

State Issues

- **Mudhol hound**, the majestic hunting dog breed from Karnataka, has entered the elite league of native breeds recognised by the **National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources (NBAGR)**, that documents all the animal and bird breeds in the country.
- The **International Institute of Information Technology-Bangalore (IIIT-B)** is involved in the development of Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces (RIS), which will have immense potential to extend the communication range and enhance the quality of base stations, in 5G-Advanced and also in the forthcoming 6G networks.
- **Gita Chadha** has been appointed **Obaid Siddiqi Chair in the History and Culture of Science**, at the archives, at **National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS)**, Bengaluru. The Obaid Siddiqi Chair has been set up at the intersection of the practice of science, its history and culture, and is awarded to eminent scholars whose work spans these disciplines.
- Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has congratulated new home owners in Bengaluru's first project under SWAMIH Fund
- The **Rohini Nilekani Centre for Brain and Mind** was launched at the **National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) in Bengaluru**. The centre will focus on the long-term examination of environmental and genetic factors involved in brain development, which underline severe mental illness.
- Government of Karnataka, is planning for **first night safari** in state at **Hampi Zoo**
- Under 'Road Reader' project, **new QR code** appears on road signboards in **South zone of Bengaluru**, that takes citizens to a page with not only details of the road, but also **contact numbers of civic officials and contractors in charge of the road**.
- **Rudrappa Lamani** was elected unopposed as **Deputy Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly**
- outstanding contribution in improving the reliability of e-market practices in line
- **Trin Trin launched in mysore** is all set to be taken a notch higher with the Karnataka Government embarking on a project to revamp it with technological interventions.
- According to data from National AIDS Control Programme (NACP), Karnataka has third highest number of TB-HIV co-infection cases in India
- Third G20 Culture Working Group (CWG) meet begins in Hampi, Karnataka
- PM hails Guinness World Record for '**largest display of Lambani items**' during 3rd G20 Culture Working Group Meeting in **Hampi, Karnataka**
- **Government school kids in Karnataka's Dharwad** to get '**Chigari**' experience for free
- **Measles and rubella cases reported in Karnataka** increased by nearly seven times between 2021-22 and 2022-23, data prepared by the World Health Organisation (WHO)
- Karnataka to launch Panchatantra 2.0 pilot soon

- With an aim to reduce the usage of personal vehicles, the Bengaluru Political Action Committee (B.PAC), in collaboration with World Resources Institute (WRI) launched **#Personal2Public (#P2P) campaign**
- To, Autorickshaw Drivers Union (ADU) will soon launch **MetroMitra**, a WhatsApp-based chatbot and application to book autos to bridge first and last-mile connectivity between metro stations and homes. The initiative backed by Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is also aimed at increasing ridership. Namma Yatri, will run the pilot of the chatbot and app operating on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)
- The **Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL)** has declared its **highest-ever dividend**, amounting to Rs.20.96 crore for the financial year 2021 – 22
- **Members of the Kodava community**, in the hill district of Kodagu, are **demanding exclusive, intangible constituencies in Parliament** and in the **Karnataka Assembly** on the lines of the Sangha virtual constituency for the Buddhist monastic community in Sikkim.
- Karnataka Speaker **U.T. Khader was presented with the 'Great Son of India'** award at the Indian Conference of Intellectuals in New Delhi
- Foxconn arm proposes project with Rs.8,800 cr. investment in Tumakuru
- Kuteera Jyothi, Amrutha Jyothi beneficiaries to get 53 and 75 units of free power under Gruha Jyothi scheme
- Bengaluru -based **drone start-up Squadrone Infra and Mining Pvt. Ltd.** has deployed drone-based geophysical surveys for prospecting and exploration of nickel, gold, bauxite, coal and other critical minerals at Indonesia's Kalimantan and Sulawesi Islands.
- The BWSSB set up the Visvesvaraya Rainwater Harvesting Theme Park in 2011 at Jayanagar, to create awareness on the importance of rainwater harvesting.
- The **Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE)** has prepared a new proposal to extend the **Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP)** to nearby cities and towns, and has sought the approval of the Ministry of Railways to conduct the pre-feasibility study
- As part of the '**Brand Bengaluru**' initiative, the State government signed an agreement with **Canada-based World Design Organization (WDO)** for suggestions for the **Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)** to build the city.
- This year(2023) Independence Day flower show in Karnataka to be a tribute to Kengal Hanumanthaiya
- **Bengaluru** joins the league of 40 global cities, including New York, London, Paris, and Tokyo, as part of the **World cities Cultural Forum**
- Bidar, Hospet identified for development as solar cities in Karnataka
- **Bengaluru** has been chosen as the best **RRR (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) city** in the State in a campaign run by the Directorate Municipal Administration of Urban Development Department. **My Life, My Clean City** was a national campaign launched by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

- **Karnataka State Road Regulatory and Development Authority** led by the Chief Minister will be constituted to identify priority roads that could be taken up for development under the PPP model and prepare detailed project reports
- Golf equipment manufacturer Callaway Golf India has launched India's first golf fitting centre at the Karnataka Golf Association (KGA,) Bengaluru.
- The Udupi handloom sari, dyed using natural arecanut 'chogaru' is set to be launched
- Bombay High Court bench in Goa , directs Goa government to notify Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary as tiger reserve within 3 months, evoked the implication on Karnataka's Mahadayi project

National Issues

- **India's Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT)** was one of the world's six large telescopes that played a key role in finding the first direct evidence for the relentless vibrations of the fabric of the universe, caused by ultra-low frequency gravitational waves.
- Indian Coast Guard & Indian Navy sign MoU with Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation Ltd for developing gallery at National Maritime Heritage Complex
- Prime Minister launches **National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission** from Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh
- Indian refiners have begun paying for some oil imports from Russia in Chinese yuan, as Western sanctions force Moscow and its customers to find alternatives to the dollar for settling payments.
- The **Ordinance promulgated by the President** amending the Government of **National Capital Territory of Delhi Act 1991(GNCTD Act)** took away the services from the jurisdiction of the Delhi government.
- Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Sai Hira Global Convention Centre** in Puttaparthi, **Andhra Pradesh**
- National Anti-Doping Agency, India (NADA India) signs a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with South Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization (SARADO) in New Delhi
- National Innovation Foundation in association with the Indian National Science Academy organized an outreach program at Ahmedabad Management Association
- Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna- **National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)** launched **eSARAS mobile App** which will add to eCommerce initiatives for products made by the SHGs.
- In a landmark event concerning maritime collaboration under the framework of Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) between the nations of Indian Ocean Region, scientists from Bangladesh and Mauritius embarked onboard India's research vessel '**Sagar Nidhi**' to participate in the joint ocean expedition spanning nearly 35 days. The cruise is conducted by Indian National Centre for Ocean Information

Services (INCOIS) under Ministry of Earth Sciences. It is an outcome of the maiden CSC Oceanographers and Hydrographers conference held at Goa and Hyderabad

- President Droupadi Murmu attended 125th birth anniversary celebration of freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju at Hyderabad
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), is planning to launch the **Chandrayaan-3** moon mission, integrated the spacecraft with the Launch Vehicle Mark-III (LVM3) at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has launched **Bharat 6G Alliance** to drive innovation and collaboration in next-generation wireless technology.
- A study was published in Science Advances that offered to help accelerate healing in such cases –using a wearable, wireless, mechanically flexible device called **“smart bandage”**.
- **Threads is billed** as a **text-based version of Meta’s photo-sharing app Instagram** that the company says provides “a new, separate space for real-time updates and public conversations
- Colombo is currently hosting the 67th convention of the Travel Agents Association of India, in a bid to further boost Indian tourist arrivals
- The **Election Commission of India and Electoral Tribunal (ET) of Panama** signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Panama City to establish the institutional framework for their ongoing cooperation in the field of election management and administration.
- **NLC India Limited**, a navratna company under the Ministry of Coal, **bagged GeM award in the category "Timely Payments (CPSEs)" for the year 2023** for its outstanding contribution in improving the reliability of e-market practices in line with the vision of GeM.
- Department of Telecommunication , in collaboration with MYGOV, is celebrating **“Bharat Internet Utsav”** to celebrate Power of Internet
- **Punjab Regiment soldiers** set to march in **Bastille Day Parade held at Paris**
- Ministry of Defence signed, a contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for procurement of two Dornier Aircraft for Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
- Defence minister launched an **NCC Integrated Software in New Delhi** ,developed in partnership with **Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo Informatics (BISAG)**, is a single window interactive software for Cadets, designed on the **‘Entry to Exit Model’**
- According to Global peace Index, Iceland is the world’s most peaceful country and Indian ranked 126th .
- The **Department of Consumer Affairs and the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)** recently held a joint consultation with stakeholders on the menace of **‘dark patterns’** with ASCI has come up with guidelines for the same .
- .The two-day Urban 20 Mayoral Summit, hosted by the chair city Ahmedabad, in Gandhinagar

- Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) to conduct bankers' awareness workshop for State Bank of India
- Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India on-boarded to ONDC to expand market presence and make Handicrafts and Handloom products easily accessible to customers
- **One District One Product (ODOP) programme** under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry collaborated with an e-commerce player, Groyyo to onboard aggregators selling ODOP-identified products on its platform consisting of several categories such as home textiles, home décor etc
- TI Clean Mobility to set up tractor factory in Chennai
- **India has overtaken China as the most attractive emerging market for investing for sovereign wealth funds in 2023** due to its solid demographics, political stability and proactive regulation, according to a report published
- **Multimedia exhibition of CBC** was Inaugurated at **Srinagar**
- Indian Navy to get 26 Rafale-M fighters and three attack submarines from France
- The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved building two thermal power projects of 800 MW each at a cost of Rs.18,000 crore in Sonbhadra district.
- **Schedule M to be mandatory for MSME pharma firms soon.** M, part of the '**Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940**' deals with 'Good Manufacturing Practices' for pharmaceuticals that should be followed by pharmaceutical manufacturing units in India.
- According UNDP, 415 million Indians came out of multidimensional poverty in 15 years.
- The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council, at its 50th meeting to impose **28% tax on online gaming firms**
- Chief Election Commissioner Shri **Rajiv Kumar** led a three-member Election Commission of India (ECI) **delegation to Cartagena, Colombia to attend the 11th meeting of the Executive Board of the Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB).**
- DPIIT notifies Quality Control Orders for 'Potable water bottles' and 'Flame-Producing Lighter
- Japan India Maritime Exercise 2023 (JIMEX 23) hosted by the Indian Navy concluded in the Bay of Bengal
- International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) and Climate Policy Initiative sign MoU to cooperate on Sustainable Finance
- International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) and IIML-EIC, have signed a MoU at IIM (Indian Institute of Management) Lucknow EIC, Noida campus in Uttar Pradesh
- The **Department of Consumer Affairs** directed the **National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED)** and the **National Cooperative Consumers Federation (NCCF)** to immediately procure tomatoes from markets in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra for distribution in major consumption

centres where retail prices have recorded the biggest increase in the past one month.

- Cabinet approved the **Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill**, to promote ease of doing business by decriminalizing the offences
- People were stranded in the **Chandertal Lake area** in the tribal district of Lahaul-Spiti in Himachal Pradesh due to torrential rain .
- **Ministry of Defence & FSSAI sign MoU to promote use of millets & healthy eating practices** among Armed Forces and ensure safe & nutritious food
- Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways inaugurates **‘SAGAR SAMPARK’** Differential Global Navigation Satellite System to Strengthen Maritime sector
- **Google launched its AI chatbot Bard in the European Union, Brazil** and several more nations, entering a key market in its race against Microsoft backed ChatGPT after a delay over data privacy concerns. The company said it would take steps to protect people’s privacy and data as it broadens access to Bard.
- The **Centre** would ensure the **supply of free Doordarshan DTH connections** and facilitate better mobile connectivity in the farflung villages **along the IndoChina border.**
- Low-energy-consuming switchable smart windows developed based on novel architecture for confining liquid crystals
- International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) inks MoU with BITS Pilani PIEDS Finxcelerator. It aims to put in place a framework for collaboration in supporting and facilitating FinTech and TechFin entities
- **G20 Conference on Crime and Security** in the age of NFTs, Artificial Intelligence and Metaverse was held in **Gurugram, Haryana**
- **INS Sunayna** was at Seychelles to participate in Op Southern Readiness 2023 conducted by Combined Maritime Forces(CMF).
- Third edition of **Export Preparedness Index (EPI)** for States/UTs of India for the year 2022 **by NITI Aayog** has been published
- As heavy rains continue to lash Uttarakhand, massive ‘shelf cloud’ formation spotted in Haridwar
- **Safran Helicopter Engines and the HAL** have decided to set up their new joint venture in Bengaluru, which will be dedicated to the “design, development, production, sales and support of helicopter engines” with the focus first on the Indian multi-role helicopter
- **PSLV-C56** to lift off with seven satellites from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre
- **Indian and Mongolian troops** will take part in the 15th edition of a bilateral military exercise in **Ulaanbaatar called “Nomadic Elephant-23”**.
- U.S. hands over 105 antiquities to India following agreement. The repatriation ceremony was held at the Indian Consulate in New York and the antiquities would soon be transported to India
- ISRO’s second orbit-raising manoeuvre successful. The manoeuvre was performed by the ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru to place the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft in the 41,603x 226 km orbit. This means that

the spacecraft is now in an orbit which when closest to earth is 226 km away and farthest is at a distance of 41,603 km.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the new integrated terminal building or NITB of the **Veer Savarkar International Airport at Port Blair** in Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- **Global Maritime India Summit 2023 to be held in Mumbai**
- The International Energy Agency (IEA) in collaboration with Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas launched the Oil 2023 medium-term market report, titled: IEA Oil 2023 – Supply and demand dynamics to 2028
- **NTPC Wins ET HR World Future Skills Awards 2023**
- The first batch of **Namda Art products** was **flagged off for export to the UK**
- The **Global Food Regulators Summit 2023** is being organized **in Delhi** for the first time, as a G20 event.
- National Multidimensional Poverty Index was released by Niti Aayog
- According to **WHO and UNICEF estimates** for **national immunisation coverage** for 2022, the coverage rate for DPT3, the **third dose of diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus vaccines**, in India rose to an all-time of 93% in 2022, surpassing the previous pre-pandemic best of 91% recorded in 2019, and also marking a sharp increase from the 85% recorded in 2021.
- ECI to issue digital time vouchers to National & State political parties for campaigning on Doordarshan & All India Radio during elections
- Universal Postal Union to evaluate UPI for cross border remittances using global postal network
- **‘One Nation, One Library’** concept, the Union government is set to launch an online repository of books accessible at all libraries across the country, including the high-profile Parliament Library, the Prime Ministers’ Museum and Library, and the collection at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Repository Includes the National Library in Kolkata, the Central Secretariat Library in New Delhi, the Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library in Patna and the library at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts
- DPIIT notifies Quality Control Orders for ‘Potable water bottles’ and ‘Flame-Producing Lighter’
- Regional Office of **Universal Postal Union (UPU)** gets inaugurated in **New Delhi**
- President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu to inaugurate unique **"Festival of Libraries 2023"** to be organised by Ministry of Culture to Promote Development and Digitization of Libraries
- The Ministry of Culture and the Indian Navy sign an MoU to revive the **“ancient stitched shipbuilding method (Tankai method)”**
- India makes presentation on e-Shram, world’s largest database of unorganised workers and National Career Service Portal during 4th G20 EWG meeting in Madhya Pradesh
- The **Rajasthan Assembly** passed a Bill **prohibiting protests by relatives of deceased persons, sitting with the bodies, on roads or public places** and

demanding compensation or jobs. All of this will become an offence, punishable with maximum imprisonment of up to five years.

- **Coal Ministry** was recently awarded for its achievements on e- **procurement through GeM by Ministry of Commerce**. The Ministry of Coal has been awarded in “Best Engagement” category, Coal India Limited (CIL) has been awarded “Rising Star” and NLC India Limited has been awarded in the “Timely Payments” category.
- **DPIIT and Government of Gujarat** jointly launch ‘**One District One Product**’ Wall at Garvi Gujarat Bhawan.
- An MoU has been signed between the Ministry of Culture and Canara Bank for disbursal of financial assistance to the selected beneficiaries under the “**Scheme for Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists**” earlier known as “Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artists”
- Ministry Of Jal Shakti To Celebrate 1st Anniversary Of Rural WASH Partners' Forum
- India Chamber of Business and Commerce and Indian Council of Medical Research signs MOA for Partnership in building Future of Health and Healthcare in India and partnership in India Health Dialogue Platform
- The **South Central Railway’s Hyderabad** division started a ‘**Restaurant on wheels**’ on the premises of the Kacheguda Railway station. The restaurant will offer a novel experience to food connoisseurs by providing them a unique dining ambience in two heritage coaches refurbished with aesthetic interiors.
- The Rajasthan Assembly passed a Bill extending social security to gig workers and creating a regulatory framework for aggregators along with the setting up of a Welfare Board for the unorganised segment not covered under existing labour laws. This is the first law in the country outlining welfare measures for platform-based workers.
- The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Tourism, Transport and Culture, in a report submitted to the Rajya Sabha, whenever an award is given, the consent of the recipient must be taken, so that he or she does not return it because of political reasons
- **NITI Aayog** released the **India Climate Energy Dashboard (ICED) 3.0** .The ICED is the country's one-stop platform for near real-time data on the energy sector, climate, and related economic datasets based on government published sources
- The Delhi government celebrated five years of its flagship ‘**Happiness Curriculum**’ taught across Delhi government schools from nursery to Class VIII, with the launch of a ‘**Happiness Saptah**’ (week)
- The **G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group**, under the Indian presidency, is set to hold its third and final meeting in **Chennai**. This is the first time a dedicated working group on Disaster Risk Reduction has been constituted, signifying India’s commitment to addressing global challenges posed by disasters and climate emergencies,
- **Ms. S. Phangnon Konyak**, the first woman member from Nagaland in the Rajya Sabha, presided over the House after being nominated to the panel of Vice-Chairpersons by Rajya Sabha Chairman, Jagdeep Dhankhar. Last week he had

nominated four women members (50% of the total number) to the panel of Vice-Chairpersons. They are P.T. Usha, S. Phangnon Konyak, Dr. Fauzia Khan and Sulata Deo

- Ministry of Textiles, under its flagship scheme **National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM)**, organized the **6th National Conclave on Standards & Regulations in association** with FICCI and BIS, emphasizing on importance of Standards, Quality regulations & Rationalization of HSN codes for Technical Textiles in India
- India has taken its first step to introduce controlled human infection studies (CHIS) that is used in many countries for vaccine and treatment development
- India has taken the first step to generate digital birth certificates, all-encompassing document that can be used for various purposes to avoid multiplicity of documents to prove date and place of birth
- Union Minister of State for Home tabled a Bill in the Lok Sabha to nominate two members from the 'Kashmiri Migrants' community, who "migrated" during militancy was at its peak in the 1989-90, as members of the Legislative Assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. One of the members will be a woman.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Inaugurated the **Semicon India 2023 conclave in Gandhinagar**. U.S. chipmaker Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) announced plans to invest around \$400 million in the country over the next five years and build its largest design centre in the tech hub of Bengaluru.
- G20 countries launched the **Resource Efficiency Circular Economy Industry Coalition (RECEIC)**
- Government allows Indian companies to list directly on foreign exchanges through IFSC, gift city Gujarat
- Prime Minister inaugurated **Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam** at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi
- Asian Development Bank and Indian government to sign \$200 million loan for expanding urban services in Rajasthan
- NITI Aayog organized a G20 Conference on Green and Sustainable Growth Agenda for the Global Economy
- **Indian Navy Dornier maritime patrol aircraft and an Indian Air Force (IAF) C-130 transport aircraft visited Australia's Cocos island** expand the strategic reach of the Indian military
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched the **PSLV-C56 carrying Singapore's DS-SAR and six other satellites**.
- Karnataka transport minister launched first electric bus prototype in Bengaluru
- The **G20 EMPOWER Summit** is set to be Inaugurated at the **Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- **National Education Policy, 2020** provides for setting up a Gender Inclusion Fund (GIF) especially for girls and transgender students to build the nation's capacity to provide equitable quality education for all girls as well as transgender students

- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has granted in-principle approval to Air India Ltd. and Indigo for import aircraft

International Affairs

- The U.S. planned to sell \$440 million in ammunition and parts to Taiwan, its latest effort to boost the self-ruling island's defence. The sale is comparatively small in scale and does not expand the range of U.S. weaponry to Taiwan, but comes as the United States and China move delicately to stabilise their turbulent relationship
- **Iran will be approved as a member of the regional Shanghai Cooperation Organisation** with China, Russia and Central Asian countries
- Israel has approved buying a third squadron of 25 numbers of F-35 fighter jets manufactured by Lockheed Martin in a \$3-billion deal. Israel is the only West Asian nation with F-35s, the world's most advanced fighter which is stealth capable and can be used to gather intelligence, strike deep into enemy territory.
- **Egypt and Turkey had appointed Ambassadors to each other's' countries** for the first time in a decade, in a sign of warming ties. They aims at the re-normalisation of relations between the two countries and reflects the mutual will to develop bilateral relations
- India chaired the SCO and hosted the summit virtually for the first time .
- **Taiwan** announced it would open its third representative office in India in **Mumbai**, more than a decade after it last expanded its presence in India.
- The United Kingdom, Canada, Sweden and Ukraine launched a case against Iran at the United Nations' highest court over the downing in 2020 of a Ukrainian passenger jet.
- The **Netherlands** will hand back hundreds of **colonial-era artefacts to Indonesia** and Sri Lanka, including a haul of treasure and a gem-encrusted bronze cannon. The commission was set up after a request by Indonesia for the return of some art pieces and natural history collections by its former colonial ruler the Netherlands. Some of the items to be handed back include the so-called "Lombok treasure" of hundreds of golden and silver objects, looted by the Dutch colonial Army from Indonesia in 1894
- The **Czech** would send combat helicopters to Ukraine and **train its pilots on U.S.-made F-16 jet fighters** to help it battle the Russian invasion
- India recently joined UN's Global Crisis Response Group
- New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins signed a free trade agreement with the European Union which can lift exchanges between the two by 30% within a decade.
- **Solomon Islands and China** sign deals on police, economy and technology.
- The unwillingness of many leading countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to stand with NATO over the war in Ukraine has brought the term "Global South."
- **Saudi Arabia has deposited \$2 billion into Pakistan's central bank**, the government, a much-needed financial boost ahead of a critical meeting of the International Monetary Fund on the new bailout package.

- Austria and Switzerland known for their strong traditions of foreign policy neutrality have joined a regional grouping that seeks to develop a common air defence shield in the wake of Russia's attack on Ukraine.
- Iranian **President Ebrahim Raisi visited Kenya and Uganda** on a mission to strengthen ties as he embarked on the first trip by an Iranian leader to Africa in 11 years. The visit comes as the Iran tries to shore up diplomatic support to ease its international isolation.
- **Pakistan** gets final **IMF nod for \$3bn loan** in standby arrangement
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in France on July 13-14 to attend Bastille Day celebrations as a guest of honour in Paris.
- **European Parliament (EP)** called on the Indian government **to act "promptly" to halt the violence in Manipur** and protect religious minorities. The resolution was also passed over this regard
- **Google launched its AI chatbot Bard in the European Union, Brazil** and several more nations, entering a key market in its race against Microsoft backed ChatGPT after a delay over data privacy concerns. The company said it would take steps to protect people's privacy and data as it broadens access to Bard.
- India to host **ASEAN Countries Conference** on Traditional Medicines
- **Russian law makers** in a bid to weed out 'Western ideas', approved Bill banning gender reassignment
- A UN-owned ship arrived off war-torn Yemen for a risky operation to pump more than a million barrels of oil from a decaying tanker and prevent a catastrophic spill.
- **India and UAE set to use rupee, dirham for trade.** The first agreement between the RBI and the UAE Central Bank will establish a framework to promote the use of local currencies (rupee and dirham) for cross-border transactions
- Russia 'exits' **Black sea grain deal** to export Ukrainian grain via Black Sea
- **Italian** health officials intensified **heat warnings** as southern Europe began a brutally hot week with temperatures expected to top 40 degrees Celsius
- **MoU signed to establish 1st campus of IIT Delhi in Abu Dhabi**
- DR Congo's state company signs \$1.9-billion mining deal with UAE.
- National Museum , South African High Commission and Vivekananda International Foundation jointly organise exhibition **"India's Historical Journey with Africa: Marching Ahead Together"**
- The **UAE and Turkey** inked several deals estimated to be worth \$50.7 billion during a visit by President Tayyip Erdogan to Abu Dhabi as he toured Gulf Arab nations for investment and funds. Agreements included an extradition accord, energy and natural resources development, space and defence cooperation
- Millions hit by extreme heat on three continents that is United States, Europe and China.
- The 2023 **Vilnius summit** was a NATO summit which took place from 11–12 July 2023, in **Vilnius, capital of Lithuania**
- Saudi Aramco completed its purchase of a 10% stake in the Chinese petrochemicals firm Rongsheng Petrochemical, part of an expansion into the world's top crude

importer. The deal calls for the supply of 4,80,000 barrels per day of Saudi crude to an integrated refining and chemicals complex owned by a Rongsheng affiliate.

- **India Star batter Virat Kohli** surpassed **South Africa's Jacques Kallis** to become the **fifth-highest run-scorer in international cricket history**. Kohli achieved this feat on the first day of India's second Test against West Indies at Port of Spain. The game is also the former India captain's 500th international outing.
- The Board of Governors of the **Indian Institute of Management-Kozhikode (IIMK)** has given its nod for a proposal to set up an '**India-Japan Study and Research Centre**' for enhancing management education and research competencies in specific areas of mutual interest between the two countries.
- The Global Report on the Food Crises (GRFC) 2023 released recently estimated that between 691 million and 783 million people in the world suffered from hunger in 2022.
- **Chollima-1** is rocket launched by **North Korea** is to boost military capabilities in order of context rising USA and South Korea.
- Taiwan staged its **first-ever military drill** at Taoyuan International Airport to defend the facility against a simulated attack by Beijing.
- Russia and Belarus omitted from Paris Olympics invitees because of the invasion on Ukraine.
- Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, one of the world's longest-serving leaders, to be resigned .
- **Ethiopia** to receive grant and loan from World bank as it was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, **a two-year war, droughts, floods and locust invasions**
- Scientists of Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Niigata University, Japan, have discovered droplets of water trapped in mineral deposits in the Himalayas.
- The **Central African Republic** began voting in a referendum on a new Constitution that would allow President to seek a third term in a country which has undergone several coups.

Environment

- Researchers from the Indian Institute of Science may have uncovered the cause of the mysterious "gravity hole" in the Indian Ocean.
- In a first-of-its-kind judgment, a Sessions Court in Rajasthan has ordered the payment of half of the fine amount, imposed on a convict in a **chinkara** killing case, to the informer as a prize for helping in the detection of crime against wildlife.
- People were stranded in the Chandertal Lake area in the tribal district of Lahaul-Spiti in Himachal Pradesh due to torrential rain .
- **Nation-wide Plantation Drive** was launched in **Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh**

- Mangrove Plantation drive programmed was launched in Chengalpattu , Tamil Nadu as part of the Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes (MISHTI) scheme envisioned by the Prime Minister
- A team of researchers from Gandhinagar-based Gujarat Ecological Education and Research (GEER) Foundation has discovered a new species of saltwort called *Salsola oppositifolia* Des at Rann of Kutch
- Sun to reach solar maximum by 2025, likely to cause complete global internet outage
- **Tiger orchids**, largest orchid species in the world , bloom at Kerala's Jawaharlal Nehru botanic garden. This species is native to Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar and Laos(South East Asia).
- According to International Climate Collaborative (ICC), Maximum proportion of CSR money going to green causes
- **Ludwigia peruviana** is an **invasive weed** threatens **elephant habitats in Tamil Nadu**.
- The International Seabed Authority's member nations agreed on a two-year road map for the adoption of deep-sea mining regulations.
- **West Bengal government announces a 'mangrove cell'**
- **Silvopasture systems** gains significance for local climate resilience against deforestation driven by an increased demand for pasture by cattle
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Sports

- **Alan Arkin**, Oscar-winning Little Miss Sunshine actor passed away
- **Dipika Pallikal-Karthik and Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu** defeated the Malaysian pair of Rachel Arnold and Ivan Yuen at Huangzhou in the first Asian mixed doubles squash championships
- The **Indian men's kabaddi team beat Iran to defend its Asian Championships title**. It was India's eighth title in the continental championships.
- **India and Mumbai City FC** winger Lallianzuala Chhangte was named the **AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year**, on the back of his impressive performance in the Indian Super League (ISL) and for the national team.
- **India beat Kuwait** to defend the **SAFF Championship title in Bengaluru 2023**. Sunil Chhetri, India's leading goal scorer in international football, was the tournament's top scorer
- **Aryan Nehra of Gujarat and A.K. Lineysha** of Karnataka were adjudged 'best male' and 'best female' swimmers respectively in the senior **National aquatics championship** at Gachibowli Aquatics Complex at Hyderabad. Karnataka clinched the overall championship
- England beats Spain to win dramatic Under-21 Euro final for the first time since 1984
- **Lakshya Sen won Canada Open 2023**

- **Ajay Kumar Saroj (the men's 1500m), Jyothi Yarraji** won India's first ever women's 100m hurdles and Abdulla Aboobacker won the men's triple jump won gold in 25th Asian Athletics Championships in Bangkok
- Harmanpreet to lead India women at Hangzhou Asian Games
- **Carlos Alcaraz** defeated seven-time champion Novak Djokovic to claim his first **Wimbledon title**
- **South Zone** ran through West Zone on the final day to emerge as the **Duleep Trophy champion** at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium
- **Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud** has appointed a School of Review Commission 2023-24 (SRC) in consultation with **the Karnataka government** for a comprehensive evaluation of the **National Law School of India University (NLSIU)**.
- **Indian** wins gold at the **International Tent Pegging Tournament** held in Moscow
- **2023 FIFA Women's World Cup** is hosted by **Australia and New Zealand**
- **Kamaljeet** bagged two gold medals in the individual and team honours in the **50m free pistol event** in the **Junior World Championship in Changwon, Korea**. India was second on the medals table with six gold, six silver and five bronze medals.
- India for the first time hosting the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Greater Noida
- Indian compound mixed team of **Pragati and Aman Saini** won gold in the World University Games in Chengdu

Person in news

- The Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet approved the reappointment of **Tushar Mehta** as the Solicitor-General of India.
- **Alan Arkin**, Oscar-winning Little Miss Sunshine actor passed away
- The Tamil Nadu Basketball Association president **Aadhav Arjuna** was elected as president of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI) in the elections held at the Nehru Stadium
- Karuvatta Mana Vasudevan Namboodiri, beloved to readers of Malayalam as Artist Namboodiri passed away
- Longest-serving Dutch PM Mark Rutte quits politics after 13 years in power
- Ash Gardner becomes first to win ICC Player of the Month honour thrice
- Supreme Court asks ED chief Sanjay Kumar Mishra to quit, but upholds statutory amendments
- Two-time Kerala Chief Minister and Congress veteran Oommen Chandy, MLA, passed away.
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- Milan Kundera, the great Czech existential writer, passes away at 94, his readers the well-known author of The Unbearable Lightness of Being, published in 1984.
- **Preeti Aghalyam**, first woman to become the Director of an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)
- DG Rakesh Pal appointed as 25th Director General of Indian Coast Guard

- Ms. Nivruti Rai appointed as Managing Director & CEO of Invest India
- Scientist, clinician and researcher S. Vincent Rajkumar has been appointed chairman-elect of the Board of Directors of the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF).
- **Adm. Lisa Franchett** would be the **first woman to lead U.S. military Chief**. She will lead Navy
- **Tony Bennett**, the eminent and timeless stylist whose devotion to classic American songs and knack for creating new standards such as **I Left My Heart** passed away
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Important Dates

- **National Doctors Day is celebrated on July 1** every year to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of **Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy**, one of India's most renowned physicians and the second Chief Minister of West Bengal. Roy was a highly respected doctor, a visionary statesman, and a recipient of the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award. This year's theme for National Doctor's Day is "Celebrating Resilience and Healing Hands"
- **International Plastic Bag Free Day** is observed on **July 3 every year**.
- Government of India celebrated Ashadha Purnima on 3 July, 2023 as the Dharma Chakra Pravartana Divas at National Museum at New Delhi.
- **World Zoonoses Day** is observed annually on **July 6th** to honor the achievements of Louis Pasteur, a renowned French biologist.
- The **National Fish Farmer's Day** celebrated in Mahabalipuram on **10th July 2023** will feature an exhibit of 30 outstanding startups from across the country, showcasing the best in fishing innovators in the country
- **World Population Day is celebrated on July 11**. Theme for 2023 Unleashing the power of gender equality: Uplifting the voices of women and girls to unlock our world's infinite possibilities.
- The United Nations General Assembly declared **July 20** to be celebrated as **International Moon Day every year**.
- **National Thermal Engineer Day** is celebrated every year on **24 July** to create awareness among people about the contributions of thermal engineers in society.
- **World Hepatitis Day** is observed every year on **July 28** to raise awareness of viral hepatitis and its impact on global health.
- **International Tiger Day** is observed globally on **July 29 every year**.
- **World Ranger Day** is celebrated on **31 July** each year and the theme for current year is '30 by 30'

Places in News

- Israel carried out air strikes in **Syria near the city of Homs**

- War-torn **Sudan's capital Khartoum** experienced communications as the Army and paramilitary forces waged intense battles and humanitarian groups warned of worsening crises.
- **Beijing would build the Chashma-V** nuclear plant at Chashma in the Mianwali district of Punjab in Pakistan.

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