

CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY-JUNE-2023

TAMIL NADU

- **Comprehensive Mental Health Programme**
 - ✓ The programme aims to address mental health issues among adolescent children in government and government-aided schools.
- **Final Electoral Roll**
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu - has 6,20,41,179 voters. Women voters outnumber men voters on the final list with 3,15,43,286 female voters present against 3,04,89,866 male voters.
- **State Library Committee and the Chennai Municipal Library Commission**
 - ✓ The library authority for Chennai city has been reconstituted with 11 members, including writers Manushya Puthiran alias A. Abdul Hameed and Tamildasan.
- **Global Tamil Angels Platform**
 - ✓ On January 9, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin - launched the Global Tamil Angels platform (www.tamilangels.fund) for investors from the global Tamil diaspora to make investments in the State's start-ups.
- **Tamil Nadu Government Servants (conditions of services) Act**
 - ✓ On January 13, Tamil Nadu assembly - passed a bill making Tamil language paper compulsory in direct recruitment for government posts.
- **3rd Global Investors Meet**
 - ✓ According to the CM, Tamil Nadu is the second largest economy in the country and the state is aiming to achieve the target of \$1 trillion economy by 2030.
- **Turtle Conservation and Rehabilitation Centre**
 - ✓ The state government – has announced setting up of a Turtle Conservation and Rehabilitation Centre at an estimated Rs.6. 3 crore.
- **India's First STEM Innovation Centre**
 - ✓ The American India Foundation (AIF) inaugurated India's first STEM Innovation and Learning Center (SILC) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu in January 2023.
 - ✓ It was inaugurated under the scheme of Vanavil Mandram.

- **Tamil Nadu Emerging Sector Seed Fund (TNESSF)**
 - ✓ The seed fund is a joint initiative by the state government's finance and industries departments.
- **Chief Minister on Field Study**
 - ✓ The field study will review the implementation of various development and welfare schemes of the government and functioning of the administrative machineries in all districts of the state.
- **Lab-Grown Diamonds (LGD)**
 - ✓ Indian Institute of Technology, Madras - has got a grant of Rs.242 crore for five years from the Union department of commerce to promote research and development on lab-grown diamonds (LGD).
- **'Tamil Nadu Electric Vehicles Policy 2023**
 - ✓ The Tamil Nadu government - has unveiled a new electric vehicle (EV) policy to promote the growth of a strong EV ecosystem in the state.
- **'Maaperum Tamil Kanavu**
 - ✓ The new programme seeks to create awareness among college students on Tamil culture and heritage and kindle their interest in the language as well as make them aware of various opportunities available in different fields.
- **DNA Sequencing Facility**
 - ✓ The new facility will function under the Centre for Wildlife Forensics and wildlife histopathology laboratory at the Centre for Animal Care Sciences.
 - ✓ This is the first such facility established and run by a state forest department in the entire country.
- **Fortified Rice**
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu civil supplies corporation (TNCSC), along with the food safety department - will start the distribution of fortified rice through fair price shops in Chennai to the Priority Household (PHH) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) cardholders.
- **Geographical Indications (GI) Tag**
 - ✓ Vellore spiny brinjal and Ramanathapuram mundu chilli - have been conferred the Geographical Indications (GI) tag for their unique physical and geographical characteristics.
- **Sagarmala Programme**
 - ✓ The first ever short-haul coastal container feeder service between Chennai and Puducherry ports - will be flagged off on February 27 under the Centre's Sagarmala Programme.
 - ✓ The vessel, named 'Hope Seven', will be operated twice a week.
- **Climate Change Mitigation and Green Transition**
 - ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M) - has partnered with Denmark for research in climate change mitigation and green transition, which includes the development of next-generation fuels and energy systems on March 01.
- **Comprehensive Urban Cooling Programme**
 - ✓ The Tamil Nadu government - has signed an MoU with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to develop a comprehensive urban cooling programme under Tamil Nadu State Action Plan on Climate Change.

➤ **Climate Smart Villages**

- ✓ On March 3, Chief Minister – launched a pilot project to convert 10 villages in Tamil Nadu as 'climate smart villages'.
- ✓ The initiative will concentrate on promoting renewable energy such as solar, and treating and reusing of wastewater among other initiatives.

➤ **Keeladi Museum**

- ✓ On March 5, Chief Minister M K Stalin - inaugurated the state-of-the-art Keeladi museum in Sivaganga district, that was built at the cost of Rs.18 crore.
- ✓ The museum, which has been divided into six blocks over 31,000 sqft, will exhibit around 10,000 artefacts excavated from Keeladi, Agaram and Manalur excavation sites.

➤ **Free Training Programme**

- ✓ On March 7, Minister for youth welfare and sports Udhayanidhi Stalin - launched a free training programme under the Naan Mudhalvan scheme to help Tamil Nadu college students prepare for recruitment exams for various government jobs.

➤ **Thalikku Thangam Scheme**

- ✓ Under the new scheme, four grams of gold 'thali' and marriage assistance, totally worth Rs.50,000, will be provided to poor couples.

➤ **M-Sand/Crushed Sand Policy**

- ✓ The policy seeks to enable M-sand/crushed sand manufacturing units in the state to become compliant with relevant statutes, rules and regulations.

➤ **Smile-School Children's Dental Care Programme**

- ✓ The health department - launched 'punnagai' (smile) oral health screening programme for students at a government school in Nandanam.

➤ **Tamil Nadu Organic Farming Policy 2023**

- ✓ The policy is aimed strengthening organic certification system, propagation of traditional seeds and encouraging cluster-based dryland cultivation.

➤ **Lakefront Reconnect Competition**

- ✓ The Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) - has launched a 'Lakefront Reconnect Competition' calling for designs from top architectural firms in the country.

➤ **Tamil Nadu City Gas Distribution Policy 2023**

- ✓ The City Gas Distribution (CGD) Policy 2023 aims to promote the adoption of natural gas by the State as a green and clean fuel.

➤ **Tamil Nadu Logistics Policy and Integrated Logistics Plan 2023**

- ✓ It proposed to assess connectivity gaps in existing industrial clusters, agricultural aggregation/processing centres, fisheries/marine and animal husbandry clusters and prioritize development of road connectivity.

➤ **Ethanol Blending Policy (EBP) 2023**

- ✓ The policy is aimed at promoting the state as a green economy and investment hub for cost-effective, alternative green fuel.

- **Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary**
 - ✓ The Tamil Nadu Government has announced the notification of Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, making it the 18th wildlife sanctuary in the state.
- **Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Online Gambling and Regulation of Online Games Bill, 2022**
 - ✓ The Bill seeks to ban online gambling and it will be re-sent to the Governor for his assent.
- **PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA)**
 - ✓ India's first PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park - is set to be established at E Kumaralingapuram village in Virudhunagar District of Tamil Nadu.
- **Disaster Management Plan and State Disaster Management Policy 2023**
 - ✓ The policy lays out a clear chain of command with well-defined authority, along with the responsibilities of the various stakeholders and earmarks the available resources to ensure efficient utilisation.
- **Tamil Nadu Kasanoi Erappila Thittam**
 - ✓ The initiative — TNKET (Tamil Nadu Kasanoi Erappila Thittam, meaning TB death free project) — which began in April 2022 in 2,500 odd public healthcare facilities that diagnosed TB in 30 districts, has already achieved significant reduction in the number of early TB deaths.
- **Greater Chennai Corporation Budget**
 - ✓ It has brought the revenue deficit down to Rs.334. 5 crore from about Rs.780 crore the previous year.
- **Vaikom Satyagraha - TN**
 - ✓ Vaikom Satyagraha is the historical struggle against untouchability in which social reformer and DK founder Periyar EV Ramasamy played a vital role and got imprisoned for spearheading the protests.
- **Sports Schools of Excellence**
 - ✓ The Tamil Nadu government - plans to set up Sports Schools of Excellence across the State to ensure that amenities for sports training are easily accessible to government school students.
- **GI Tag for 11 products**

Product	Location
Murukku	Manapparai
Thaikkal Rattan craft	Mayiladuthurai
Auhtoor Vetrilai (betel leaf)	Thoothukudi
Vetrilai	Sholavandan
Cumbum Panner Grapes	Theni
Negamam cotton sarees	Coimbatore
Varkey	Ooty
Myladi stone carvings	Kanniyakumari
Sago (Javvarisi)	Salem
honey	Marthandam
Pottery - Ghatam	Manamadurai

➤ **Excavations**

- ✓ On April 6, Chief minister M K Stalin - launched excavations at eight archaeological sites in Tamil Nadu, including Keeladi, and unveiled an Augmented Reality app for the Keeladi Museum.

➤ **TN REACH**

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (Tidco) has developed a mechanism called Tamil Nadu Regional Aerial Connectivity through Helicopters (TN REACH), which aims to utilize over 80 unused helipads across the state to provide intercity and town connectivity.

➤ **Thiranari Thervu Thittam**

- ✓ Under the *Thiranari Thervu Thittam*, 1,000 students will be chosen from government schools to receive guidance in premier institutions and monthly stipend of 1,000 will be provided.

➤ **TN - Second Vande Bharat Express**

- ✓ Prime Minister on Saturday flagged off the Chennai-Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express from the Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Station.

➤ **Pichanur Village Panchayat**

- ✓ Pichanur village panchayat in Madukkarai block - has bagged the first rank under the good governance category at the National Panchayat Awards-2023.

➤ **GI tag**

- ✓ The famous Cumbum Panneer Thratchai or Cumbum grapes from Tamil Nadu have recently been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

➤ **Union Jal Shakti Ministry - TN**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu - has secured the top ranking in the first-ever national census of lakes conducted by the Union Jal Shakti ministry with 13,629 lakes.

➤ **Street Name Board Projects**

- ✓ On May 4, the Greater Chennai Corporation – has announced that the residents of Chennai can now set up new street name boards under Namakku Naame Thittam. Under the initiative, residents can take up street name board projects if they at least contribute 33% of the funds.

➤ **Skill On Wheels**

- ✓ On May 5, Minister for youth welfare and sports development Udhayanidhi Stalin - launched the mobile 'skill on wheels' service in Chennai.
- ✓ It is an initiative under the Naan Mudhalvan scheme of Tamil Nadu Skill Development department.

➤ **Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation (TNCF)**

- ✓ On May 8, Chief Minister M K Stalin - launched the Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation (TNCF) at an event in Chennai.
- ✓ The TNCF is formed to improve sports and sports infrastructure in the state with contribution from corporate.

➤ **Natural Fertilizer "Chelippu"**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin introduced a new type of natural fertilizer made from wet waste named "Chelippu" to "Provide Quality natural Fertilizer to Consumers".

➤ **Tamil Nadu Technology (iTNT) Hub**

- ✓ India's first emerging and Deep Tech innovation network, iTNT hub, was announced in the State Budget for 2022-23.
- ✓ It aims to promote Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) and Block Chain technology by integrating them to face future challenges.

➤ **Conservation and Management of Water Resources**

- ✓ Namakkal district - has been ranked second in the conservation and management of water resources in the country for the year 2022.
- ✓ The ranking was announced by the Union Jal Sakthi ministry on May 17.

➤ **India's Biggest Skywalk Bridge**

- ✓ The recently inaugurated one of India's biggest Skywalk bridges, spanning 570 meters in length and 4.2 meters in width, was officially opened by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin.

➤ **Mini Tidel Parks**

- ✓ The TN government, in the state budget in March, announced plans to set up seven mini Tidel Parks (also called neo-Tidel parks) in tier 2/3 locations for inclusive development of the IT sector across the state.

➤ **Kalaignar 100**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin - unveiled a logo - 'Kalaignar 100' from 1924 to 2023- on the occasion of the centenary birth celebration of former Tamil Nadu CM M.Karunanidhi on June 2.

➤ **Cordelia Empress**

- ✓ On June 5, Union minister for port, shipping, water ways Sarbananda Sonowal - inaugurated India's first cruise ship to Sri Lanka at the Chennai port.
- ✓ The cruise has been launched following an agreement signed between Chennai Port and Waterways Leisure Tourism Private Limited during the first Incredible India International Cruise Conference in 2022.

➤ **Industry 4.0 Technology Centers**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin - inaugurated the Industry 4.0 technology centers in 22 government-run ITIs at an event held at Oragadam in Kancheepuram district on June 8.

➤ **Fintech City and Fintech Tower**

- ✓ On June 17, Chief minister M K Stalin - laid the foundation stone for the development of Fintech City and Fintech Tower in Nandambakkam at a cost of at Rs.116 crore and Rs.254 crore respectively.

➤ **Kalaignar Kottam**

- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin – has announced that Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar will inaugurate the 'Kalaignar Kottam', a memorial for late DMK patriarch M Karunanidhi, in Tiruvarur on June 20.

➤ **Vadakkupattu Excavation**

- ✓ The second phase of the Vadakkupattu excavation – is under progress near Oragadam in Kancheepuram district.

- ✓ Vadakkupattu was turning out to be an important archaeological site, which had been continuously inhabited over several thousands of years.
- **FaMe Tamil Nadu**
- ✓ FaMe Tamil Nadu, an autonomous agency of the Tamil Nadu government - has entered into MoUs with 100 MSME companies to attract investments up to Rs.1,510 crore.
- ✓ They are expected to generate employment opportunities for around 7,400 people.
- **Maaligaimedu Archaeological Site**
- ✓ The state archaeology department – has unearthed major discoveries in the third phase of archaeological excavation underway at the Maaligaimedu archaeological site near Gangaikonda Cholapuram in Ariyalur district.

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- **Science 20” (S20)**
- ✓ The S20 inception meeting will take place on 30-31 January in Puducherry with the theme “Disruptive Science for Innovative and Sustainable Development.”
- **International Year of Millets (IYM)**
- ✓ The United Nations - has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYM).
- **National Green Hydrogen Mission**
- ✓ On January 4, the Centre - approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an initial financial outlay of Rs.19,744 crore.
- **Aspirational Block Programme (ABP)**
- ✓ On January 7, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - launched the government’s Aspirational Block Programme (ABP). The initiative is aimed at improving performance of blocks lagging on various development parameters.
- **Foreign Higher Educational Institutions**
- ✓ The University Grants Commission (UGC) - announced the draft regulations for ‘Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India’ on January 5.
- **Ganga Vilas**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the World's Longest River Cruise-MV Ganga Vilas through video conferencing and opened the Tent City in Varanasi.
- **The International Kite Festival**
- The International Kite Festival - was celebrated with colourful kites in Ahmedabad and other cities of Gujarat from January 8 to 14.
- ✓ The theme of the festival is "One Earth, One Family, One Future," based on the G-20 theme.
- **Global South Centre of Excellence**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi – recently announced the setting up “Global South Centre of Excellence” on January 13, 2023.
- ✓ The Centre will undertake research on developing solutions or best practices that would help the members of the developing countries.

- **Aarogya Maitri**
 - ✓ Under this project, India will provide essential medical supplies to any of the developing countries affected by natural disasters or humanitarian crises.
- **PARAKH**
 - ✓ PARAKH refers to 'Performance Assessment, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development'
 - ✓ PARAKH has been launched as a part of the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- **U-WIN**
 - ✓ Named U-WIN, the platform will be used to register and vaccinate every pregnant woman, record her delivery outcome, register every newborn delivery, administer birth doses and all vaccination events thereafter.
- **She Feeds the World**
 - ✓ The philanthropic foundation of PEPSICO and CARE - jointly launched the "She Feeds the World" program in India.
- **India to be Theme Country**
 - ✓ India to be Theme Country at 2025 Madrid International Book Fair.
- **Visit India Year 2023 Campaign**
 - ✓ Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy - recently launched the "Visit India Year 2023 campaign" to encourage inbound travel to the country on January 31.
- **World's 1st Living Heritage University**
 - ✓ Visva-Bharati University in Santiniketan, West Bengal founded by Rabindranath Tagore in 1921, is set to become the world's first "living heritage university".
- **Save Wetlands Campaign**
 - ✓ The campaign is based on a "whole of society" approach to wetland conservation.
- **Lithium Reserves**
 - ✓ On February 9, the government – announced that lithium reserves have been found for the first time in the country in Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)**
 - ✓ The plan aims to establish viable Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in each uncovered Panchayat, viable dairy cooperatives in each uncovered Panchayat or village, and viable fishery cooperatives in each coastal Panchayat or village.
- **Project Cheetah**
 - ✓ On February 18, twelve South African cheetahs - were released into enclosures inside Kuno National Park of Shepur district in Madhya Pradesh.
- **First Semiconductor Plant of India**
 - ✓ The Vedanta group and the Foxconn of Taiwan have come together to build the first semiconductor manufacturing unit in Dholera of Gujarat.

➤ **First Solid Waste-to-Hydrogen Plant**

The country's first solid waste-to-hydrogen plant - will be set up in Pune at a cost of over Rs 430 crore.

➤ **8th Raisina Dialogue**

- ✓ The dialogue is to be held on geo-strategy and geopolitics.
- ✓ The theme of Raisina Dialogue 2023 – Provocation, Uncertainty, Turbulence: Lighthouse in the Tempest.

➤ **Catch the Rain 2023 Campaign**

- ✓ The 'Catch the Rain 2023' campaign was introduced by the President in New Delhi. The campaign's central idea is the sustainability of drinking water sources.

➤ **India Installs World's First Bamboo Barrier**

- ✓ World's first 200-meter-long Bamboo Crash Barrier has been installed on the Vani-Warora Highway, Vidarbha, Maharashtra.

➤ **Prevention of Money Laundering Act**

- ✓ The Centre - has brought cryptocurrency trading, safekeeping and related financial services under the ambit of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.
- ✓ The Union finance ministry issued a gazette notification to this effect on March 7

➤ **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)**

- ✓ India - has proposed to launch a mega global alliance 'International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)' under its leadership for the protection and support of seven big cats.
- ✓ It will work towards the protection and conservation of the seven major big cats — tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, puma, jaguar and cheetah

➤ **World's Longest Railway Platform**

- ✓ PM Narendra Modi on 11 March 2023 inaugurated the longest railway platform in the world in Hubballi-Dharwad.

➤ **Green National Highway Corridors Project**

- ✓ The project aims to build the Green National Highway Corridors Project in 4 Indian states.
- ✓ The Green National Highway Corridors Project will promote the use of green technologies and climate resilience to demonstrate safe and environmentally friendly highways.

➤ **PM MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel Parks)**

On March 17, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that seven 'PM MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel Parks) mega textile parks' will be set up in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

➤ **New Foreign Trade Policy (FTP)**

- ✓ On March 31, Union Commerce, Industry and Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal - unveiled a new foreign trade policy (FTP), which is expected to boost exports amid slowing global trade.

➤ **World's Second-Largest Solar Manufacturer**

- ✓ India has been making significant strides toward renewable energy in recent years, with a focus on solar energy.

- ✓ In line with this, India is expected to become the world's second-largest solar manufacturer by 2026.
- **Indian Space Policy 2023**
- ✓ The Union Government of India has recently approved the Indian Space Policy 2023, which aims to enhance the role of the Department of Space and boost the activities of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- **50 Years Of 'Project Tiger'**
- ✓ At the inaugural session of commemoration of 50 years of 'Project Tiger', the Prime Minister launched the first of its kind 'International Big Cat Alliance' (IBCA) and also released a summary report of the 5th cycle of Management Effective Evaluation of Tiger Reserves.
- **Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative**
- ✓ On April 14th, 2023, Shri Parshottam Rupala, the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, launched two significant initiatives: the Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative (APPI) and the Animal Health System Support for One Health (AHSSOH) project, which is funded by the World Bank.
- **Mission 50K-EV4ECO**
- ✓ The mission aims to bring down the capital cost for purchasing electric vehicles (EVs), especially 2- and 3-wheelers, through direct and indirect lending.
- **Vibrant Villages Programme Integrated with Gati Shakti Mega Project**
- ✓ The Centre – has integrated its ambitious Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) with the Prime Minister Gati Shakti mega project.
- **Indiahandmade.com**
- The government - has launched a new e-commerce portal 'Indiahandmade.com' for artisans and weavers
- **PM Modi addresses 100th Man Ki Baat Radio Broadcast**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the historic 100th episode of his popular monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat' on April 30, 2023.
- **Saurashtra-Tamil Sangamprashastih**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the closing ceremony of the Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam in April 2023.
- ✓ He launched a book 'Saurashtra-Tamil Sangamprashastih' at the closing ceremony.
- **Healthy and Hygienic Food Streets**
- ✓ The Centre - is planning to develop 100 'healthy and hygienic food streets' across the country.
- ✓ Under the initiative, the government will provide financial assistance for activities such as provision of safe drinking water, hand washing, toilet facilities, and tiled flooring of common areas.
- **All India Radio - Akashvani**
- ✓ The Central Government has ordered that All India Radio (AIR), the country's public broadcaster, be exclusively referred to as Akashvani in all broadcasts and programmes.

- **SAKSHAM (Stimulating Advanced Knowledge for Sustainable Health Management)**
- ✓ The government - has launched the SAKSHAM (Stimulating Advanced Knowledge for Sustainable Health Management), a Learning Management Information System (LMIS) of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

- **75/25**
- ✓ The Union Health Ministry - unveiled the ambitious "75/25" initiative on May 17, on the eve of World Hypertension Day.
- ✓ The program aims to ensure that 75 million individuals suffering from hypertension and diabetes receive standardised care by 2025, primarily through Primary Health Centers (PHCs).

- **Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR)**
- ✓ On May 17, the Indian government – has launched the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) system across the country for tracking the lost or stolen mobile phones.

- **"Meri LiFE" (My Life)**
- ✓ The government - launched "Meri LiFE" (My Life) mobile application to empower young people and encourage their participation in tackling climate change.

- **Union Public Service Commission**
- ✓ The Union Public Service Commission - announced the result of the Civil Services Examination 2022 on May 23.
- ✓ Gee Gee A.S., 22, of Kolathur, secured All India Rank 107 and Tamil Nadu rank one in the Civil Services Examination 2022.

- **Sengol**
- ✓ Historic Scepter 'Sengol' Finds Home in New Parliament Building.
- ✓ The Home Minister explained that the sceptre, known as "sengol," derives from the Tamil word "**semmai**," meaning "**righteousness**."

- **Har Shikhar Tiranga (HST) Mission**
- ✓ Har Shikhar Tiranga (HST) Mission is a unique expedition to hoist the national flag on the highest point of every state of India for the first time.

- **India's New Parliament House**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the new Parliament building on Sunday, 28 May, showcasing its exquisite artwork and featuring a ceremonial sceptre called 'Sengol' among its many highlights.

- **New 75 Coin**
- ✓ Centre to Launch New 75 Coin to Mark New Parliament Inauguration.
The Ministry of Finance has announced the launch of a special 75 coin to commemorate the inauguration of India's new parliament building.

- **City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain' (CITIIS 2.0)**
- ✓ On May 31, the Union Cabinet - approved the second phase of 'City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain' (CITIIS 2.0) to promote circular economy in 18 smart cities, which will be selected through a competition.

- ✓ The major focus of the programme will be on integrated waste management while it also aims at climate action.
- **Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research (MAHIR)**
- ✓ The Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy - have jointly launched a National Mission titled “Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research (MAHIR)”.
- ✓ The mission aims to quickly identify emerging technologies in the power sector and develop them indigenously, at scale, for deployment within and outside India.
- **Amrit Generation Campaign**
- ✓ Union Minister for the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani - launched a new initiative titled ‘Amrit Generation campaign’ on June 8.
- ✓ The campaign is an initiative to empower and engage the youth by encouraging them to express their aspirations and dreams for the future.
- **National Centre for Earthquake Safety of Dams**
- ✓ Jaipur-based Malviya National Institute of Technology - has been chosen as the National Centre for Earthquake Safety of Dams, the first centre of its kind in the country.
- **Vaishvik Bhartiya Vaigyanik (Vaibhav)**
- ✓ The government - has launched a new fellowship program called Vaishvik Bhartiya Vaigyanik (Vaibhav).
- ✓ The new program aims to strengthen knowledge-sharing and collaboration between the Indian STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine) scientists and academic and research institutions in India.
- **Centre Introduces ‘Y-Break – Yoga at Office Chair’ for Employee Stress Relief**
- ✓ The central government of India has recently taken a proactive step towards improving the well-being of its employees by introducing the “Y-Break – Yoga at Office Chair” protocol.
- **Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission**
- ✓ The government - is all set to implement the ‘Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission’.
- ✓ As announced in the budget, the Mission will focus on awareness creation, universal screening of seven crore people in the age group of 0-40 years in affected tribal areas.
- **India’s First Hydrogen-Powered Train**
- ✓ In a significant step towards embracing sustainable transportation, India is poised to launch its first-ever hydrogen-powered train.
- ✓ Hydrogen trains, which rely on fuel cells to convert hydrogen and oxygen into electricity, offer a clean and environmentally friendly alternative to traditional diesel trains.
- **National Research Foundation**
- ✓ On June 28, the Union Cabinet - approved a bill to set up a National Research Foundation.
- ✓ The Foundation will “seed, grow and promote research and development (R&D) and foster a culture of innovation throughout Indian universities, colleges, institutions and R&D laboratories”.

SCHEMES

- **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme**
 - ✓ The Ministry of Railways - has launched a new scheme 'Amrit Bharat Station scheme' for the modernisation of the railway stations across the country.

- **New Integrated Food Security Scheme**
 - ✓ The new Scheme would provide free food grains to 81.35 crore beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) for the entire year 2023.

- **Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development Scheme**
 - ✓ On January 4, the cabinet committee on economic affairs (CCEA) - approved the 'Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development' scheme for the expansion and upgradation of broadcasting infrastructure at Prasar Bharati.

- **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana, PMGKAY**
 - ✓ The Centre - has named the new Integrated Food Security Scheme as Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana, PMGKAY.

- **PM VIKAS - PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman**
 - ✓ PM VIKAS is a package of assistance for traditional artisans and craftspeople.
 - ✓ The scheme will enable them to improve the quality, scale and reach of their products, integrating them with the MSME value chain.

- **Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP)**
 - ✓ On February 15, the Union cabinet - approved a Rs. 4,800 crore allocation for the 'Vibrant Villages Programme' (VVP), a centrally-sponsored scheme, to ensure the comprehensive development of villages along the northern border areas.

- **VAIBHAV Fellowship Scheme**
 - ✓ The new initiative aims to enhance the research capability of India's higher education institutions by promoting academic and research collaborations with top-performing institutions from around the world.

- **New India Literacy Programme**
 - ✓ The scheme is mainly based on volunteerism for teaching and learning, implemented predominantly through online mode.

- **'Digital House' Scheme**
 - ✓ On April 12, speaker M Appavu - launched the 'digital house' scheme as part of the state government's efforts to make Tamil Nadu assembly 'paperless'.

- **'Home Again' Rehabilitation Scheme**
 - ✓ The scheme aims to integrate those people who recover from mental disabilities with the society.

- **Marketing and Logistics Development for Promotion of Tribal Products from North-Eastern Region (PTP-NER)**
 - ✓ The new tribal-oriented central scheme is named as 'Marketing and Logistics Development for Promotion of Tribal Products from North-Eastern Region (PTP-NER)'.

➤ **FAME II Scheme**

- ✓ The government - has decided to release over Rs 500 crore of subsidy under FAME II scheme to four electric two-wheeler manufacturers — Ola Electric, Ather, TVS and Hero MotoCorp.

➤ **Institute of Eminence' (IoE) Scheme**

- ✓ On May 24, Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) - launched 15 centres of excellence (CoE) as part of the 'Institute of Eminence' (IoE) scheme.
- ✓ These centres will undertake cutting edge research and develop next-generation technologies.

➤ **UDAN 5.1**

- ✓ The Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched UDAN 5.1 after four successful rounds of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) and with version 5.0 of the fifth round underway, to further enhance the connectivity to remote areas of the country and achieve last mile connectivity through helicopters.

➤ **National Medical Device Policy 2023**

- ✓ This new scheme aims to establish and strengthen common infrastructure facilities in the medical devices clusters and improve testing facilities for medical devices.

➤ **Amrit Dharohar Yojana and Mishti Yojana**

- ✓ On June 5, Environment minister Bhupender Yadav - on World Environment Day - launched two new schemes, Amrit Dharohar Yojana and Mishti Yojana.
- ✓ The two schemes aim to conserve India's wetlands of international importance (Ramsar sites) and revive as well as protect the mangrove ecosystem of the country respectively.

➤ **Exploration of Coal and Lignite Scheme**

- ✓ On June 7, the government - approved the continuation of the central sector plan 'Exploration of Coal and Lignite scheme' with an estimated expenditure of Rs 2,980 crore.
- ✓ Under this scheme, exploration for coal and lignite is conducted in two broad stages - (i) Promotional (Regional) Exploration and (ii) Detailed Exploration in non-Coal India Limited blocks.

➤ **Price Support Scheme: An Effective Tool for Market Stability**

- ✓ The **Indian government** has eliminated restrictions on the maximum amount of certain pulses that can be procured, as a measure to control inflation and increase the supply.
- ✓ The limits on the procurement of **tur**, **urad**, and **masoor** under the **Price Support Scheme operations** for the 2023-24 period have been lifted.

➤ **India's 'Green Credit' Scheme**

- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has recently notified the draft 'Green Credit Programme (GCP)' implementation rules for 2023.
- ✓ By participating in these activities, entities can earn tradable "green credits" that will be incentivized through a market-based mechanism.

➤ **PM-PRANAM and Urea Gold Schemes**

- ✓ These initiatives include the PM-PRANAM scheme and the introduction of sulphur-coated urea (Urea Gold) to address soil deficiencies. Additionally, the Cabinet has allocated a substantial subsidy for organic manure.

- **Perasiriyar Anbazhagan School Development Scheme**
- ✓ The new scheme, named after the late DMK leader K Anbazhagan, seeks to renovate government schools, construct new classrooms and other facilities across the state.
- **Pudumai Penn' Scheme – Phase 2**
- ✓ This scheme has been designed to bring back girl students, who were unable to continue their higher studies, and prevent dropouts among them.
- ✓ The students would be paid Rs 1,000 monthly till they complete their graduation or diploma courses.
- **Tamil Mozhi Karpom**
- ✓ The department is also set to launch a Tamil language learning scheme, "Tamil Mozhi Karpom", to help children of migrant workers learn to fluently speak, read and write the language without any hassles.
- **Pengal Pathukaaptu Thittam**
- ✓ A New Scheme launched by Tamil Nadu Police for Women Travelling Alone at Night. Chennai city women, who return from work between 10 pm and 7 am, can use a police patrol vehicle to reach their residence safely.
- ✓ This new scheme named 'Pengal Pathukaaptu Thittam' (Women Safety Scheme).
- **Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme**
- ✓ According to the CM, 'Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme' offers 35% capital subsidy on the project cost including land, plant, machinery, testing equipment and computing devices for small business owners from Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities.

INTERNATIONAL

- **World's Most Populous Country**
- ✓ According to a recent survey, India exceeds China in terms of the population across the world. Currently, the nation is home to 142.86 crore people.
- **Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)**
- ✓ On May 5, the World Health Organisation (WHO) – declared that Covid-19 is no longer a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC).
- **Charles III**
- Charles III - was crowned the King of United Kingdom at Westminster Abbey in London on May 6 following his anointment in a solemn religious ceremony that dates back almost a thousand years
- **Soulful Yoga, Serene Oman**
- ✓ The Sultanate of Oman - creates history after becoming the first foreign government to promote their country through yoga.

INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

➤ **India-France-UAE Trilateral Cooperation Initiative**

- ✓ In recent times, India has been increasing its bilateral trade with UAE. With CEPA and the Golden Visa program (extension) of UAE, business relations have increased exponentially.

➤ **Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate**

- ✓ U.S. and UAE collectively launched the 'Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate' AIM4C in November 2021. India also joined the global platform.

➤ **India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFP)**

- ✓ PM Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina - jointly inaugurated the Rs. 377 crore India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFP) virtually on March 18.
- ✓ The 131.5km pipeline will supply up to 1 million tonnes per annum of diesel from Numaligarh in Assam to Bangladesh.

➤ **India and Malaysia**

- ✓ The Ministry of External Affairs declared that trade between India and Malaysia can now be conducted using the Indian Rupee (INR) as a mode of settlement, in addition to other currencies.

➤ **Operation Kaveri**

- ✓ On April 24, the government - launched 'Operation Kaveri' to evacuate close to 3,000 Indian citizens stranded in Sudan.

➤ **India-Israel Center of Water Technology (CoWT)**

- ✓ The Government of Israel - is partnering with India through Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) to establish an India-Israel Center of Water Technology (CoWT) in water resources management and water technologies.

➤ **Operation Karuna**

- ✓ On May 18, the Indian government - has launched "Operation Karuna" to provide humanitarian assistance to Cyclone Mocha-hit Myanmar.

➤ **India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway Project**

- ✓ The India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway project, an ambitious endeavor aimed at connecting Kolkata to Bangkok via Myanmar, is set to significantly boost regional connectivity and cooperation.

➤ **Mineral Security Partnership (MSP)**

- ✓ India – has become the newest partner in the US-led Mineral Security Partnership (MSP).
- ✓ It seeks to ensure that critical minerals are produced, processed and recycled in a way that helps countries secure a stable supply of critical minerals for their economies.

➤ **India-US hi-tech Handshake Event**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Biden - participated in the India-US hi-tech handshake event at the White House in Washington on June 24.
- ✓ The thematic focus of the Forum was on 'AI for All' and 'Manufacturing for Mankind'.

- **Separate Tamil Studies Chair**
- ✓ The PM wrapped up his four-day visit to the US by announcing a separate Tamil Studies Chair at the University of Houston with the Indian government's help
- **Strategic Partnership Agreement**
- ✓ On June 25, PM Narendra Modi and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi - signed a landmark 'strategic partnership' agreement.
- ✓ With their focus on intensifying political, defence and counter-terrorism cooperation.
- **Order of the Nile**
- ✓ Egypt's highest civilian honour, Order of the Nile, was conferred on PM Modi by Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, making him the first Indian to receive the award.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **108th Indian Science Congress (ISC)**
- ✓ The theme of the five-day event is 'Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment'.
- **Water Vision@2047**
- ✓ The primary objective of the 2-day conference was to gather inputs for India@2027 and the 5P vision from the different water stakeholders of the state, water being a state subject, and improve engagement and partnership with states.
- **Voice of Global South Summit**
- ✓ Theme of the Summit is 'Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose.
- ✓ The summit is India's attempt to provide a common platform to discuss concerns affecting developing countries.
- **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD)**
- ✓ Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention is the flagship event of the Government of India that provides an important platform to engage and connect with overseas Indians and enable the diaspora to interact with each other.
- **Purple Fest**
- ✓ Goa State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, in association with Directorate of Social Welfare and Entertainment Society of Goa hosted the 'Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity'.
- **World Economic Forum 2023 Summit**
- ✓ The theme of the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2023 meeting is 'Cooperation in a fragmented world.'
- **India Stack Developer Conference**
- ✓ India Stack is a multi-layer cluster of digital solutions such as Aadhaar, UPI, Digi Locker, Co-Win, GeM, and GSTN, and has played a key role in India's digital transformation.
- **National Child Science Congress**
- ✓ The theme of the 30th session of the National Children's Science Congress is 'Understanding Eco System for Health & Well-being'.

➤ **The India-UAE Partnership Summit**

- ✓ The India-UAE Partnership Summit – was launched in Dubai on January 25 to drive the two countries strategic' development plans and to build new economic partnerships.

➤ **Indian Rice Congress 2023**

- ✓ The 2023 congress was held on the theme "Transforming Rice Research".
- ✓ The congress focused on the global food crisis and the recent scientific developments that will help in increasing the production and yield of paddy crops.

➤ **World Hindi Conference**

- ✓ The main theme of the conference is 'Hindi: From Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence'.

➤ **The World Government Summit 2023**

- ✓ The Summit will be held under the theme of "Shaping Future Governments".
- ✓ It will bring together global thought leaders, global experts, and decision makers.

➤ **B20 (Business 20)**

- ✓ The conference was a part of the official G20 Dialogue Forum for the global business community.
- ✓ The theme of the conference was 'Sustainable Growth and Development'.

➤ **18th World Security Congress**

- ✓ Theme of this year's Congress is "Railway Security Strategy: Responses and Vision for Future".

➤ **Youth 20 India Summit**

- ✓ The Youth 20 India Summit is organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India to mark the celebration of India's G20 Presidency, the focus would be on 'Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making sustainability a Way of Life'.

➤ **BioAsia Summit 2023**

- ✓ The 20th Edition of BioAsia, Asia's largest Life Sciences and Healthcare Convention, concluded in Hyderabad on 26 February 2023.
- ✓ The theme of the event for 2023 is "Advancing for ONE: Shaping the next generation of humanized healthcare".

➤ **Women20 Inception Meeting**

- ✓ The first meeting of the W20 (Women 20) under India's G20 presidency will be held at Sambhaji Nagar, Maharashtra on 27-28 February 2023.
- ✓ 'Pursuit of Gender Equality, Equity and Dignity for Women-led Development' is the theme of the meeting.

➤ **International Biotech Conclave**

- ✓ It was held along with the 22nd Congress of the International Society for Ethnopharmacology and the 10th Congress of the Society for Ethno-pharmacology.
- ✓ The theme for the conclave was "Reimagine Ethnopharmacology: Globalisation of Traditional Medicine".

- ✓ **Dharma Dhamma Conference**
- ✓ The three-day conference with the theme 'Eastern Humanism for the New Era'.
- ✓ The conference aims to bring together religious, political and thought leaders from Dharma-Dhamma traditions to build a philosophical framework for the emerging new world order.

- ✓ **B2B Conference & Expo on Traditional Medicine**
- ✓ The B2B Conference and Expo on Traditional Medicine under the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is scheduled to be held until March 5, 2023, at Guwahati, Assam.

- **Yoga Mahotsav, 2023**
- ✓ The Yoga Mahotsav kickstarts the 100 days countdown to International Day of Yoga, which is held on June 21 every year since 2015 following its inception in the United Nations General Assembly in 2014.

- **Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi - inaugurated the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute campus in Pusa, New Delhi on March 18.

- **G20 RIIG Conference**
- ✓ The G20 RIIG (Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Innovation Group) Conference will take place on March 23, bringing together experts, policymakers, and industry leaders from around the world.

- **One World TB Summit 2023**
- ✓ On March 24, Prime Minister - addressed the 'One World TB Summit 2023' in Varanasi on the occasion of the World TB Day.

- **Umagine Chennai 2023**
- ✓ Over 12,000 people have registered for Umagine Chennai 2023, Asia's largest summit on technology and innovation, that will happen in Chennai from March 23 to 25, Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services said.

- **Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG)**
- ✓ The conference deliberated on ways towards building a sustainable and circular bio-economy.

- **Summit for Democracy**
- ✓ The summit focuses on three key points — strengthening democracy and defending against authoritarianism, addressing and fighting corruption, and promoting respect for human rights.

- **Naval Commanders' Conference 2023**
- ✓ The first edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2023 – was recently held onboard India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant.

- **First National Conference of the All India Federation for Social Justice**
- ✓ The conference was convened by DMK under the theme "Taking Forward the Struggle for Social Justice and Joint National Programme for Social Justice Movement".

- **The three-day meeting of Youth20 (Y20) - began at Auroville on April 4**
- ✓ The Y20 meeting aims to encourage youth in evolving as future leaders to raise awareness on global issues and facilitate exchange of ideas.

- ✓ Youth20 (Y20) is an official consultation forum for youth from all G20 member countries.
- **Combined Commanders Conference**
- ✓ This year, the theme of the CCC was 'Ready, Resurgent, Relevant.' The objective was to assess the progress made by the Armed Forces in meeting the challenges of modern warfare.
- **International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI)**
- ✓ The 5th edition of International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2023 - was held in New Delhi recently on April 4 and 5.
- ✓ It was held under the theme "Delivering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure: Pathways for Risk Informed Systems, Practices and Investments".
- **India-Central Asia Joint Working Group (JWG)**
- ✓ The first meeting of the India-Central Asia Joint Working Group (JWG) on the Chabahar port – was held in Mumbai recently on April 12 and 13.
- ✓ India has been pushing for the Chabahar port project to boost regional trade, especially for its connectivity to Afghanistan.
- **8th India-Thailand Defence Dialogue**
- ✓ During the dialogue, they will review the defence cooperation and explore new initiatives to further strengthen bilateral engagements.
- **Global Buddhist Summit**
- ✓ The Ministry of Culture in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation will host the two-day Summit.
- ✓ The theme of the Summit is Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis.
- **Quad Leaders' Summit**
- ✓ The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue comprises of India, the US, Japan and Australia.
- ✓ The leaders will discuss ways to deepen their cooperation on issues involving the Indo-Pacific, including critical and emerging technologies, high-quality infrastructure, global health, climate change, maritime domain awareness and other pressing issues.
- **Asia Pacific Leaders' Conclave on Malaria Elimination**
- ✓ The conclave was organized on the eve of World Malaria Day.
- ✓ The Conclave provided a platform for leaders from the Asia Pacific region to discuss ongoing efforts toward malaria elimination and to focus their action for malaria elimination by 2030.
- **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)**
- ✓ A two-day meeting of foreign ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) – was held in Goa on May 4 and 5.
- ✓ During the meeting, the SCO Foreign Ministers assessed the status of decisions that will be approved at the upcoming SCO Summit in July in New Delhi.
- **6th Indian Ocean Conference- IOC 2023**
- ✓ The 6th IOC is set to take place on May 12-13, 2023, in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The theme for the conference is "Peace, Prosperity and Partnership for a Resilient Future".

➤ **Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference 2023**

- ✓ The Chemicals and Petrochemicals Manufacturers' Association (CPMA) of India will host the 41st edition of the Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference 2023 (APIC 2023) in New Delhi on 18-19 May.

➤ **India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC)**

- ✓ The Council discussed ways to increase cooperation in strategic technologies, digital connectivity, clean energy, trade and investments.
- ✓ The three Working Groups under the mechanism presented roadmaps for future cooperation between the two sides– Working Group on Strategic Technologies; Digital Governance and Digital Connectivity.

➤ **TB Eradication Summit**

- ✓ On May 19, State Health Minister Ma Subramanian - inaugurated the TB Eradication Summit under the National Tuberculosis Eradication Programme in Chennai.
- ✓ During the event, the Minister also released the 2.0 State TB Eradication Comprehensive Plan document for the elimination of tuberculosis by 2025

➤ **G7 Summit**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi – addressed the G7 session on 'Working Together to Address Multiple Crisis' at the G7 Summit, in Hiroshima, Japan on May 20.
- ✓ During his address, the PM gave a 10-point call to action to address food, health and development-related issues plaguing the world

➤ **76th World Health Assembly**

- ✓ On May 21, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - virtually addressed the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland through a video message.
- ✓ This year's assembly revolves around the theme: "WHO at 75: Saving lives, driving health for all."

➤ **FIPIC Summit 2023**

- ✓ The Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) Summit, hosted in Papua New Guinea, served as a significant platform for fostering cooperation in various areas such as trade, investment, climate change, and sustainable development.

➤ **Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG)**

- ✓ The 3rd Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) meeting under India's G20 Presidency - was held in Mumbai from May 21 to 23.
- ✓ The meetings focused on three broad themes - arresting land degradation, promoting circular economy and giving impetus to blue economy.

➤ **Global Wealth Conference (GWC)**

- ✓ The Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI) – has launched its Global Wealth Conference (GWC) on May 31 in London.
- ✓ During this two-day Conference, major investment decisions may take place for the Indian market.

- **BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa)**
- ✓ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar – represented the country and addressed at a meeting of the foreign ministers of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) nations in Cape Town on June 1 and 2.

- **India-Vietnam Maritime Security Dialogue**
- ✓ The 3rd India-Vietnam Maritime Security Dialogue - was held in New Delhi recently on May 31.
- ✓ During the dialogue, the two sides discussed ways to sustain a secure maritime environment conducive for inclusive growth.

- **National Training Conclave**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi – inaugurated the first ‘National Training Conclave’ at Delhi’s Pragati Maidan on June 11.
- ✓ The conclave hosted eight panel discussions, each focusing on key concerns pertinent to civil services training institutes such as faculty development, training impact assessment and content digitisation, among others.

- **17th Indian Cooperative Congress**
- ✓ PM Narendra Modi - will address the 17th Indian Cooperative Congress in Delhi on July 1.
- ✓ It will be held with the theme ‘Amrit Kaal — Prosperity through Cooperation for a Vibrant India’.

- **SAI20 Summit**
- ✓ The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) - hosted a three-day SAI20 Summit under India's G20 Presidency in Goa from June 12 to 14.
- ✓ Blue Economy is the sustainable use of oceanic resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs while preserving the health of the ecosystem.

- **The Women’s G-20 Summit**
- ✓ The Women’s G-20 summit - will be held in Mamallapuram on June 15 and 16.
- ✓ The theme of this year’s summit is ‘Women-Led Development- Transform, Thrive and Transcend’.

- **First Hindu-American Summit**
- ✓ The inaugural Hindu-American Summit for political engagement, organised by a group of Indian Americans, was scheduled to take place at the US Capitol Hill on June 14.
- ✓ The summit’s primary objective is to bring attention and support for the concerns and issues faced by the Hindu community, which has been underrepresented in politics.

- **International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)**
- ✓ India - is set to host the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) Annual Conference 2025 in February in Kochi, Kerala.
- ✓ The conference will be held under the theme “Next Generation Administrative Reforms - Empowering The Citizens And Reaching The Last Mile”.

- **4th Education Working Group (EDWG)**
- ✓ The Ministry of Education – will host the G20 4th Education Working Group (EDWG) meeting in Pune on June 20 and 21.
- ✓ A seminar, themed "Ensuring Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, especially in the Context of Blended Learning" will be held at Savitribai Phule Pune University on June 19.

➤ **India - Iraq Joint Commission Meeting**

- ✓ India hosted the 18th Session of the India - Iraq Joint Commission Meeting in New Delhi on 21 June 2023.
- ✓ During the meeting, both countries agreed to move from a buyer-seller relation to an energy partnership covering investments, trade, and services.

➤ **G-20 Labour Engagement Summit**

- ✓ Bihar - has hosted the two day G-20 Labour Engagement summit on June 22 and 23 in Patna.
- ✓ The summit witnessed participation of around 180 delegates from various G20 member countries.

DEFENCE

➤ **India's Largest Single Unit of Women Peacekeepers**

- ✓ India will deploy a platoon of women peacekeepers to UN Mission in Sudan. This will be India's largest single unit of women Peacekeepers in a UN Mission.

➤ **Short-range Ballistic Missile Prithvi II**

- ✓ The Prithvi-II missile is a well-established system that has been a vital element of India's nuclear deterrence.

➤ **Veer Guardian-2023**

- ✓ The Japan Air Self Defense Force (JASDF) and the Indian Air Force will participate in the joint air exercise "Veer Guardian-2023" starting on January 12.

➤ **Varuna**

- ✓ On January 15, India and France - kicked off the bilateral 'Varuna' naval combat exercise in the Arabian Sea.

➤ **Indo-Egypt Joint Training Exercise Cyclone-I**

- ✓ The Indian and the Egyptian Armies are to conduct the first-ever joint exercise Cyclone-I. It is to be held in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan for 14 days.

➤ **AMPHEX 2023**

- ✓ The Indian Navy carried out a six-day-long mega military exercise along with the Army and the IAF near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh.

➤ **Exercise Pralay**

- ✓ The Indian Air Force - to carry out Exercise Pralay in all of its key air facilities in the northeast, including the recently relocated drone units.

➤ **INS Vagir**

- ✓ The Indian Navy commissioned the fifth Kalvari class submarine Vagir, on January 23, 2023.

➤ **TROPEX 2023**

- ✓ Indian Navy's flagship maritime exercise TROPEX 2023 is being held in the Indian Ocean.

➤ **Operation Dost**

- ✓ As part of “Operation Dost,” India is deploying a field hospital, supplies, and rescue personnel to the earthquake-stricken countries of Turkey and Syria.

➤ **Tapas-BH**

- ✓ India’s first indigenous advanced unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) for strategic reconnaissance and surveillance “Tapas-BH” - will be unveiled.

➤ **TARKASH**

- ✓ The National Security Guard (NSG) and US Special Operations Forces (SOF) - are currently conducting an exercise named Operation TARKASH in Chennai.
- ✓ This is the first joint military exercise between India and USA in 2023.

➤ **SWARM' Drone System**

- ✓ Indian Army gets world’s 1st fully operational 'SWARM' Drone System.
- ✓ NewSpace Research company has delivered 'SWARM' drones to Indian Army in February 2023.

➤ **Dharma Guardian**

- ✓ The fourth edition of the India-Japan joint military exercise ‘Dharma Guardian’ - will be held at Camp Imazu in the Shiga province of Japan from February 17 to March 2, 2023.

➤ **VAYULINK**

- ✓ The Indian Air Force - has developed an innovative solution called VAYULINK to help pilots in dealing with bad weather and also provide jam-proof uninterrupted communication with the base station.

➤ **Desert Flag-VIII**

- ✓ An Indian Air Force contingent – has arrived at Al Dhafra airbase of United Arab Emirates to participate in a multi-nation ‘Desert Flag-VIII’ exercise.
- ✓ The Desert Flag will also witness the participation of air forces of the US, UK, Australia, France, Kuwait, Bahrain, Morocco, Spain and South Korea.

➤ **Cobra Warrior**

- ✓ The Cobra Warrior, scheduled from March 6 to 24, is a multilateral exercise in which air forces from the US, Finland, Sweden, South Africa and Singapore will be participating, alongside the Royal British Air Force and IAF.

➤ **Dustlik 2023**

- ✓ The 4th edition of India-Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise ‘Dustlik 2023’ – is currently underway at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.

➤ **Exercise Shinyuu Maitri**

- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in Exercise Shinyuu Maitri with the Japan Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) from 1-2 March 2023.

✓ **FRINJEX-23**

- ✓ Indian Army and French Army will participate in the ‘FRINJEX-23’, a joint military exercise on 7- 8 March.

➤ **International Maritime Exercise 2023**

- ✓ The Indian warship INS Trikand has arrived in Bahrain for her first participation in the International Maritime Exercise organised by the US-led Combined Maritime Forces, a 34-nation naval group.

✓ **Shaliza Dhami**

- ✓ In the first command appointment for a woman officer in the Indian Air Force, Group Captain Shaliza Dhami has been selected to take over the command of a frontline combat unit in the Western sector, the IAF said on Tuesday.

➤ **IMX/CE-23**

- ✓ The International Maritime Exercise/Cutlass Express 2023 (IMX/CE-23) is being organized in the Gulf region from February 26 to March 16, 2023, with over 50 nations and international maritime agencies participating.

➤ **TROPEX-23**

- ✓ The Indian Navy's exercise, called the "Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise for 2023" (TROPEX-23), culminated in the Arabian Sea after running for four months from November 2022 to March 2023.

➤ **Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)**

- ✓ Indian Navy's indigenously built guided missile frigate, INS Sahyadri participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French Navy (FN) ships FS Dixmude.

➤ **La Perouse**

- ✓ The biennial exercise 'La Perouse' is conducted by the French Navy, Royal Australian Navy, Indian Navy, Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, and the United States Navy.

➤ **Bold Kurukshetra**

- ✓ Operation Bold Kurukshetra, a bilateral armour training exercise, was held from March 6–13, 2023, in Jodhpur Military Station in India.
- ✓ It was the 13th iteration, and the Singapore Army and Indian Army both took part.

➤ **Exercise Sea Dragon 23**

- ✓ The Indian Navy deployed a P8I aircraft to Guam, USA, on March 14, 2023, to participate in the third edition of 'Exercise Sea Dragon 23'.

➤ **AFINDEX-2023**

- ✓ The second edition of Africa-India Field Training Exercise, AFINDEX-2023 - will be held from March 21-30 in Pune.

➤ **Konkan 2023**

- ✓ The annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of the United Kingdom (UK) "Konkan 2023" - was held from March 20 to 22 off the Konkan coast in the Arabian Sea.

➤ **Vayu Prahar**

- ✓ Indian Army and the Indian Air force - jointly conducted a Multi Domain Air-Land Exercise Vayu Prahar along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern command.

- **Exercise Cobra Warrior**
- ✓ This joint training exercise Cobra Warrior in the United Kingdom has been taking place alongside six other Air Forces, including those from the United Kingdom, Finland, Sweden, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, the United States, and Singapore.

- **Project Himshakti**
- ✓ On March 24, the defence ministry - signed a Rs.3,000 crore contract for procurement of two integrated electronic warfare systems under 'Project Himshakti' for the Indian Army.

- **GSAT 7B**
- ✓ The Ministry of Defence - signed a Rs 3,000-crore contract with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), for an advanced communication satellite, GSAT 7B.

- **INS Androth**
- ✓ India - recently launched the INS Androth, second in an eight-ship series of Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC).

- **SLINEX-2023**
- ✓ The 10th annual SLINEX-2023 bilateral maritime exercise between India and Sri Lanka has commenced in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

- **Cope India**
- ✓ Next week April 10-15, India's Sukhoi-30s, which are made in Russia, will participate in an exercise named 'Cope India' that involves dogfighting with American F-15 Strike Eagle fighter jets.

- **KAVACH**
- ✓ On April 5, 2023, the Andaman & Nicobar command, which is India's sole tri-services unit, held a collaborative military drill named Exercise 'KAVACH.'

- **Greek Exercise Iniochos 23**
- ✓ The Greek and Indian Air Forces will collaborate on a joint training exercise with Su-30, F-16, and Rafale fighter jets for ten days over Greece and the Mediterranean Sea.

- **Exercise 'Cope India 23'**
- ✓ Exercise 'Cope India 23', a bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force and the United States Air Force - is currently underway at Panagarh, Kalaikunda (West Bengal) and Agra air force stations.

- **Exercise Orion**
- ✓ Indian Air Force contingent reached France to participate in "Exercise Orion" on 14 April. The exercise is being conducted at the Air Force Base of the French Air and Space Force Mont-de-Marsan.

- **Ajeya Warrior 2023**
- ✓ Exercise Ajeya Warrior 2023 is a bilateral training exercise between the armies of India and the UK.

➤ **Five Women Officers in Combat Roles**

- ✓ In a historic first, the Indian Army - has inducted five women officers in combat roles into its Regiment of Artillery.

➤ **ASEAN India Maritime Exercise, AIME-2023**

- ✓ Indian Naval Ships Satpura and Delhi on May 1st, 2023, led by RAdm Gurcharan Singh, the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, arrived in Singapore to participate in the inaugural ASEAN India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023).

➤ **Buland Bharat**

- ✓ The Armed Forces – recently conducted a "Buland Bharat" exercise in Tawang and West Kameng districts of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The high-voltage combat exercise was aimed at testing their integrated surveillance and firepower capabilities.

➤ **Indo-Thai CORPAT**

- ✓ From May 3 to May 10, 2023, the Andaman Sea hosted the 35th iteration of the bi-annual India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT), which involved the participation of the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy.

➤ **Sea Dragon 23**

- ✓ The exercise is hosted by the United States Navy, and it involves the participation of other friendly navies from Japan, Canada, South Korea, and India.

➤ **Samudra Shakti – 23**

- ✓ INS Kavaratti, indigenously designed & built ASW Corvette, arrived at Batam, Indonesia to participate in the 4th edition of India-Indonesia Bilateral exercise Samudra Shakti-23 from 14-19 May 23.

➤ **Exercise Jal Rahat**

- ✓ The Indian Army's Gajraj Corps, in collaboration with various disaster management groups, recently conducted a joint flood relief drill called 'Exercise Jal Rahat.'

➤ **INS Vaghsheer**

- ✓ The sixth Scorpene Submarine of Project-75, Indian Navy's Kalvari class, 'Vaghsheer' recently commenced her sea trials.

➤ **AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2023 Naval Exercise**

- ✓ Marking a significant milestone in the growing defense cooperation between India and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the INS TARKASH and INS SUBHADRA have arrived at Port Al-Jubail to commence the second edition of the naval exercise, 'AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2023.'

➤ **Al Mohed Al Hindi 23**

- ✓ The sea phase of second edition of bilateral exercise 'Al Mohed Al Hindi 23', between Indian Navy and Royal Saudi Naval Force (RSNF) - was held from May 23 to 25 off Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia.

➤ **Sudarshan Shakti Exercise 2023**

- ✓ The Sapta Shakti Command of the Indian Army recently conducted the highly anticipated exercise 'Sudarshan Shakti 2023' along the western borders in Rajasthan and Punjab.

- **Maiden INDIA-FRANCE-UAE Maritime Partnership Exercise**
- ✓ The first edition of India, France and UAE Maritime Partnership Exercise commenced on 07 Jun 23 in the Gulf of Oman.

- **'Ekatha' Exercise**
- ✓ India-Maldives navies participating in the sixth edition of 'Ekatha' Exercise. Indian Navy divers and Marine Commandos with Maldives National Defence Force participating in the sixth edition of the 'Ekatha' Exercise.

- **Agni Prime**
- ✓ In a significant achievement for India's defense capabilities, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the maiden pre-induction night launch of the new-generation ballistic missile 'Agni Prime.'

- **Military Exercise "Ekuverin"**
- ✓ The 12th edition of the joint military exercise "Ex Ekuverin" between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force has commenced at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.

- **Sanshodhak**
- ✓ The fourth ship of the Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) Project, named 'Sanshodhak' meaning 'Researcher', was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai by L and T/ GRSE for the Indian Navy.

- **MQ-9B Sea Guardian Drones**
- ✓ On June 15, the defence ministry - approved the major acquisition of 31 weaponised Predator or MQ-9B Sea Guardian drones from the US.
- ✓ The fighter-sized Predators are armed with air-to-ground missiles and smart bombs as well as capable of flying for 35 hours at a stretch.

- **Julley Ladak**
- ✓ The programme seeks to create awareness among public about the naval service in the Himalayan region, including the Agnipath Scheme and motivate youngsters and civil society members to join the Indian Navy.

- **TAPAS**
- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy - successfully demonstrated the transfer of command and control capabilities of TAPAS unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV).

- **Ex Khaan Quest**
- ✓ Indian Army contingent participates in multinational joint exercise "Ex Khaan Quest 2023" in Mongolia.
- ✓ Multinational Peacekeeping Joint Exercise "Ex Khaan Quest 2023" featuring participation from military contingents and observers from over 20 countries has commenced in Mongolia today.

- **Dhruv**
- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh - inaugurated the Integrated Simulator Complex "Dhruv" at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi recently on June 21.
- ✓ The Integrated Simulator Complex hosts state-of-the-art indigenously-built simulators which will significantly enhance practical training in the Indian Navy.

APPOINTMENT

➤ **New World Bank President**

- ✓ US President Joe Biden recently nominated the former Master Card CEO Ajay Banga as the new World Bank President. Ajay has expertise in handling climate change-related economic issues.

➤ **Xi Jinping**

- ✓ China's superpower Xi Jinping becomes 5-year President for the third term.
- ✓ He has been the General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party and came into power in 2012.

➤ **10th Khalkha Jetsun Dhampa Rinpoche**

- ✓ On March 27, Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama - has named an eight-year-old US-born Mongolian boy Aguidau as the reincarnation of a spiritual leader.

➤ **Humza Yousaf**

- ✓ Scotland's governing party, Scottish National Party (SNP) - elected Pakistani-origin Humza Yousaf as its new leader on March 27.

➤ **Siddaramaiah**

- ✓ Senior Congress leader Siddaramaiah - took oath as Karnataka Chief Minister at the Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru on May 20.

➤ **SV Gangapurwala**

- ✓ The Centre - has appointed Justice SV Gangapurwala as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court.

➤ **Recep Tayyip Erdogan**

- ✓ Turkiye's incumbent President Recep Tayyip Erdogan - has declared victory in his country's runoff election, extending his rule into a third decade.

➤ **Shiv Das Meena**

- ✓ On June 29, the state government - posted senior bureaucrat Shiv Das Meena as the next chief secretary.
- ✓ He will be succeeding V Irai Anbu, who retires on June 30.

AWARDS

➤ **Golden Globe Award**

- ✓ Naatu Naatu, the super successful song from the Indian film RRR, has received the coveted Golden Globe award for Best Original Song.

➤ **World Habitat Awards 2023**

- ✓ Odisha - has won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission, a 5T initiative of the state

- **Best Foreign Language Film**
- ✓ Filmmaker SS Rajamouli's magnum opus RRR - has won the 28th Critics Choice Award for Best Foreign Language Film in Los Angeles.

- **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar**
- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar are being conferred upon children in the age group 5 – 18 years, for their excellence in six categories - Art and Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Scholastic, Social Service and Sports.

- **Padma Awards - TN**
- ✓ Vani Jairam - Veteran playback singer.
- ✓ Vadivel Gopal, and Masi Sadiyan - Expert snake-catchers from the Irula tribe - Padma Shri awards in the category of Social work.
- ✓ Siddha specialist Dr Gopalsamy Veluchamy (Medical).
- ✓ Bharatanayam guru K Kalyanasundaram Pillai (Art).
- ✓ 'Paalam' Kalyanasundaram (Social work).

- **Lifetime Achievement Honour**
- ✓ Former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh - was recently announced as the winner of Lifetime Achievement Honour by the India-UK Achievers Honours in London for his contribution to economic and political life.

- **Prestigious Space Foundation Award**
- ✓ The James Webb Telescope is an infrared space telescope orbiting the sun.
- ✓ Recently, the James Webb Telescope won the Space Foundation Award.

- **FIFA Awards**
- ✓ On February 27, World Cup champion Lionel Messi - secured the FIFA's best men's player award for the seventh time in 14 years.

- **Porter Prize 2023**
- ✓ Porter Prize 2023 was conferred recently to the Indian Government's Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ✓ The award recognized the achievements of the ministry in the health sector, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ✓ **Government Leadership Award 2023**
- ✓ India - has been awarded the GSMA 'Government Leadership Award 2023' for implementing best practices in telecom policy and regulation.

- **BBC Indian Sportswoman of The Year for 2022**
- ✓ Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu won the 2022 BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year award on 5 March 2023.

- **Avvaiyar Award 2023**
- ✓ On March 8, Chief minister M K Stalin - presented the Avvaiyar Award 2023 to R Kamalam Chinnasami, a 90-year-old writer and social worker.

- **Girl Child Empowerment Award 2022-23**
- ✓ The CM presented the Girl Child Empowerment Award 2022-23 to Class XI student M Ilampirai from Salem district for inventing new equipment to prevent deaths during repairing lifts in multi-storey buildings.
- **95th Academy Awards - Naatu Naatu Song**
- ✓ SS Rajamouli's RRR - has created history by becoming the first Indian feature film to win an Oscar at the 95th Academy Awards in Los Angeles, United States.
- **The Elephant Whisperers**
- ✓ The Elephant Whisperers, a Netflix documentary Short Film from Kartiki Gonsalves and Guneet Monga, has won the 95th Academy Awards' Best Documentary Short Film Category.
- **Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA) Award**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu - bagged the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA) international travel award at the International Travel Bourse-2023, held at Berlin, Germany.
- **Golden & Silver Star at 'Golden City Gate Tourism Awards**
- ✓ The International Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023 in the categories of "TV/Cinema Commercials International and Country International" were won by the Indian Ministry of Tourism and Government of India, respectively.
- **Governor of the Year**
- ✓ RBI governor Shaktikanta Das - bagged the 'Governor of the Year' award for 2023 conferred by international economic research journal, Central Banking.
- **Sangita Kalanidhi Award**
- ✓ Renowned Carnatic vocalist and Musician Bombay Jayashri - will be conferred the prestigious Sangita Kalanidhi award of the Music Academy.
- **The Order des Palmes Academiques**
- ✓ The French government - has conferred the prestigious 'The Order des Palmes Academiques' award, one of the greatest honour in the field on two French teachers from Chennai.
- ✓ Sumitra Muthukumar, French teacher at Alliance Francaise of Madras and Navis Sybil Abarna Roy, assistant professor of French in Loyola College.
- **Wildlife Conservation Award 2023**
- ✓ The Union Territory has awarded wildlife conservationist Aliya Mir for her exceptional efforts in conservation.
- ✓ Aliya is the first woman from Jammu and Kashmir to work for Wildlife.
- **2023 International Prize in Statistics**
- ✓ The Indian-American statistician Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao has been awarded the 2023 International Prize in Statistics — the equivalent of the Nobel Prize for statistics.
- **Vayu Seva Medal**
- ✓ Wing Commander Deepika Misra has made history as the first female Air Force officer to receive a gallantry medal.

- **83rd Peabody Awards**
- ✓ Documentary film, 'Writing With Fire', directed by Rintu Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh – emerged winner at the 83rd Peabody Awards under the category of 'Documentary'.

- **Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur' (Knight of the Legion of Honour)**
- ✓ Tata Group Chairman N Chandrasekaran - has been given France's highest civilian award 'Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur' (Knight of the Legion of Honour) for his contributions to strengthen the trade relationship between India and France.

- **Michel Batisse Award**
- ✓ On June 6, Chief minister M K Stalin - appreciated Ramanathapuram district forest officer (DFO) Jagdish S Bakan for bagging the 2023 Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management from UNESCO.

- **Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star**
- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu – was recently conferred with the Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star, Suriname's highest civilian honor.

- **When Climate Change Turns Violent**
- ✓ Indian film 'When Climate Change Turns Violent' wins WHO award.
- ✓ The documentary has been directed by Vandita Saharia of Rajasthan. She was the only Indian among the winners.

- **National Water Awards**
- ✓ Vice President presented the National Water Awards 2022 in New Delhi, June 17, 2023.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh topped the Best State category, followed by Haryana & Karnataka.

- **Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021**
- ✓ The Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021 - will be conferred on The Gita Press, Gorakhpur.
- ✓ The prize recognises The Gita Press's "outstanding contribution towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violent and other Gandhian methods".

- **National Water Award 2022**
- ✓ A water conservation project taken up at Kadavur village in the Karur district - has won the second prize in the National Water Award 2022 under the best village panchayat category.

- **National Florence Nightingale Awards**
- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu - conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards for 2022 and 2023 to 30 dedicated nursing professionals from across the country on June 22.
- ✓ The awardees for 2022 include two nurses - Ganapathy Santhi and Suganthi K - from Tamil Nadu.

- **Sahitya Akademi's Bal Puraskar and Yuva Puraskar Awards**
- ✓ Two writers from southern Tamil Nadu, Udayasankar and Ram Thangam - have bagged the Sahitya Akademi's Bal Puraskar and Yuva Puraskar awards for the year 2023.

- **Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), School Health and Wellness Ambassador Programme**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu - received the best performing state award from the Union health ministry in implementing school health programme and for menstrual hygiene practices.

➤ **Kaaval Karangal**

- ✓ Chennai city police - have been awarded with the Skoch gold for successfully implementing 'Kaaval Karangal' initiative.

PERSONALITIES

➤ **Jiya Rai**

- ✓ Jiya Rai from Colaba – created a Guinness record by swimming 1,100km from Mumbai to Goa in a record 11 days' time.
- ✓ The 14-year-old daughter of an Indian Navy sailor, Rai suffers from Autism Spectrum Disorder.

➤ **Miss Universe 2022**

- ✓ The United States candidate R'Bonney Gabriel has crowned Miss Universe 2022 at a ceremony held in New Orleans, Mexico.

➤ **Rizwana**

- ✓ WHO puts Kerala girl on World Hearing Day poster.
- ✓ It is Ms. Rizwana's story that World Health Organisation (WHO) India has chosen to put on its poster on World Hearing Day (March 3) to send out this powerful message to millions.

➤ **Surekha Yadav**

- ✓ Surekha Yadav, Asia's first woman loco pilot - has now become the first female to operate the newly-introduced semi-high speed Vande Bharat Express train.

➤ **Colonel Geeta Rana**

- ✓ Colonel Geeta Rana - has become the first woman officer to take over command of an independent field workshop in the Eastern Ladakh sector with China.

➤ **Ravi Chaudhary**

- ✓ The U.S. Senate - has confirmed Indian-American flight test engineer Ravi Chaudhary as the Assistant Secretary of Defence for the US Air Force, one of the top civilian leadership positions in the Pentagon.

➤ **Amit Kshatriya**

- ✓ Amit Kshatriya, Indian-American software and robotics engineer - was appointed as the first head of Nasa's newly established Moon to Mars Programme.

➤ **Anjali Sharma**

- ✓ Mountaineer Anjali Sharma of Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh - conquered Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, wearing the traditional Luanchari dress.

➤ **Femina Miss India 2023 - Nandini Gupta**

- ✓ At an extravagant event held in Manipur's Imphal, Nandini Gupta has been honoured with Femina Miss India 2023 title.

➤ **Prabhat Koli**

- ✓ Indian swimming sensation Prabhat Koli (23) - became the only Indian open water swimmer to bag three Guinness records.

- ✓ Early last month, Koli became the youngest person in the world to have completed the Ocean Seven Challenge.
- **Lieutenant Shivangi Singh**
- ✓ Indian Air Force's first woman pilot to fly the Rafale fighter jets, Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh – is part of the IAF contingent taking part in the multi-national exercise 'Orion' in France.
- **Ratan Tata**
- ✓ Ratan Tata, the Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, has been awarded the Order of Australia (AO), which is Australia's highest civilian honour.
- **Abhilash Tomy**
- ✓ Retired Indian Navy Officer, Abhilash Tomy - scripted history on April 29 to become the first ever Indian to complete the prestigious Golden Globe Race 2022.
- **K S M Manimuthu**
- ✓ A first-time panchayat president from Sivaganga, K S M Manimuthu – was praised by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 100th episode of his 'Maan ki baat' programme.
- ✓ He was instrumental in powering streetlights in the panchayat by establishing a biogas plant.
- **S Nandhini**
- ✓ S Nandhini, a student from Dindigul district - has made history by scoring 600 out of 600 marks in the Class 12 board examination in Tamil Nadu.
- **Sathyabhama Das Biju**
- ✓ University of Delhi professor Sathyabhama Das Biju, also popularly known as the "Frogman of India" - has been named as a Radcliffe Fellow at Harvard University for 2023-2024.
- **Kami Rita**
- ✓ A Nepali Sherpa, Kami Rita - scaled Mount Everest for a record 27th time, beating his own record.
- **Rayyanah Barnawi**
- ✓ Rayyanah Barnawi made history as the first Arab woman to venture into space. The highly anticipated maiden space mission of Saudi Arabia took place on May 21.
- **Hari Budha Magar**
- ✓ Gorkha veteran Hari Budha Magar - has become the first double above-the-knee amputee to climb Everest.
- **Rajasekar Pachai**
- ✓ Rajasekar Pachai from Tamil Nadu - scaled Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain on May 19.
- ✓ The 27 year-old from Kovalam becomes the second person from Tamil Nadu to scale the 8,848m tall peak.
- **Muthamizh Selvi**
- ✓ Muthamizh Selvi - became the first woman from Tamil Nadu to scale Mount Everest.

- ✓ She reached the top of world's highest peak on May 23 and returned to Kathmandu on May 26.
- **Dev Shah**
- ✓ Fourteen-year-old, an Indian-American prodigy - claimed the prestigious title of the 2023 Scripps National Spelling Bee champion.
- **Prabhanjan J**
- ✓ Prabhanjan J from Villupuram district – created history by becoming the first candidate from Tamil Nadu to top the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) by scoring 720 out of 720 marks with a 99.99 percentile.
- **Prisha Lokesh Nikajoo**
- ✓ Prisha Lokesh Nikajoo, a five-year-old girl from Betul district in Madhya Pradesh - has become the youngest to reach the base camp of Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain peak.
- **Rutu Parekh and Kumar Venkataramani**
- ✓ Four Indian scientists, including two from Gujarat, Rutu Parekh and Kumar Venkataramani - have been bestowed with a rare honour of asteroids being named after them.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Exam Warriors**
- ✓ On January 17, Tamil Nadu governor R N Ravi - released the Tamil version of the book "Exam Warriors," authored by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **Sachin@50**
- ✓ Boria Majumdar, a renowned sports historian and popular TV show host, unveiled a new book called 'Sachin@50 – Celebrating A Maestro' on the occasion of legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar's 50th birthday.
- **Saurashtra-Tamil Sangamprashastih**
- ✓ At the end of the 'Saurashtra Tamil Sangam' event, the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, revealed a book called 'Saurashtra Tamil Sangam Prashasti,' authored by Somnath Sanskrit University.
- **Collective Spirit, Concrete Action**
- ✓ At the 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat', a book called 'Collective Spirit, Concrete Action' written by Shashi Shekhar Vempati, former CEO of Prasar Bharati (2017-2022) was launched.
- **From Tribal Hinterlands to Raisina Hills**
- ✓ The book titled "Droupadi Murmu: From Tribal Hinterlands to Raisina Hills" tells the inspiring story of a tribal girl who overcame obstacles to become a symbol of resilience, determination, and perseverance.
- ✓ The author of the book is Kasturi Ray.
- **Booker prize longlist for 2023**
- ✓ Tamil writer Perumal Murugan - has been selected for the International Booker prize longlist for 2023.

- ✓ Murugan makes it to the prestigious list with his 2016 book 'Pyre', translated from Tamil by Aniruddhan Vasudevan.

SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENT & TECHNOLOGY

➤ **Aditya L1 Sun, Chandrayaan-3 and Gaganyaaan mission**

- ✓ In 2023, Isro - will launch big-ticket inter-planetary missions like Aditya L1 Sun and Chandrayaan-3 and also launch the first uncrewed mission of the long awaited Gaganyaaan mission.

➤ **Kala-azar**

- ✓ The second largest parasite killer in the world.
- ✓ It is also known as Visceral leishmaniasis (VL), black fever & Dumdum fever.

➤ **Comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF)**

- ✓ A newly discovered comet could be visible to the naked eye as it shoots past Earth and the Sun. This is the first time in 50,000 years.

➤ **Skyhawk**

- ✓ The drone named Skyhawk can be used in defence and medical applications, among other sectors.

➤ **Viologen-Unit Grafted Organic Framework' (iVOFm)**

- ✓ Pune-based Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) – has developed a novel material called 'viologen-unit grafted organic framework' (iVOFm) to remove pollutants from water.

➤ **World's First Honey Bee Vaccine**

- ✓ The new vaccine was developed to protect bee colonies from American foulbrood disease, a bacterial infection.

➤ **Neelakurinji**

- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF) has listed Neelakurinji (Strobilanthes kunthiana) under Schedule III of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 including it on the list of protected plants.

➤ **CERVAVAC**

- ✓ On January 24, Serum Institute of India (SII) - announced that it has launched "CERVAVAC" which is India's first indigenously developed quadrivalent human papillomavirus (qHPV) vaccine for the prevention of cervical cancer.

➤ **iNCOVACC**

- ✓ India launched first made in India nasal vaccine against Covid-19- iNCOVACC.
- ✓ The vaccine has been made by Bharat Biotech.

➤ **HSTDV**

- ✓ On January 27, India - tested its own hypersonic technology demonstrator vehicle (HSTDV) powered by a scramjet engine from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast.

- **European Space Mission JUICE**
- ✓ The European Space Agency's Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer or JUICE is the next venture of humanity into the outer Solar System.

- **Digital India Mobile Van launched.**
- ✓ The objective is to spread awareness of Digital India initiatives and also to spread the word about the G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG).

- **Gaganyaan Astronauts**
- ✓ Indian astronauts on India's first human space flight mission Gaganyaan will undergo training with modules developed by IIT-Madras using extended reality (XR), which includes immersive technologies like augmented reality, virtual reality and mixed reality.

- **SSLV-D2**
- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) - successfully launched its second developmental flight of a Small Satellite Launch Vehicle, SSLV-D2.

- **Snapdragon Satellite**
- ✓ Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. - has introduced the world's first satellite-based two-way capable messaging solution called 'Snapdragon Satellite' for premium smartphones.

- **World's First Cloud-Built Demo Satellite**
- ✓ World's first satellite fully conceived, designed, and manufactured using the Antaris company's end-to-end cloud platform, JANUS-1 has successfully reached orbit.

- **India's First Hybrid Rocket**
- India's first hybrid sounding rocket by private players was successfully launched from Pattipulam village in the Chengalpattu district of Tamil Nadu.

- **Tillyardemiids**
- ✓ Fossils of the oldest known insect and the world's first plant pollinators called "tillyardemiids" were discovered in March 2023 in Russia.

- **Megha-Tropiques-1 or MT-1**
- ✓ ISRO - successfully completed the controlled reentry for the decommissioned satellite Megha-Tropiques-1 or MT-1 on March 7.

- **NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR)**
- ✓ NISAR, an Earth-observation satellite. It is expected to be launched in January 2024 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh.

- **Mimeusemia ceylonica**
- ✓ Researchers – have spotted *Mimeusemia ceylonica*, a rare moth species, for the first time in India in Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli districts in Tamil Nadu.

- **Influenza Subtype H3N2**
- ✓ H3N2 is a non-human influenza virus that normally circulates in pigs and has infected humans.
- ✓ This virus is known to be a subtype of Influenza A virus.

- **Thiania indica**
- ✓ A group of researchers led by from Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences, Chennai, have discovered a new species of jumping spider, Thiania indica.

- **Cyrtopodion Vindhya**
- ✓ A team of wildlife researchers has discovered a new species of naked-toed gecko, named Cyrtopodion Vindhya, in the Dahod and Panchmahals districts of Gujarat.

- **Trichrysis poseidonia**
- ✓ Researchers from the Shadpada Entomology Research Lab at Christ College, Irinjalakuda, have made an exciting discovery in southern India – a new species of cuckoo wasp.

- **Liquid Mirror Telescope**
- ✓ Asia's largest four-metre International Liquid Mirror Telescope - was inaugurated recently at the Devasthal observatory in Uttarakhand.

- **Vernal Equinox**
- ✓ During the vernal equinox, the Sun is located directly above the equator, and both hemispheres receive almost equal amounts of sunlight, resulting in day and night being of almost equal length.

- **36 OneWeb Satellites**
- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) - launched 36 OneWeb satellites into space onboard LVM-3 on March 26.

- **Gymnothorax Tamilnaduensis**
- ✓ A team of scientists from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has discovered a new species of Moray Eel fish from the Cuddalore coast in Tamil Nadu.

- **Coronal Hole**
- ✓ NASA scientists - have spotted a massive black region on the Sun, which is 20 times larger than Earth.
- ✓ The latest hole was discovered on March 23 near the Sun's South Pole.

- **First Cloned Female Calf**
- ✓ The National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal - has produced the country's first cloned female calf of the desi breed Gir named 'Ganga', which can produce more than 15 litres of milk per day.

- **Yuva Vignani Karyakram (YUVIKA)**
- ✓ The Isro – has recently launched a new program titled 'Yuva Vignani Karyakram (YUVIKA)' to encourage students develop a passion for space science.

- **Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX)**
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) - successfully conducted the Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX) from the Aeronautical Test Range in Karnataka's Chitradurga on April 2.

➤ **Artemis II**

On April 3, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) - announced the four astronauts, who will be a part of the lunar mission, Artemis II,

➤ **PSLV-C55**

✓ On April 22, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) - successfully launched two Singapore satellites — TeLEOS-2 (a synthetic aperture radar satellite) and Lumelite-4 (a technology demonstration nano-satellite) — in their desired orbits onboard PSLV-C55 mission.

➤ **First Liquid Nano Di-Ammonia Phosphate (DAP)**

✓ On April 26, Union home and cooperation minister Amit Shah - launched the world's first liquid Nano Di-Ammonia Phosphate (DAP).
✓ Nano DAP — a novel nano fertiliser containing nitrogen and phosphorus.

➤ **Expedition 69**

✓ UAE astronaut Sultan Al-Neyadi - has become the first Arab astronaut to walk in space as part of a space mission named 'Expedition 69'.

➤ **Horaglanis populi**

✓ Researchers in southern India have made a fascinating discovery after a six-year-long survey for signs of subterranean creatures.
✓ They found a new species of subterranean catfish, which they named Horaglanis populi.

➤ **Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START)**

✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced a new online training programme for post-graduate and final-year undergraduate students of physical sciences and technology.

➤ **Piezoelectric MEMS (Micro Electro Mechanical System)**

✓ Researchers from Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) - have developed a thin-membrane based sensor technology for underwater communication.

➤ **Roshni**

✓ The National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) - has developed 'Roshni' or 'Renewable Ocean System for Harnessing Novel Illumination' which is a portable lantern with a USB port for charging mobile phones.

➤ **Cyclone Mocha**

✓ Cyclone Mocha, a powerful tropical storm, has garnered significant attention due to its potential impact on Bangladesh, Myanmar, and parts of northeastern India.

➤ **Highest Number of Moons**

✓ Planet Saturn - has reclaimed the title of the “planet with the highest number of moons”, surpassing Jupiter.

➤ **Gekko Mizoramensis**

✓ Researchers at Mizoram University and the Max Planck Institute for Biology in Tübingen, Germany, have discovered a new species of flying gecko along the Indo-Myanmar border.

- **Appulse**
 - ✓ In a rare conjunction, three celestial bodies - Moon, Mars and Venus - will come together in the skies above Earth on May 24.
 - ✓ While the three bodies will not be in a straight alignment, the Moon and Venus will be in the same right ascension making a close approach, which is technically called an 'appulse'.

- **World's First Oral Antiviral - Paxlovid**
 - ✓ On May 25, the US Food and Drug Administration - approved the world's first oral antiviral, Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir and ritonavir tablets) for adults.
 - ✓ The drug is approved for the treatment of mild to moderate Covid in adults at high risk of progression to severe Covid, including hospitalisation or death.

- **AIRAWAT : Supercomputer**
 - ✓ India's AI Supercomputer 'AIRAWAT' has been ranked at No. 75 in the world at the International Supercomputing Conference (ISC 2023) in Germany.

- **NVS-01**
 - ✓ On May 29, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) - successfully placed NVS-01, the first of the five second-generation navigation satellite series, into a geosynchronous transfer orbit.

- **XPoSat: India's First Polarimetry Mission**
 - ✓ This satellite is scheduled to be launched later this year, and its mission is to study the various dynamics of bright astronomical X-ray sources present in extreme conditions.

- **TOI 4603b or HD 245134b**
 - ✓ An international team of scientists led by Professor Abhijit Chakraborty of the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad - has discovered the densest alien planet, which is 13 times bigger than Jupiter.

- **Daam**
 - ✓ The Indian cyber agency, Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) - has warned people about a dangerous Android virus called "Daam".
 - ✓ The virus typically transfers through third-party websites or applications downloaded from untrusted or unknown sources.

- **Agni-1 Missile**
 - ✓ India - conducted a "successful launch" of the medium-range Agni-1 missile from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast on June 1.

- **KAVACH**
 - ✓ Kavach was developed to prevent train accidents by automatically applying the brakes when the digital system spots another train on the same track within a specific distance and in situations of over speeding or likely collision.

- **Cyclone Biparjoy**
 - ✓ The cyclone was named 'Biparjoy' (means 'disaster' or 'calamity') by Bangladesh.
 - ✓ Cyclone 'Biparjoy' – became the second longest cyclone over the North Indian Ocean in the last 50 years, according to the India Meteorological Department's final report on the event.

- **Project 'Akash'**
- ✓ India - recently conducted Asia's first demonstration of performance-based navigation for helicopters using GAGAN satellite technology for a flight from Juhu to Pune, as part of Project 'Akash'.
- **Gemcovac-OM**
- ✓ On June 24, Union minister Jitendra Singh - launched Gemcovac-OM, the Omicron-specific mRNA-based booster vaccine for Covid-19.

SPORTS

- **M. Pranesh**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu's M. Pranesh - became India's 79th Chess Grandmaster by winning the Rilton Cup held in Stockholm, Sweden.
- **British Junior Open**
- ✓ On January 8, India's fast-rising squash player Anahat Singh - won the girls under-15 title at the prestigious British Junior open in Birmingham.
- **U19 Women's U19 T20 World Cup**
- ✓ India - have created history by winning the inaugural U19 Women's U19 T20 Cricket World Cup by defeating England by seven wickets in Potchefstroom, South Africa.
- **ISSF World Cup 2023**
- ✓ India's Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil won the men's 10m air rifle event at the ISSF World Cup 2023 in Cairo.
- **Rohan Bopanna**
- ✓ On March 18, Indian tennis player, Rohan Bopanna - became the oldest ATP Masters 1000 champion after winning the men's doubles crown at the \$10,143,750 BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, California.
- **IBA Women's Boxing World Championship 2023**
- ✓ India's **Nitu Ghanghas** - defeated Mongolia's Lutsaikhan Altantsetseg in the finals to win the gold medal in the 48kg category.
- ✓ **Saweety Boora** defeated 2018 World Champion Wang Lina of China in the 81kg final via a split verdict to win the country's second gold medal.
- **Nikhath Zareen**
- ✓ Reigning World champion Nikhat Zareen - defeated two-time Asian champion Nguyen Thi Tam of Vietnam.
- **Lovlina Borgohain**
- ✓ Lovlina Borgohain defeated two-time Commonwealth Games medallist Caitlin Parker of Australia 5-2 in the 75kg final to win her maiden World title.
- **Street Child Cricket World Cup**
- ✓ Come September, Chennai will witness another cricket tournament, but one with a difference — the Street Child Cricket World Cup 2023.

- **Chief Minister Mini-Stadia**
 - ✓ On April 11, Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin - said that in the first phase 10 constituencies will get mini stadia and they will be called 'Chief Minister Mini-Stadia'.
- **Girls Sports Company (GSC)**
 - ✓ The Indian Army - has approved the constitution of the Girls Sports Company (GSC) to recruit young women athletes.
- **International Surf Open**

Tamil Nadu - will be hosting an International Surf Open, part of the World Surf League (WSL), at Mahabalipuram from August 14-20 this year.
- **Badminton Asia Championships**
 - ✓ Indian star players, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty - clinched the Badminton Asia Championships in Dubai on April 30.
- **Praveen Chithravel**
 - ✓ Triple Jumper Praveen Chithravel - clinched the men's triple jump event at an athletics meet in Havana, Cuba on May 6.
 - ✓ He accomplished this with a national record-breaking mark of 17.37m at the World Athletics category F event, Prueba de Confrontacion 2023.
- **Archery World Cup 2023**
 - ✓ Indian archer Prathamesh Jawkar defeated World number one Mike Schloesser of the Netherlands to win a maiden World Cup gold medal in the men's individual compound section.
- **Neeraj Chopra**

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra - became the world number one for the first time in his career in the latest men's javelin throw rankings issued by the World Athletics.
- **Malaysia Masters 2023**
 - ✓ Indian shuttler HS Prannoy - defeated Chinese Weng Hong Yang in the Malaysia Masters 2023 final in Kuala Lumpur on May 28.
- **Junior Asia Cup Hockey**
 - ✓ India – defeated Pakistan to retain the Junior Asia Cup hockey title in Salalah, Oman, on June 1.
- **Special Olympics World Summer Games**
 - ✓ India - will be represented by a strong 255-member contingent at the Special Olympics World Summer Games to be held in Berlin, Germany from June 17 to 25.
- **French Open**
 - ✓ On June 11, Novak Djokovic - beat Casper Ruud to clinch his record 23rd Grand Slam singles title at the French Open in Roland Garros, Paris.

- ✓ Djokovic, a 36-year-old from Serbia, broke a tie with rival Rafael Nadal for the most major singles trophies (22 each) in the history of men's tennis.
- **Squash World Cup**
- ✓ The Squash World Cup is being held from June 13 to June 17, at Express Avenue, Royapettah in Chennai.
- **Junior Asian Track Cycling Championship**
- ✓ Seventeen-year-old Coimbatore girl Dhanyadha JP - became the first Indian to win a 2 km individual pursuit silver medal in the junior Asian track cycling championship in Nilai, Malaysia on June 17.
- **37th National Games**
- ✓ Chief Minister of Goa Dr Pramod Sawant - launched the mascot, named 'Moga', for the upcoming 37th National Games on June 18.
- **Asian Fencing Championships**
- ✓ On June 19, Indian fencing's torchbearer CA Bhavani Devi - made history by bagging the country's first ever medal at the Asian Fencing Championships.
- ✓ The Chennai Olympian won a bronze at the prestigious tournament in Wuxi, China.

RANKING

- **Top City for Women in India**
- ✓ Chennai - is the 'top city for women in India' as per a study released by diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) firm Avtar Group on January 5.
- **World Happiness Index 2023**
- ✓ Finland was named the world's happiest country for the fifth year in a row, according to the World Happiness Report.
- ✓ India ranked 136th out of 150 in the World Happiness Report 2023.
- **Largest Milk Producer In The World - India**
- ✓ India is the largest milk producer in the world. It contributed to 24% of the global milk production in the year 2021-22.
- **Organ Donation - 2022**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu – is ranked at second place in organ donation in 2022 with 156 donations.
- **Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) 2021**
- ✓ India - has been placed at the fifth position out of 184 countries in terms of its accreditation system, as per the recently released Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) 2021.
- **Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI)**
- ✓ India – was ranked at 47th position among 50 countries in Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI) released by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for the year 2022.

- **International IP Index 2023**
- ✓ US Chambers of Commerce has published the International Intellectual Property Index 2023 and ranked India at 42 among 55 global economies.

- **Academic Freedom Index Report**
- ✓ India's academic freedom index - is in the bottom 30% among 179 countries, according to the Academic Freedom Index report.
- ✓ India was behind immediate neighbours Nepal (0.86), Pakistan (0.45) and Bhutan (0.46) and before Bangladesh (0.25) and junta-ruled Myanmar (0.01).

- **Electoral Democracy Index 2023**
- ✓ India ranks 108 in the Electoral Democracy Index of the V-dem Democracy report 2023.

- **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**
- ✓ India remained the world's top arms importer, according to a report released by Stockholm-based defence think-tank SIPRI on March 13.

- **World Air Quality Index 2022**
- ✓ The Swiss-based company IQAir has released World Air Quality Index for the year 2022 where it has ranked India in the 8th position, earlier it was fifth.

- **Global Terrorism Index**
- ✓ Afghanistan remains the country most impacted by terrorism for the fourth consecutive year.
- ✓ India ranked 13th on the index, marking only a marginal decrease from the previous year.

- **Hurun Global Rich List**
- ✓ M3M Hurun Global Rich List was published where Indian businessman Mukesh Ambani acquires 9th rank among the top 10 richest people in the world in 2023.

- **Global Passport Index 2023**
- ✓ India positioned at 144, Massive Fall in Mobility Score.
- ✓ India's ranking significantly declined by 6 places this year and the nation is positioned at 144th in 2023 as compared to 138 in 2022.

- **World's Most Criminal Countries**
- ✓ World of Statistics has shared the ranking of the world's "most criminal countries".
- ✓ On the list, Venezuela has been ranked top.
- ✓ India stood at 77 spots while the US and UK were ahead of India in the criminal ranking country.
- ✓ Turkey, Germany, and Japan were among the least criminal countries.

- **World Bank's Logistics Performance Index**
- ✓ India - has moved up six places on the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index and is ranked at 38th place in the 139 countries index.
- ✓ India was ranked 44th on the index in 2018 and 54th in 2014.

- **World Press Freedom Index 2023**
- ✓ According to the latest report from global media watchdog Reporters Without Borders (RSF), India has slipped to the 161st position out of 180 countries in the 2023 World Press Freedom Index.
- **World Bank's Logistic Performance Index**
- ✓ India has made a significant leap on the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index, moving up six places to 38th out of 139 countries in the 2023 ranking.
- **National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)**
- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras was awarded the best educational institute under the overall category for the fifth consecutive year (2019 to 2023).
- ✓ IIT Madras was also ranked at second place in 'Innovations' category (previously known as the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements).
- **State Food Safety Index (SFSI)**
- ✓ Kerala - has emerged as the top state, among the large ones, in maintaining high food safety standards.
- ✓ Among the larger states, Punjab and Tamil Nadu stood second and third.
- **World Competitiveness Ranking**
- ✓ India - has ranked 40th on the latest world competitiveness ranking released by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD).
- ✓ Out of the 64 economies ranked in the annual report, Denmark, Ireland and Switzerland claimed the top three spots.
- **Energy Transition Index**
- ✓ The World Economic Forum ranked India at the 67th place globally on its Energy Transition Index and said it is the only major economy with energy transition momentum accelerating across all dimensions.
- ✓ Sweden topped the list.

IMPORTANT DAYS

JANUARY - 2023

Date	Day	Theme
January 01	Global Family Day	It is celebrated as a day of peace and sharing
January 04	World Braille Day	Braille, which serves as a communication medium for blind and partially sighted people
January 06	World Day of War Orphans	World Day of War Orphans is celebrated every year to create awareness about the plight of war orphans
January 10	World Hindi Day	The theme for this year's conference is 'Hindi: Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence'
January 11	National Human Trafficking	The day is dedicated to raising awareness about human trafficking

	Awareness Day	
January 12	National Youth Day	The theme of the National Youth festival this year is 'Viksit Yuva Viksit Bharat'
January 14	Armed Forces Veterans Day	Armed Forces Veterans Day is observed every year to honour the sacrifice of our veterans in serving the nation
January 16	Thiruvalluvar Day	The occasion honours the poet, Thiruvalluvar, and is a part of the Pongal celebrations
January 16	National Startup Day	National Startup Day, to recognize, promote and celebrate the spirit of the Indian startup ecosystem
January 23	Parakram Diwas	Parakram Diwas is observed on January 23 to commemorate the birth anniversary of freedom fighter Subhas Chandra Bose
January 24	National Girl Child Day	National Girl Child Day is celebrated to raise awareness about the rights and gender inequality faced by a girl child in the country
January 24	International Education Day	Theme for 2023: 'To Invest in People, Prioritise Education'
January 25	National Voters Day	This year, the theme of National Voters Day is "Nothing like voting, I vote for sure"
January 26	International Customs Day	This year, the theme of International Customs Day is 'Nurturing the next generation: Promoting a culture of knowledge-sharing and professional pride in Customs'
January 26	Indian Republic Day	74th Republic Day - Republic Day marks the adoption of India's constitution and the country's transition to a republic on January 26, 1950
January 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	The theme for year 2023 is "Home and Belonging"
January 28	Data Privacy Day	Theme 2023: 'Think Privacy First'
January 30	World Leprosy Day	The theme for this year is "Act Now. End Leprosy"
January 30	Martyrs' Day	75th Death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

FEBRUARY - 2023

Date	Day	Theme
February 01	Indian Coast Guard Day	It aims to prevent the sea-borne smuggling of goods
February 02	World Wetlands Day	The theme of World Wetlands Day 2023 is "It's Time for Wetlands Restoration"
February 04	World Cancer Day	The theme for World Cancer day for the last three years - 2022, 2023 and 2024 - is "Close The Care Gap"
February 04	International Day of	Motto: Harmony in difference

	Human Fraternity	
February 06	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation	The primary objective behind observing this day is to amplify and direct efforts on the elimination of this cruel practice
February 07	Safer Internet Day 2023	The theme for Safer Internet Day 2023 is 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'
February 10	World Pulses Day	Theme 2022 - Pulses for a sustainable future
February 11	World Unani Day	World Unani Day is observed every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of social reformer and renowned Unani scholar Hakim Ajmal Khan
February 11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2023	The theme for 2023 is 'IDEAS (Innovate, Demonstrate, Elevate, Advance, Sustain)'
February 12	India celebrates National Productivity Day	This year's National Productivity Day theme is "Productivity, Green Growth, and Sustainability: Celebrating India's G20 Presidency"
February 13	National Women's Day	The day is observed every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu, popularly known as the nightingale of India
February 13	International Epilepsy Day	Theme 2023 – 'Stigma'
February 13	World Radio Day	Theme 2023 - "Radio and Peace"
February 15	International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD)	Theme for the three-year (2021- 2023) campaign for ICCD is 'Better Survival'
February 18	World Pangolin Day 2023	It is a day to remember and celebrate pangolins
February 19	Soil Health Card Day	To remember the beginning of the Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme and to raise awareness of its advantages
February 20	World Day of Social Justice	Theme - "Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice"
February 21	International Mother Language Day	Theme 2023- 'multilingual education - a necessity to transform education
February 22	World Thinking Day	Our World, Our Peaceful Future', the theme for World Thinking Day 2023
February 27	World NGO Day 2023	The theme for the year 2023 is "the role and influence of NGOs in advancing human rights"
February 28	National Science Day	National Science Day is observed every year on February 28 to mark the discovery of a phenomenon known as

the Raman Effect by eminent Indian scientist and physician, Sir C.V.Raman

MARCH - 2023

Date	Day	Theme
March 01	World Seagrass Day	World Seagrass Day is celebrated annually on 1st March to raise awareness about seagrass and its important functions in the marine ecosystem
March 01	World Civil Defence Day	The theme for this year is "Uniting the world's leading specialists for the safety and security of future generations"
March 01	Zero Discrimination Day	On Zero Discrimination Day this year, under the theme "Save lives: Decriminalise"
March 03	World Wildlife Day	The theme for this year's World Wildlife Day is "Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation"
March 03	World Hearing Day	The World Health Organization chose the theme "Ear and hearing care for all" for World Hearing Day 2023
March 04	National Security Day	The National Safety Council of India announced the theme for this year to be 'Nurture young minds – Develop safety culture'
March 04	National Safety Day	The theme for 2023 National Safety Day is 'Our Aim – Zero Harm'
March 04	World Obesity Day	World Obesity Day returns on 4 March 2023 with the theme: 'Changing Perspectives: Let's Talk About Obesity'
March 05	International Day for Disarmament & Non-Proliferation Awareness	Global public's understanding about how disarmament efforts contribute to enhancing peace and security, preventing and ending armed conflicts
March 08	International Women's Day	Theme 2023 - "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality"
March 09	International Kidney Day	Theme 2023 - "Kidney Health for All - Preparing for the unexpected, supporting the vulnerable"
March 14	International Day Of Mathematics	The theme for 2023 is Mathematics for Everyone
March 14	International Day Of Action For Rivers	It aims to raise awareness about the importance of rivers and the need to protect them from various threats
March 15	World Consumer Rights Day	Theme 2023 - 'Empowering Consumers Through Clean Energy Transitions'
March 16	National Vaccination Day	National Vaccination Day is observed in India to increase awareness for the eradication of polio from the planet earth
March 17	World Sleep Day	The World Sleep Society has announced the theme for this year's Sleep Day as 'Sleep is Essential for Health'

March 18	Global Recycling Day	The theme of Global Recycling Day 2023 is "Creative Innovation"
March 20	World Sparrow Day	Theme 2023 – 'I Love Sparrows'
March 20	International Day of Happiness	Theme 2023 - 'Be Mindful, Be Grateful, Be Kind'
March 20	World Oral Health Day	The three-year continuous theme for World Oral Health Day 2021, 2022 and 2023 is "Be Proud of Your Mouth"
March 21	World Poetry Day	People throughout the world celebrate World Poetry Day to honour an expression of language with which they can all identify
March 21	World Down Syndrome Day	This year's World Down Syndrome Day theme is 'With Us, Not For Us'
March 21	International Day of Forests	The International Day of Forests for 2023 has adopted the theme of "Forests and health"
March 22	World Water Day	The focus of World Water Day 2023 is on the theme of 'Accelerating the change to solve the water and sanitation crisis'
March 23	World Meteorological Day	The theme for 2023 is "The Future of Weather, Climate and Water across Generations"
March 23	Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day	This day marks the anniversary of the execution of three Indian freedom fighters- Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru in 1931
March 24	World Tuberculosis (TB) Day	The theme for World Tuberculosis Day 2023 is "Yes! We can end TB!"
March 25	International Day of Unborn Child	The theme of International Day of the Unborn Child 2023 is "the dignity and value of children yet-to-be-born"
March 27	World Theatre Day	The theme of World Theatre Day 2023 is "Theatre and a Culture of Peace"
March 30	International Day of Zero Waste	International Day of Zero Waste will encourage sustainable consumption and production practices and enhance understanding of the ways zero-waste efforts help to achieve the goals of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda
March 31	International Transgender Day of Visibility	Transgender Day of Visibility is an important opportunity to celebrate the diversity of gender identities and expressions and to promote understanding and acceptance of the transgender community
March 31	International Day of Drug Checking	The purpose of the day is to educate people about drugs and their effects and to promote harm reduction initiatives to reduce the risks associated with drug use
March 31	World Backup Day	It is a day for people to learn about the increasing role of data in our lives and the importance of regular backups

APRIL - 2023

Date	Day	Theme
April 02	World Autism Day	Theme 2023 – ‘Transforming the narrative: Contributions at home, at work, in the arts and in policymaking’
April 04	International Day of Mine Awareness	The theme of the year 2023 is “Mine Action Cannot Wait”
April 05	National Maritime Day	The theme for National Maritime Week 2023 is ‘Amrit Kaal in Shipping’
April 05	International Day of Conscience	The theme for the year 2023 is "Building a Culture of Peace"
April 06	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	The theme for the 2023 is “Scoring for People and the Planet”
April 07	World Health Day	The World Health Day 2023 has adopted the theme “Health For All”
April 10	World Homoeopathy Day	The theme of the convention was “Homoeoparivar – Sarvajan Swasthya, One Health, One Family”
April 11	National Safe Motherhood Day	National Safe Motherhood Day is observed with the objective of promoting the well-being and safety of mothers
April 11	World Parkinson's Day	The theme for World Parkinson's Day 2023 is "#Take6forPD"
April 12	International Day of Human Space Flight	To commemorate the beginning of human space exploration and acknowledge the significant contribution of space science and technology in achieving the peaceful use of outer space
April 14	Ambedkar Jayanti	Ambedkar Jayanti is observed on 14 April every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar
April 15	World Art Day	UNESCO’s General Conference declared April 15 as World Art Day to commemorate Leonardo da Vinci’s birthday
April 16	Save the Elephant Day	The theme for Save the Elephant Day 2023 is “Safeguarding Elephant Habitats for a Sustainable Tomorrow”
April 17	World Hemophilia Day	Theme 2023 - “Access for All: Prevention of bleeds as the global standard of care”
April 18	World Heritage Day	Theme 2023 - "Heritage Changes"
April 19	World Liver Day	The theme for this year’s World Liver Day is “Be vigilant, do a regular liver check-up, fatty liver can affect anyone”
April 21	National Civil Services Day	This day offers a chance to express gratitude towards the contributions made by civil servants to society
April 22	World Earth Day	Theme 2023 - 'Invest in our Planet'

April 23	World Book Day	The theme for World Book Day 2023 is "Indigenous Languages"
April 23	World English Day	The day is observed every year to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of the English playwright and poet William Shakespeare
April 24	National Panchayati Raj Day	The event is part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) – Samaaveshi Vikaas (Inclusive Development) campaign, which aims to celebrate people's participation in the saturation of people-centric schemes
April 25	World Malaria Day	Theme 2023 - "Time to deliver zero malaria: invest, innovate, implement"
April 25	Zero Shadow Day	During the day, none of the city's vertical objects would cast a shadow for a short period of time
April 26	World Intellectual Property Day	Theme 2023 - "Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity"
April 28	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	Theme 2023 - "A safe and healthy working environment as a fundamental principle and right at work"
April 29	World Veterinary Day	The aim of World Veterinary Day is to recognize the hard work and dedication of veterinary professionals in protecting the health and safety of animals and humans alike

MAY - 2023

Date	Day	Theme
May 01	Labour Day	May 1st is a globally recognized holiday that acknowledges the accomplishments of the labour movement
May 02	World Tuna Day	Tuna is a popular fish species that is widely consumed around the world, and it plays a crucial role in the marine ecosystem
May 02	World Asthma Day	"Asthma Care for All" is the theme for the 2023 World Asthma Day
May 03	World Press Freedom Day	Theme: Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for All Other Human Rights
May 04	Coal Miners Day	Coal Miners Day is celebrated to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work and noteworthy contributions of coal miners
May 04	International Firefighters' Day	It honours and pays tribute to the great work done by the firefighters while protecting the life and property of people
May 05	World Hand Hygiene Day	The day aims to promote the importance of hand hygiene in preventing the spread of infection and promote good health
May 07	World Athletics Day	The theme for World Athletics Day 2023

		is “Athletics for All – A New Beginning
May 08	World Red Cross Day	The theme of World Red Cross Day for 2023 is “Everything we do comes from the heart.”
May 08	World Thalassemia Day	The theme for this year’s International Thalassaemia Day is “Strengthening Education to Bridge the Thalassaemia Care Gap.”
May 09	Europe Day	This year’s Europe Day is celebrated with the theme ‘My Vision for Peace and Prosperity’
May 10	International Day of Argania	Theme – Socio-economic development & sustainability of the Argan ecosystem
May 11	National Technology Day	This year’s theme is ‘School to Startups-Igniting Young Minds to Innovate’
May 12	International Nurses Day	Theme 2023 - “Our Nurses. Our Future”
May 12	International Day of Plant Health	The theme of this year’s celebration of International Day of Plant Health is “Plant Health for Environmental Protection”
May 13	World Migratory Bird Day	In 2023, the theme focus is on “water and its importance for these birds”
May 14	Mother’s Day	Mother’s Day 2023 is a special day that honours and celebrates mothers worldwide
May 15	International Day of Families	The theme of International Day of Families 2023 is ‘Demographic Trends and Families’
May 16	International Day of Light	The International Day of Light is an annual event that recognizes the crucial significance of light in science, culture, art, education, and sustainable development
May 16	International Day of Living Together in Peace	The day is celebrated to encourage peace, tolerance, inclusivity, understanding, and solidarity among individuals and communities globally
May 16	National Dengue Day	To raise awareness about the mosquito-borne disease
May 17	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	The theme for this year is “Enabling the least developed nations through information and communication technologies”
May 17	World Hypertension Day	This year’s theme is ‘Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer’
May 18	International Museum Day	The theme for the 2023 International Museum Day is “Museums, Sustainability, and Well-being”
May 18	Global Accessibility Awareness Day Celebrates	The vision is to build an inclusive society in which equal opportunities are provided for the growth and development of Persons with Disabilities
May 18	World AIDS Vaccine Day	It was 1st observed on 18 May 1998, to commemorate the anniversary of the first international AIDS vaccine trial, which took

		place in 1997
May 19	National Endangered Species Day	The 2023 year's theme is, "Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the endangered species act!"
May 20	World Bee Day	The chosen theme for World Bee Day 2023 is "Engaging in Pollinator-Friendly Agricultural Production"
May 20	World Metrology Day	The theme for World Metrology Day 2023 is Measurements supporting the global food system
May 21	International Tea Day	to raise awareness of the importance of tea in fighting hunger and poverty, as well as the sustainable production and consumption of tea
May 21	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	Its purpose is to recognize and value the cultural diversities that exist among countries, regions, and individuals worldwide
May 21	National Anti-Terrorism Day	The day is observed to commemorate the death of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who was assassinated on this day in 1991
May 22	International Day for Biological Diversity	The theme for International Day for Biological Diversity 2023 is "From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity."
May 23	World Turtle Day	Theme 2023 - 'I Love Turtles'
May 24	Indian Commonwealth Day	The theme for this year's Commonwealth Day is "Forging a Sustainable and Peaceful Common Future."
May 25	World Thyroid Awareness Day	The day is dedicated to spreading awareness about thyroid-related disorders, their symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment options
May 28	World Menstrual Hygiene Day	Theme for 2023: "Making menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030."
May 29	International Day of UN Peacekeepers	The theme of the 75th anniversary "Peace begins with me" recognizes the services and sacrifices of peacekeepers, past and present
May 31	World No Tobacco Day	Theme 2023 - 'We need food, not tobacco'

JUNE - 2023

Date	Day	Theme
June 01	World Milk Day	The theme of World Milk Day 2023 is "Showcasing how dairy is reducing its environmental footprint, while also providing nutritious foods and livelihoods."
June 01	Global Parents Day	The day is celebrated to honor all parents around the world for the selfless commitment and lifelong sacrifice they make for their children
June 03	World Bicycle Day	The theme for this year's World Bicycle Day is "Riding Together for a Sustainable Future."
June 05	World Environment Day	Theme 2023 - "Beat Plastic Pollution".
June 05	International Day for	To raise awareness of the problem of illegal,

	the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing	unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.
June 07	World Food Safety Day	The theme of this year's World Food Safety Day 2023 is "Food standards save lives."
June 08	World Oceans Day	This year, the theme of World Oceans day 2023 is "Planet Ocean: The Tides are Changing."
June 08	World Brain Tumour Day	It is celebrated to raise awareness about brain tumor and educate people about it.
June 09	World Accreditation Day	The theme for WAD 2023 is "Accreditation: Supporting the Future of Global Trade".
June 12	World Day Against Child Labour	"Social Justice for All. End Child Labour!"
June 13	International Albinism Awareness Day	This year's theme, "Inclusion is Strength," builds on last year's theme of "United in making our voice heard."
June 14	World Blood Donor Day	The slogan or theme of the World Blood Donor Day 2023 is "Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often."
June 15	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)	Theme 2023 - "Closing the Circle: Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Older Age Policy, Law and Evidence-based Responses".
June 15	Global Wind Day	The event took place on June 15, 2023, in New Delhi and had the central theme of "Wind Energy: Powering the Future of India."
June 16	International Day of Family Remittances	The theme of International Day of Family Remittances 2023 is " Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction. "
June 17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	The theme for the year 2023 is 'Her Land. Her Rights.
June 18	International Father's Day	The day is a time to honour fathers, grandfathers, and other male role models who have made a significant impact in the lives of their children.
June 18	Sustainable Gastronomy Day	The theme for this year's celebrations is 'Local Flavours, Preserving Global Heritage.'
June 19	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	The theme of this year is "Bridging the gender digital divide to prevent, address and respond to conflict-related sexual violence".
June 19	National Reading Day	The National Reading day commemorates the death anniversary of PN Panicker, widely recognized as the 'Father of the Library Movement' in the state of Kerala.
June 20	World Refugee Day	The theme of World Refugee Day is "Hope away

		from home.”
June 21	International Yoga Day	The theme for the International Day of Yoga 2023 is 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' or 'Yoga for the Welfare of All as One World-One Family.
June 21	World Music Day	The theme for 2023 is " Music on the Intersections ".
June 21	World Hydrography Day	The theme for 2023 is 'Hydrography - Underpinning the Digital Twin of the Ocean' which is in keeping with the development of virtual representation."
June 23	UN Public Service Day	This special day is all about appreciating the importance of public services and the people who work in them.
June 23	International Widows Day	For the year 2023, the reported theme for International Widows Day is " Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality. "
June 23	International Olympic Day	The theme of 2023 year's Olympic Day is 'Let's Move' which aims to inspire people around the world to make time for daily physical activity.
June 24	International Day of Women in Diplomacy	The theme for this year's International Day of Women in Diplomacy (IDWID) Inaugural Forum, organized by the Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT), is "Breaking Barriers, Shaping the Future: Women in Diplomacy for Sustainable Development."
June 25	Day of the Seafarer	This year's Day of the Seafarer reflects the 2023 World Maritime theme: "MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on".
June 26	World Drug Day	This year World Drug Day's theme is "People first: Stop stigma and discrimination, strengthen prevention".
June 26	United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	This convention is a crucial instrument in the global fight against torture.
June 27	International MSME Day	Theme 2023 - "Empowering MSMEs for a Sustainable Future."
June 28	National Insurance Awareness Day	To raise awareness about Insurance which offers a layer of protection to guard in various situations and about the benefits of investing in an insurance plan
June 29	International Day of the Tropics	Its purpose is to acknowledge the extraordinary variety of the tropics while shedding more light on the distinctive challenges and opportunities that are faced by tropical areas
June 29	National Statistics Day	Theme: Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring

		Sustainable Development Goals.
June 30	International Day of Parliamentarism	The IPU was established with the objective of promoting democratic governance, accountability, and encouraging collaboration among national parliaments
June 30	World Asteroid Day	World Asteroid Day is observed every year to raise awareness about the potential dangers the asteroids can inflict upon impact with our planet.

