

State Issues

- The **Gruha Jyothi** scheme would be launched in **Kalaburagi** while the **Gruha Lakshmi** scheme would be flagged off in **Belagavi**.
- Albino deer captured on camera in Kabini
- Bangalore University gets NAAC 'A++' grade.
- Karnataka would set up the **country's first green hydrogen cluster in Mangaluru**
- The Archives at the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) in Bengaluru announced the launch of a **new collection of archival material**, related to the entomologist and plant pathologist Leslie Charles Coleman, who worked in the princely state of Mysore in the early 20th century. The collection documents the work of Coleman, a Canadian who was the first Director of Agriculture in Mysore State in pre-independent India between 1913 and 1934.
- The two day International Conference on **Spacecraft Mission Operations (SMOPS-2023)** concluded in Bengaluru. It was organized by ISRO, Italian Space Agency (ASI) and the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA)
- Rao Bahadur H.C. Javaraya, he was the first Indian superintendent of Lalbagh Botanical Gardens, and the brains behind the fruit research station in Hesaraghatta which later became the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research.
- Hampi to host G-20 meeting
- **The Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** has been ranked number one in both overall and academic categories of the latest annual nature index 2023.
- The Karnataka State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA Karnataka) has slapped a fine of Rs 1.6 crore on Wistron, one of three Taiwanese iPhone manufacturers in India, for not complying with the environment clearance (EC) mandates for capacity expansion 2021.
- **The U.S.** will open two new consulates in **Bengaluru and Ahmedabad** while India will establish a mission in Seattle to boost people-to-people relationships.
- To discuss and address critical issues related to youth empowerment, **NIMHANS**, in association with the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs, will host a two-day '**Y20 Consultation**'. Focusing on the crucial theme of '**Health, Well-being, and Sports: Agenda for Youth**', the consultation is aimed at creating an inclusive and collaborative space for individuals from diverse backgrounds, including educators, healthcare professionals and policy-makers
- Karnataka Forest, Ecology and Environment department will plant 1 crore sapling and will be geo-tagged to ensure long-term maintenance and audit.
- Two geospatial organisations, **Allterra and NeoGeo** — have collaboratively won the largest-ever drone-based land parcel mapping contract through an open tender process from the Karnataka government.
- **Bangalore International Airport** Ltd. has launched the BLR Pulse app, which will enable passengers flying through Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) to experience the airport

- **C.A. Shashidhara Shetty** has been elected president of Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA)
- Karnataka will soon get a **branch of the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)**. A memorandum of understanding was signed between the NCDC and the State Health and Family Welfare Department.

National Issues

- National Cybersecurity Coordinator, outlined a draft of called as **“Delhi Declaration”**, a series of commitments to **“responsible state behaviour in cyberspace” for G-20 member countries**, drawn from existing non-binding norms that they have already signed onto under the auspices of the United Nations.
- President Droupadi Murmu has been conferred with Suriname's highest civilian award by President Chandrikapersad Santokhi to honour the deep-rooted bilateral ties.
- Maiden International Cruise Vessel - MV Empress, India's first international cruise vessel - from Chennai to Sri Lanka in Chennai was flagged
- Myanmar's Power Sector Professionals get training from NTPC in Microgrids and Electric Vehicles Technologies, under Government's Capacity Building Programme
- Nyaya Vikas Portal created for monitoring the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes
- Indian Council of Agricultural Research signs a MOU with Amazon Kisan to Empower Farmers
- IICA and NALSAR launch **“LL.M in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Laws”** programme
- The Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy have jointly launched a National Mission to quickly identify emerging technologies in the power sector and develop them indigenously, at scale, for deployment within and outside India.
- NCPCR launches National Campaign **“Addiction Free Amrit Kaal”**, aimed at making India a tobacco and drug-free nation among children
- Meta and Ministry of Women and Child Development launch the Amrit Generation Campaign: **Naye Bharat Ke Sapne**
- India currently ranks as the **World's 2nd Largest Producer of Crude Steel**, surpassing Japan in 2018.
- The Tamil Nadu Department of Archaeology has declared **five ‘menhir’** (single stone) and megalithic burial sites at Kodumanal in Erode district as protected monuments.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated **the first National Training Conclave in Delhi** and highlighted the importance of capacity building, ending silos and enhancing service delivery.
- **Ethanol bio-refinery plant** being set up by the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. in **Bargarh district of Odisha** would give momentum to green growth and sustainable development

- The Union government plans to complete 3D digitisation of all museums under its administrative control by 2023-end for better conservation of artefacts. They include the Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad, the Allahabad Museum in Prayagraj, the Indian Museum, Kolkata, the Victoria Memorial Hall, the National Museum and the National Gallery of Modern Art.
- The two day International Conference on **Spacecraft Mission Operations (SMOPS-2023)** concluded in Bengaluru. It was organized by ISRO, Italian Space Agency (ASI) and the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA)
- **Anti-Submarine Warfare Vessel 'Anjadip'** Built For Indian Navy Launched.
- SCORES is a grievance redressal system that was launched in June 2011. It is designed to help investors to lodge their complaints online with SEBI, pertaining to the securities market, against companies, intermediaries and market infrastructure institutions.
- SAI20 Summit Concludes in Goa, Fostering Collaboration and Accountability Among G20 Supreme Audit Institutions
- **Geological Survey of India Training Institute (GSITI), Hyderabad** gets Accredited as "Athi Uttam"
- G20 Delegates from several countries attended the Digital Economy Working Group Conference, got a glimpse of the **800-year-old Warkari community's palkhi festival**.
- India's largest power generation company, **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited - NTPC**, has climbed 52 positions to secure the 433rd rank in Forbes' -The Global 2000- List for 2023.16
- India is set to host the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) Annual Conference 2025 in Kochi, the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- First Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav was inaugurated at the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar.
- NITI Aayog and the United Nations in India sign the Government of India - United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (GoI-UNSDCF 2023-2027)
- Indian Navy is conducting "Julley Ladakh" (Hello Ladakh), an outreach programme to Ladakh to increase awareness about the service in the pristine state and to engage with youth and civil society
- Rajasthan, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu emerge Top Achievers in Wind Energy Adoption.
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc) researchers have designed a small molecular fluorogenic probe that can sense a specific enzyme linked to the progression of Alzheimer's disease. Such a probe can easily be fabricated into a strip-based kit that may enable on-site diagnosis.
- GSI proposes 'Geo Heritage' tag for Jurassic age 'Natural Arch' in Odisha. Apart from the arch at Sundargarh, India has two others- one at Tirumala hills in Tirupati and another at Andaman and Nicobar

- Kerala is planning to promote sustainable and green travel initiatives in the popular and emerging tourist destinations adjacent to backwaters, beaches, and rivers in the State.
- **GEMCOVAC-OM, India's first indigenous mRNA vaccine** for the Omicron variant of the novel coronavirus, was approved under emergency use guidelines by the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI)
- Work on the “**world's largest Ramayan temple**” began in East Champaran district in Bihar
- **Delta Air Lines in 2020** marketed itself as the “**world's first carbon-neutral airline**”, investing \$1 billion on reducing fuel usage and carbon removal techniques. However, the veracity of these claims is under scrutiny.
- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurates Integrated Simulator Complex ‘**Dhruv**’ in Kochi to enhance practical training of Indian Navy personnel
- NHAI Launches ‘Knowledge Sharing Platform’ for Inclusive Development of National Highways
- CREDAI Garden-People's Park was inaugurated at Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) signed a contract for realisation of two Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) System Modules for the Kalvari Class of submarines of the Indian Navy.
- In a move that will make certain cancer drugs more accessible and cheaper for patients, the Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) has signed sub-licence agreements with the India-based companies Eugia, Hetero and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories. The drug is used for the treatment of chronic myeloid leukaemia, a type of blood cancer.
- GE Aerospace, HAL sign MoU to coproduce LCA-Mk-II -Tejas “F414 engines” jet engines in India
- Silica Reduction Plant Project was inaugurated at SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Dalli Mines
- Indian School of Development Management (ISDM) and Citicorp Finance (India) Limited have announced the launch of the Centre for Data Science and Social Impact (CDSSI) in Bengaluru to leverage data and data sciences in the social sector.
- Vande Bharat Express train from Saharanpur to Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh would be introduced soon.
- A tribal council in Meghalaya has unanimously passed a resolution to oppose the implementation of the proposed Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in areas within its jurisdiction.
- UNESCO India and Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is to launch a campaign aimed at raising awareness about Menstrual Health and Hygiene Management (MHHM) among women including young girls attending school titled as “Spotlight Red”.
- Canara Bank has introduced the facility of UPI payments to merchants through RuPay Credit Card. This facility is made available in ‘Canara ai1’ Banking Super App of the bank.

- The Kerala government is all set to promote the State's monsoon tourism across West Asia to tap the highly promising market ahead of the summer vacation in the Gulf region.
- All panchayats across the country will mandatorily use digital payments for development work and revenue collection from this Independence Day and they will be declared UPI-enabled
- Indira Gandhi National Centre to organise an exhibition, "Banking on World Heritage" with the theme "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth One Family One Future".
- India at the 67th place globally on its Energy Transition Index.
- Marching contingents of the three Services and a military band, will take part in the **French Bastille Day parade** in Paris. Three Rafale fighter jets of Indian Air Force (IAF) will be part of the flypast. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the Chief Guest of the parade.
- International Institute for Management Development (IMD) have released **Global Competitiveness Index 2023**. India ranks 40th in the index
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the **PM-PRANAM** (PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Generation, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth) scheme, a promise made in the last Budget.
- According to Karnataka Forest Department and Coimbatore-based Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), **Karnataka has the world's largest population of lion-tailed macaques**.
- Drones will be deployed at 100 hotspots in and around Bengaluru to identify the relative share of different sources of pollution in the project launched by **National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS)** along with the Environment Management Policy Research Institute (EMPRI). It probably be the first of its kind project in India when drones will be used to develop the emission inventory.
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Wins **Kreta Vikreta Gaurav Sammaan Samaaroh 2023** in "Highest Single Bid Procurements in FY22-23" category, organized by Government e-Marketplace of the Ministry of Commerce and India
- 'Report Fish Disease' App developed by ICAR- National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBFGR) under National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD)
- Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology explored the nutraceutical properties of aromatic Joha rice
- '**Sagar Samajik Sahayyog**', the new guidelines of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways

International Issues

- Iran is set to reopen its embassy in Saudi Arabia following a seven-year closure.
- **Mazagon Dock and German firm** strike deal on submarines. They will now jointly bid for the Navy's **Project-75I** to build six advanced submarines in India
- Germany is preparing to host the biggest air deployment exercise in NATO's history, a show of force intended to impress allies and potential adversaries
- **Iran** claimed that it had created a **hypersonic missile** capable of travelling at 15 times the speed of sound, adding a new weapon to its arsenal as tensions remain high with the United States over its nuclear programme. The new missile — called **'Fattah,' or 'Conqueror' in Farsi**
- The **United States and Britain** announced a new strategic pact called **"Atlantic Declaration"**, as their leaders rededicated the "special relationship" to counter Russia, China and economic instability. This declaration adopted by the leaders aims to boost industry ties on defense and renewable energy, in the face of growing competition from China.
- NATO concluded its largest ever air force deployment exercise in Europe in a show of force against potential threats such as Russia
- Pakistan began transporting discounted Russian crude oil to a refinery in the cash-strapped country, it is likely to provide relief to the people hit by inflation.
- The UN cultural and scientific agency UNESCO announced that the U.S. plans to rejoin — and pay more than \$600 million in back dues — after a decade-long dispute sparked by the organisation's move to include Palestine as a member
- Honduras opened an embassy in Beijing, the Central American nation broke off relations with Taiwan to establish diplomatic ties with China.
- India and the UAE set a target to increase the non-oil trade from the current \$48 billion to \$100 billion by 2030.
- The European Parliament has approved the bloc's landmark rules for artificial intelligence, known as the EU AI Act, clearing a major hurdle for the first formal regulation of AI in the West to become law.
- UN General Assembly adopts Resolution to establish a new Memorial Wall for fallen Peacekeepers, piloted by India
- The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) summit at end of 2023 will adopt Bangkok Vision 2030. This would be an overarching kind of document and would give direction to the organisation towards sustainable development.
- The dispute settlement body of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) on agreed not to adopt a ruling against India's import duties on certain information and technology products, following a request by the country and the European Union (EU). Both regions have requested this as they are engaged in resolving the dispute bilaterally. The dispute panel of the WTO had ruled that the import duties imposed by India on certain information and technology products violate global trading

norms. The EU and India have said that the additional time would help facilitate the resolution of the dispute.

- The United States military can develop and operate out of bases in Papua New Guinea, according to a landmark security pact underpinning Washington’s efforts to outflank China in the Pacific.
- Japan’s age of consent was raised from 13, among the world’s lowest, to 16 years old as lawmakers passed key reforms to sex crime legislation.
- Daniel Ellsberg, the U.S. military analyst whose change of heart on the Vietnam War led him to leak the classified “Pentagon Papers,” revealing U.S. government deception about the war and setting off a major freedom-of-the-press battle, died
- Researchers Discover 20 New Species of Sea Lettuce in the Baltic Sea Region
- An attack on a school on the Uganda-Congo border by suspected Islamist militants is yet another cruel reminder of the worsening security situation in Africa
- Europe should brace for more deadly heatwaves driven by climate change, noting the world’s fastest-warming continent was some 2.3 degree Celcius hotter last year than in pre-industrial times.
- China signed an agreement worth \$4.8 billion with cash-strapped Pakistan to set up a 1,200-MW nuclear power plant at **Chashma in Mianwali** district of Punjab.
- **Qatar** announced a second 27-year supply deal with a Chinese company as it expands production from the world's biggest natural gas field.
- **Germany unveils a teddy bear as mascot for European championship 2024**
- Turkmenistan inaugurated Arkadag, a \$ 5-billion “smart” city built in honour of former strongman leader Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov, cementing one of the most extraordinary personality cults in the world.
- India removed from annual UN list of countries where children are impacted by armed conflict
- European Space Agency (ESA) plans to survey billions of galaxies using **the Euclid Space Telescope**, which to be launched from Cape Canaveral in Florida

Sports

- **Siddharth Choudhary won the men’s shot put gold** in the 20th Asian under-20 athletics championships at Yecheon, South Korea.
- **The Global Chess League** to be held in Dubai.
- The Special Olympics World Games are the world’s largest inclusive sporting event for people with intellectual disabilities and will be held in Berlin, Germany
- Junior international **Laxita Vinod Sandila won the women’s 1500m gold** at the 20th Asian under-20 athletics championships at Yecheon
- **Australia won 2023 ICC World Test Championship Final**
- Uruguay pips Italy to clinch maiden u-20 World Cup title
- **Novak Djokovic** created history , as when he won a record-breaking **23rd Grand Slam title** reinforcing his case to be crowned the greatest player of all time.
- **India women clinch maiden junior Asia Cup crown**

- Manchester City won Champions League
- Andy Murray claimed a the Nottingham Open
- India lifts Intercontinental Cup defeating Lebanon
- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty scripted history by winning the men's doubles title at the Indonesia Open, becoming the first pair from the country to claim a Super 1000 badminton event.
- Abhishek Verma clinched the men's individual gold medal in the Archery World at Medellin, Colombia.
- Olympian C.A. Bhavani Devi created history by securing India's first-ever medal a bronze at the Asian fencing championships in Wuxi, China
- **Germany unveils a teddy bear as mascot for European championship 2024**
- Saraswati clinched the 500m roller skating race in the Special Olympics World Games in berlin
- Diksha Dagar claims the Czech Ladies Open title
- Maharashtra Ironmen was crowned the champion of the first-ever season of the Premier Handball League (PHL) after it defeated the Golden Eagles Uttar Pradesh
- **Tamil Nadu wins senior women's National Football title**
- ICC launches CWC Trophy Tour ahead of 2023 ODI World Cup in India at the Narendra Modi Cricket Stadium in Ahmedabad.

Person in news

- Former Doordarshan news anchor **Gitanjali Aiyar** passed away
- Veteran cinematographer Navroze Contractor passes away
- Silvio Berlusconi, scandal-scarred ex-Italian Prime Minister passed away
- Historian and writer **Ramchandra Guha's book Rebels Against the Raj: Western Fighters for India's Freedom** has won the Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography 2023
- Michael Rosen wins this year's PEN Pinter Prize
- Sociologist, author Imtiaz Ahmad passed away. His areas of interest included social stratification, communalism and ethnic conflicts, social movements, Islamic transformations, refugees and migrants, child rights and child labour, poverty alleviation and development and society.
- Senior IPS officer Ravi Sinha appointed next chief of RAW
- **Amit Agrawal** takes charge as CEO of Aadhaar authority
- International golfer **Aditi Ashok** and Chief Executive Officer of retail brokerage firm **Zerodha Nitin Kamat** have been selected for the **Kempe Gowda international awards**
- **John Goodenough**, who shared the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for developing the **lithium-ion battery** that revolutionised modern life, has passed away

Important Dates

- **World Oceans Day is celebrated every year on 8 June** to create awareness among people regarding the significance of oceans, and the importance of preserving and conserving oceanic resources. This year, the theme of World Oceans day 2023 is "**Planet Ocean: The Tides are Changing.**"
- **World Food Safety Day is observed annually on June 7th.** This year theme of Food Safety Day was 'Food standards save lives'.
- **Global Wind Day occurs annually on 15 June** and theme for 2023 is "The Wind in Mind" and "Future Wind."
- **The World Blood Donor Day is celebrated every year on June 14** to thank the altruistic acts of selflessness of voluntary blood donors and celebrate life and humanity. The slogan or theme of the World Blood Donor Day 2023 is "**Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often.**"
- **World Sickle Cell Awareness Day is observed on June 19th each year** to raise awareness about sickle cell disease. This year theme is "Building and strengthening Global Sickle Cell Communities, Formalizing New-born Screening and Knowing your Sickle Cell Disease Status",
- **World Refugee Day is an international day organised every year on 20 June** by the United Nations. It is designed to celebrate and honour refugees from around the world. The theme for 2023 is "**Hope away from home**"
- **World Music Day, also known as Fête de la Musique,** is celebrated annually on **June 21st.**
- **National Statistics Day is celebrated every year on June 29** in recognition of contributions made by Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the fields of statistics and economic planning.
- **Helen Keller Day** is a commemorative day to celebrate the birth of Helen Keller, observed on **June 27** annually