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State Issues

- After 30 years, Karnataka State Football Association relaunched Stafford Cup
- **Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh** to sign **supplementary inter-state transport agreement** necessitated to cater to heavy traffic between the two states that share a long border.
- **Kaveri 2** is a new **web-based application**, is expected to **save time spent by the public**, will work in the pre-registration, registration and post-registration phases. People are **expected to come to the sub-registrar's office only for registration** after scheduling an appointment
- **KIOCL Limited**, a Union government undertaking, which was forced to stop magnetite iron ore concentrate mining at its captive mines in Kudremukh hill range on the Western Ghats following a Supreme Court order, **has been given the go-ahead for its mining project in Ballari district.**
- The **Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission-2** headed by **T.M. Vijay Bhaskar**, former Chief Secretary of Karnataka submitted its 4th and 5th Reports to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai
- Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board, in collaboration with city-based Tours, is currently in the process of holding a three-month-long campaign in Bengaluru to boost inbound tourism to the country,
- **7th pay commission** is constituted under the chairmanship of former Chief Secretary **K. Sudhakar Rao**
- Prime Minister Modi to **unveil Asia's largest helicopter factory HAL in Gubbi, Tumkuru** also new green field helicopter factory
- The **city of Bengaluru** is among the ones that will have **retail distribution of E20** fuel a blend of 20% ethanol and 80% petrol
- Bagalkot district administration has come up with an ambitious plan of organising handloom tourism, to popularise the **Ilkal sarees and Guledgudd khana.**
- Experts from 22 countries across the world had gathered in Dharwad to participate at the International Conference on Water Management and Climate Change have come out with the **Dharwad Declaration, 2023.** The declaration on pledges to **carry forward through practical, measurable and time-bound actions the water community's collective response to climate change**, as recognised recently in the COP-27 Declaration and within the entire context of UN SDGs.
- Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the Tumakuru Industrial Township and two **Jal Jeevan Mission projects at Tiptur and Chikkanayakanahalli** in Tumakuru.
- Prime Minister, laid foundation **stone to South India's 1st Industrial Corridor Project, the Tumakuru Industrial Township**, as part of National Industrial Corridor programme
- **2nd SCO Young Scientist Conclave** held in **Bengaluru**
- The **Ministry of Defence** is organising a **CEOs' Roundtable** on ,the **inaugural day of Aero India 2023**, under the chairmanship of Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh in **Bengaluru.**

- City-based start-up **Beta Tank Robotics Pvt. Ltd.**, which is developing specialised hydraulic robots for the petroleum industry, has **won the best start-up award** at the India Energy Week 2023 held in Bengaluru
- **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank**, launched **Hello Ujjivan**, a mobile banking application with 3 Vs — **voice, visual, and vernacular**-enabled features to **provide banking access to individuals** with limited reading and writing skills. The app is accessible by voice in eight regional languages: **Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, Tamil, Gujarati, Kannada, Oriya, and Assamese.**
- G-20 delegates visited at **Kalkere Arboretum and Bannerghatta Biological Park** at Bengaluru
- Karnataka has started mass drug administration for elimination of **Lymphatic Filariasis**, following the launch of a nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign aimed at ending disease transmission of Lymphatic Filariasis (LF).
- In a bid to celebrate the goodness of Indian mustard and to protect it from Genetically Modified (GM) mustard, '**Vasanta Utsava – Sasive Habba**' was celebrated in Lalbagh to mark the end of National Safe Food Week. The event was organised by citizens of 'India for Safe Food' in collaboration with Jaivik Mall, an organic outlet located in Lalbagh.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah attended the **golden jubilee celebrations of CAMPCO (Central Arecanut and Cocoa Marketing and Processing Co-operative Limited)** as the chief guest at **Puttur in Karnataka**
- The bird survey conducted at **Nagarahole Tiger Reserve** has resulted in the recording of 290 bird species, including a few migratory ones.
- **Mangaluru** is among the **dozen Indian cities** that have been included into the **River Cities Alliance (RCA).**
- The Aero India is the largest air show in Asia. The theme of Aero India 2023 is "**The Runway to a Billion Opportunities**".
- The **Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC)** and the **British Council**, signed an Operational Alliance Agreement (OAA) to achieve progressive and positive outcomes in higher education.
- The **National Horticulture Fair 2023 (NHF2023)** will be held in **Hessarghatta** on the outskirts of the Bengaluru city under the theme of 'innovative horticulture for self-reliance'.
- Noted yakshagana Bhagavat, **Balipa Narayana Bhagavatha** died in Moodabidri. A foremost name in the **Thenku Thittu Yakshagana** as a versatile singer. He had bagged **Karnataka Rajyotsava Award** in 2010, **Samaga Award** in 2012, '**Janana Prashasti**' of the Karnataka Janapada Parishat in 2002, '**Karnataka Shri**' Award at the **Akhila Bharatha Kannada Sahitya Sammelana** in 2003. '**Agari Prashasti**' of the Padaveedhara Yakshagana Mandali and others
- **Mattur** is a village in **Karnataka** where residents **speak only in Sanskrit.**
- The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), in collaboration with the State government will launch "Surveillance system to track

suicide and self-harm (**Suraksha**), a **community-based initiative** in Channapatna taluk of Ramanagaram district

- Multi-Purpose Hall inaugurated at **SAI NSSC BENGALURU**
- **Shiitake**, the premium variety of mushrooms being grown only in a few countries such as **Japan, China, and South Korea**, is now being cultivated in Bengaluru by urban gardeners.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate '**Barisu Kannada Dim Dimava**' cultural festival at Talkatora Stadium, **Delhi on the line of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'**
- The KSRTC has chosen its electric bus name as '**EV-Power Plus**' with a **tagline 'e-Xperience e-levated'**. Similarly, the corporation recently launched Ambaari Ustav, Volvo 9600 multi-axle sleeper buses, a new brand with the tagline '**Celebration of Journey**'.
- According to Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), highest number of bird species in **South India were sighted in Karnataka**.
- The **Bengaluru Smart City Limited**, which has taken up restoration work of Bal Bhavan, has roped in **South Western Railway (SWR)** to repair the track, which has remained unused for many years.
- The Kannada Sahitya Parishat has unanimously selected veteran writer **Vaidehi for its prestigious Nrupatunga Sahitya Prashasti for 2022**.
- The **National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NIT-K), Surathkal**, has established **three Centres of Excellence (CoEs)** in accordance with the National Education Policy 2020. They include the **Centre for Sustainable Energy Engineering (CSEE), the Centre for Women Welfare and Social Empowerment (CWWSE) and the Centre for Public Relations, Information and Media Exchange (C-PRIME)**.
- **Vulture survey spots 3 species each in Bandipur, Nagarhole**
- The **Karnataka Medicinal Plants Authority (KaMPA)**, under the Ayush Department, has recommended a list of 13 species to the KFDCL for the programme. This year, the plants will be introduced in a five-hectare area each in four districts — **Bengaluru, Dharwad, Chikkamagaluru and Shivamogga**
- **F1 2023** season to begin with **Bahrain GP**
- The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for **two railway projects in Shivamogga which include Shivamogga – Shikaripura – Ranebennur** new Railway line and Koteganguru Railway coaching depot.
- Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multi-village schemes worth more than Rs 950 crore under the **Jal Jeevan Mission in Shivamogga**



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National Issues

- Khadi India organised an Exhibition and a Fashion Show '**Aheli Khadi**' at **NIFT Gandhinagar**
- Atal Innovation Mission, inaugurates ACIC-CBIT Research and Entrepreneurship Foundation in Hyderabad
- '**Centre of Excellence**' tag for **millet institute in Hyderabad**
- Wool Fab, an exclusive handloom exhibition of woolen product started in New Delhi.
- G-20 theme based Workshops on Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) and Madhya Pradesh Farm Gate to be organised at **Bhopal**
- The **south central railway** has completed the **vikarabad – Parli vajinath electrification project** which covers **Telangana, Karnataka and Maharashtra**
- **G-20 first Tourism Working Group** meeting to be held in **Rann of Kutch, Gujarat**
- Department of Youth Affairs to organize Youth 20 Summit inception meeting at Guwahati
- The **Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR)** launched '**Bal Mitra**', a WhatsApp Chatbot to provide communication support to children and parents in Delhi.
- **Project ELLORA** launched by **Microsoft** help to preserve small languages like Gondi, Mundari become eloquent for the digital world through Artificial Intelligence
- Indian Railways to introduce Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train under '**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**' Scheme at Gujarat
- **IFFCO Nano Urea Plant** to be established at **Deoghar, Jharkhand**
- Uttarkhand announced to be '**drug-free**' by **2025**, also de-addiction workshop '**Mission Drugs Free Devbhoomi**' organised
- The Union government, in coordination with the governments of **Bihar and Uttar Pradesh**, will facilitate a pilgrimage walk by 108 nationals of **South Korea across Buddhist sites in the two States**.
- The **Yuva Sangam** is an initiative of Hon'ble Prime Minister to **build close ties between the youth of North East Region and rest of India** under the spirit of **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**.
- **Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)**: e-R is in the form of a digital token that **represents legal tender**.
- National School of Drama (NSD) to organize the 22nd edition of the Bharat Rang Mahotsav at New Delhi
- The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry signed a Statement of Intent (Sol) with International Energy Agency (IEA) to strengthen cooperation in the field of data and research in the energy sector to enhance global energy security.
- **India** received **highest ever foreign inward remittances** in a single year in FY 2021-22 as **stated by RBI**
- According to production data of Food and Agriculture Organization Corporate Statistical Database(FAOSTAT), **India is the highest milk producer** i.e., ranked first

position in the world contributing twenty-four percent of global milk production in the year 2021-22.

- **Stone Age Artefacts Found in Gurugram's Aravalli Hills.** This include graffiti, and hand and footprints of humans and animals engraved on quartzite rocks.
- The **Kerala State Archaeology Department** is set to launch an extensive **archaeological survey in Attappady**, a vast stretch of tribal land presumed to have had a mature, ancient civilization.
- To support **ongoing relief and rescue efforts in Turkey** after the earthquake that left thousands dead, the **National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)** has requested Chennai-headquartered **Garuda Aerospace** to provide its DGCA-approved drones for disaster-management operations.
- **Railway Protection Force (RPF)** conducts the drug seizures under **Operation Narcos** and rescues trafficking victims under **Operation AAHT**.
- With its implementation was greatly affected due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Indian government has extended the **PM-KUSUM Scheme till March 2026**. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) Scheme was **launched in 2019**.
- Union Cabinet has approved continuation of **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) upto 31st December, 2024**
- **Kalinga Mahotsav or National Festival of Martial Dance** is celebrated to mark the major victory of peace over war when Kalinga (part of Odisha) once witnessed a battle during the reign of Ashoka. The festival is a **tribute to the martyrs of the Maurya Dynasty** which is celebrated by various Martial Art Acts through dance and music. It will be held in **Bhuvaneshwar**
- '**Operation SADBHAVANA**' is Indian Army is undertaking multiple welfare activities such as running of Army Goodwill Schools, Infrastructure Development Projects and Education Tours etc. for the children living in remote areas of **Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh**
- **NTPC Limited**, the country's largest power generating company has been honoured with '**ATD Best Awards 2023**' by the **Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA**.
- The '**India ENIGMA Initiative for Global Ageing and Mental Health**' research project was launched at **NIMHANS**. The five-year project is aimed at bridging the knowledge gap around the various factors influencing the acceleration in brain ageing.
- Nation's first digital portal dedicated for sports and sportspersons **launched in Jharkhand**
- The **Bandhan event** to be held on the **sidelines of Aero India** will witness the signing of a **substantial number of MoUs**, including significant ones from Karnataka industries.
- Geological Survey of India has for the **first time established Lithium inferred resources (G3) in Salal-Haimana area of Reasi District of Jammu & Kashmir (UT)**.

- MoU signed between Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun and NLSIU, Bengaluru for imparting Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law (PGDEL) to Indian Forest Service Officer Trainees
- India's national accreditation system under the **Quality Council of India (QCI)** has been ranked **5th in the world in the recent Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) 2021.**
- In a Landmark New Haj policy , the **cost of Haj pilgrimage reduced by 50,000**, 25 embarkation points , **Haj application forms available free of cost** , earlier was 300 and **government discretionary quota cancelled.**
- The **new Mumbai campus of the Aljameatus-Saifiyah**, an Arabic academy, is inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi . This institute also known as **Jamea**, this is an academic institute

- exclusively catering to the education of young boys and girls from the **Dawoodi Bohra community.**
- Prime Minister flags off Mumbai-Solapur Vande Bharat and Mumbai-Sainagar Shirdi Vande Bharat at **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in Mumbai**
- The **Khelo India Winter Games** scheduled at **Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir.**
- The **Delhi Mumbai Expressway**, with a total length of 1386 kilometres, is the longest expressway in India
- Under India's **G20 Presidency**, **EMPOWER** will host three meetings in at **Agra, Thiruvananthapuram and Bhopal respectively.** The **Ministry of Women and Child Development** is India's nodal ministry for G20 EMPOWER.
- The first edition of "**UPNEXT INDIA**" **2023** inaugurated at Apparel House, **Gurugram**
- **India Post** is set to organise a **national philatelic exhibition, AMRITPEX, in Delhi .**
- As part of India's Presidency of the G20, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is hosting the **first Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) Meeting in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**
- PM dedicated to the nation **Delhi – Dausa – Lalsot section** of Delhi Mumbai Expressway in Dausa, Rajasthan

- **Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2023 held in Mumbai**, showcases ethos of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'
- The **Assi, the river that fringes Varanasi** on the south and gives the city a part of its name, is dying a slow death. It is **minor tributary of the Ganga**.
- **"per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances," (PFAs)**, which are called **"forever chemicals"** because of their tendency to stick around in the atmosphere, rainwater and soil for long periods of time. According to the US Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), PFAs are **man-made chemicals** used to make non-stick cookware, water-repellent clothing, stain-resistant fabrics, cosmetics, fire fighting forms and many other products that resist grease, water and oil.
- Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is **organized 'Divya Kala Mela' in Mumbai**
- Union Health Ministry organised **"Cycle for Health"** rally at Lady Hardinge Medical College. Initiatives being undertaken as part of **"Swastha Mann, Swastha Ghar"**, a year-long campaign aiming to promote and enhance awareness surrounding healthy living
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to inaugurate **the national Aadi Mahotsav on Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi**.
- **'Nirman Se Shakti'** initiative presented by the **ESIC** to modernize **ESIS hospital infrastructure**
- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) launched an operation code named **'Operation Eastern Gateway'**, which involved developing the intelligence over a substantial period of time to bust the smuggling modus operandi. A syndicate based in **Bangladesh, Tripura, Assam and West Bengal** was smuggling huge quantities of Gold from Bangladesh to India **through Indo- Bangladesh border in the state of Tripura**.
- The **Ministry of Coal** to organize East Zonal Conference on **PM-Gatishakti & National Logistic Policy in Bhubaneswar, Odisha** for coordination in integrated planning for **infrastructure development in East Zonal States - Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Bihar**.
- The Government of India has launched one mobile app namely **"Khanan Prahari"** and **one web app Coal Mine Surveillance and Management System (CMSMS)** for reporting unauthorized coal mining activities.
- **Andhra Pradesh is the second State in South India after Kerala** to have the **highest number of internet-enabled government schools**. While 94.57% of government schools in Kerala are connected to the internet, A.P. has 45% connectivity, while **Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Telangana** have 24.68, 10.68 and 9.23% respectively, **according to the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+)** of School Education and Literary Department, Ministry of Education (SELD).
- Garuda Aerospace unveiled SURAJ, a **solar-powered unmanned intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) aerial J-Glider** at the Aero India 2023. SURAJ is an ISR **high-altitude drone** designed specifically for surveillance

operations, providing real-time information to the high command, and **protect jawans** on the ground.

- Twenty-three repatriated Indian antiquities will be exhibited and each of their stories told to **G-20 delegates at Khajuraho** as part of efforts to strengthen the mechanism to prevent illicit trafficking in antiquities, and facilitate the return and restitution of such treasured artefacts. The stories will be narrated in a virtual reality mode by none other than the 900-year-old '**Parrot Lady**' of Khajuraho — the sandstone sculpture of a woman holding a parrot which was **brought back to India from Canada in 2017**.
- The President's Colour is a rare and prestigious honour, awarded by the President to armed forces that have rendered exceptional service to the nation. This year it is awarded to **Haryana Police**
- Central Water Commission inks an agreement with IIT, ROORKEE for development of international centre of excellence for dams under DRIP scheme
- President of India inaugurates **International Engineering and Technology Fair 2023 at New Delhi**
- The **first PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP)** Regional Workshop for Central and Western Zone is being organized in **Goa**
- India's G20 Secretariat along with the United Nations India Country Office organised "**Model G20 Meeting**" in **New Delhi**
- India's largest producer of iron ore NMDC, swept five awards at the Governance Now 9th PSU Awards held in New Delhi
- Ministry of Textiles' flagship event '**Technotex 2023: Envisioning Indian Technical Textiles@ 2047**', held in **Mumbai**
- **North India's first Nuclear Plant** is coming up in Haryana in the town of **Gorakhpur**, which is about 150 km north of the national capital of New Delhi.
- SemiconIndia Conference of Electronics Manufacturing Supply Chain Ecosystem' held in New Delhi
- NMDC signed an Agreement for Collaborative Research with CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar, on "Feasibility Studies for Preparation of Fused Magnesia from Kimberlite Tailings" today at its head office in Hyderabad
- **Online payment aggregators** can on board digital merchants and accept payments on their behalf after getting a licence from the RBI. Amazon, Google get RBI nod to be payment aggregators, Paytm application returned
- Indian Railways launches **Rail Post Gati Shakti Express Cargo Service** (Joint Parcel Product of Railways and India Post)
- Brain-inspired image sensor can detect miniscule objects. Their novel technique, which combines optical microscopy with a neuromorphic camera and machine learning algorithms, presents a major step forward in pinpointing objects smaller than 50 nanometers in size.
- **Tamil Nadu's Kolukkumalai** is the **highest tea plantation in the world**, Kerala's Devalokam is a yoga centre on the banks of a river.

- Nagaland's Konyak Tea retreat through tribal culture, Telangana's Pochampalli village showcases its traditional weaving techniques and Himachal Pradesh's Pragpur village plunges visitors into Kangra heritage architecture.
- NMDC Steel Limited (NSL) was listed at the Bombay Stock Exchange
- Barmer refinery will be the "Jewel of the Desert" at Rajasthan
- The first G20 Working Group (CWG) meeting of Culture will begin at Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh.
- World's largest Divyang Park - Anubhuti Inclusive Park in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Indian Naval Ship Sumedha arrived at Abu Dhabi, UAE to participate in NAVDEX 23 (Naval Defence Exhibition) and IDEX 23 (International Defence Exhibition)
- According to IMF India continues to remain a relative "bright spot" in the world economy, and will alone contribute 15% of the global growth in 2023
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal of appointing Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi as the new Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)
- 100 percent electrification of Broad Gauge rail network in Uttar Pradesh
- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Guwahati, IIT Gandhinagar and NIT Calicut for establishment of 'BIS Standardization Chair Professor' at these institutes
- Ministry of Education directs State/UT to align their age of admission for Grade-I to 6+ years
- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed a unique computational model to simulate how lightning can strike an aircraft. IISc said that the insights they have obtained from this model can help design better lightning protective measures for aircraft.
- The Uttarakhand government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) estimated at Rs.167 crore for laying a ropeway from Kharsali to Yamunotri temple
- Tripura, has the highest rate of Aadhaar linking followed by Lakshadweep and Madhya Pradesh occupy the second and third spots, respectively. The State with the lowest Aadhaar registration by voters is Gujarat.
- PM applauds the "Healthy Baby" show campaign being organized across Secunderabad Parliament Constituency
- MOU signed between National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (Ministry of Tourism) and Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Science-20 (S20) Inception Meeting to be held in Puducherry. The venues for the subsequent meetings include Agartala (Tripura), Bangaram Island (Lakshadweep), and Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh). The final summit meeting will take place in Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)
- "Jaipur declaration" outlines an actionable agenda for UIC to explore innovative approaches that can help global Railway organizations achieve their long-term goal of safety and security

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- NTPC Limited, the country's largest power generating company has been ranked No.1 Independent Power Producers and Energy Traders Globally in the S&P Global Commodity Insights Top 250 Global Energy Company Rankings-2022
- **Bihar and Kerala are the only States** that allow **menstrual pain leave** in India
- NIMHANS signs MoU to implement Tele-MANAS, with **Mpower**, a mental health initiative of the **Aditya Birla Education Trust**.
- In line with the expanding military cooperation with South East Asian nations, an Indian Navy Kilo class conventional submarine, **INS Sindhukesari**, docked in Jakarta, Indonesia, for the first time
- **West Bengal** reported the **highest number of species of birds**, followed by Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh during the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) 2023

- **Facebook and Instagram** began a rollout of their **first paid verification** service, testing users' willingness to pay.
- **Reliance Retail** has announced the opening of the **first freestanding Gap store** in India at **Mumbai's** Infiniti Mall.
- The **Maharaja Sayajirao University of Vadodara** to host Youth 20 India Summit for environment conservation
- IRCTC will be operating Baba Saheb Ambedkar Yatra tour package under **"Dekho Apna Desh"** initiative, covering some of the prominent sites associated with the life of Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar. The First journey of the Baba Saheb Ambedkar Yatra will be from New Delhi
- Medicinal plant commonly called **Borthekera in Assamese** found to have cardioprotective potential
- **'Kol Janjati Mahakumbh'** organized on the occasion of Shabri Mata Janm Jayanti at Satna, Madhya Pradesh
- In a move to harness export potential of millets to the **Gulf Cooperation Countries (GCCs)**, the **APEDA** that works under the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, has signed a MoU with **Lulu Hypermarket** for export promotion of millets
- A **neutral citation** would mean that the **court would assign its own citation(identification tag for a judgment)** distinct from those given by traditional Law Reporters. Law Reporters are periodicals or annual digests that publish judgments, often with an editorial note to make it accessible for lawyers to refer to precedents. Supreme Court will adopt a "neutral citation system" for its judgments.
- **Himachal Pradesh** to become first state in India to have **organised cultivation of Mulethi**
- Real-time payments are money transfers that are mostly settled as soon as they are performed. RTPs are allowed **24x7, 365 days a year**. They help simplify the **process of fund transfer as well as ease communication between the payer and the payee**. P2P payments involve the transfer of funds from one user's bank account to another through a digital medium. Common examples of P2P mobile apps in India include GPay and Paytm.
- **India ranks 42nd** among 55 leading global economies on the **International IP Index released by the U.S. Chambers of Commerce**.
- 14th Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav to be held at **Bikaner**
- International Biotech Conclave, first-ever in **Northeast at Manipur**
- **World Book Fair 2023** begins in **New Delhi**
- Ministry of Ayush to organise its first '**Chintan Shivir**' at **Kaziranga National Park, Assam**
- **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** scientists have been selected to receive a research grant from the **Degrees Modelling Fund (DMF)**, which supports scientists in **developing countries and emerging economies** to explore whether a controversial proposal to reflect sunlight from the earth could reduce the regional impact of climate change.

International Issues

- **Quad Senior Cyber Group Met in New Delhi** to Strengthen Cyber security Cooperation
- The iCET **was launched** during the meeting between **Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Biden** at the **Quad meeting in Tokyo** last year. ICET is being run by the **National Security Councils of the two countries**
- **Walk on Wednesday** sees half a **million of UK workers** on strike
- The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Brunel University London** have launched a Rs 1 crore programme for joint research projects in areas including combustion, manufacturing, design, and energy.
- India has handed over to **Kenya 100 nautical charts** covering the general coastal area around **the Lamu Archipelago (near Kenya's northern coast)**, following a joint survey of the area by the Navies of the two countries.
- **Burkina Faso** seeks '**federation**' with **Mali** for joint economic clout
- **Australia** is removing the **British monarchy** from its bank notes
- The **United States and the Philippines** announced a deal to give **U.S. troops access to another four bases** in the Southeast Asian nation, as the long-time allies seek to counter China's military rise.
- The **U.S. opened an embassy** in the **Solomon Islands** to counter China's push into the Pacific.
- **Hong Kong** offers **5 lakh free air tickets** after COVID isolation, sheds quarantine
- **Lebanon devalues** official **exchange rate by 90%** to adopt a new official exchange rate of 15,000 pounds per U.S. dollar
- The **Dar es Salaam Declaration** for Action to **end AIDS in Children**
- Newly-discovered **ancient 'marine crocodile'** (*Turnersuchus hingleyae*) fossil could be the oldest of its kind ever found in Jurassic Coast in the **United Kingdom**
- Indian Railways to introduce **Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train** under '**Ek**
- The **United States shot down a Chinese surveillance balloon** that had floated over American airspace for several days, triggering the latest diplomatic crisis amid already worsening relations between the world's two biggest powers.
- **Chile** has declared a **state of disaster** in several central-southern regions after a devastating heat wave sparked forest fires
- **Former Pakistan President and Army chief General Pervez Musharraf** (retd), who proposed what he called the "**Musharraf formula**" to resolve the Jammu and Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan, passed away in Dubai
- **India, France and the United Arab Emirates** declared their common intent to formalise a "**trilateral cooperation initiative**" to collaborate on nuclear energy and explore opportunities in the Indian Ocean region.
- **Hainan** is an island **province of China** and the nation's southernmost point
- The **new global epicentre of violent Islamic extremism** is **sub-Saharan Africa** where people are increasingly joining because of economic factors, says a new report by the UN.

- **European union** had step up **trade and technology council with India**
- **Operation Dost**, India's massive humanitarian aid for Turkey-Syria earthquake
- **Quad Nations** are launching a **public campaign to improve cyber security** across the **Quad nations: the Quad Cyber Challenge**. The Internet-users are being invited across the Indo-Pacific and beyond to join the Challenge and pledge to practice safe and responsible cyber habits.
- **NTPC Limited**, the country's largest power generating company has been honoured with '**ATD Best Awards 2023**' by the **Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA**.
- The '**India ENIGMA Initiative for Global Ageing and Mental Health**' research project was launched at **NIMHANS**. The five-year project is aimed at bridging the knowledge gap around the various factors influencing the acceleration in brain ageing.
- '**5th Regional Dialogue on Afghanistan**' being held in **Moscow**.
- **Cash-strapped Pakistan and the IMF** signed a staff-level agreement, unlocking over \$1 billion loan tranche under **Extended Fund Facility** for the country's ailing economy.
- The **International Drought Resilience Alliance (IDRA)** was launched on COP27 to the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC)**. **Spain and Senegal** jointly launched the alliance to promote cooperation and preparedness against future droughts.
- **TARKASH** is a **joint exercise** by the **National Security Guard (NSG) and US Special Operations Forces**. The exercise also included a drill for tackling chemical and biological attacks by terrorists.
- The **Inclusive Forum on Carbon Mitigation Approaches (IFCMA)** is an initiative of **OECD**
- The **F-35A Lightning II** is the **newest fifth-generation fighter of the USAF** with **stealth, supersonic, and multi-role capabilities** made a debut in Aero India Show 2023. This is the first time that an F-35, developed by **US defence company Lockheed Martin, is in India**.
- World Government Summit 2023 held at Dubai
- **B-1B Lancer**, also known as '**Bone**' (for **B-one**), carries the largest conventional payload of **both guided and unguided weapons** in the USAF, and is considered the **backbone of America's long-range bomber force**, landed in Aero India 2023
- **HAL signs MoU with Response Plus Holding PJSC (RPM)**, a leading healthcare provider of emergency medical services, remote healthcare services, and occupational health solutions in the **United Arab Emirates for helicopter medical services**.
- **Global Sovereign Debt Round-table**, organised by the **IMF, the World Bank and India**, which is leading the Group of 20 major economies this year.
- Cabinet approved signing of **MoU between India and Chile** for **cooperation in the field of Agriculture and Allied Sectors**

- Cabinet approved signing of the **MoU between the India and South Africa** for cooperation in **Disability Sector**
- **Spain** voted through a **transgender law** letting anyone 16 and over change gender on their ID card.
- The 4th edition of joint military exercise, **“EX DHARMA GUARDIAN”**, between **India and Japan** is being conducted at Camp Imazu in **Shiga province, Japan**
- **Qatar** has lifted a **temporary ban** on import

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- of **frozen seafood from India**, paving the way for enhanced export and improved bilateral relations with the West Asian country.
- The **United Arab Emirates** has **opened a centre** housing a mosque, church and the **country's first official synagogue**, the **Abrahamic Family House**, with the aim of promoting **interfaith coexistence in the Muslim nation**. The oil-rich Gulf federation, which normalised relations with Israel, is home to a small Jewish community.
- **Russia, China and South Africa** are set to begin naval drills off South Africa's Indian Ocean coast in a demonstration of the three countries' close ties. The 10 days of exercises, **named Mosi II**, will coincide with the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine
- **REAIM 2023**- World's first global summit on Responsible AI in the Military kicks off in The Netherlands
- **Australia will host the Malabar multilateral naval exercise**, consisting of India, Australia, Japan and the U.S., for the first time this year **MALABAR 2023**
- Israel condemned the **“severe” expulsion** of a diplomat **from the African Union** summit, **accusing Iran of orchestrating** the move with help from Algeria and South Africa.
- The Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO), an international intergovernmental organization of the Eurasian Patent Convention, Moscow and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) entered into a cooperation on the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) Access through a Non-Disclosure Agreement.
- **Seattle** becomes the **first city in U.S.** to ban caste discrimination

- India will soon sign an air service agreement (ASA) with Guyana, allowing airlines of both sides to fly between the two countries
- After Saudi Arabia, Oman to allow Israeli planes to fly through its airspace.
- Afghanistan’s Taliban rulers reopened a key border crossing with Pakistan, allowing thousands of trucks carrying desperately needed food and other items to creep forward for the first time in days
- **India and the UAE** are exploring creating a virtual trade corridor to facilitate quicker clearance of shipments
- The **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** has suspended **Russia’s membership** over Moscow’s invasion of Ukraine.
- Jordan to host talks between Palestine and Israeli sides
- **India ranks 42nd** among 55 leading global economies on the **International IP Index released by the U.S. Chambers of Commerce.**
- Five indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) along with a contingent of 110 Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel arrived at **Al Dahfra airbase of the UAE** for participating in the **multilateral Exercise Desert Flag VIII**. For the first time LCA Tejas would be participating in an international flying exercise outside India.
- Indian Air Force will participate in a multi nation air exercise named '**Ex Cobra Warrior 22**' at **Waddington, UK**
- **Denmark’s Crown Prince Frederik André Henrik Christian and Crown Princess Mary Elizabeth arrived in India** on a four-day visit. It is the first visit by the Danish Royal family to India in two decades.
- U.S. papers drop the popular **“Dilbert” comic strip** after its creator posted a video calling Black people a “hate group”.
- A **wooden boat crowded with migrants smashed** into rocky reefs and broke apart off the **Italian coast.**
- The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for **two railway projects in Shivamogga which include Shivamogga – Shikaripura – Ranebennur** new Railway line and Koteganguru Railway coaching depot.

Sports

- **Babita Phogat** has been **added to the Oversight Committee** formed by the Union Sports Ministry to **probe various allegations**, including charges of sexual misconduct, levelled by some wrestlers against Wrestling Federation of India
- **Saudi Arabia** was confirmed as **host of football’s 2027 Asian Cup**
- **Railways** defeated Karnataka by three wickets in the final to **win the BCCI senior women’s one-day trophy** at the JSCA International Stadium Complex at Ranchi.
- India's **Monty Desai** appointed **Nepal's head cricket coach**
- The **Khelo India Winter Games** scheduled at **Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir.**
- **Smriti Mandhana** is the **highest paid cricketer** for Women IPL .
- Royal Challengers Bangalore (**RCB**) has roped in **Sania Mirza** as the **team mentor** for **Women’s Premier League (WPL) 2023.**

- **Akshdeep Singh and Priyanka Goswami won National Race Walking Championships.**
- **US wins SheBelieves Cup football** beating Brazil
- **Australia won the ICC Women's T20 World Cup** for the sixth time after it beat South Africa
- **F1 2023** season to begin with **Bahrain GP**
- **Madhya Pradesh defeats Maharashtra** to clinch title of **13th Hockey India senior women's National at Kakinada**

Environment

- Kelp forest are **underwater areas** with a **high density of kelp**, which covers a **large part of the world's coastlines** and **smaller areas of anchored kelp** are called kelp beds.
- Yaya Tso, known as birds' paradise has been proposed as **Ladakh's first biodiversity heritage site (BHS)**
- Government in collaboration with **United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)** is implementing a project called '**Enhancing Circularity and Sustainability**' in India.
- The **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)** launched **Mission Sahbhagita** with a mission of 'a healthy and effectively managed network of 75 wetlands of national and international significance which support water and food security; buffer from floods, droughts, cyclones and other extreme events with conservation and celebration of cultural heritage.'
- **R. Ashwin** became the **second-fastest bowler to complete 450 wickets in Tests**. Only Sri Lanka's **Muttiah Muralitharan** reached the milestone
- **Kerala beat Railways** to retain the women's crown, while Rajasthan stunned Services to win the men's title, in the **National volleyball championships in Guwahati**
- **Real Madrid lifted the Club World Cup** for a record fifth time win over **Al Hilal in Morocco**
- Scientists studying **Antarctica's vast Thwaites Glacier** nicknamed the Doomsday Glacier say warm water is seeping into its weak spots, worsening melting caused by rising temperatures. Thwaites, which is roughly the size of Florida, represents more than half a metre of global sea level rise potential, and could destabilise neighbouring glaciers that have the potential to cause a further three-meter rise.
- '**Omorgus Khandesh**', a newly discovered **Indian beetle**
- Munnar sees rare weather pattern as mercury dips to sub-zero levels
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- Solar Radiation Modification (SRM), also known as solar geoengineering or climate intervention, is a **proposal for reducing some of the risks of global warming**. If implemented, it might involve spraying tiny particles into the upper atmosphere to reflect some sunlight back out into space and reduce the impact of climate change.

Person in news

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- **Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh** took over as the **new Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force**
- Veteran singer and **Padma Bhushan** awardee, **Vani Jayaram** passed away

Grammy Awards

- **Beyonce** has broken the **records of Grammy** wins of all time with **32 awards**. Apart from winning for Best Dance/ Electronic Album for Renaissance, she also won for 'Cuff it' for Best R & B song.
- **Kim Petras** made history as the **first trans woman to win a Grammy**.
- Music **composer Ricky Kej**, based out of Bengaluru, has won his third Grammy Award for the **album 'Divine Tides'**
- **Titas Sadhu**, a member of the Indian team which won the inaugural U-19 Women's T20 World Cup recently, bagged the **'Emerging Hero' award** at Sportstar's first-ever East Sports Conclave-Focus West Bengal in Kolkata
- **Olympian hockey player Dr. Vece Paes** received the **'Unsung Hero' award** at Sportstar's first-ever East Sports Conclave-Focus West Bengal in Kolkata
- **B K S Varma**, known for his intricate, effusive paintings passed away
- **K. Sathyanarayana Raju** appointed MD and CEO of Canara Bank
- Legendary American songwriter **Burt Bacharach**, whose prolific output provided a chart-topping playlist for the 1960s and 70s with hits like **"I Say a Little Prayer,"** has died in Los Angeles
- Google Doodled the **PK Rosy on 120th birth anniversary**. she is considered to be the **first actress in Malayalam cinema** who was hounded out of the state and the film industry for portraying a Nair woman on screen in J.C. **Daniel's Vigathakumaran (The Lost Child)**.
- A Novel **"Victory City"** is written by **Salman Rushdie**
- **Cyprus's** former Foreign Minister **Christodoulides** elected **President**
- **Justices Rajesh Bindal and Aravind Kumar** took the oath of faith and allegiance to the Constitution and **filled the last two vacancies** in the 34-member Supreme Court Bench
- **Saudi Arabia** will send its first-ever woman astronaut on a space mission. **Rayyana Barnawi** will join fellow **Saudi male astronaut Ali Al-Qarni** on a mission to the **International Space Station** "during the second quarter of 2023"
- **Justice Nazeer (retd)**, who was part of the five-judge Bench that delivered the November 2019 Ayodhya verdict, has been appointed **Governor of Andhra Pradesh**.
- The present Vice-Chief of the Army Staff, Lieutenant-General **B.S. Raju**, has been appointed General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the South Western Army Command.
- Basketball Federation of India (BFI) president **K. Govindraj** is set to become the FIBA Asia president
- **Nicola Sturgeon**, the First Minister of Scotland, announced her resignation
- **REAIM 2023-** World's first global summit on Responsible AI in the Military kicks off in The Netherlands

- **Shantanu Roy** appointed BEML Director
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal of appointing **Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi** as the new Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)
- **Charu Sinha** has become the first woman officer to serve as the inspector general (IG) of four sectors of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- Computer scientist **Hari Balakrishnan** has been awarded the **2023 Marconi Prize**. The Marconi Prize is a top honour for computer scientists and is awarded by the U.S.-based Marconi Foundation. It is given to those “**who have made a significant contribution to increasing digital inclusivity** through advanced information and communications technology.”
- Shri **B.V.R. Subrahmanyam** joined as **Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog**
- **Lt Gen RS Reen** takes over as **Director General Quality Assurance**.
- Advocate **K.V. Ashwath Narayana** was elected as president of the Karnataka Public Prosecutors Association (KPPA).

BAFTA Awards

- **Best Film:** All Quiet on the Western Front
- **Best Actor :** Austin Butler, Elvis.
- **Best Actress :** Cate Blanchett, Tar
- **Best Director:** Edward Berger, All Quiet on the Western Front
- **Most award winning movie :** All Quiet on the western front
- The Board of Mahindra Lifespace Developers Ltd. (MLDL) has announced **Amit Kumar Sinha** as the MD & CEO designate.
- Classical dancer legend **kanak rele** and the Mohiniyattam exponent passed away

Important Dates

- Every year, **February 1** is observed as **Indian Coast Guard Day**
- World Wetlands Day observed on 2nd February every year . Theme for 2023 wetland day is “**It’s Time for Wetlands Restoration**”
- **KIOCL Limited**, a Union government undertaking, which was forced to stop magnetite iron ore concentrate mining at its captive mines in Kudremukh hill range on the Western Ghats following a Supreme Court order, **has been given the go-ahead for its mining project in Ballari district**.
- Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board, in collaboration with city-based Tours, is currently in the process of holding a three-month-long campaign in Bengaluru to boost inbound tourism to the country,
- In order to address cancer-related issues, **World Cancer Day** is observed on February 4. Theme for the for current year is “**Close the care Gap: Uniting our voices and taking action**”.
- The birth anniversary of saint-poet **Guru Ravidas** is celebrated on **Magh Purnima** called as **Guru Ravidas Jayanti** on **5th of February** .

- The **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** celebrated on February 11 is by the United Nations General Assembly to promote the full and equal access and participation of females in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics fields. Theme for 2023 is **IDEAS (Innovate, Demonstrate, Elevate, Advance, Sustain)**
- 11th February has been designated for **observation of Unani Day** every year. It commemorated the **birth anniversary of Hakim Ajmal Khan**. The theme of this international conference is '**Unani Medicine for Public Health**'
- **International Epilepsy Day**, the 2nd Monday in Feb, helps to raise epilepsy awareness. The theme for 2023 is **“Stigma means fear or feeling negative reactions”**. Epilepsy is a nervous disorder. It affects brain activity. The disease is identified late among children.
- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the year-long celebrations **commemorating the 200th birth anniversary** of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati, at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in Delhi.
- **World Pangolin Day** will be celebrated on 18 February 2023
- **World Day of Social Justice** is celebrated on **February 20th**. Theme for the year is **"Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice"**.
- **World NGO Day 2023** observed on **27th February**. This year, the **"role and influence of NGOs in advancing human rights, addressing social and environmental challenges, and achieving sustainable development goals"** will be the theme
- '**National Protein Day**' is celebrated every year on 27 February in the country. Right to Protein, a national level public health initiative, organised the first ever Protein Day in India on February 27, 2020. The theme of this year's is **“Easy Access to Protein for All.”**