

State Issues

- World Coffee Conference to be held in Bengaluru
- The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTCL), along with the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT), introduced a new feeder bus service as part of the **Sustainable Mobility Accords (SuMA) programme**.
- **University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS)** to setup first-of-its-kind **agriculture science museum in Bengaluru at GKVK campus**. The museum will also include a millet gallery and provide details on agricultural marketing.
- According to a **report** released by the **Association for Democracy**, **total assets of the MLAs in Karnataka stands highest** among all States and Union Territories in India. It is followed by Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh and State with lowest total assets is Tripura.
- Kannada film **actor Shivarajkumar** has been named the **new brand ambassador of Nandini milk products of KMF**.
- According to the National Organ Tissue Transplant Organisation data **Karnataka ranks third in India** in the number of deceased organ donors and deceased donor transplants
- National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) unveiled JALDOST at Bengaluru
- According to the 'Brand Footprint 2023 India' report, Karnataka Milk Federation's Nandini is the sixth 'most-chosen' Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) brand in India
- The former judge of the High Court of Karnataka N.K. Sudhindra Rao has been appointed as chairman of the Karnataka State Police Complaints Authority
- According to the State Achievement Survey 2022-23 (SAS), student learning achievement continues to be poor in the Karnataka, despite the implementation of Kalika Chetarike programme
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched **Amrit Bharata station scheme** across 508 railway stations in the country, out of which 13 stations are listed in Karnataka.
- **Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has bagged Asia's Best Brand Employer Award** under the category Organisation with Innovative HR Practices. The result was announced by the World CSR and Sustainability Congress
- Intensified **Mission Indradhanush 5.0** was launched in various districts of Karnataka
- The Karnataka government has embarked on an ambitious project to set up an integrated hi-tech security and surveillance and visitors' monitoring system
- As per the Karnataka state forest department's **latest elephant census report**, **Karnataka ranks No 1 in south India** with an elephant population of 6,395
- Karnataka state Cabinet approved the **Cyber Security Policy 2023**, in the wake of increasing cybercrimes in the state.
- The State Cabinet has decided to switch over from **palm oil to sunflower oil to prepare nutritious food at anganwadi centres** run under ICDS across Karnataka.

- A museum at the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) in Bengaluru has started a collection of bees from across India, particularly biodiversity hotspots such as the Western Ghats and the Northeast India.
- Discovery of two ancient sculptures at Basrur proves existence of ancient Mylara cult in coastal region in Udupi
- Kaynes Technology and the Karnataka IT&BT Department signed an MoU for setting up a semiconductor assembly and testing facility (OSAT) in Mysuru.
- Green crusader and tree storyteller, Vijay Thiruvady passed away
- Naragund Baba Saheb, the king was among the freedom fighters from the Deccan to lead the first War of Independence in 1857
- Padma Shri awardee and former President of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) Prof. M.R. Satyanarayana Rao passed away
- The Karnataka government has appointed former Rajya Sabha member Professor M V Rajeev Gowda as the vice-chairperson of the State Institute for the Transformation of Karnataka (SITK)
- The former Minister and socialist leader Kagodu Thimmappa has been chosen for the Devaraj Urs award, which will be presented in Bengaluru on the occasion of the former Chief Minister's birth anniversary.
- Bengaluru to witness Zero Shadow Day, as the sun is positioned directly overhead, resulting in the absence of shadows on the earth's surface.
- India's first 3D-printed post office inaugurated in Bengaluru
- NIMHANS to set up brain and mind museum to increase awareness of neuroscience in Bengaluru
- Governor Thawarchand Gehlot has nominated former Ministers M.R. Seetharam and Umashree, and H.P. Sudham Das, former Indian Revenue Service officer, as members of Karnataka the Legislative Council
- India Clean Air Summit will be held in Bengaluru
- Global Innovation Alliance Partners' meet held in Bengaluru
- **Karnataka is the second state in India to implement the GreenCo rating** whereby industries would be given rating based on their environmental performance indices. The best performers would be identified by CII and the board and reward them
- "Karnataka State Energy Efficiency Action Plan" is prepared by Bureau of Energy Efficiency in association with Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL).
- Music director Hamsalekha will inaugurate 2023 Dasara festivities in Mysuru.

National Issues

- NITI Aayog and UNDP sign Memorandum of Understanding on fast tracking SDGs
- World's first prototype of the BS 6 Stage II 'Electrified Flex fuel vehicle' was launched

- According to study, Cyclone frequency may rise over Indian coast from the warming of Pacific ocean. is a robust, recurring pattern of ocean-atmosphere climate variability centered over the mid-latitude Pacific basin. It waxes and wanes approximately every 20 to 30 years
- Pragyan confirms sulphur near south pole of moon with Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS) instrument aboard the rover has made the first-ever in-situ measurements on the elemental composition of the lunar surface near the south pole.
- The LIBS is a scientific technique that analyses the composition of materials by exposing them to intense laser pulses. A high-energy laser pulse is focused onto the surface of a material, such as a rock or soil, and generates localised plasma.
- ISRO releases graph of temperature variation of topsoil in lunar South Pole by **ChaSTE**. It measures the temperature profile of the lunar topsoil around the South Pole, to understand the thermal behaviour of the moon's surface.
- The project Amber is being implemented in collaboration between National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), Generation India Foundation (GIF) and Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- Technology centre of American multinational shipping and supply chain management company United Parcel Service (UPS) was inaugurated in Chennai. This is the company's first such facility in India.
- India is all set to open a climate change and health hub in New Delhi in partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and first WHO Centre for Global Traditional Medicine, to be set up in Gujarat.
- The **point of Vikram lander of Chandrayaan-3 landed will be called 'Shiv Shakti'**, and the point where Chandrayaan-2 left its footprint on the lunar surface will be called '**Tiranga**'
- The number of bank accounts under the **PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)**, have crossed 50 crore with total deposits exceeding Rs 2 lakh crore with completion of nine years
- **Khanan Prahari App** launched to Curb Illegal Coal Mining Activities Through Public Participation
- India joined an elite list of countries the U.S., Russia and China to successfully land on the moon and also become **the first nation to touch down on the south polar region of the moon.**
- Linezolid, Clofazimine, and Cycloserine used for treating drug-resistant TB
- **Astra air-to-air missile test-fired** from Tejas was successful
- **Bharat NCAP** is an indigenous star-rating system for crash testing cars under which vehicles will be assigned between one to five stars indicating their safety in a collision was launched
- The G20 Pandemic Fund has approved the \$25 million proposal submitted by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), on "Animal Health Security Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response"

- A 28-foot Nataraja statue, is placed in front of the venue of the G-20 Leaders' Summit in New Delhi. It is sent from Swamimalai, a small town in Tamil Nadu's Thanjavur district, known for its bronze sculptures.
- India Smart Cities Awards Contest (ISAC) 2022 winners were announced. Indore has been adjudged the best Smart City followed Surat and Agra are the second and third place winners among cities. Madhya Pradesh has been chosen as the top state for exemplary performance followed by Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan respectively
- Canara Bank has launched UPI Interoperable Digital Rupee mobile application as part of the Reserve Bank of India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) pilot project. Canara Bank is the first bank among public and private sector banks to introduce this feature in banking
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched a pilot project called "Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit"
- The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), launched new mobile application — Smart Access to Marine Users for Ocean Data Resources and Advisories (SAMUDRA).It empowers users with real-time updates and critical alerts on oceanic disasters such as tsunamis, storm surges, high waves, and swell surge alerts, for the individuals and communities to stay informed and take necessary precautions towards the protection of lives and property.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Ayush will host the first-ever global summit on traditional medicine at Gandhinagar, Gujarat with the key focus areas being research, evidence and learning policy, data and regulations, innovation and digital health and biodiversity, equity and traditional knowledge.
- National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) under Ministry of Women and Child Development organized two State Level Master Trainers Programmes on 'Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi' at Nalbari (Assam) to promote better nutrition & high quality
- **'A-HELP' Programme and Infertility Camp for Livestock** under Inclusive Development at Narmada, Gujarat launched. The programme aims to empower women by engaging them as trained agents who contribute significantly to disease control, artificial insemination under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM), animal tagging, and livestock insurance.
- 'Graphene-Aurora program' was launched at Kochi, Kerala. 'India Graphene Engineering and Innovation Centre (I-GEIC)' shall be set up and the initial operations will start from the recently opened facility of Government of Kerala at Digital Science Park in Trivandrum. It shall fill the gap between R&D and commercialization by providing a complete facility to startup and industry.
- Silent March and Exhibition organized at Central Park in Connaught Place, New Delhi to mark Partition Horrors Remembrance Day.
- A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) officer Assistant Commandant Loukrakpam Ibomcha Singh, from Manipur is the lone recipient of the President's Police Medal for Gallantry (PPMG)

- Pineapple Festival is held at Dilli Haat, New Delhi
- Telangana government scraps road tax exemption on electric cars
- A large number of megalithic hat stones were found from a single site during a recent excavation in Kerala
- The Cabinet has approved the signing and ratification of the Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) between the Central Board of Indirect taxes and Customs (CBIC), Department of Revenue, Government of India and the Department of Home Affairs incorporating the Australian Border Force, Australian Government. The arrangement is aimed at providing reciprocal benefits to accredited and trusted exporters of both the signatories in the clearance of goods by the Customs authorities of the importing country.
- India and WHO to launch Global Initiative on Digital Health as part of the ongoing G-20 summit in Gandhinagar.
- The National Cybersecurity Hackathon is a joint initiative launched by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Bureau of Police Research and Development, and the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C). It was started to help students understand and devise solutions for cybersecurity challenges and cybercrimes faced by people.
- The Union Cabinet approved a five-year extension and expansion of the Digital India programme, including an expansion of the Computer Emergency Response Team, India (CERT-in)
- Union Cabinet approves new Central Sector Scheme 'PM Vishwakarma' to support traditional artisans and craftspeople of rural and urban India
- First Indian-made MRI scanner to be launched for clinical work by this year end
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of Regional Hub of National Security Guard (NSG) at Gujarat
- "ImPact with Youth Conclave" organised by United Nations India, Yuwaah at UNICEF, and Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India at Chennai
- CBI Academy of India joins the INTERPOL Global Academy Network
- One District One Product (ODOP) and Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) joined hands to launch 'ODOP wall'
- Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) and Common Service Centre (CSC) launches "Niveshak Sarathi" Vans for Delhi-NCR
- Telangana launches India's first Agricultural Data Exchange platform
- Parliament passed the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023, in a bid to attract private sector investment in the exploration of critical and deep-seated minerals in the country
- Prime minister launched the **e-portal 'Bhartiya Vastra evam Shilpa Kosh** - A Repository of Textiles & Crafts' developed by the National Institute of Fashion Technology.
- **Cott-Ally mobile app** has been developed for **farmers to increase awareness** about MSP rates, nearest procurement centers, payment tracking, best farm practices etc.

- **Robot 'BANDICOOT' technology** is used to eliminate the manual scavenging
- Defence Ministry has decided to replace the Microsoft Operating System (OS) in all computers connected to the Internet with a new locally developed **OS, Maya**, based on open-source Ubuntu.
- Department of Space (DoS) informed the parliament that Navigation with Indian Constellation or NavIC, the seven-satellite system that makes up India's version of the American GPS (global positioning system), will soon be integrated into Aadhaar enrolment devices across the country
- **Psycho-legal aid cell** was inaugurated, to support clinical psychologists in handling psycho-legal cases, at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (Nimhans)
- **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** marked five years of its launch in providing healthcare to economically vulnerable populations.
- Kerala Assembly Passes Unanimous Resolution to Rename State as '**Keralam**'
- The governor of India's central bank (RBI) is proposing AI-powered instant conversational payments to boost digitalization in India.
- The 130-year-old **Kuttikkanam Palace**, once the summer residence of the kings of erstwhile Travancore, is set to be declared a historical monument.
- Fertiliser maker Coromandel International's subsidiary **Dhaksha Unmanned Systems**, which manufactures drones, has bagged an order to **supply 200 medium altitude logistics drones and accessories to the Indian Army.**
- Tamil Nadu's **Jaderi 'namakatti', chedibutta saree and Kanniyakumari Matti banana** get GI tag
- Rajasthan's Nathdwara Pichhwai Painting, Kashmir's Mushqbudji rice, Bihar's Marcha Rice, Jammu Kashmir's Rajouri Chikri Wood Craft, Agsechi Vayingim (Agassaim Brinjal) of Goa and Sat Shiro Bheno (Sat Shirancho Bhendo) also known as Okra which is vegetable crop of Goa also got GI tags.
- CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR) in collaboration with Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) and Vigyana Bharati (VIBHA) organized a one-day training workshop on incense stick making at Gram Panchayat Bhawan of Pilli Padav village (Gaindikhata cluster), Haridwar, Uttarakhand
- WorldCoin (WDL), a crypto project was formally reintroduced
- The Computer Emergency Response Team of India issued an alert for the ransomware dubbed "Akira."
- Centre launched Vivad se Vishwas 2.0 scheme to settle contractual disputes
- **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)** has developed an application '**MASI**' - **Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection** for real time monitoring of the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and their inspection mechanism across the country. It functions under the **Juvenile Justice Act.**

- PEHCHAN scheme was introduced to provide **new identity card to handicraft artisans** and help them avail benefits of various schemes by connecting to national database
- President will inaugurate **‘Unmesha’** – International Literature Festival and **‘Utkarsh’** – Festival of Folk and Tribal Performing Arts, being organised by the Ministry of Culture in association with Sahitya Akademi and Sangeet Natak Akademi at **Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)**
- **West Bengal** to launch its own NERGA scheme for providing 100 days’ work to the people of the State
- **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** has launched the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR)
- **'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign** will be launched to honour our martyred braveheart men and women
- The Registration of Birth and Death (RBD) Amendment Bill, 2023, was passed in Lok Sabha
- Extreme ultraviolet images of the Sun obtained by the Solar Orbiter spacecraft have revealed numerous small-scale jets within a coronal hole called **“picoflare”** jets .Picoflare could supply energy and plasma to the solar wind, a continuous stream of charged particles flowing outwards from the Sun’s corona, and a component of space weather within the heliosphere. The coronal holes could be the source region of solar wind, but wind emergency from this remains unknown

International Affairs

- India, Kenya sign MoU for capacity building and collaboration in ship design and construction.
- The California State Assembly has passed an anti-caste discrimination Bill that seeks to combat caste discrimination and strengthen protections for marginalised communities across the State.
- NASA and SpaceX’s Dragon spacecraft launched its **SpaceX crew-7** from Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- Norway will become the third country after Denmark and the Netherlands to donate F-16 fighter jets to Kyiv to bolster its Soviet-era Air Force.
- Pro-Somalia militia takes major military base belonging to the Army in the southern part of the breakaway region of Somaliland. The Sool region, of which the disputed city of Las Anod is the capital, has seen months of conflict between Somaliland troops and a clan militia
- Pakistan approves signing of security pact with U.S. Communication Interoperability and Security Memorandum of Agreement (CIS-MOA) is a foundational agreement that the U.S. signs with its allies and countries with which it wants to maintain close military ties and it provides legal cover for the sale of military equipment

- **Niger's military** staged a coup, ousting President Mohamed Bazoum by dismissing the constitution and closing the national borders
- National Security Adviser **Ajit Doval** joined counterparts from other nations at a peace conference on the Ukraine conflict hosted by Saudi Prime Minister and Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman.
- Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva will host Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organisation to seek a roadmap to save the world's biggest rainforest
- An international team of astronomers and computer scientists from India and France have developed a new technique to search for closely merging supermassive black holes. **GOTHIC (specialised image processing technique)** used sophisticated image processing techniques and data from one of the largest optical surveys, the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) to detect such nuclei pairs.
- The 31st edition of **the Malabar multilateral exercise comprising India, Australia, Japan and the U.S.** will be held off **Sydney**, as Australia hosts the war games for the first time this year. Australia has also invited India for the Sea Power conference
- Cambodian King appoints Hun Manet as Prime Minister after Mr. Hun Sen stepped down from the power
- **France and Mali** have suspended issuing visas to each other's citizens in a heightening of a row between the former allies, diplomats. Mali's junta froze new visas for French citizens at its embassy in Paris in an act of "reciprocity" after France suspended issuing new visas in Mali.
- Badminton Association of India inaugurates National Centre of Excellence at Guwahati
- Russia has successfully launched **Luna 25**, the country's first lunar lander in 47 years.
- Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar named Pakistan's new caretaker PM
- The German government approved a draft law for legalising the purchase and possession of cannabis for recreational use. The legislation would allow adults to possess up to 25 grams of cannabis and grow up to three plants for personal use.
- Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Sports between India and Australia. The bilateral exchange programmes in the field of sports between India and Australia will help in expanding knowledge and expertise in the area of sport sciences, technologies and infrastructure, athlete and coach training and development, sports governance and integrity
- Cabinet approves signing of MoU between India and Suriname in the field of the regulation of medicines. It will facilitate export of medical products leading to foreign exchange earnings, a step towards an Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Environment

- Centre approves **Rajasthan's fifth tiger reserve in Dholpur-Karauli**
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology unveils new variety "Lotus" flower developed by Lucknow Institute CSIR-NBRI (National

Botanical Research Institute) a premier plant-based, multidisciplinary, state-of-the-art National R&D center, named as 'Namoh 108', the new Lotus has 108 petals

- Maharashtra government mooted its first elephant reserve in Gondia and Gadchiroli districts to be named as **Navegaon Elephant Reserve**
- Team of researchers have discovered New species of snake in Western Ghats called '**Sahyadriophis**'
- The Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF) was finally ratified and launched at the Seventh Assembly of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in Vancouver, Canada.
- The large flightless bird named Takahe thought to be extinct decades ago, has rediscovered in the forests of New Zealand's South Island. Takahe is a flightless bird of nearly 50 centimetres in size, has been an intrinsic part of New Zealand's ecosystem since the prehistoric Pleistocene era, as evidenced by fossil remains
- Researchers have recorded the first instance of captive breeding of the Himalayan vulture (*Gyps himalayensis*) in India at the Assam State Zoo, Guwahati.
- The newly discovered **Perucetus colossus**, an ancient species of whale, is thought to be one of the largest and heaviest animals on record at Southern Peru
- Clouded leopards have found in western Assam's Manas National Park and Tiger Reserve
- A recent publication by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) points out that about 5% of the birds found in the country are endemic and not reported in other parts of the world.
- Scientists from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee and the Geological Survey of India (GSI) have discovered a **new plant-eating dinosaur species in Jaisalmer**, and has named it after **Thar desert**
- According to a new study, India's largest species of bats, Indian Flying Fox bat spends 7% of its day-roosting time being environmentally vigilant.
- New Snake Species called *Tachymenoides harrisonfordi* Found In Peru Otishi National Park is named after Harrison Ford, who is famous for his role as Indiana Jones
- Water level in lake Titicaca falls to historic low due to climate change
- Inclusive Conservation Initiative (ICI) is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and supported by Conservation International and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to provide direct financial support to Indigenous population
- North India's first River Rejuvenation Project Devika is nearing completion as built on the lines of 'Namami Gange'
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Sports

- South Zone won the Deodhar Trophy title defeating East Zone at Puducherry . It is a List A cricket domestic cricket tournament of India.
- Long jumper **Jeswin Aldrin** won gold at the Citius athletics meeting World Athletics Continental Tour-Bronze event in Bern, Switzerland
- **Aditi Swami and Ojas Deotale** won the first ever women's and men's individual titles for the India in Berlin. Aditi swami became the first Indian and the youngest ever to win an individual World crown.
- India's U-31 team won bronze at World Youth bridge championship in Veldhoven, the Netherlands.
- Video review will make its Grand Slam tennis debut at the US Open this year and the players will get three challenges per set to check for double bounce
- The Indian men's hockey team rose to third in the latest FIH rankings following the Asian Champions Trophy triumph. The table is topped by Netherlands and followed by Belgium and India replaced England. This is the second time that India is placed third in the FIH rankings.
- The Indian men's hockey team won the Asian Champions Trophy for the fourth time defeating Malaysia
- Cricketer Yash Dhull and Shafali Verma unveiled the mascot duo for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup at Gurugram
- Spain won first FIFA Women's World Cup against England
- Magnus Carlsen secured his first ever title, defeating R. Praggnanandhaa in Baku , Azerbaijan
- **Neeraj Chopra** become the first-ever Indian to secure a **gold in the World Athletics Championships in Budapest**. It was Neeraj's second and India's third medal after long jumper Anju Bobby George opened the account in 2003.

Person in news

- **Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao**, one of the world's most eminent statistician passed away. He was awarded India's highest honours the Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan
- **Jayanto Banerjee** honoured with Barton Lifetime Achievement Award by Indian Institute of Cartoonists
- **Jayanta Mahapatra**, one of India's best known English poets, passed away
- Noted litterateur and Padma Shri awardee N.D. Mahanor, known as Maharashtra's 'nature poet', passed away
- Google Doodle celebrated the life of US-based designer Altina Schinasi. She is most famously known for the trendy 'cat-eye' eyeglass frame design. Google celebrates its 116th birthday of the American designer with a doodle depicting Altina inside a cat-eye framed eyeglass

- The President of India had formed the Commission headed by former Delhi High Court Chief **Justice G. Rohini** to examine the question of sub-categorising the over 2,600 caste groups listed in the Central OBC list.
- Revolutionary balladeer and folk singer Gaddar passed away
- Exiled Belarusian Opposition **leader Svetlana Tikhonovskaya won Anna Lindh Prize** in fighting for democracy.
- Eminent industrialist Ratan Tata was conferred with the first ever 'Udyog Ratna' award instituted by the Maharashtra government.
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) has named cricketer Rahul Dravid as its new brand ambassador
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the 'The Grand Cross of the Order of Honour' by the Greek President Katerina Sakellaropoulou
- The Election Commission of India has partnered with **Sachin Tendulkar, Pankaj Tripathi, and Dr. Niru Kumar** to promote voter awareness and education. These national icons will help engage various segments of society and encourage them to participate in democracy.

69th National Film Awards

- Best Actor: Allu Arjun(Pushpa)
- Best Actress awards: Alia Bhatt(Gangubai Kathiawadi) and Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
- Best Director Nikhil Mahajan, Godavari
- Best Feature Film: The Nambi Effect
- Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: RRR
- Nargis Dutt Award (promoting national integration) : The Kashmir Files
- Best Supporting Actress: Pallavi Joshi (The Kashmir Files)
- Best Supporting Actor: Pankaj Tripathi (Mimi)
- Best Child Artist: Bhavin Rabari (Chhello Show)
- Best Kannada Film: 777 Charlie
- Best Children's Film: Gandhi and Co
- Best Anthropological Film: Fire on Edge
- Best Biographical Film: Rukhu Matir Dukhu Majhi and Beyond Blast
- Best Science & Technology Films: Ethos of Darkness
- Best Promotional Film: Endangered Heritage 'Warli Art'
- Best Environment Film (Non-feature film): Munnam Valavu
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Important Dates

- The Government of India designated **August 7, as the National Handloom Day**
- **August 8** marks the 81st anniversary of the **Quit India Movement**, also known as Bharat Jodo Andolan in India, the final phase of the struggle for independence.
- Annually, **on August 9th, World Tribal Day is observed** , dedicated to advocating for and safeguarding the rights of indigenous populations. Theme 2023 is "Indigenous Youth as Agents of Change for Self-determination."

- **World Biofuel Day is observed every year on August 10**
- **World Lion Day is observed on August 10 each year.**
- **World Elephant Day** observed globally on August 12. Theme for 2023 "Ending the illegal wildlife trade "
- **International Youth Day** is celebrated every year on August 12. Theme for 2023 'Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World.'
- World Humanitarian Day is observed annually on August 19. Theme for 2023 is "No Matter What"
- International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition will be observed on **August 23**. Theme 2023 "Fighting slavery's legacy of racism through transformative education"
- The day Chandrayaan-3's lander made a soft-landing on the Moon **August 23** will be commemorated as **National Space Day**.
- **National Sports Day is celebrated on 29 August** every year. Theme 2023 is "Sports are an enabler to an inclusive and fit society"
- The National Small Industry Day is observed in India on August 30 every year. World MSME Day is celebrated on 27th June of every year
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Places in News

- The offshore oil field, known as **Arash in Iran** and **Dorra in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia**, is a focal point of contention between the three countries for ownership
- Islamic State (IS) group militants killed troops and pro-government fighters in the former jihadist stronghold of **Raqa province of Syria**
- China seeks removal of Philippines vessel from **Spratly Islands of South China Sea**.
- West Bank town of Zawata, north of the city Nablus is in Palestinian city. The area has been a flashpoint for fighting between Israeli forces and Palestinians.
- Wildfire spreads across town of Lahaina and island of Maui in Hawaiian town
- Kupiansk or Kupyansk is a city in Kharkiv Oblast, Ukraine
- Deir ez-Zor is the largest city in eastern Syria
- Koutougou in the Tillaberi region (eight Regions of Niger) located at Burkina Faso
- Migrant boat sinks off at Cape Verde island, the westernmost point of continental Africa.
- U.K. scrambles jets to stop Russian bombers near north of Shetland Island. It is also formerly called as Zetland, is an archipelago in Scotland lying between Orkney, the Faroe Islands, and Norway. It is the northernmost region of the United Kingdom.
- Haiti is a Caribbean country witnessing rampant gang violence, including hundreds killed in lynchings by vigilante mobs as reported by UN