



























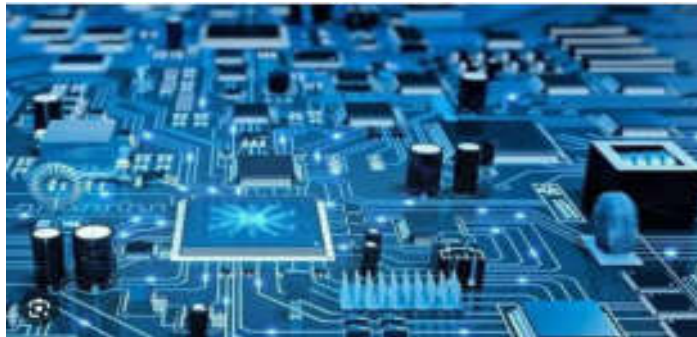
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TAMIL NADU

- **T.N.'s Export of Electronic Goods Touches \$7.37 billion**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu's electronic goods exports touched \$7.37 billion and it accounted for 32.52% of India's total export of electronics system design and manufacturing (ESDM) goods of \$22.65 billion for the period from April 2023 to January 2024.



- ✓ The State's electronic goods exports stood at \$5.37 billion in the financial year 2022-23.
 - ✓ The export of electronic goods is expected to reach the \$9-billion mark by the end of current financial year 2023-24. "This achievement underscores the State's pivotal role in the national economy."
- **Neolithic Child Burial Site Unearthed In Chengalpattu, TN**
 - ✓ A groundbreaking archaeological discovery has been made in Chettimedu Pathur village, approximately 77 kilometres from Chennai, Tamil Nadu.



- ✓ Researchers from the Department of Ancient History and Archaeology at the University of Madras have unearthed a child burial site dating back to the Neolithic period, around 2500 BCE to 3000 BCE.

- ✓ Located atop a small habitation mound, the site revealed a wealth of artifacts spanning five distinct cultural periods, from the Neolithic to the Medieval period.
- **'Neengal Nalama'**
- ✓ The DMK government, had been implementing various schemes to benefit every family in the State.



- ✓ "To ensure their proper implementation, a new initiative, 'Neengal Nalama', will be launched on March 6.
- ✓ Under the scheme, the Chief Minister, Ministers, Secretaries, and Collectors will interact with beneficiaries through phone calls to get their feedback on various schemes and services offered by the government for further improvement.
- **India's First Indigenous Prototype Fast Breeder**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked the beginning of a new era in India's nuclear energy sector by witnessing the "Core Loading" at the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) in Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.



- ✓ This event signifies the near completion of India's first indigenous PFBR, a landmark project fully designed and constructed within the country by Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI), in collaboration with over 200 Indian industries, including numerous MSMEs.

- **Tata Motors To Establish Rs 9,000 Crore Manufacturing Unit In Tamil Nadu**
- ✓ In a strategic move to bolster its production capacity in South India, automaker Tata Motors has announced plans to set up a new manufacturing unit in Tamil Nadu.



- ✓ With an investment of Rs 9,000 crore over the next five years, the company aims to leverage the state's conducive business environment to propel its growth trajectory.
 - ✓ With existing manufacturing bases in Dharwad, Karnataka, and other parts of India, Tata Motors seeks to enhance its manufacturing capabilities to meet the rising demand for commercial and passenger vehicles in the region.
- **PM SHRI School Scheme**
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu Signs MoU To Implement PM SHRI School Scheme.



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has agreed to implement the PM SHRI Schools (PM Schools for Rising India) scheme by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- ✓ This initiative aims to enhance the quality of education in the state and align with the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020.

- **Global Conference on Lord Muruga**

- ✓ The Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department has constituted a 20-member coordination committee for the International Conference to propagate the greatness of Lord Muruga.
- ✓ The conference will be held in Palani, one of the six abodes of Muruga.
- ✓ A meeting chaired by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin had decided to oversee the arrangements and coordinate with various departments for the conference.
- ✓ An order issued by HR&CE secretary K. Manivasan said devotees of Murugan, and spiritual leaders from across the world are expected to take part in the conference.

➤ **Tamil Nadu Makes History with India's Second Privately Developed Rocket**



- ✓ Tamil Nadu is set to witness a historic event as one of its space startups, Agnikul Cosmos Private Limited, prepares to launch its first rocket, Agnibaan Sub Orbital Technology Demonstrator (SOrTeD), from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ This launch marks several significant milestones in India's space exploration journey.

➤ **House Sparrow Numbers on Rise**

- ✓ With the house sparrow population dwindling in the city over the years, various voluntary organisations and avian enthusiasts have been on a crusade to bring the winged wonders back to the cityscape.



- ✓ Courtesy of their efforts, households in various parts of the city are now spotting sparrows in their backyards or on balconies.
- ✓ On World Sparrow Day (March 20), various organisations stressed the need for sparrow conservation programmes.

- **Over 100 Megalithic Burials Found on Jawadhu Hills**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu State Archaeology Department officials found over 100 megalithic burials in Pattarakadu reserve forest on Jawadhu Hills in Tiruvannamalai recently.
- ✓ Archaeologists said that it was the first time they conducted a spatial survey on the hills.
- ✓ The archaeology team found a large number of megalithic burials and neolithic tools, including small hand axes.
- ✓ The burial sites were found in remotely inhabited tribal villages, namely Keel Cheppili and Mel Cheppili near Jamunamarathur.

- **'Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam' (MGSMT)**



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has recently accorded administrative sanction for 1,000 crore to improve roads in village panchayats and panchayat unions under the **'Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam' (MGSMT)** during 2024-25.
- ✓ The order is in line with the Finance Minister's announcement in his Budget speech for 2024-25 to improve about 2,000 km of roads in rural areas.

STATE

➤ Kerala Welcomes 'Iris' Its First Generative AI Teacher

- ✓ Kerala schools have introduced Iris, a humanoid teacher, marking a significant milestone in the realm of educational technology.



- ✓ Iris represents a pioneering effort to make learning more interactive, engaging, and accessible.
- ✓ Iris is designed to be more than just a robotic presence in the classroom; it is a generative AI entity capable of conducting interactive learning sessions.
- ✓ With the ability to communicate in three languages, Iris can tackle a wide array of questions, making it a versatile and invaluable educational tool.

➤ India's 1st Dolphin Research Centre

- ✓ India's first National Dolphin Research Center (NDRC) was officially inaugurated by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.



- ✓ This landmark facility, built at a cost of Rs 30 crore, is situated on the banks of the Ganges River within the Patna University campus.

- ✓ The NDRC's primary objective is to aid researchers and students in understanding the behavior and ecology of freshwater dolphins, particularly the endangered Gangetic dolphin.
- **India's First Driverless Metro Train**
- ✓ The Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has received the first set of six train coaches for its upcoming driverless metro line, called the Yellow Line.



- ✓ This 18.8 km-long line, connecting RV Road and Bommasandra, will be the first in India to have a driverless train system.
- ✓ The new metro line will use the Communication-based Train Control (CBTC) system, which is a modern radio communication system that provides timely and accurate train control information.

NATIONAL

➤ Establishment Of International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)

- ✓ The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the establishment of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) with its headquarters based in India.



- ✓ This landmark decision comes with a one-time budgetary support of Rs. 150 crore for a period of five years from 2023-24 to 2027-28.
- ✓ The International Big Cat Alliance focuses on conserving big cats, including Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Puma, Jaguar, and Cheetah.

➤ 75,000-crore 'Free Electricity' Solar Scheme

- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved a 75,021-crore package for the 'PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana' (PM Free Electricity scheme) to promote rooftop solar (RTS) installations in India.



- ✓ The scheme envisages providing 300 units of "free electricity" every month to one crore households.
- ✓ However, it was not immediately clear how the scheme officially unveiled on Thursday would result in free electricity to one crore households.

- ✓ The Centre will fund, an accompanying press statement from the Union Power Ministry says, 60% of the cost for installing 2 kW (kilowatt) systems and 40% of the cost for systems of 2-3 kW capacity.

➤ **Chakshu**

- ✓ The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) recently unveiled the Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP) alongside the 'Chakshu' facility on the Sanchar Saathi portal.



- ✓ This initiative aims to foster collaboration among stakeholders to combat the misuse of telecom resources in cyber-crime and financial frauds. 'Chakshu' is a citizen-centric facility introduced on the Sanchar Saathi portal.
- ✓ It aims to empower individuals to report suspected fraud communications received via various channels, including calls, SMS, or WhatsApp.

➤ **India's First Underwater Metro Train Service**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's pioneering underwater metro train service in Kolkata, ushering in a landmark achievement in the nation's infrastructure and urban development.



- ✓ The service, which is a significant component of the Kolkata Metro's East-West corridor, is designed to enhance connectivity between Howrah and Salt Lake, the twin cities of West Bengal's capital.

- ✓ The Ministry of Railways revealed that 10.8 kilometers of the East-West Metro route would be underground, complemented by 5.75 kilometers of elevated sections.
- **'NITI For States' Platform**
- ✓ Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw is set to inaugurate the 'NITI For States' platform, a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) initiative by NITI Aayog, in New Delhi.



- ✓ The platform aims to enhance policy development and promote exemplary governance throughout the Indian states.
- ✓ It encompasses ten key sectors: agriculture, education, energy, health, livelihoods and skilling, manufacturing, MSME, tourism, urban planning, and water resources & WASH, with additional focus on gender and climate change issues.
- **South Eastern Coalfield Limited's Gevra Mine**
- ✓ South Eastern Coalfield Limited's (SECL) Gevra mine, located in Chhattisgarh, is on the verge of becoming the largest coal mine in Asia.



- ✓ The mine recently received environmental clearance to enhance its production capacity to 70 million tons per annum, up from the existing 52.5 million tons.
- ✓ This expansion marks a pivotal moment not only for SECL but also for the nation's energy sector, as India moves to bolster its coal production capabilities.

- ✓ This ambition reflects India's broader objective to enhance its coal mining efficiency and productivity, aligning with global best practices.

➤ **IndiaAI Mission**

- ✓ Indian government, led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved a new \$1.24 billion investment for the IndiaAI mission.



- ✓ This initiative aims to create an all-Indian AI ecosystem from scratch, bolstering India's technological prowess and fostering innovation in AI.
- ✓ The IndiaAI FutureSkills initiative aims to train new skilled workers for the growing AI job market, with new "Data and AI Labs" offering courses on foundational models.
- ✓ IndiaAI will focus on developing safe and "responsible" AI initiatives through indigenous software frameworks, government guidelines, and proper guardrails.

➤ **World's 2nd Largest Producer of Mobile Phones**

- ✓ India is now the world's 2nd largest producer of mobile phones.



- ✓ As per India Cellular and Electronics Association, the sector has changed from being 78% import-dependent in 2014 to 97% self-sufficiency.
- ✓ Currently, imports account for just 3% of all mobile phones sold in India.
- ✓ India's mobile phone manufacturing is almost at 20 lakh crore rupees. In ten years (2014-2024), India produced 2.45 billion mobile phones, against the target of 2.5 billion

- **Jal Ministry launches "Jal Shakti Abhiyan : Catch the Rain 2024"**
- ✓ Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched the 5th edition of "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" campaign.



- ✓ Themed "Nari Shakti se Jal Shakti," the campaign underscores the pivotal role of women in water conservation and management.
 - ✓ It was launched in collaboration with the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation.
 - ✓ The campaign aims to raise awareness and promote sustainable water practices.
- **Centre Notifies CAA Rules Ahead of Polls**
 - ✓ Just days ahead of the announcement of Lok Sabha election, the Union Home Ministry on Monday notified the Citizenship Amendment Rules, 2024 that would enable the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) passed by Parliament in 2019.



- ✓ Though the law facilitates citizenship to undocumented people belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi, Christian, and Jain communities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, the rules state that applicants will have to provide six types of documents and specify the "date of entry" into India.

➤ **India's First Integrated Oil Palm Processing Unit**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated India's first integrated oil palm processing unit, operated by 3F Oil Palm, marking a significant stride in the nation's journey towards self-reliance in edible oils.



- ✓ Situated in Arunachal Pradesh's Roing, this project aligns with Mission Palm Oil under the National Mission on Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP).

➤ **PM Launches Portal for Marginalised Sections**

- ✓ Prime Minister launched the Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan evam Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan (PM-SURAJ) portal for credit support to entrepreneurs from disadvantaged sections of society virtually on Wednesday.



- ✓ PM gives you this guarantee - this campaign of development and respect for the deprived class will intensify in the coming five years."
- ✓ The portal will be a one-stop point where people from disadvantaged sections of society can apply for and monitor the progress of all loan and credit schemes already available to them.

➤ **Saksham App**

- ✓ Saksham App has been launched by the Election Commission of India. Saksham App will facilitate easier voting for Persons with Disabilities.



- ✓ Election Commission of India has a motto of no voter is left behind.
 - ✓ The voters with more than 85 years of age and Persons with Disabilities with 40% benchmark disability can vote from home.
 - ✓ Wheelchairs and volunteers will be made available at every polling station.
 - ✓ Transport facilities for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly will also be arranged by the Election Commission.
- **50 years of Chipko Movement**
- ✓ The Chipko movement, which began in Uttarakhand (Chamoli Gopeshwar) in early 1973, marks its 50th anniversary.



- ✓ It involved villagers, particularly women, protesting against deforestation and commercial logging by hugging trees to prevent their felling.
 - ✓ The movement was named Chipko, which means "to hug" in Hindi.
 - ✓ Environmental activists like Sunderlal Bahuguna and Chandi Prasad Bhatt played instrumental roles in mobilizing local communities and garnering national and international support for the movement.
- **World's First Om-Shaped Temple Inaugurated in Rajasthan**
- ✓ The **world's first-ever temple** designed in the iconic **Om** shape has been inaugurated in the village of **Jadan, Pali district, Rajasthan**.



- ✓ The temple spans across a vast expanse of **250 acres** and built in **Nagara Style**.
- ✓ Towering at a height of **135 ft**, the temple stands supported by **2,000 pillars**, with provisions made for **108 rooms** on its premises.
- ✓ It will be able to accommodate **1,008 idols** of Lord Mahadev and **12 Jyotirlingas** within its sacred precincts.

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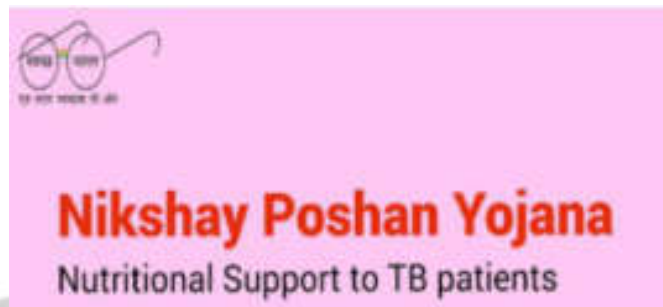
- **Tamil Nadu Launches 'Neengal Nalama' Scheme**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Launches 'Neengal Nalama' Scheme To Review Implementation Of Welfare Programs.



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has launched the 'Neengal Nalama' (Are you fine?) scheme, a beneficiary outreach program aimed at reviewing the implementation of flagship schemes and addressing the grievances of the public.
 - ✓ Under the 'Neengal Nalama' scheme, people will be directly contacted by the Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, Department Heads, Department Secretaries, and District Collectors to inquire about their level of benefit and to identify any bottlenecks related to various government schemes.
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- **Revamped Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme**
 - ✓ The Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, introduces the Revamped Pharmaceuticals Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme to enhance industry capabilities and align with global standards.



- ✓ By broadening the criteria to encompass pharmaceutical manufacturing units with a turnover of less than 500 crores, we're extending opportunities for technological and quality advancements.
 - ✓ Additionally, prioritizing Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) aims to bolster smaller players, ensuring they reach and maintain exemplary manufacturing standards.
- **Nikshay Poshan Yojana**
- ✓ The Nikshay Poshan Yojana is a program by the Indian government that provides financial assistance to tuberculosis (TB) patients for their nutritional needs during treatment.



- ✓ The financial assistance is provided for the entire course of the anti-TB treatment.
- ✓ The scheme is a part of the National Health Mission (NHM) by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

INTERNATIONAL

- **32nd member of NATO**
- ✓ Sweden has officially become the 32 member of NATO.



- ✓ Sweden recently completed the accession process in Washington.
 - ✓ NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg highlighted that Sweden now has the protections under Article 5. Under Article 5 of NATO's treaty, all members are obliged to come to the aid of an ally whose territory or security is under threat.
 - ✓ It has only been activated once, that too by the U.S. after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Finland joined NATO last year and became its 31st member.
- **Russian Presidential Elections**
 - ✓ For the fifth time, Vladimir Putin won the Russian Presidential Elections. Russian President Vladimir Putin won the Presidential Elections for the fifth time.



- ✓ He got another six-year term with 87 per cent of the vote. The other candidates got less than 5 per cent votes.
- ✓ Communist candidate Nikolai Kharitonov finished second and Vladislav Davankov came third.
- ✓ Vladimir Putin will become the longest-serving Russian leader since Catherine the Great in the 1700s.

INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

➤ India Inks Free Trade Agreement with 4 European Countries

- ✓ India signed a free trade agreement (FTA) with four European countries – Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland – on Sunday, with a goal of reaching \$100 billion in investments in India and one million jobs within 15 years.



- ✓ The Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) marks the second such full-fledged FTA signed after India's agreement with the United Arab Emirates, and will see considerable tariff reduction, increase in market access, and simplification of customs procedures.

➤ India and Brazil First-Ever '2+2' Dialogue

- ✓ India and Brazil conducted their first-ever '2+2' defence and foreign ministerial dialogue, discussing cooperation in key areas.



- ✓ The talks focused on expanding cooperation in various areas, including energy, critical minerals, technology, and counter-terrorism.
- ✓ The '2+2' defence and foreign ministerial dialogue involves the participation of the defence and foreign ministers of two countries, along with their respective counterparts, to discuss strategic and security-related issues, as well as diplomatic matters.

➤ **India - Bhutan**

- ✓ India will provide support of ten thousand crore rupees to Bhutan over the next five years.



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured Bhutan's top leadership that India will stand by the Himalayan kingdom in its quest for development and that their unique bilateral ties would create avenues for greater cooperation in connectivity, infrastructure, trade and energy sectors.
- ✓ The two countries exchanged several MoUs and signed agreements in the fields of energy, trade, digital connectivity, space and agriculture, and finalised the MoU on the establishment of rail links between the two nations.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ Meghayan 2024



- ✓ Metoc Seminar 'Meghayan 2024' - an insight into the frontline of climate change.
- ✓ The METOC seminar 'Meghayan-24' was conducted by the School of Naval Oceanology & Meteorology (SNOM) and the Indian Naval Meteorological Analysis Centre (INMAC) at the Southern Naval Command on March 28, 2024.
- ✓ It was organized in commemoration of World Meteorological Day, with the theme 'At the Frontline of Climate Action' set by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) for 2024.

DEFENCE

➤ Exercise Samudra Laksamana

- ✓ Exercise Samudra Laksamana, a significant bilateral maritime exercise between India and Malaysia, is currently underway from February 28 to March 2, 2024, off the coast of Visakhapatnam.



- ✓ This exercise marks the third edition of the collaboration, featuring the Indian Naval Ship Kiltan and the Royal Malaysian Ship KD Lekir.
- ✓ The primary aim of Exercise Samudra Laksamana is to bolster the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two naval forces.

➤ Exercise 'Bharat-Shakti'

- ✓ The three forces of India – Army, Navy, and Air Force – are going to conduct the biggest exercise called 'Bharat-Shakti' at Asia's largest field firing range located in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan.



- ✓ The three Indian Services will showcase the capability of indigenously manufactured weapons and platforms during the exercise.
- ✓ Only indigenous weapon systems developed in India will be included in this exercise.

➤ **Exercise “Sea Defenders**

- ✓ The US Coast Guard Ship Bertholf arrived at Port Blair on March 7, 2024, to conduct a joint exercise with the Indian Coast Guard called “Sea Defenders-2024”.



- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard has extensive interactions with the US Coast Guard, particularly in training, exercises, and cooperative measures.
- ✓ The joint exercise is scheduled to take place on 09-10 Mar 2024 off the coast of Port Blair.

➤ **Exercise Cutlass Express**

- ✓ The Indian Navy recently took part in a major maritime exercise called Exercise Cutlass Express - 24 (CE-24). This exercise was held in Port Victoria, Seychelles from 26 February to 08 March 2024.



- ✓ The Indian Navy was represented by the ship INS Tir, which is the lead ship of the First Training Squadron. INS Tir was led by Senior Officer, First Training Squadron, Capt Anshul Kishore.
- ✓ Exercise Cutlass Express is a multinational maritime exercise sponsored by the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) and led by U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa/U.S. Sixth Fleet.

➤ **Exercise “LAMITIYE-2024”**

- ✓ Joint Military Exercise “LAMITIYE-2024” is scheduled to take place from March 18th to 27th.



- ✓ A contingent from the Indian Army will participate in the 10th edition of the Joint Military Exercise “LAMITIYE” with Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF).
- ✓ Exercise “LAMITIYE-2024” is significant for fostering cooperation between India and Seychelles.
- ✓ The term ‘LAMITIYE’ means ‘Friendship’ in the Creole language. The main aim of the exercise is to improve interoperability in Sub-conventional Operations within Semi-Urban environments.

➤ **Indian Army’s New Tech Unit STEAG**

- ✓ The Indian Army has set up a specialized technology unit called Signals Technology Evaluation and Adaptation Group (STEAG) to research and evaluate next-generation communication technologies.



- ✓ The Indian Army realizes that effective communication is crucial for military operations.
- ✓ The side with better communication technologies and ability to share information will have an advantage over the enemy.

➤ **India-US Joint Military Exercise “EX TIGER TRIUMPH - 24”**

- ✓ A joint military exercise called Tiger Triumph-24 between India and the United States started on March 18 and will continue until March 31.



- ✓ This exercise is taking place on the Eastern Seaboard (East Coast) of India.
- ✓ The main purpose of this exercise is to improve cooperation between the two countries' armed forces for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

➤ **Exercise TRILAT-2024**

- ✓ The Indian Navy is all set to participate in the second edition of the India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise (IMT TRILAT-2024), a joint maritime exercise scheduled from 21-29 March 2024.



- ✓ The Indian Naval Ships INS Tir and INS Sujata will represent India in this trilateral exercise.
- ✓ INS Tir and INS Sujata will engage with the respective Navies at the ports of Zanzibar (Tanzania) and Maputo (Mozambique).

ECONOMY

➤ India's GST Collection - February 2024

- ✓ India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection witnessed a significant surge of 12.5% year-on-year, reaching Rs 1.68 lakh crore in February, as stated by the government.



- ✓ February's GST collection rose by 12.5% compared to the same month in the previous year, showcasing robust growth in tax revenues.
 - ✓ The finance ministry highlighted that the average monthly gross collection for the fiscal year 2023/24 stands at Rs 1.67 lakh crore, surpassing the corresponding period of the previous year.
- ## ➤ Morgan Stanley Raises India GDP Growth Forecast to 6.8%
- ✓ Morgan Stanley has increased its GDP growth forecast for India for the financial year 2024-25 (FY25) to 6.8%, up from the previous estimate of 6.5%.



- ✓ This revision reflects a positive outlook on India's economic trajectory, emphasizing its strength and stability in the current cycle.
- ✓ The firm also revised its growth forecast for the ongoing financial year, FY24, to 7.9%.



APPOINTMENT

➤ Suman Kumari - First Woman Sniper of BSF

- ✓ Sub-inspector Suman Kumari became the first woman sniper of BSF. Suman Kumari has become the BSF's first woman sniper after completing 'rigorous' training at CSWT Indore.



- ✓ She completed an eight-week sniper training at the Central School of Weapons and Tactics (CSWT) in Indore.
- ✓ She decided to take the sniper training after witnessing the threat of cross-border sniper assaults while leading a platoon in Punjab.
- ✓ She was the only female in the sniper course with 56 male peers. She is from a modest family in Himachal Pradesh's Mandi district.

➤ Sudha Murty Nominated to Rajya Sabha

- ✓ Philanthropist and author in Kannada and English Sudha Murty was nominated to the Rajya Sabha on Friday by President Droupadi Murmu.



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra in his post on X lauded the 73-year-old's contribution in diverse fields, saying that her presence in the Upper House was a "powerful testament to Nari Shakti (women power)".
- ✓ She chaired the Infosys Foundation for over two decades, and through the foundation carried out several philanthropic activities.
- ✓ She is the recipient of the Padma Shri in 2006 and Padma Bhushan in 2023.

➤ **New Election Commissioners**

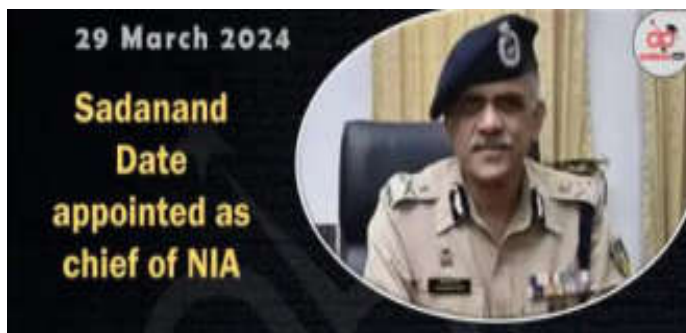
- ✓ Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu have been appointed as new Election Commissioners by a three-member committee led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



- ✓ The selection panel for appointing Election Commissioners now includes the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, and a designated Union Cabinet minister, with the exclusion of the Chief Justice of India, as per the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023.

➤ **Sadanand Date Appointed as Chief of NIA**

- ✓ Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad chief **Sadanand Vasant Date** has been appointed as the **Director General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA)**.



- ✓ He will succeed Dinkar Gupta, who is due to superannuate on March 31.

- ✓ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Date as the Director General (DG) of the NIA for a tenure up to his superannuation on December 31, 2026.



AWARDS

➤ India Receives 'Measles And Rubella Champion' Award

- ✓ India has been awarded the prestigious 'Measles and Rubella Champion' Award by The Measles and Rubella Partnership.



- ✓ This award recognizes India's exemplary efforts in preventing measles and rubella diseases.
- ✓ The award was presented on March 6th, 2024, at the American Red Cross Headquarters in Washington D.C., USA.
- ✓ Ambassador Sripriya Ranganathan, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, received the award.

➤ Oscar Awards

- ✓ The Oscars, Officially Named The Academy Awards, Stand As Pinnacle Of Recognition In Film Industry Worldwide. Every Year, Artists From Diverse Corners Of The Globe Compete For Accolades Across A Broad Spectrum Of Categories.

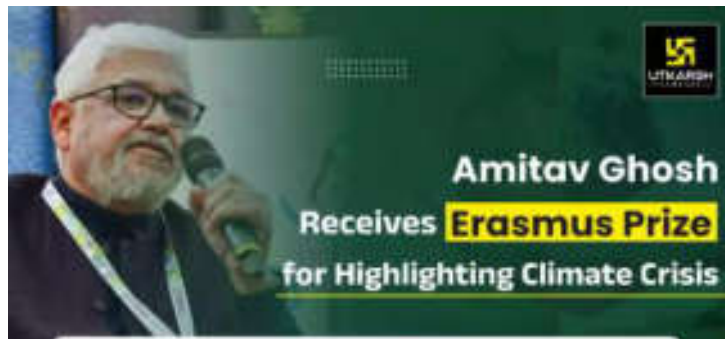


- ✓ "Oppenheimer" Won The Biggest Awards Of The Night, With The Film's Director, Christopher Nolan, Taking Home The Best Director Oscar, Actor Cillian

Murphy Winning The Best Actor Award, And The Film Earning The Coveted Best Picture Among Its Seven Overall Wins.

➤ **Prestigious Erasmus Prize 2024**

- ✓ The Praemium Erasmianum Foundation has awarded the Erasmus Prize 2024 to the Indian writer **Amitav Ghosh**.



- ✓ He receives this prestigious honour for his passionate contribution to the theme "imagining the unthinkable," in which he explores the unprecedented global crisis of climate change through his literary works.
- ✓ Ghosh has delved deeply into the question of how to give justice to the existential threat of climate change, which defies our imagination.

➤ **PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award**

- ✓ Ratan Tata Awarded PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for Philanthropy Work.



- ✓ Ratan Tata, former chairman of Tata Sons, has been bestowed with the prestigious PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award.
- ✓ He received the award for his outstanding philanthropic contributions.
- ✓ The award ceremony took place in Mumbai on March 15, 2024.

➤ **Diana Memorial Award**

- ✓ Indian Youth Uday Bhatia and Manasi Gupta Receive 'Diana Memorial Award'.



- ✓ Uday Bhatia and Manasi Gupta from India were honored with the prestigious 'Diana Memorial Award' on 14 March 2024.
- ✓ This award is given every two years in memory of Princess Diana.
- ✓ It recognizes exceptional youth for their social work or humanitarian services.
- ✓ The Diana Award charity, established in memory of the late Princess of Wales, is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

➤ **Sangita Kalanidhi**

- ✓ Thodur Madabusi Krishna, a renowned Carnatic musician, has been chosen as the Sangita Kalanidhi awardee for 2024.



- ✓ This award, considered the Oscar equivalent for Carnatic music, is given away by the Music Academy in Chennai.
- ✓ Krishna, 48, is known for his powerful voice both as a vocalist on stage and as a social activist off stage.
- ✓ Off stage, Krishna is known for his left-liberal views and attempts to use music as a tool for social reform, for which he received the Ramon Magsaysay award.

➤ **Prime Minister Modi conferred 'Order of the Druk Gyalpo'**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi received Bhutan's highest civilian award 'Order of the Druk Gyalpo' by country's king Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck.

- ✓ With the recognition, the PM became the first foreign Head of the Government to receive the honour.



- ✓ The award has been conferred to Prime Minister Modi in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the growth of India-Bhutan relations and for his distinguished service to the Bhutanese nation and people.

➤ **Bhutan's Highest Civilian Award**

- ✓ PM Modi Becomes 1st Foreign Head To Be Bestowed With Bhutan's Highest Civilian Award Order Of The Druk Gyalpo King of Bhutan Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck conferred **Bhutan's highest civilian award, the Order of the Druk Gyalpo, on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Thimpu.**



- ✓ Prime Minister Modi is the **first foreign leader** to be **given this prestigious award.**
 - ✓ The King of Bhutan had announced the conferment of the award during Bhutan's 114th National Day celebrations in December.
- **Global Inequality Research Award**
- ✓ **Bina Agarwal and James Boyce** have received the **inaugural "Global Inequality Research Award"** in recognition of their significant advancements in comprehending global inequalities, particularly within social and environmental realms.



- ✓ The recipients will be honored at **conferences held in Paris** during the fall and spring of 2024, organized in collaboration with Sciences Po's Social-Ecological Transitions (SET) initiative.
- ✓ The **University of Manchester's** Global Development Institute (GDI) for Bina Agarwal. The **University of Massachusetts Amherst's** Political Economy Research Institute (PERI) for James Boyce.



PERSONALITIES

➤ Miss World 2024

- ✓ Krystyna Pyszková of the Czech Republic has been crowned the 71st Miss World in a grand ceremony held in Mumbai.



- ✓ The 24-year-old Pyszková competed against contestants from 115 countries. Last year's winner, Miss World 2022 Karolina Bielawska of Poland crowned Krystyna as the 71st Miss World.
 - ✓ Meanwhile, Yasmina Zaytoun of Lebanon was crowned the First Runner-Up at the beauty pageant.
 - ✓ According to Miss World Organisation, Krystyna Pyszková is a student, volunteer, and international model.
- ## ➤ National Person with Disability (PwD) Icon
- ✓ Sheetal Devi has been announced by Election Commission as its National Person with Disability (PwD) Icon.



- ✓ Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu graced the event.
- ✓ Sheetal Devi is a Para Archer and Arjuna Awardee.
- ✓ She got Arjuna Award 2023 on 9 January 2024.

- ✓ She is the first and only international para-archery champion without upper limbs.



BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Zoological Survey of India Published a Book**
- ✓ The **Zoological Survey of India** published a book entitled, '**An illustrated guide to the Lepidoptera of India: taxonomic procedures, family characters, diversity and distribution**'.



- ✓ The Book is authored by **Dhriti Banerjee**, Director, Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) along with **Dr. Navneet Singh**, Dr. Rahul Joshi and Dr. P. C. Pathania, Scientists of ZSI and a Lepidoptera expert from Hong Kong, Dr. R.C. Kendrick.
- ✓ The diversity of global Lepidoptera is updated to **166,320 species, 143 families and 43 superfamilies**, of which 13,124 species, 101 families and 31 superfamilies occur in India.

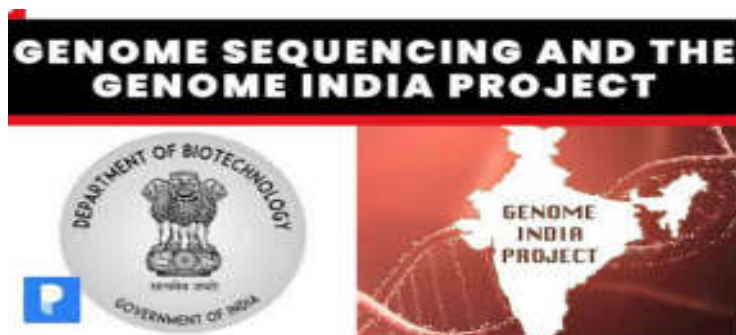
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **Melanochlamys droupadi**

- ✓ The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has identified and named a new species of marine head-shield sea slug discovered along the West Bengal and Odisha coasts.



- ✓ Named Melanochlamys droupadi, this distinctive species bears a ruby red spot and has unique characteristics that distinguish it from other sea slugs.
 - ✓ The species was discovered from the coastal areas of Digha in West Bengal and Udaipur in Odisha.
- ## ➤ **Genome India Project - 10,000 Indian Genomes Sequencing**
- ✓ The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) on Tuesday officially announced the completion of the '10,000 genome' project – an attempt to create a reference database of whole-genome sequences out of India.



- ✓ While India first sequenced a complete human genome in 2006, creating a database that is representative of the diversity of India's population, is seen as a

key step to being able to learn about genetic variants that are unique to India's population groups and use that to customise drugs and therapies.

- ✓ The United Kingdom, China, and the United States are among the countries that have programmes to sequence at least 1,00,000 of their genomes.

➤ **Google Unveils Genie AI: Revolutionizing Video Game Creation**

- ✓ Google's DeepMind team introduces "Genie," a groundbreaking AI platform poised to transform the gaming industry and creative endeavors.



- ✓ This innovative project signifies a fusion of cutting-edge technology and imaginative potential, offering the capability to craft interactive 2D video games from single image prompts or text descriptions.
- ✓ It empowers users to create immersive gaming experiences with minimal input. Democratizes programming by utilizing natural language like English for game creation.

➤ **Test flight of Agni-5 with MIRV successful**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday announced the successful test-firing of Agni-5 ballistic missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicle (MIRV) technology by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) under Mission Divyastra.



- ✓ This is considered a major technological breakthrough.

- ✓ The MIRV technology means a single missile can carry multiple warheads. It will ensure that a single missile can deploy multiple warheads at different locations, government sources said.

➤ **Ethanol100**

- ✓ Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri launched **Ethanol100, an alternate auto fuel** in New Delhi.



- ✓ Ethanol100, a cleaner and greener alternative to gasoline, is a blend of 92 to 94 percent ethanol, 4 to 5 percent motor spirit to provide colour to flame and 1.5 percent Co-solvent higher saturated alcohol.
- ✓ The fuel produces **lower emissions** of greenhouse gases. Ethanol100 will help to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve air quality.

➤ **'Gigantic' Volcano On Mars**

- ✓ Researchers have uncovered a monumental discovery on Mars—a colossal volcano named Noctis Volcano.



- ✓ Standing at an impressive 29,600 feet tall and stretching approximately 450 kilometers in width, this massive volcano lies just south of Mars' equator within the Eastern Noctis Labyrinthus region.

- ✓ The finding, made possible by data from a suite of missions including NASA's Mariner 9, Viking Orbiter 1 and 2.
- ✓ The size and complex modification history of Noctis Volcano suggest its activity from ancient times, offering potential insights into Mars' geologic and possibly biologic past.
- **Indian Scientist Prof Jayant Murthy Honoured with Asteroid Name**
- ✓ The International Astronomical Union (IAU), a global organization responsible for naming celestial objects, has bestowed a rare honour upon an Indian scientist.



- ✓ Professor Jayant Murthy, an esteemed astrophysicist, has been recognized for his remarkable contributions to the field by having an asteroid named after him – (215884) Jayantmurthy.
- **'Station Shiv Shakti': Chandrayaan-3's Landing Site**
- ✓ The International Astronomical Union (IAU) approved the name 'Station Shiv Shakti' for the landing site of Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander on the Moon.



- ✓ Chandrayaan-3 is India's third lunar exploration mission, following Chandrayaan-1 and Chandrayaan-2.

- ✓ The mission's primary objective was to achieve a soft landing on the Moon's surface, which was successfully accomplished by the Vikram lander.
- ✓ The landing site, now officially named 'Station Shiv Shakti', marks a significant milestone in India's space exploration journey.

➤ **POEM-3 mission**

- ✓ Zero orbital debris mission accomplished by ISRO's POEM-3 mission. On March 25, ISRO said it achieved another milestone as the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module-3 (POEM-3) met its fiery end via re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere.



- ✓ On March 21, 2024, this milestone was achieved and the PSLV-C58/XPoSat mission has left practically zero debris in orbit. PSLV-C58 mission was completed on January 1, 2024.
- ✓ The stage was de-orbited from 650 km to 350 km, facilitating its early re-entry, and decommissioned to remove residual propellants to reduce any accidental break-up risk.

➤ **ISRO's START 2024 Program to Inspire Youth in Space Science**

- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will conduct the Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START) 2024 program during April and May.



- ✓ ISRO is inviting Expression of Interest (EOI) from educational institutes, universities, and colleges within India offering UG and PG courses in physical sciences and technology to host START-2024.

➤ **'Pushpak' Reusable Landing Vehicle**

- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted the Pushpak Reusable Landing Vehicle (RLV) LEX 02 landing experiment at the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga on Friday.



- ✓ The RLV LEX 02 landing experiment is the second of the series of experiments conducted by the space agency.
- ✓ The test was conducted at 7.10 a.m. on Friday. ISRO said that after the first RLV-LEX-01 mission, which was accomplished last year, the RLV-LEX-02 demonstrated the autonomous landing capability of RLV off-nominal initial conditions at the release from a Chinook helicopter.

➤ **IIT-M Develops Electric Standing Wheelchair**

- ✓ Ramya, who has not been able to use her legs because of an injury, stood up for the first time on Wednesday to sing the national anthem.



- ✓ A motorised wheelchair helped her stand. The B.Com graduate is a mother who is now looking for a job.

- ✓ Like Ramya, Rajesh Kumar, who sustained an injury when he was 13, is now working in the Indian Spinal Injury Centre in Delhi.
- ✓ Ms. Ramya and Mr. Kumar displayed the use of a new device developed by the R2D2 Centre of the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M).



SPORTS

➤ **Khelo India Medal Winners - Eligible For Government Jobs**

- ✓ Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), in collaboration with the Department of Sports, has introduced significant reforms in the recruitment, promotion, and incentive mechanisms for athletes.



- ✓ This initiative underscores the government's commitment to nurturing sporting talent and turning sports into a lucrative career option.
- ✓ Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, has announced that medal winners at the Khelo India Games – spanning Youth, University, Para, and Winter categories – are now eligible for government jobs.

➤ **Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) Programme Launched**

- ✓ The Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, has inaugurated a unique talent hunt event called KIRTI (Khelo India Rising Talent Identification) in Chandigarh.



- ✓ This nationwide programme, under the Khelo India mission, aims to identify talented athletes between the ages of 9 and 18 years, currently enrolled in schools across the country.

- ✓ KIRTI will conduct 20 lakh assessments across the country throughout the year to identify talent through notified Talent Assessment Centres.
- **India's First Indoor Athletics and Aquatic Centres**
- ✓ Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik Inaugurates India's First Indoor Athletics and Aquatic Centres.



- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated India's first indoor athletics stadium and indoor aquatic centre at the Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar.
- ✓ The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for a new indoor diving centre in the stadium complex. According to Patnaik, the new indoor facilities will help athletes train throughout the year without fear of weather-related disturbances.
- **Sathiyam Gnanasekaran Creates History at WTT Feeder Beirut 2024**
- ✓ Indian star paddler G. Sathiyam has achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the first-ever Indian to win a men's singles trophy at a WTT Feeder Series event.



- ✓ This historic moment took place in Beirut, Lebanon, where Sathiyam triumphed over his compatriot Manav Thakkar with a 3-1 (6-11 11-7 11-7 11-4) victory in the final of the WTT Feeder Beirut 2024 on Thursday night.
- **Paris 2024 Olympics - Flag Bearer & Chef de mission**
- ✓ Sharath Kamal named as the flag bearer and Mary Kom as the chef de mission at the Paris 2024 Olympics.



- ✓ The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on March 21 announced that top table tennis player Sharath Kamal will be the flag bearer for the Indian team for the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympics.
 - ✓ Apart from this, Olympic bronze medalist MC Mary Kom has been named as the Chef de Mission for the Summer Games.
 - ✓ Kamal has won the National Table Tennis Championships a record 10 times.
 - ✓ MC Mary Kom is the first female boxer in boxing history to win six world titles.
- **6th Shaastra Rapid FIDE Rated Chess Tournament**
- ✓ IIT Madras is set to host the prestigious '6th Shaastra Rapid FIDE Rated Chess Tournament' on March 30 and 31, 2024.



- ✓ The tournament, sanctioned by the International Chess Federation (FIDE), will draw the participation of esteemed players from across the globe, including Grandmasters, International Masters, and Women Grandmasters.

REPORT

➤ **World Poverty Clock**

- ✓ India has successfully brought down the rate of extreme poverty below 3% of its population as per World Poverty Clock



- ✓ The percentage of the population living in extreme poverty has decreased from 3.3% in 2022 to 2.4% in 2024. Compared to 4.69 crore in 2022, around 3.44 crore people live in extreme population in 2024.
- ✓ The World Poverty Clock provides real-time poverty estimates for nearly all countries in the world. It tracks progress with respect to ending extreme poverty, which is the UN's first SDG.
- ✓ The term "extreme poverty line" is frequently used to describe the \$2.15 per day poverty limit.

➤ **India Tops Global Arms Imports - SIPRI Report**

- ✓ According to the latest data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), India was the world's top arms importer for the period 2019-2023.



- ✓ India's arms imports witnessed a 4.7% increase compared to the 2014-2018 period.
- ✓ Despite Russia remaining India's main arms supplier, accounting for 36% of its imports, the report notes that this is the first five-year period since 1960-1964

when deliveries from Russia (or the Soviet Union before 1991) made up less than half of India's arms imports.

➤ **Human Development Report 2023/24**

- ✓ India ranked 134th in Global Human Development Index: India's rank on the UN Human Development Index (HDI) has improved by one place in 2022 to 134 out of 193 countries, compared to 135 in 2021.



- ✓ Life expectancy rose from 67.2 to 67.7 years, expected years of schooling reached 12.6, mean years of schooling increased to 6.57 and GNI per capita increased from USD 6,542 to USD 6,951.
- ✓ Switzerland is in the top position in the global Human Development Index.
- ✓ Norway and Iceland have been in second and third spots, respectively.
- ✓ The HDI is a composite index computed based on three parameters: life expectancy, mean years of schooling, and average income.

➤ **World Happiness Report**

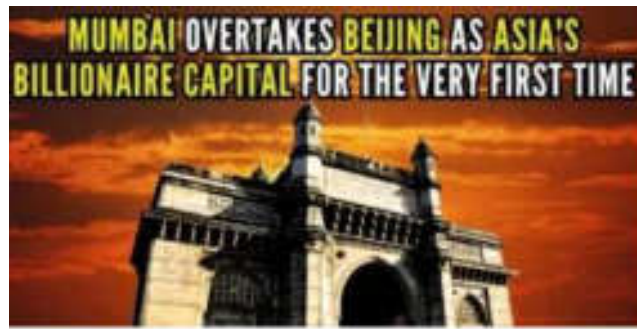
- ✓ The **2024 World Happiness Report** has been released, with **Finland** as the happiest country for the **seventh consecutive year**.



- ✓ **Denmark and Iceland** retain their positions at second and third place, respectively, with **Sweden** following closely at fourth.
 - ✓ Notably, **Costa Rica and Lithuania** have broken into the top 20 list for the first time, securing ranks 12 and 19, respectively.
 - ✓ **India**, on the other hand, ranked **126** out of the **143** countries listed.
 - ✓ All of India's neighbouring countries ranked higher, with China at **60**, followed by Nepal at **93**, Pakistan (**108**), Myanmar (**118**), Sri Lanka (**128**), and Bangladesh (**129**).
 - ✓ **Afghanistan** retained its status as the unhappiest country in the world for yet another year followed by **Lebanon, Lesotho, Sierra Leone, and Congo**.
- **Gender Inequality Index (GII), 2022**
- ✓ The Gender Inequality Index (GII), 2022 has been released by UNDP in their Human Development Report 2023-24.



- ✓ In GII, India stands at rank 108th out of 193 countries, with a score of 0.437.
 - ✓ Gender Inequality Index is a composite metric of gender inequality using three dimensions: reproductive health, empowerment and the labour market.
 - ✓ It reflects the gap in human development potential due to inequality between female and male achievements in these areas.
 - ✓ GII values range from 0 (equality) to 1 (extreme inequality).
 - ✓ A low GII value indicates low inequality between women and men, and vice-versa.
- **Hurun Global Rich List 2024**
- ✓ Mumbai Dethrones Beijing As Asia's New "Billionaire Capital": Hurun Report.
 - ✓ India's financial hub Mumbai has emerged as "Asia's billionaire epicentre" for the first time, surpassing Beijing, as per the Hurun Global Rich List 2024.



- ✓ According to the list, Mumbai now boasts 92 billionaires, edging past Beijing's count of 91. While Mumbai added 26 new ultra-rich to the club, Beijing lost 18.
- ✓ Globally, Mumbai now ranks third in terms of billionaires after New York, which has 119 and London 97, as per Hurun's list. Industries that the report attributed India's growth in rank to were Pharmaceuticals (39) and Automobile and Auto Components (27).

➤ **India Employment Report 2024**

- ✓ International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Institute of Human Development (IHD) have released the India Employment Report 2024.



- ✓ As per the report, the share of India's youth in the unemployed workforce is almost 83%.
- ✓ According to the report, the share of youngsters having secondary or higher education in the total unemployed youth has increased from 35.2% in 2000 to 65.7% in 2022.
- ✓ Unemployment levels were higher among the educated youth of the country during the pandemic period.

RANKING

- **India Jumps 14 Ranks On UNDP Gender Inequality Index**
- ✓ According to the Human Development Report 2023-2024 released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), India has made significant progress in bridging the gender divide.



India jumps 14 ranks on Gender Inequality Index 2022

- ✓ The country has improved its ranking by 14 positions on the Gender Inequality Index (GII) 2022 compared to the previous year.
- ✓ In the GII 2022, India ranked 108 out of 193 countries, with a score of 0.437. This marks a significant improvement from the 2021 ranking of 122 out of 191 countries, with a score of 0.490.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
March 01	World Seagrass Day	Celebrated annually on March 1, World Seagrass Day is a vital global observance aimed at highlighting the importance of seagrass in marine ecosystems
March 01	Zero Discrimination Day	Theme is "To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights."
March 03	World Wildlife Day	Theme: "Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation."
March 03	World Hearing Day	Theme is "Changing mindsets: Let's make ear and hearing care a reality for all!"
March 04	National Safety Day	The theme for National Safety Day 2024, "Safety for a Sustainable Future,"
March 04	World Obesity Day	Theme is "Let's Talk About Obesity and..."
March 05	International Day for Disarmament & Non-Proliferation Awareness	This annual event seeks to promote public awareness, particularly among youth, about the importance of disarmament
March 08	International Women's Day	Theme is 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress'
March 10	International Day Of Women Judges	The theme for this year's celebration is "Women in Justice, women for justice,"
March 13	No Smoking Day	Theme - 'Protecting children from tobacco industry interference'
March 14	International Day	Theme: 'Playing with Math'.

	Of Mathematics	
March 14	World Kidney Day	Theme is Kidney Health for All - Advancing Equitable Access to Care and Optimal Medication Practice
March 14	International Day Of Action For Rivers	River experts from 20 nations declared March 14th as the "Day of Action for Rivers,"
March 15	World Consumer Rights Day	This year, the theme is 'Fair and responsible AI for consumers
March 15	World Sleep Day	Theme for World Sleep Day is 'Sleep Equity for Global Health'.
March 16	National Vaccination Day	Theme: 'Vaccines Work for All'
March 18	Global Recycling Day	The theme of Global Recycling Day 2023 is "Creative Innovation"
March 20	World Sparrow Day	Theme: World Sparrow Day is "Sparrows: Give them a tweet-chance!", "I Love Sparrows" and "We Love Sparrows"
March 20	International Day of Happiness	Theme: "Reconnecting for Happiness: Building Resilient Communities."
March 20	World Oral Health Day	The theme for Oral Health Day 2024 is 'A happy mouth is a happy body'
March 21	International Day For The Elimination Of Racial Discrimination	The theme is "A Decade of Recognition, Justice, and Development: Implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent"
March 21	World Poetry Day	"Standing on the Shoulders of Giants" is the celebratory theme for World Poetry Day 2024
March 21	World Down Syndrome Day	Theme is 'End The Stereotypes'
March 21	World Forestry Day	Theme: 'Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a

		Better World
March 22	World Water Day	The theme for World Water Day 2024 is 'Water for Peace'
March 23	World Meteorological Day	The theme for World Meteorological Day 2024 is "At the Frontline of Climate Action"
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 2024 'Yes! We can end TB!'
March 25	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	Theme "Creating Global Freedom: Countering Racism with Justice in Societies and Among Nations"
March 25	International Day of Unborn Child	The day is viewed as "a positive option in favor of life and the spread of a culture for life to guarantee respect for human dignity in every situation"
March 27	World Theatre Day	The theme for World Theatre Day 2024 is 'Theatre and a Culture of Peace'
March 28	World Piano Day	This day serves as a global platform to recognize the beauty, cultural significance, and enduring appeal of the piano
March 30	International Day of Zero Waste	Theme: "Towards a Circular Future"
March 31	World Backup Day	Theme - "Save Digital Memories"

