present divided into three parts** from the **rise of the Marathas, the 1857 War of Independence, the rise of the Indian National Army and the INA trials, the fight for Independence and India’s continuing progress over the past 75 years** by using all forms of performance art
- **National Health Authority (NHA)** introduces new system to measure and grade performance of hospitals empaneled under **Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY** scheme
- **Right to modify the framework of green bond is Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance**
- **75th Army Day parade** which is being held for the first time in Bengaluru, first time out of national capital region



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- A major international event, titled **'Magic Millets-2023'**, has been planned this year in Jaipur to mark the **International Year of Millets**, designated by the **United Nations General Assembly**
- **Department of Personnel and Training** is organizing **"Nari Samagam & Spardha"** - Women Sports Meet at New Delhi
- **Curative petition** is the **last chance available** for the protection from the compensation of **injustice in the court** after the review petition is dismissed or **has been exhausted**.
- **Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL)**, the **Miniratna coal-producing company** is to start production of **'M-Sand'**-the **core material** used in construction in civil works in **Amlohri Project of Madhya Pradesh**.
- **M sand** is a form of **artificial sand**, **manufactured by crushing large hard stones, mainly rocks or granite, into fine particles**, which is then washed and finely graded.
- **Lokur committee** is related to criteria for defining Schedule Tribes
- **Global Investors Summit 2023** is held in **Indore Madhya Pradesh**
- Vice President to inaugurate **83rd All India Presiding Officers' Conference at Jaipur**
- The **National Centre for Drinking Water, Sanitation and Quality** in Kolkata has been renamed as **Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee National of water and sanitation**
- **Odisha wins UN World Habitat Awards 2023** for **Jaga Mission**
- The **School of Logistics, Waterways and Communication** at **Agartala**
- **Voice of Global South summit** is hosted by **India**
- **First time in India, FSSAI notifies comprehensive regulatory standards for Basmati Rice**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** launched the government's **Aspirational Block Programme (ABP)**, during the **2nd National Conference of Chief Secretaries**
- **Kollam** is **first Constitution literate district** of India
- **"Braving a Viral Storm: India's Covid-19 Vaccine Story"** authored by **Ashish Chandorkar and Suraj Sudhir**
- **Indian Railways** is to launch its **Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train** on a very special tour **"Shri Ram-Janaki Yatra: Ayodhya to Janakpur"** covering two most significant pilgrimage sites Ayodhya and Janakpur from the **neighboring countries India and Nepal**.
- **India's first Centre of Excellence in Online Gaming at Shillong**
- **NTPC REL** signs **MoU with Government of Tripura** for **collaboration in Renewable Energy Development**
- The 21st Edition of the **Bilateral Naval Exercise between India and France – Exercise Varuna** commenced on the Western Seaboard

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- **National Museum of Natural History** holds **Pariksha Pe Charcha-Mission LiFE** session with **School Principals of Haryana state**
- **SPIC MACAY** organizes its very popular '**Music in the Park**' series under the name "Shruti Amrut" in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and the New Delhi Municipal Council.
- The **first G20 Infrastructure Working Group (IWG)** meeting under **G20 India Presidency will take place in Pune, Maharashtra**
- The **joint venture between India and Russia**, Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL), has started producing **AK-203 Kalashnikov assault rifles at Korwa in Uttar Pradesh**
- The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has **completed the process of recruitment of tribal youth from Sukma, Bijapur and Dantewada**, the districts worst affected by left-wing extremism in Chhattisgarh.
- **Six-year-old mule awarded commendation** on Army Day for playing an important role in lifting vital engineering, ammunition and ration loads during advance winter stocking in 2021
- **The 1st Health Working Group meeting under G20 India Presidency** will be held in **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**.
- **Participation of public** in Republic day parade is the **main theme of these year programme**
- **Etalin hydropower project** is located at **Arunchal Pradesh**
- **Ministry of Tourism** is organizing the **1st Global Tourism Investors Summit** in **New Delhi**
- The **Grameen Udyami Project** was launched with the **aim to augment skill training in tribal communities for inclusive and sustainable growth**. Under the initiative, **students were upskilled and multi-skilled in order to increase their employability**. It also focuses on providing employment opportunities in both local and rural economies. The project is being implemented in six states— Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Gujarat.
- **India Post** to use **RoPax Ferry Services on Gogha- Hazira route** for speedy postal services between **Saurashtra and South Gujarat & Mumbai**
- National AIDS Control Organisation forms **Largest Human Red Ribbon Chain in Kalinga Stadium of Bhubaneswar**, Odisha to create awareness on AIDS.
- **Vigyanika**, a Science Literature Festival is going to be organised in the Indian International Science Festival (IISF), **MANIT, Bhopal**
- The **first ever joint exercise** between the **special forces of the Indian Army and the Egyptian Army** named "**Exercise Cyclone-I**" is in progress at Jaisalmer in Rajasthan
- Indian Coast Guard Ships **ICGS Shaurya and Rajveer** were on a six-day visit to **Chattogram, Bangladesh**
- India is hosting the **Youth20 (Y20) summit** for the first time on the sidelines of the G20 summit, **held in Guwahati**
- **G20's First Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) Meeting** to be held at **Bengaluru**



- Recent **excavations at Bharatpur** in Paschim Bardhaman district of **West Bengal** have revealed the presence of a Buddhist monastery
- The **Centre** has **decided to nominate Assam's Charaideo Maidams**, the Ahom equivalent of the ancient Egyptian pyramids for the **UNESCO World Heritage Site status this year**.
- Amazon back as World's Most Valued Brand followed by Apple as 2nd
- Kerala's Wayanad becomes the first district in the country to provide basic documents and facilities to tribes
- **India** elected as Vice-Chair at the 12th session of **FAO's Intergovernmental Technical Working Group (ITWG) on Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR)** for Food and Agriculture
- **Judgement Search Portal** developed under **eCourts Mission Mode Project** bagged the prestigious Digital India Award 2022 in Category- Digital Empowerment of Citizens under the patronage of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India and **National e-Governance Award 2021-2022 in 'Gold Category'** under the patronage of Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.
- SCO Film Festival held at Mumbai. Marathi Film **'Godavari'** and Gujarati Film **'The Last Film Show'** nominated under Competition Section from India. The festival will open with a world premiere of Tamil film **'Appatha'**
- **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** and **Wildlife Institute of India (WII)** organised a one-day national level seminar on **'Millets for LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment): Developing Climate Resilient Local Communities in the Ganga Basin'** at India International Centre in **New Delhi**
- **Millets Mahotsav** -Two-day Millets Conclave organised at Vizianagaram, **Andhra Pradesh** to bring all the stakeholders of the food processing sector with special focus on millets, on a common platform
- The **first India Stack Developer Conference** that will dwell on ways and means to **ensure wider adoption of India's digital goods** all over the world will be held in New Delhi
- **'BharOS'**, a Made In India **mobile operating system** developed by IIT Madras.
- The **biennial Tri-Services Amphibious Exercise, AMPHEX 2023** was conducted at **Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh**
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, in collaboration with the Government of Rajasthan, has organized a **two-day Agriculture Festival-Exhibition** and Training at Dussehra Ground in **Kota, Rajasthan**

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- **Odisha State Disaster Management Authority and Lunglei Fire Station, Mizoram, selected in the Institutional Category for Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2023**
- The **Monument Mitra** scheme, which entails **adopting a heritage site** and maintaining it, will soon be **revamped to enable private firms**, to partner for the upkeep of 1,000 ASI monuments. The scheme was under the **Ministry of Tourism and recently transferred to the Ministry of Culture**
- Supreme Court to release judgments in **13 Indian languages** on Republic day. It includes to **Hindi, Odia, Marathi, Assamese, Garo, Kannada, Khasi, Malayalam, Nepali, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu.**
- **First G20 startup** group meeting in **Hyderabad**
- Veer Gatha project was **launched to inspire school children**, by making them aware with **stories of war heroes and brave hearts** as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- **Visakhapatnam railway station** receives '**Green Railway Station Certification**' with highest Platinum rating
- Indian **Navy's "TROPEX 2023"** maritime exercise **held in the Indian Ocean**
- Republic Day held in Telangana on court orders
- **RINL Visakhapatnam** will host its first ever **National Vendor Interaction Program-2023**
- The **National Logistic Portal (marine) (NLP)** is a project of national importance, as envisaged by the **Ministry of Ports Shipping Waterways and the Ministry of Commerce & Industry**, a Single Window Logistics Portal to reduce the logistics cost
- **Employees' Provident Fund Organization** to launch a massive District Outreach Programme, **Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0**, in all the districts of the country
- **SAMEER, India's premier R&D Institute of Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)** signed a MOU with **Siemens Healthineers** that will contribute towards the development of new, improved and innovative technologies for advancing healthcare and diagnostic access in India, in Bengaluru
- First meeting of **G20 employment working group** to be held in **Jodhpur**
- The two-day symposium on the **Quantum Computing Ecosystem** organised by C-DAC at **pune**

Republic Day Parade 2023 Prizes

- **Best Marching Contingent among the three services** - Punjab Regiment Centre Contingent
- **Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/other auxiliary forces** - CRPF Marching Contingent

Best three Tableaux (States/UTs)

- **First** - Uttarakhand (Manaskhand)
- **Second** - Maharashtra (Sade Tin Shaktipithe & Nari Shakti)
- **Third** - Uttar Pradesh (Ayodhya Deepotsav)
- **Best Tableau (Ministries/Departments)** - Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs))

Special Prize

- Central Public Works Department (Biodiversity Conservation)



- 'Vande Bharatam' Dance Group.
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- **G-20 International Financial Architecture Working Group Meeting** to be held in **Chandigarh**
- **Culture Ministry** has organised **Vitasta program** to showcase the rich culture, arts and crafts of Kashmir.
- **Khadi Fest-23** inaugurated in **Mumbai**
- Mahanadi Coalfields Constructs Fascinating Eco-park & Coal Museum in Odisha
- **Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL)** has commissioned its **first floating solar power plant** with 5 megawatt capacity at **Telangana**. The ground-based solar power plants were set up at eight locations in Manuguru, Kothagudem, Yellandu, Ramagundam and Mandamarri areas of SCCL.
- Shumang Kumhei also known as **Shumang Leela** (Meitei for 'Courtyard Play'), is a Meitei traditional form of theatre, usually performed in Manipur, North East India.



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International Issues

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- **Croatia** switched to the euro and entered Europe's borderless zone. The Balkan nation **bid farewell to its kuna currency** and became the 20th member of the eurozone. It is also now the 27th nation in the passport-free Schengen zone.
- The **Lachin corridor**, the **only road linking Nagorno-Karabakh** with Armenia, has been **closed for more than three weeks** creating humanitarian crisis
- **Abyei** is on the **border of Sudan and South Sudan**
- **U.K., Japan ink defence pact allowing troop deployments**. The deal will allow 'both forces to plan and deliver larger scale, more complex military exercises and deployments'
- **Veer Guardian 2023: Maiden India-Japan Air Exercise** at **Hyakuri Air Base, Japan**
- **Sri Lanka** decides to **cut its Army by half** due to economic crisis
- AK-203 assault rifles is **Russian gas-operated, magazine-fed, select fire assault rifle designed to chamber the 7.62×39mm cartridge**. It is one of the latest iterations of the AK series of assault rifles **originally designed by Mikhail Kalashnikov**
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- **India sent financing assurances to the International Monetary Fund (IMF)**, becoming the **first of Sri Lanka's creditors to officially back the crisis-hit island nation's debt restructuring programme**. China, Japan, and India are Sri Lanka's three largest bilateral lenders.
- **Operation Claw- Sword** is a series of bombing on Kurdish targets in **both Syria and Iraq**
- Union Tourism Ministry participates in FITUR. FITUR is **one of the world's largest international travel exhibitions at Madrid**
- China is **constructing a dam on the Mabja Zangbo** river in Tibet, close to the tri-junction of **India –Nepal and China**
- This year, World Hindi Conference will be organised in Fiji by the Foreign Ministry in collaboration
- Peru faces food, fuel shortages in face of protests
- Myanmar opium farming booming after coup, reported UN's drug office
- A **Russian polar research vessel docked in South Africa's Cape Town** at the weekend as climate protesters raised fears it could be used to help Moscow explore for minerals in protected Antarctica.

Sports

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) named Rishabh Pant as and fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah as Team India's top Test performer in 2022. Suryakumar Yadav and Bhuvneshwar Kumar were named as top performers in T20s by the board.
- Koustav Chatterjee becomes latest entrant to India's Grand Master club.
- Hazarika won the women's 59kg gold medal in the National weightlifting championships at Bhubaneswar
- **Haryana Women's Hockey U-18 team won Khelo India Youth Games 2022**
- **Hockey Men's Madhya Pradesh clinched Khelo India Youth Games 2022 U-18 title**
- **Former Australia captain Belinda Clark** became the **first woman cricketer** to have a **sculpture unveiled in her honour at Sydney Cricket Ground**.
- **Jagdish Vishwakarma** won in the **National weightlifting championships**
- **Microsoft collaborates with ISRO to support space-tech startups in India**
- **France's goalkeeper Lloris** quits international football
- **Gareth Bale** announced his **retirement from club and international football**, bringing to an end one of the most decorated careers in British football history
- **Hockey World Cup off to a spectacular start at Odissa**
- **Viacom 18 wins media rights for the first five editions of Women's IPL** set to begin in March
- **Axelsen and Yamaguchi** claim honours in **Malaysia Open**
- **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sport** held its **first Mission Olympic Cell (MOC)** meeting outside Delhi and on the sidelines of the ongoing Hockey World Cup in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**



- “Hindustan Ka Dil Dhadka Do” is the anthem and Cheetah Asha is game mascot of the Khelo India Youth Games 2022.
- **Mary Kom** to head panel on sex abuse probe against WFI chief
- **India pacer Mohammed Siraj** became the **No. 1** in the ICC rankings for ODI bowlers, a testament to his rapid rise in international cricket.
- **La Reina** takes the honours in **Wolf777 Bangalore Derby**
- **FIDE world chess championship** will be held at Astana of Kazakhstan

2022 ICC Awards

- **Women's Cricketer of the Year:** Nat Sciver (England)
- **Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year:** Nat Sciver (England)
- **Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year:** Tahlia McGrath (Australia)
- **Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year:** Renuka Singh Thakur (India)
- **Women's Associate Cricketer of the Year:** Esha Rohit Oza (United Arab Emirates)

Men's awards

- **Men's Cricketer of the Year:** Mohammad Babar Azam(Pakistan)
- **Men's Test Cricketer of the Year:** Benjamin Ben Stokes(England)
- **Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year :** Mohammad Babar Azam(Pakistan)
- **Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year:** Suryakumar Ashok Yadav(India)
- **Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year:** Marco Jansen(South Africa)
- **Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year:** Gerhard Erasmus(Namibia)

Others award

- **Umpire of the Year:** Richard Illingworth(England)
- **Spirit of Cricket:** Aasif Sheikh(Nepal)
- Indian tennis star **Sania Mirza capped her glorious** Grand Slam career with a runner-up finish alongside Rohan Bopanna in the **Australian Open mixed doubles**
- **Germany lifted Hockey World Cup 2023** beating Belgium at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar
- **India became the first-ever ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup** winners over England held in South Africa
- **Novak Djokovic** won a **10th Australian Open** title and equal Rafael Nadal's 22 Grand Slam crowns, a victory that returned him to World No. 1.
- **India became the first-ever ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup** winners over England held in South Africa
- **Aryna Sabalenka** won her maiden the **Australian Open**



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Environment

- Palakkad Gap is between the Nilgiri Hills to the north and Anaimalai Hills to the south
- The **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF)** has listed Neelakurinji under **Schedule III of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** including it on the list of **protected plants**.
- **Rare White Tufted Royal Butterfly** protected under **Schedule 2** of the Wildlife Protection Act **found in Kannur**
- **Indian Skimmers**, included in the **IUCN Red list of endangered species**, were sighted in **Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary** in a day during the Asian Waterbird Census-2023
- A **rare species of duck**, Greater Scaup, locally known as **Sadangman**, was recently sighted in **Loktak lake in Manipur**
- The '**Spot Bellied Eagle Owl**' sighted for the first time in **Seshachalam forest range**
- **Rare dinosaur eggs** found in **Narmada Valley** helped to show ancient reptiles shared traits with today's birds
- A rare orange-colored bat was spotted in the Banana plantation in Parali Bodal village of Kanger Valley National Park in Bastar, Chhattisgarh.
- The **first photographic records of the melanistic Asian golden cat**, also known as the Temminck's cat, from **Buxa Tiger Reserve West Bengal**.
- For the first time since 2017, birders spotted a **red-headed vulture in the Bhatti mines area of Delhi** and also "**rarest of rare**" **black vulture** was sighted in **Gurugram's Chandu Budhera**.
- **Noble's Helen**, is "extremely rare" in Arunachal Pradesh yields India's newest butterfly in the Namdapha National Park of Arunachal Pradesh

Person in news

- Shri **Anil Kumar Lahoti** has taken over the **charge of new Chairman & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**, Railway Board (Ministry of Railways).
- **Air Marshal Pankaj Mohan Sinha** assumed command of the Indian Air Force's Western Air Command
- **CRPF DG Sujoy Lal Thaosen** takes additional charge as BSF DG
- BSE appoints Sundararaman Ramamurthy as MD, CEO
- **Pope Benedict XVI** passed away recently
- Grammy-winning singer **Anita Pointer** died due to cancer. One of the founding members of R&B group The Pointer Sisters, she delighted fans across the world with hits, including "I'm So Excited," "Jump," and "Fire."
- **Guyana's President Mohamed Irfaan Ali, US-based businessman Darshan Singh Dhaliwal, and DSB Group CEO Piyush Gupta** are among 21 recipients of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA)
- **Captain Shiva Chouhan** becomes **first women officer operationally deployed at Kumar Post in Siachen**.



- **Sanjay Mudaliar**, chief general manager & chief technology officer of Bank of Baroda, has assumed office as **executive director of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)**
- **Karthik Venkataraman** became the **National chess champion**
- **Former Los Angeles Mayor Eric M. Garcetti** reappointed as **US Ambassador to India**
- Former German Chancellor **Angela Merkel** has been awarded the **2022 UNESCO Peace Prize** for her efforts to welcome refugees.
- **Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project** is located at **Himachal Pradesh**
- **Bangladesh-born painter and story writer Fahmida Azim** has been selected for the **Pulitzer Prize 2022**
- **Belarus Nobel Prize winner Ales Bialiatski** goes on trial
- Former Australia captain **Belinda Clark** became the **first woman cricketer** to have a **sculpture unveiled in her honour at Sydney Cricket Ground.**
- **Jagdish Vishwakarma** won in the **National weightlifting championships**
- **RRR's Naatu Naatu is first Asian song to win Golden Globe** music by **M. M. Keeravani**

Golden Globes

- **Best movie drama** : Fabelmans
- **Best movie musical or comedy**: Banshees of Inisherin
- **Best director**: Mr. Spielberg
- **India's first woman pilot Avani Chaturvedi** to **fly Indian Sukhoi fighter jet** in aerial wargames in Japan
- **Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex** authored a book called **"Spare,"**
- **"Braving a Viral Storm: India's Covid-19 Vaccine Story"** authored by **Ashish Chandorkar and Suraj Sudhir**
- The last Nizam of Hyderabad **Mukarram Jah Bahadur**(titular 8th)passed away in Turkey
- **Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23** has been organized in **Basti district, Uttar Pradesh** by **Harish Dwivedi, MP from Basti since 2021**
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik released Sportstar's Hockey & India – A Golden Legacy
- United States R'Bonney Gabriel crowned Miss Universe of 2022
- **Major Shubhang and Naik Jitendra Singh** will receive the **Kirti Chakra** while **Commander Nishant Singh from the Navy**, who lost his life in a **MiG-29K fighter crash**, will be remembered with the **Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry).**
- **Jacinda Ardern** replaced by **Chris Hipkins** as **New Zealand PM**
- Veteran politician **S.M. Krishna** selected for the **Padma Vibhushan** and noted **Kannada novelist S.L. Bhyrappa** and **Infosys Foundation chairperson Sudha Murty** has been selected for the **Padma Bhushan.**
- From Karnataka those who chosen for the **Padma Shri** are **Khadar Valli Dudekula** (Science & Engineering), **Rani Machaiah** (Art), **Pindipapanahalli Munivenkatappa** (Art), **Shah Rasheed Ahmed Quadri** (Art), and **S. Subbaraman** (Archaeology)
- **Shamalbhai B Patel** re-elected as **chairman of Amul**



- Shri C V Raju and Shri Moa Subong, grassroots innovators from Andhra Pradesh and Nagaland, respectively, are amongst the 106 Padma Shri awardees announced for the year 2023.
- **NMDC signs up Champion Boxer Nikhat Zareen** as its Brand Ambassador

Important Dates

- Celebrated every year on January 1, **Global Family Day** starts the new year with a positive message of unity to the world. The theme for 2023 is **“working toward a better future.”**
- **World Braille Day** is an international day on **4 January** and celebrates awareness of the importance of braille as a means of communication in the full realization of the human rights for blind and visually impaired people
- The **World Day of War Orphans** is observed on **January 6** every year with an aim to raise awareness about children orphaned in wars, spread information about their plight and emphasise the psychological, social, and physical obstacles that children experience as they grow up.
- The National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed every year on January 11. **“Wear blue to raise awareness”** is theme of this year
- Indian army day is celebrated on every year 15th of January. This year 2023 mark the 75th anniversary of the Indian army day.
- **World Hindi Day or Vishwa Hindi Diwas** is celebrated on **10th January** every year to promote awareness about the language across the world. Theme for the year is **"Hindi – Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence"**.
- **National Youth Day**, also known as Vivekananda Jayanti, is celebrated on **12 January**, being the birthday of Swami Vivekananda.
- The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Raising Day is commemorated on January 19, every year.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in 2022 announced **January 16** as the **National Startup Day** in order to promote entrepreneurship and promote businesses
- The National Girl Child Day is celebrated in India every year on January 24. Theme for current year is **'Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow'**
- **National Tourism Day** will be celebrated on **January 25**, like every year, to increase public awareness of the significance of the tourism sector. The theme of National Tourism Day 2023 is **'Rural and Community Centric Tourism'**.

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- In order to encourage more young voters to take part in the political process, Government of India has decided to celebrate January 25 every year as "National Voters' Day". The theme for this year is , '**Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure**'.
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day observed on 27th January. The theme for 2023 is "**Home and Belonging**"
- International Customs Day 2023 observed on 26th January and theme for the year is '**Nurturing the next generation: Promoting a culture of knowledge-sharing and professional pride in Customs.**'
- World Leprosy Day is 29 January. The theme of World Leprosy Day 2023 is "**Act Now. End Leprosy.**"
- **Martyrs' Day**, also known as **Shaheed Diwas**, is observed in India **on January 30** to commemorate the **death of Mahatma Gandhi**, who was assassinated on this day in 1948.

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