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# TAMIL NADU

## ➤ **AdvantEdge Innovation Conclave**

- ✓ Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services Palanivel Thiaga Rajan inaugurated AdvantEdge Innovation Conclave aimed at revolutionising micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Coimbatore on Wednesday.



- ✓ The conclave is aimed at revolutionizing the MSMEs. The two-day intensive workshop will address various issues and provide solutions by experts.
- ✓ Strategies ensuring directed and sustained growth trajectories, 30-day dedicated team support for MSMEs and an annual innovation expert network, and tailor-made solutions for steering businesses towards an exponential growth arc, will be part of the workshop.

## ➤ **Salem Sago Gets GI Tag**

- ✓ Salem district in the state of Tamil Nadu has gained acclaim for its sago production, which is widely recognized as Sabudana. Salem Sago, locally known as Javvarisi, is derived from the wet starch powder extracted from tapioca roots.



- ✓ Salem district utilizes nearly 35,000 hectares of land for tapioca cultivation, with yields averaging between 25-30 tonnes per hectare.
- ✓ Sago has a low calorific value (310 kcal/100g) and ranges in size from 2 to 4.5 mm. Remarkably, one kilogram of tapioca sago can be produced from five kilograms of tapioca tubers.

- ✓ Sago finds applications in diverse industries, including food, paper, construction, textiles, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, mining, and alcohol, underscoring its economic significance.
- **Kalaignar Centenary Medical Research Centre**
- ✓ The Kalaignar Centenary Medical Research Centre will be set up for 100 crore in Dr. MGR Medical University, said minister of health and family welfare Ma. Subramanian.



- ✓ Currently, the public works department is engaged in preparing a project report for the facility that would be set up on the campus of the Tamil Nadu Dr M G R Medical University, Guindy.
- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin would take part in the foundation stone laying ceremony of the proposed facility, Subramanian, also the Pro-Chancellor of the University, said.
- **Scheme Granting Monthly Aid To Over 1 Crore Women**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government is all set to launch the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam, the largest social welfare initiative aimed at providing monthly financial assistance. This scheme is set to benefit over 1.06 crore eligible women who are the heads of their families.





- ✓ Under this scheme, eligible beneficiaries will receive a monthly sum of Rs 1,000. This financial aid will be directly transferred into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.
- ✓ To facilitate easy access to the funds, ATM cards will be issued to the eligible women, allowing them to withdraw the allocated amount as needed.
- **Board for Welfare of Adi Dravidars and Tribals**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has reconstituted its State-level Tribal Welfare Board.



**TN Adi  
Dravidar and  
Tribal  
Welfare Dept**

- ✓ The Minister for Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare would be the ex-officio chairperson of the Board.
- ✓ The panel has eight official and 17 non-official members.
- ✓ The panel was constituted in 2007 for the overall development of the Scheduled Tribes in the fields of education, economic development and social welfare.

# STATE

## ➤ Kashmir to Host Miss World 2023

- ✓ Julia Eric Morely, CEO of Miss World, reveals that the 71st Miss World competition will be held in Kashmir in December 2023.



- ✓ The announcement was made during a press conference in Kashmir, with Morely expressing excitement and emotion about the event.
- ✓ CEO Morely praised the warmth and hospitality of the people of Kashmir and expressed the Miss World organization's eagerness for the event.

## ➤ Chokuwa Rice: Assam's "Magic Rice" - GI Tag

- ✓ Chokuwa Rice, renowned as Assam's "Magic Rice," receives the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag, recognizing its unique heritage and characteristics.



- ✓ With roots in the history of the Ahom dynasty, Chokuwa is a semi-glutinous Sali rice primarily cultivated around the Brahmaputra River region.
- ✓ Known for its ease of preparation and nutritional value, it pairs well with various accompaniments and plays a central role in Assamese cuisine.
- ✓ The GI tag grants legal protection and authenticity to products originating from specific geographic areas, emphasizing their unique heritage.

➤ **Bhaderwah Rajma & Ramban Sulai Honey - GI Tag**

- ✓ Bhaderwah Rajmash and Sulai honey, both hailing from the picturesque districts of Doda and Ramban in Jammu and Kashmir, have been granted coveted Geographical Indication (GI) tags.



- ✓ **Bhaderwah Rajmash**, often referred to as **red beans** holds a special place in the hearts and palates of those in the **Chenab Valley**. With its distinct flavour and texture, this legume is not only a **staple food** item but also a **cultural symbol** of the region.
  - ✓ The Sulai honey of **Ramban district** has gained recognition not only for its exquisite taste but also for its **organic nature**. In fact, in 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented organic Sulai honey to **Queen Elizabeth** during his visit to Britain, showcasing the region's natural bounty to the world.
- **Utkela Airport Inaugurated in Odisha Under UDAN Scheme**



- ✓ Utkela Airport inaugurated in Odisha under UDAN scheme. Direct flight route between Utkela and Bhubaneshwar introduced.
  - ✓ Flight covers the distance in just one hour and twenty minutes. Nine-seater Cessna C-208 aircraft deployed.
  - ✓ Utkela Airport boasts a well-designed runway with a length of 917 meters.
  - ✓ Odisha's aviation infrastructure now includes a total of five airports.
- **India's First Solar City**



- ✓ The World Heritage Site Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh's Raisen district has become India's first solar city.



- ✓ It has a capacity of 3 megawatts in Nagauri near Sanchi, which will reduce annual carbon dioxide emissions by 13,747 tonnes. This is equivalent to more than 2,38,000 trees.
  - ✓ Sanchi has become India's first solar city. The production of electricity from coal and other resources causes a negative impact on the environment.
  - ✓ The citizens of Sanchi, the Renewable Energy Department, and all scientists have done a commendable task by resorting to solar energy option.
- **Pension And OBC Status For The Transgender Community**
- ✓ The Jharkhand government has taken a progressive step by including the transgender community in its universal pension scheme.



- ✓ The council of ministers has approved the proposal of Mukhyamantri Rajya Samajik Suraksha Pension Yojana for transgender people under the social assistance scheme. The eligible beneficiary will receive Rs 1,000 per month as financial aid.
- ✓ Transgender individuals who do not fall under any caste reservation category will also receive the benefits of the backward class-2 category. This move ensures



that those who have historically faced discrimination and marginalization receive the necessary support.



# NATIONAL

## ➤ NITI Aayog and UNDP Collaborate to Advance India's SDGs



- ✓ NITI Aayog and UNDP join forces to accelerate India's progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ✓ The collaboration focuses on localizing SDGs, enhancing data-driven monitoring, uplifting underdeveloped regions, and promoting cooperative federalism.
- ✓ It emphasizes initiatives like the Aspirational Districts and Blocks program to transform underdeveloped areas.
- ✓ The partnership aims to showcase India's successes in realizing its development priorities and inspire other nations.

## ➤ 'One Nation, One Election'

- ✓ On 1st September, the Indian government announced the formation of a committee led by former President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, to delve into the feasibility of 'One Nation, One Election.'



- ✓ This development follows the government's announcement to hold a special parliamentary session from September 18th to 22nd, 2023, which has led to curiosity about the session's purpose.
- ✓ 'One Nation, One Election' is a concept aimed at synchronizing elections for the **Lok Sabha (the lower house of India's Parliament)** and all state assemblies.

- ✓ The central idea is to hold these elections simultaneously on a single day or within a specific time frame.
- **Tele-Law 2.0**
- ✓ In a significant stride towards achieving this goal, the Union Minister of Law and Justice recently launched **Tele-Law 2.0**, a revamped version of the **Tele-Law** program.



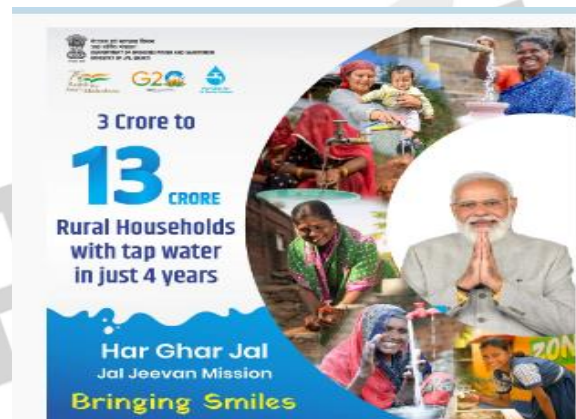
- ✓ This initiative, operating under the **DISHA Scheme** by the **Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice**, aims to provide free legal aid to the rural and marginalized sections of society through video conferencing.
- ✓ Tele-Law is an initiative launched by the Government of India to provide legal assistance and advice to citizens, especially those residing in rural and remote areas, who have limited access to legal services.
- ✓ The initiative utilizes technology to bridge the gap between citizens and legal professionals, making legal aid accessible to all.
- **Adopt a Heritage 2.0 Programme**
- ✓ To ensure the preservation and enhancement of India's rich cultural heritage and its invaluable cultural legacy, the ASI (Archaeological Survey of India) is set to launch the "Adopt a Heritage 2.0" programme on September 4, 2023, at the Samvet Auditorium, IGNC, New Delhi.



- ✓ This program is designed to facilitate corporate stakeholders' active involvement in improving amenities at heritage sites by utilizing their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds.
- ✓ In conjunction with the "Adopt a Heritage 2.0" programme, a user-friendly mobile app named 'Indian Heritage' will be launched on the same day. This innovative app will serve as a digital showcase of India's rich heritage monuments.

### ➤ **Jal Jeevan Mission - Milestone**

- ✓ In a significant achievement, the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) has provided tap water connections to an impressive milestone of 13 crore rural households, marking a remarkable journey since its launch on India's 73rd Independence Day, August 15, 2019.



- ✓ This mission, guided by the principles of speed and scale, has rapidly expanded access to clean water in rural areas, progressing from 3.23 crore households in August 2019 to the current milestone in just four years.
- ✓ Several states and union territories, including Goa, Telangana, Haryana, Gujarat, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Puducherry, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, have achieved 100% tap water coverage.

### ➤ **Malaviya Mission**

- ✓ Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launches Malaviya Mission- Teachers Training Programme by UGC to improve quality of education.





- ✓ The programme aims to provide tailored training programmes for teachers and faculty members in higher educational institutions.
- ✓ The programme will be conducted through 111 Malaviya Mission centres across India.
- ✓ The programme will help in building capacities of 15 lakh teachers of Higher Educational Institutions.
- **World's Tallest Nataraja Statue - G20 Summit Venue**
- ✓ At the venue of the G20 Summit, world leaders will be greeted by a breathtaking 27-foot-tall statue of Nataraja, Lord Shiva in his cosmic dance.

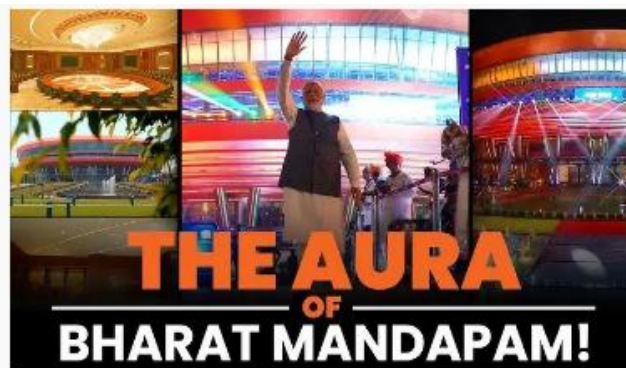


- ✓ This magnificent sculpture, made from an eight-metal alloy known as ashtadhatu, weighs a staggering 18 tonnes, requiring a trailer with 36 tires for transportation to Delhi.
- ✓ This masterpiece seamlessly blends tradition with modernity, drawing inspiration from ancient Nataraja idols.
- ✓ The primary sculptors behind this masterpiece are 61-year-old Srikanda Sthapathy, along with his brothers Radhakrishna Sthapathy and Swaminatha Sthapathy.
- **PM Narendra Modi Co-Chairs 20th ASEAN-India Summit**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 20th ASEAN-India Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia.



- ✓ He acknowledged the enduring India-ASEAN partnership, marking its fourth decade. ASEAN holds a crucial role in India's Act East policy and Indo Pacific initiative.
  - ✓ India and ASEAN celebrated their comprehensive strategic partnership last year. Shared history, geography, values, and belief in peace unite India and ASEAN.
  - ✓ PM Modi announced the opening of an Indian Embassy in Dili, Timor-Leste.
  - ✓ Additionally, he participated in the East Asia Summit, discussing strategic regional matters.
- **Bharat Mandapam**
- ✓ Situated within New Delhi's Pragati Maidan, Bharat Mandapam stands as a symbol of India's hosting of the G20 Summit.

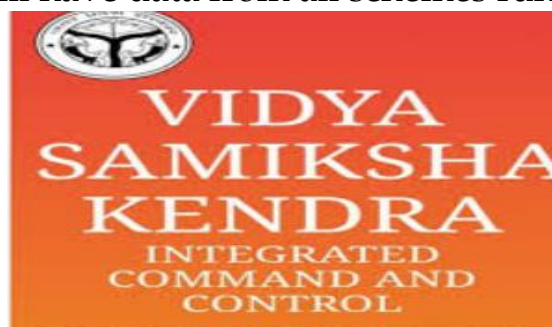


- ✓ This remarkable venue will serve as the backdrop for pivotal discussions among world leaders.
- ✓ Covering an expansive area of 123 acres, Bharat Mandapam is developed as India's largest MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) destination.

- ✓ Its world-class facilities and vast campus position it among the top exhibition and convention complexes globally.
- **Country's First Underground Power Transformer**
- ✓ Energy Minister KJ George inaugurated the country's inaugural underground transformer center, a significant step towards modernizing the city's power distribution infrastructure.



- ✓ With a budget of Rs 1.98 crore, this pioneering project boasts a 500 KVA capacity transformer. Historically, underground power transformer stations have primarily been found in Western countries, where governments prioritize public convenience and safety.
- ✓ At a depth of 10 feet below the road's surface, this innovative center sets new standards in power distribution.
- **Vidya Samiksha Kendras (VSKs)**
- ✓ Under the National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR), the Education Ministry is pushing States to open Vidya Samiksha Kendras (VSKs), which are data repositories that will have data from all schemes run by the Ministry.



- ✓ This will include regularly updated data from the PMPOSHAN midday meal programmes; teacher training data from the National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement portal; textbook content from the Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing; school dropout and attendance-related



data on the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE+); students' learning outcomes from the National Achievement Survey; and Performance Grading Index which evaluates school education system at the State and Union Territory (UT) level.

➤ **“Bharat: The Mother Of Democracy” Portal**

- ✓ On the eve of the G20 leadership summit, the Ministry of Culture unveiled a remarkable online portal titled “Bharat: The Mother of Democracy.”



- ✓ This portal serves as a comprehensive digital exhibition chronicling the rich history of democracy in India, spanning an astonishing 7,000 years – from the Sindhu-Saraswati civilization to the year 2019.
- ✓ The portal is meticulously curated by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), ensuring the accuracy and richness of the content.
- ✓ The portal is thoughtfully organized into five main sections, each with 22 sub-sections. These sections encapsulate different eras and aspects of India's democratic journey.

➤ **First Global Symposium On Farmers' Rights**



- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the First Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights in New Delhi.



- ✓ This symposium, organized by the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (International Treaty) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome, was hosted by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- ✓ President Murmu, in her address, underscored the pivotal role of the global farming community as the foremost conservers of crop diversity.
- **Ayushman Bhav Campaign**
- ✓ Ayushman Bhav campaign launched to enhance accessibility and affordability of healthcare services, especially for underserved communities.



- ✓ Multi-ministerial approach to bring healthcare services to the remotest corners of India.
- ✓ Involvement of local governance and gram panchayats recognized as Ayushman Gram Panchayats.
- ✓ Seva Pakwada initiative to ensure essential health services reach every individual.
- ✓ Three components of Ayushman Bhav: Ayushman - Apke Dwar 3.0, Ayushman Melas at HWC and CHC, and Ayushman Sabhas.
- ✓ India's digital inclusion efforts ensuring access to healthcare facilities in every village and district.

# INTERNATIONAL

## ➤ Hindu Heritage Month

- ✓ In a significant move, Governor Brian Kemp of the U.S. state of Georgia has officially declared that the month of October will be celebrated as 'Hindu Heritage Month' within the state.



- ✓ This proclamation aligns Georgia with several other states across the United States that have taken similar steps to honor and commemorate Hindu heritage, culture, values, and traditions.
- ✓ Georgia joins a growing list of states that have recognized the importance of Hindu heritage and culture.

## ➤ African Union Becomes Permanent Member Of G20

- ✓ During the opening session of the two-day G20 Summit, the African Union (AU) received an official invitation to join the Group of 20 largest economies (G20) as a permanent member.

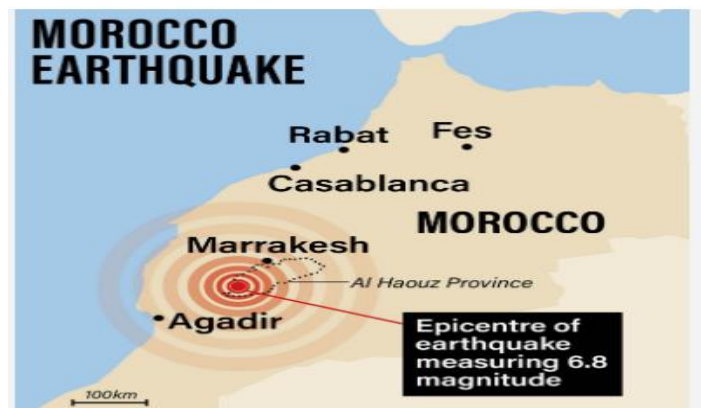


- ✓ Following Prime Minister Modi's announcement, Union of Comoros President and AU Chairperson Azali Assoumani assumed his seat as a full member of the G20.

- ✓ This marked a moment of pride and triumph for the African Union, as it secured its place among the world's most influential economies.
- ✓ The African Union, comprising 55 member states from across the African continent, wields substantial influence in regional and global affairs.
- ✓ Its permanent membership in the G20 reflects the increasing recognition of Africa's economic and geopolitical importance.

#### ➤ **Morocco- Earthquake**

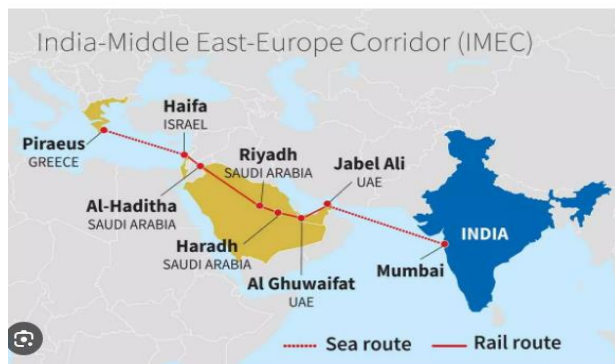
- ✓ In Morocco, The death Toll from A 6.8 Magnitude Earthquake has risen over 2000 while about 1400 are said to be injured.



- ✓ The devastating quake on Friday night was epicentered at a sparsely-populated area of the High Atlas Mountains, around 71km Southwest of Marrakesh.
- ✓ The 6.8 magnitude quake is the biggest to jolt the North African Country in the past 120 years.
- ✓ Several People are still suspected to be trapped under the rubble and debris of the fallen structures that were Age-Old and could not withstand The Earthquake.

#### ➤ **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)**

- ✓ The G20 Summit announced the launch of the India-Middle East-Europe economic corridor.
- ✓ The economic corridor will include shipping and railway links, making trade between India and Europe 40% faster.



- ✓ It aims to boost trade, transport energy resources, and improve digital connectivity.
  - ✓ The corridor involves countries like India, UAE, Saudi Arabia, EU, France, Italy, Germany, and the US.
  - ✓ It aims to bolster economic development by fostering connectivity and economic integration between Asia, the Arabian Gulf, and Europe.
  - ✓ It is considered to be a counter to China's Belt and Road Initiative.
- **What Is India-Middle East-Europe Mega Economic Corridor Project?**
- ✓ In a significant announcement during the G20 summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled plans for the India-Middle East-Europe economic corridor, a ground-breaking initiative that promises to reshape global trade and connectivity.



- ✓ The corridor, which involves India, UAE, Saudi Arabia, European Union, Italy, Germany and the United States, is poised to be historic venture, surpassing even the legendary Silk and Spice routes of the past.
- ✓ India-Middle East-Europe mega economic corridor project aims to boost trade between the participating nations, with a particular focus on facilitating the exchange of energy-related goods.



➤ **India - Bangladesh's - Largest Export Partner**

- ✓ India surpasses Japan and China to become Bangladesh's leading export partner.
- ✓ India has become Bangladesh's largest export partner, with exports surging from \$450 million to \$2 billion.



- ✓ The Agartala-Akhaura rail link project is nearing completion, promising to enhance connectivity and trade ties.
- ✓ The project is expected to be inaugurated by the end of the year and will be the seventh rail link connecting India and Bangladesh.
- ✓ India's Act East Policy is not solely centered on trade and investment, but also on connectivity and people-to-people ties.

# COURT VERDICT

## ➤ **Void or Voidable Marriage**

- ✓ The Supreme Court ruled that a child born of a void or voidable marriage can inherit the parent's share in a joint Hindu family property. However, such a child would not have the rights in or to the property of any other person in the family.
- ✓ This judgment has been passed by a three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud.
- ✓ A voidable marriage is one that is declared invalid by a decree issued by the husband or wife.
- ✓ Except for West Bengal and Assam, the Mitakshara law of succession for Hindu Undivided Families applies to the whole of India.



# INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

- **Indo-US Task Force to Boost Electronics Trade to \$100 Billion by 2033**
- ✓ ICEA sets up task force to increase Indo-US electronics trade from \$8 billion to \$100 billion within a decade.



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- ✓ The task force will focus on policy and regulatory adaptations, technology sharing, and co-production.
  - ✓ The partnership is expected to create new jobs and opportunities for Indian businesses and start-ups.
- **India, Bangladesh Sign 3 MoUs**
  - ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina signed three MoUs on 8 September 2023.



- ✓ The MoU on Digital Payment was signed between NPCI and Bangladesh Bank.
  - ✓ Another MoU focused on the renewal of the Cultural Exchange Program between India and Bangladesh.
  - ✓ The third MoU was signed between ICAR and BARC for agricultural research cooperation.
- **12th Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD)**

- ✓ The 12th Round of Ministerial India-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue was held in New Delhi.



- ✓ The Indian delegation was led by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs.
- ✓ The two countries announced the India-UK Infrastructure Finance Bridge, a collaborative initiative to leverage expertise and investment in support of India's National Infrastructure Pipeline.
- **India-Saudi Investment Forum 2023**
- ✓ An India-Saudi Arabia Investment Forum 2023 was organized in New Delhi during the state visit of Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince.



- ✓ This marked a significant milestone as the first formal investment symposium between the two nations.
- ✓ Over 500 companies from both countries participated in the event, reflecting the strong commitment to economic cooperation. The Saudi Crown Prince had previously announced an investment of approximately \$100 billion in various sectors of the Indian economy.



# CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

## ➤ G20 Summit 2023

- ✓ The G20 Summit 2023 is scheduled to take place on September 9th and 10th, spanning two days in the capital city, Delhi.
- ✓ The summit will be held at the prestigious 'Bharat Mandappam,' which is located within the ITPO Convention Centre in New Delhi's Pragati Maidan.



- ✓ The theme for the G20 Summit 2023 is "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," which translates to "One Earth, One Family, One Future."
- ✓ This theme emphasizes global unity and interconnectedness and highlights the importance of environmentally sustainable choices.

## ➤ Naval Commanders' Conference

- ✓ 2nd edition of the 2023 Naval Commanders' Conference began in New Delhi on 4 September. In this supreme conference held twice a year, Naval Commanders will consider important policy decisions.



- ✓ During the three-day conference, senior Navy officers will review the operations, equipment, training, and administrative activities undertaken during the last six months.
- ✓ At the event, the Naval Commanders will also review ongoing naval projects with a focus on promoting indigenization through 'Make in India' in consonance with the vision of achieving complete 'self-reliance' by 2047.

### ➤ **Green Hydrogen Pilots in India**

- ✓ In preparation for the 18th G20 Summit, a day-long conference titled “Green Hydrogen Pilots in India” is scheduled to take place in New Delhi on September 5, 2023.



- ✓ The event, hosted by NTPC Ltd., India’s leading integrated power producer, highlighted various green hydrogen pilot projects undertaken by both public and private sector companies across India.
- ✓ The conference aims to showcase green hydrogen pilot projects in India, fostering discussions, sharing achievements, and addressing challenges in the clean energy sector.
- ✓ It is significant as it promotes sustainable energy solutions and aligns with India’s National Green Hydrogen Mission.

### ➤ **ASEAN-India Summit and 18 East Asia Summit**

- ✓ PM Modi will attend the 20 ASEAN-India Summit and 18 East Asia Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia.



- ✓ The 20th ASEAN-India Summit is the first one after the elevation of the India-ASEAN relationship to a comprehensive strategic partnership in 2022.
- ✓ The theme of this year's summit is ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth. India is the founding member of the East Asia Summit.
- ✓ During the Summit, the Prime Minister and other leaders will discuss ways to further strengthen the East Asia Summit mechanism.

### ➤ **Global Fintech Fest 2023**

- ✓ The Global Fintech Fest (GFF) is set to reclaim its title as the world's largest fintech conference in 2023.



- ✓ This year's event promises to be a spectacular showcase of innovation and collaboration in the fintech industry.
- ✓ The conference was commenced with a prestigious inauguration ceremony graced by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, the Minister of Finance, Government of India.
- ✓ The Theme of the fest was 'Global Collaboration for a Responsible Financial Ecosystem: 'Inclusive | Resilient | Sustainable'.

### ➤ **Global Biofuel Alliance at G20 Summit**

- ✓ On 9 September 2023, India has announced the launch of a Global Biofuel Alliance at G20 Summit in New Delhi.



- ✓ PM Modi has invited all of the countries to join the global biofuel alliance. India, USA and Brazil will work together with interested countries for developed of a Global Biofuel Alliance.
- ✓ India's proposal is to take an initiative at the global level to take ethanol blending in petrol to as high as 20%. PM Modi also said that India has launched National Green Hydrogen Mission to boost green hydrogen production.

# DEFENCE

## ➤ **Trishul**

- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) is conducting a significant training maneuver named 'Trishul,' running in the northern region of India, adjacent to the borders with China and Pakistan.



- ✓ The exercise will be conducted from September 4 to 14 and will be in line with the G20 summit to be held from September 8 to 10 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Western Command of the Indian Air Force has organized this exercise with the primary objective of evaluating the combat prowess of the force and analyzing various operational aspects.

## ➤ **Exercise - Bright Star - 23**

- ✓ INS Sumedha arrived at Port Alexandria, Egypt on 06 September 2023 to participate in 'Exercise BRIGHT STAR- 23'.
- ✓ This edition of the multinational Tri-Services military exercise will see participation from 34 countries.



- ✓ It is the largest-ever joint military exercise in the Middle East & North Africa region. Ex Bright Star 23 is scheduled to be conducted in two phases.



- ✓ The Harbour Phase involves wide-ranging activities such as cross-deck visits, professional exchanges, sports fixtures, and interactions for planning and conduct of the Sea Phase.

➤ **NAVAL EXERCISE 'VARUNA' - 2023**

- ✓ The Indian and French Navies, steeped in rich maritime traditions and strategic cooperation, recently concluded the Phase II of the 21st edition of the Varuna naval exercise, Varuna-23.



- ✓ Held in the Arabian Sea, this exercise exemplifies the commitment of both nations to enhance their war-fighting capabilities, improve interoperability, and promote peace, security, and stability in the region.
- ✓ This robust collaboration showcased joint operations, underway replenishment, and various tactical maneuvers designed to sharpen the skills of both navies.

➤ **Indian Coast Guard participates in 19th HACGAM**

- ✓ Indian Coast Guard participated in the 19th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) in Istanbul, Turkey.



- ✓ The meeting discussed maritime law enforcement, safety and security of life at sea, marine environment protection, and the illicit trafficking of drugs, weapons, and humans at sea.
- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard is the chair of the Search and Rescue Working Group and is committed to improving maritime security in the region.



# ECONOMY

- **India achieves 7.8 per cent GDP growth for April-June quarter**
- ✓ India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 7.8% in Quarter 1 2023-24, reaching Rs 40.37 lakh crore.
- ✓ This is a decrease from the 13.1% growth rate in Q1 2022-23.
- ✓ India remains the fastest-growing major economy.
  
- **Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Gets Navratna Status**
- ✓ The Department of Public Enterprise (DPE) conferred 'Navratna Status' upon Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers (RCF).



- ✓ Navratnas constitute a group of public sector firms endowed with the financial independence to invest up to Rs 1000 crore without necessitating approval from the central government.
- ✓ Prior to this, the company had attained 'Miniratna Status' from the Department of Public Enterprise.
- ✓ Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF) is an Indian government-owned enterprise headquartered in Mumbai, primarily engaged in the production of chemicals and fertilizers.
  
- **India's August GST Collection Surges to 1.59 Trillion**
- ✓ In August, India witnessed a notable surge in Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection, amounting to 1.59 trillion, signifying an 11% increase compared to the same period last year.



- ✓ This impressive growth can be attributed to enhanced compliance and anti-evasion measures put in place.
- ✓ The moderation in collection is primarily attributed to subdued growth in integrated GST (IGST) and the cess on imports, which increased by only 3% in August.
- ✓ Importantly, both imports and IGST collections have experienced fluctuations in recent months.
- **UPI Crosses 10 Billion Transactions in a Month for the First Time**
- ✓ UPI, India's instant payment system, has crossed the mark of 10 billion transactions in a month for the first time.



- ✓ The milestone was achieved in August 2023, with a total of 10.5 billion transactions recorded on the platform.
- ✓ The volumes are mainly driven by three players in the segment -- PhonePe, Google Pay and Paytm.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the achievement, calling it a testament to the people of India embracing digital progress.



# APPOINTMENT

## ➤ **Geetika Srivastava - India's First Female Charge d'Affaires**

- ✓ Geetika Srivastava, a 2005 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, appointed as India's new chargé d'affaires at its high commission in Islamabad, Pakistan.
- ✓ She breaks the tradition of male-dominated diplomatic appointments to Pakistan, marking a significant step towards gender equality.



- ✓ This historic appointment signifies India's commitment to empowering women in leadership roles and progressive diplomacy.
- ✓ She takes charge as the first woman to lead the Indian High Commission in Pakistan, a notable milestone after 77 years of Independence.

## ➤ **Tharman Shanmugaratnam**

- ✓ Tharman Shanmugaratnam, an economist of Indian origin, emerged victorious in Singapore's recent Presidential election, marking the country's first competitive presidential race since 2011.



- ✓ In this election, Tharman Shanmugaratnam secured a significant mandate with 70.4% of the votes, defeating his two Chinese-origin opponents, Ng Kok Song and Tan Kin Lian, who garnered 15.7% and 13.88% of the votes, respectively.

## ➤ **Jaya Verma**

- ✓ Jaya Verma becomes the first woman to head Railway Board

- ✓ The Union government on Thursday appointed Jaya Verma Sinha Chairperson of the Railway Board, the top decision-making body of the Railway Ministry.



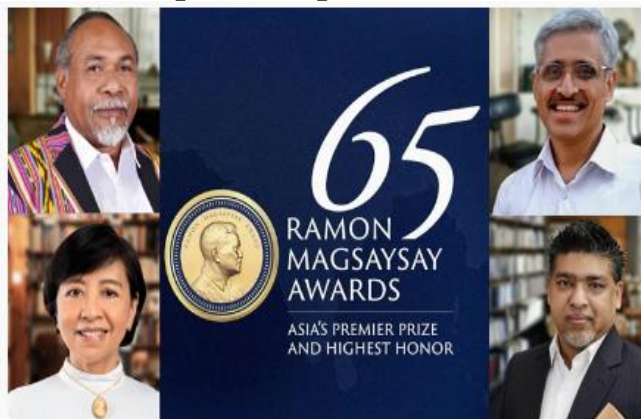
- ✓ She will assume office on or after Friday. She replaces Anil Kumar Lahoti. Ms. Sinha becomes the first woman to head the Board in its 118-year history.

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# AWARDS

## ➤ 65th Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2023

- ✓ The Ramon Magsaysay Award, often called the 'Nobel Prize of Asia', is a notable accolade that represents exceptional spirit and influential leadership.



- ✓ This year, in the ceremony's 65th edition, four Asians were given the Ramon Magsaysay Award.
- ✓ **Korvi Rakshand from Bangladesh** – For providing education to underprivileged children.
- ✓ **Eugenio Lemos from Timor-Leste** – Food security and environmental protection.
- ✓ **Miriam Coronel-Ferrer from Philippines** – Peace negotiator.
- ✓ **Dr Ravi Kannan from India** - A renowned oncologist, who helps underprivileged cancer patients avail medical treatment has been honoured with the Magsaysay Award 2023 for his contribution in the health sector.

## ➤ World Innovation Award

- ✓ Shanta Thoutam honoured with World Innovation Award at BRICS Innovation Forum



- ✓ Telangana's Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Shanta Thoutam has been presented with the World Innovation Award at the first BRICS Innovation Forum hosted at Moscow from August 27 to 29.

- ✓ The award is given for outstanding contribution to the Sustainable Development Goal-4 that ensures inclusive and equitable quality education and promotes lifelong opportunities for all.

➤ **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize**

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) professor Rajnish Kumar has been awarded the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for his exceptional contributions to fundamental understanding of the nucleation and growth of clathrate hydrates, CO 2 sequestration in solid hydrates and methane recovery from marine gas hydrates.



- ✓ Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) bestows the prize on a person who makes outstanding contributions to human knowledge and progress – fundamental and applied – in a particular field of their specialisation.

➤ **Kalaignar Semmozhi Award**

- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday handed over the Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Semmozhi Tamil Award to Tamil scholar K. Ramasamy, former Deputy-Director of the Central Institute of Indian Languages.



- ✓ The award, given for the best contribution to classical Tamil studies by a researcher or a research institution in specified areas, carries a cheque for 10 lakh, a citation plaque, and a bronze replica of the donor, Karunanidhi.



➤ **Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award**

- ✓ The Rotary Club of Madras East and Cavinkare Pvt. Ltd. on Wednesday conferred the Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for Environment Protection 2023 to former IAS officer T. Vijay Kumar, who is also executive vice chairman, RySS, and ExOfficio Special Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperation Department, Andhra Pradesh.



# PERSONALITIES

## ➤ Mrs. Universe India 2023

- ✓ The 8th Edition of Mrs India She is India 2023 was co-powered by Zulfeyn and held in New Delhi from 27th to 30th August 2023.



- ✓ Madhuri Patle from Nagpur, Maharashtra won the title and will represent India at the forthcoming Mrs Universe pageant in Manila, Philippines.
- ✓ Shivani Bagadia was the 1st Runner Up and Aishwarya Deshmukkh was the 2nd Runner Up.

## ➤ Nigar Shaji

- ✓ Stalin lauds ISRO scientist over AdityaL1 mission.



- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin commended ISRO scientist Nigar Shaji, a native of Tamil Nadu, on her historic feat of being the project director of AdityaL1 mission.
- ✓ Nigar Shaji is the Project Director for Aditya-L1 mission, India's mission to the Sun. She was also the Associate Project Director of Resourcesat-2A, which is the Indian Remote Sensing Satellite for National Resource Monitoring and management.

➤ **Miss International India 2023**

- ✓ Praveena Anjana of Udaipur has been crowned Miss International India 2023, gaining her position to represent India at the Miss International pageant in Japan this October.

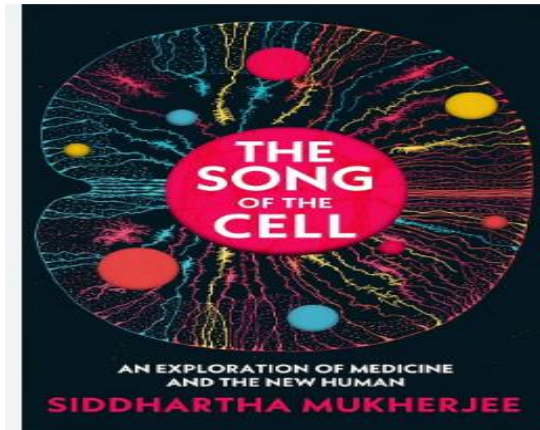


- ✓ Anjana, 23, is a chartered accountant by profession who has been interested in fashion and beauty since she was a kid.
- ✓ She began modelling at an early age and has competed in various beauty pageants, most recently winning the Miss Divine Beauty 2023 pageant in August.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### ➤ **The Song of the Cell**

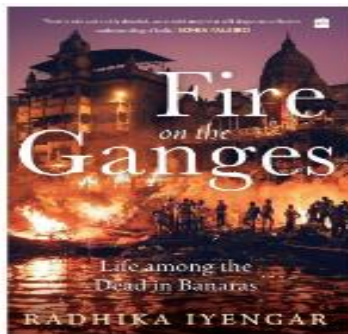
- ✓ Renowned Indian-American cancer physician and researcher Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee's book 'The Song of the Cell' is longlisted for the prestigious £50,000 Baillie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction in London.



- ✓ The book explores how cellular research has revolutionized medicine, enabling the treatment of life-altering diseases such as Alzheimer's and AIDS.
- ✓ The judging panel hails the work as Mukherjee's "most spectacular book yet."
- ✓ Mukherjee is known for his bestselling book 'The Gene: An Intimate History' and Pulitzer Prize-winning 'The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer.'

### ➤ **Fire on the Ganges Life among the Dead in Banaras**

- ✓ **Radhika Iyengar** is the author of the book '**Fire on the Ganges: Life Among the Dead in Banaras**,' released by HarperCollins. The book explores the city of Banaras (also known as Varanasi) in India, particularly its relationship with death and the afterlife.





- ✓ Fire on the Ganges is the first attempt to chronicle the everyday realities of the Doms in Banaras.
- ✓ Through their tales of struggle and survival, betrayal and love, it tells the at-times-heartbreaking, at-times-exhilarating story of a community struggling to find a place beyond that accorded to it by ancient tradition.



# SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

## ➤ India's Largest Home-Built Nuclear Plant - Starts Operations

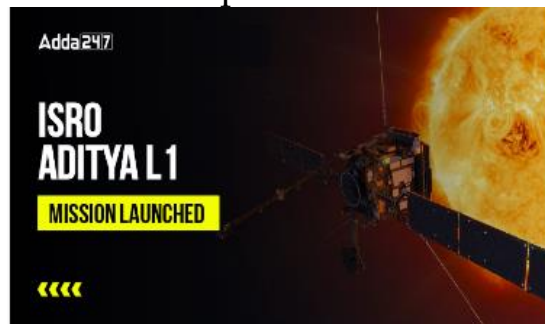
- ✓ In a significant development for India's energy sector, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the 700 MW nuclear power plant located in Kakrapar, Gujarat, has commenced its operations at maximum capacity.



- ✓ This milestone marks a pivotal moment in India's quest for energy self-sufficiency and underscores the nation's commitment to harnessing indigenous nuclear technology.
- ✓ The **Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP)** initiated its commercial operations on June 30, 2023, but initially operated at only 90 percent of its capacity. On August 31, 2023, the plant finally achieved its full operational potential.

## ➤ ISRO Aditya L1 Mission Launched

- ✓ ISRO Aditya L1 mission was launched successfully on September 2, 2023 at 11:50 AM IST from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, India.



- ✓ The mission is India's first dedicated solar mission and will study the Sun's atmosphere, including the chromosphere and corona.
- ✓ The Aditya L1 spacecraft is a **1.5-ton satellite** that is equipped with seven payloads.
- ✓ The spacecraft will be placed in a halo orbit around the Sun-Earth Lagrange Point 1 (L1), which is located about **1.5 million kilometers from Earth**.

- ✓ The Aditya L1 mission is expected to last for five years. During this time, it will collect valuable data about the Sun that will help scientists to better understand its behavior and its impact on Earth.

➤ **Indrajaal**

- ✓ Hyderabad Firm Grene Robotics Unveils India's First AI-Powered Anti-Drone System – Indrajaal.



- ✓ Hyderabad-based private sector firm Grene Robotics has introduced Indrajaal, world's only autonomous wide area, counter-unmanned aircraft system (C-UAS).
- ✓ This state-of-the-art system is touted as capable of safeguarding against micro, mini, small, large, and extra-large drones, signaling a significant advancement in Indian defense technology.
- ✓ Indrajaal is built on a foundation of 12 unique layers of technology, a feat powered by artificial intelligence, marking a world-first achievement.

➤ **World's First Portable Hospital - Arogya Maitri Cube**

- ✓ India has unveiled the world's first portable disaster hospital, a groundbreaking facility that can be airlifted and consists of 72 cubes.
- ✓ This extraordinary endeavor is a component of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious "Project BHISHM" (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri), unveiled in February 2022.

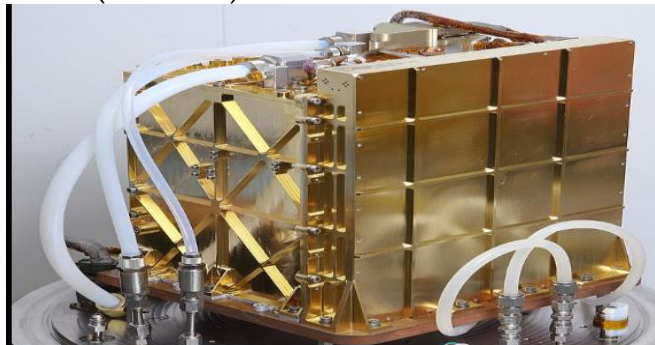


- ✓ The heart of this innovative disaster hospital lies in its 72 cubes, each containing an array of essential equipment and supplies.

- ✓ Among these are an operation theatre, a mini-ICU, ventilators, blood test equipment, an X-ray machine, a cooking station, food, water, shelter, a power generator, and more.
- ✓ These cubes are ingeniously designed to provide critical medical care and humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters and humanitarian crises.
- **“One Week One Lab”**



- ✓ The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is all set to host its annual “One Week One Lab” programme, an exciting event where each of its 37 cutting-edge laboratories situated across the nation will unveil their remarkable research outcomes and accomplishments.
- ✓ During this engaging week-long event, attendees can look forward to a diverse array of activities. Engaging talks by eminent scientists and researchers will delve into the latest advancements and breakthroughs in the field of science.
- **NASA’s MOXIE - Generates Oxygen on Mars**
- ✓ NASA announced the successful completion of its Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilization Experiment (MOXIE) aboard the Perseverance Mars Rover.



- ✓ MOXIE’s success marks a significant step toward enabling astronauts to “live off the land” on Mars by producing their own oxygen and rocket propellant, supporting long-term exploration and sustainability on the Red Planet.



➤ **Storm Daniel**

- ✓ Storm Daniel – the intense Mediterranean hurricane or “medicane” – made landfall in Libya Sunday, wreaking what local authorities there have called a “catastrophic and unprecedented” flood disaster that’s claimed thousands of lives and left many more missing.
- ✓ A devastating flood in eastern Libya has killed at least 5,000 people in the aftermath of Storm Daniel.
- ✓ As per initial reports, the cause of the floods has been attributed to the strong winds from Storm Daniel.

➤ **Scrub Typhus**

- ✓ Scrub typhus, also known as bush typhus, is a bacterial disease caused by *Orientia tsutsugamushi*.
- ✓ It is transmitted to humans through the bites of infected chiggers, which are tiny larvae that develop into mites. In a surprising development, scrub typhus was detected in North Carolina in July 2023.



- ✓ Scrub typhus can affect individuals of all ages and genders equally. However, certain factors increase the risk of contracting the disease.
- ✓ People are more likely to get scrub typhus if they come into contact with areas where chiggers thrive, such as rural or forested environments with specific conditions.

➤ **Nipah Virus In News**

- ✓ India’s southern state of Kerala has once again found itself grappling with the ominous threat of the Nipah virus, a rare and deadly brain-damaging viral disease. In response to the deaths of two individuals from this infection, the state government has taken swift action by shutting down schools and offices and declaring containment zones in certain areas.



- ✓ The Nipah virus, abbreviated as NiV, emerged onto the global stage in 1999 during an alarming epidemic in Malaysia and Singapore. This outbreak left a trail of devastation, with nearly 300 human cases and over 100 fatalities.

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# SPORTS

## ➤ Danielle McGahey

- ✓ Danielle McGahey of Canada will become the first transgender to participate in an international match.



- ✓ She will play the match during a regional qualifying tournament for the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup in Bangladesh.
  - ✓ She has been selected in Canada's women's team for the qualifying tournament. She has fulfilled the eligibility criteria of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for male-to-female transgender players.
  - ✓ According to the rules of ICC, trans women wishing to play women's international cricket must have the concentration of testosterone in their serum less than 5 nmol/l (nanomole per litre) continuously for least 12 months.
- **Amul Official Sponsor - Hangzhou Asian Games**



- ✓ Amul is named as the official sponsor of the Indian Contingent for the 19th Asian Games 2022 to be held in Hangzhou, China from September 23 to October 8, 2023.
- ✓ As part of this association, Amul will use the integrated logo in its communication to celebrate the efforts of the sportsperson.
- ✓ Amul has partnered with Indian sportspersons through the Indian Olympic Association since the London 2012 Olympics.

➤ **'Street 20' Cricket World Cup for Underprivileged Children**



- ✓ Chennai welcomes "Street 20," a heartwarming cricket tournament for underprivileged children, running from September 22nd to October 1st.
- ✓ Street 20 unites street children from 15 countries, including the UK, Brazil, Hungary, and more, preceding the ICC World Cup Cricket in India. Team India, defending champions from the inaugural Street Child Cricket World Cup, will be the star attraction.

➤ **US Open Tennis - Women's Singles**

- ✓ American teenager Coco Gauff has won the US Open on Saturday, clinching her first Grand Slam title with a battling win over Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus.



- ✓ Gauff, 19, produced a gutsy performance on the Arthur Ashe Stadium court to win 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 in 2hr and 6min.
- **US Open Tennis - Men's Singles**
- ✓ Novak Djokovic on Sunday, in front of a packed Arthur Ashe Stadium, cemented his status as the Greatest of all time in tennis history as he beat Daniil Medvedev in the 2023 US Open final to clinch an unprecedented 24th Grand Slam title.





- ✓ 36 years and 3 months Djokovic is now the oldest player to lift the coveted US Open title in Open Era, going past Ken Rosewall who won the 1970 edition at the age of 35 years and 10 months.

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# OBITUARY

## ➤ N Valarmathi - ISRO Scientist

- ✓ N Valarmathi, an Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) scientist, who lent her voice to countdowns for rocket launches in Sriharikota, died after a cardiac arrest.



- ✓ She was last heard during the countdown announcement for the launch of Chandrayaan-3 that made a historic landing on the Moon.
- ✓ Valarmathi was a scientist at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for over 30 years.
- ✓ She was the voice behind the countdowns for many ISRO launches.

## ➤ Dennis Austin

- ✓ Dennis Austin, one of the two creators of Microsoft PowerPoint, passed away at the age of 76. Austin created PowerPoint with Robert Gaskins and released it in 1987.



- ✓ The pair of software developers were part of the software company Forethought, which was acquired by Microsoft for \$14m months after PowerPoint, then called Presenter was launched.
- ✓ Dennis R. Austin was the principal software developer for PowerPoint from 1985 to 1996, particularly its versions for Apple Macintosh computers. Austin first

encountered computers in high school at a summer program at the Carnegie Institute of Technology.



# REPORT

## ➤ **The World Best Countries Report 2023**

- ✓ Switzerland has once again claimed the title of the world's best country, according to the latest U.S. News & World Report's annual Best Countries rankings.



- ✓ This marks Switzerland's second consecutive year at the pinnacle and its sixth time overall as the No. 1 nation on the list.
- ✓ India secured the 30th spot with an overall score of 40.8. In the previous year, in 2022, India held the 31st position out of 85.
- ✓ India achieved its most remarkable performance in the "Movers" category, securing the 5th position. This category evaluates countries based on their potential for future growth and their readiness to face challenges presented by the global economy.

## ➤ **Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023 Clean Air Survey**

- ✓ The recently released Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023 (Clean Air Survey) report, conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board, reveals that Indore, Amravati, and Parwanoo boast the cleanest air in India.





- ✓ In cities with a population exceeding one million, Indore secured the top spot, followed by Agra and Thane. Bhopal, a notable performer, stood fifth, while the national capital, Delhi, claimed the ninth spot.
- ✓ However, Madurai, Jammu, and Kohima face significant challenges in terms of air quality. According to the report, these cities rank the lowest, highlighting the urgent need for targeted interventions to address their air pollution issues.

➤ **India Has 150 Elephant Corridors**

- ✓ A recent report by the Union Environment Ministry has shed light on the state of elephant corridors in India. According to this comprehensive report titled “Elephant Corridors of India,” the country boasts at least 150 elephant corridors, spread across 15 range-states, and encompassing four major elephant-bearing regions.



- ✓ This is a significant increase from the 88 corridors identified in the 2010 Elephant Task Force report, known as the “Gajah report.” This expanded understanding of elephant corridors signifies the evolving challenges and the growing awareness of the importance of conserving these vital pathways.
- ✓ West Bengal emerges as the frontrunner in this report, with a staggering 26 elephant corridors, accounting for over 17 percent of the total corridors in India.

# IMPORTANT DAYS

## ➤ **National Nutrition Week: 1-7 September**

- ✓ National Nutrition Week (NNW) is observed annually in India from September 1 to 7.



- ✓ It aims to raise awareness among people about the vital role of nutrition and the significance of cultivating healthy eating habits.
- ✓ In India, National Nutrition Week was first celebrated in 1982.
- ✓ The theme of Nutrition Month 2023, according to UNICEF, is “Healthy Diet Going Affordable for All”.

## ➤ **World Coconut Day: September 02**

- ✓ World Coconut Day is celebrated every year on September 2 to promote the importance of coconuts in various aspects of life.



- ✓ The day also aims to raise awareness about the benefits of coconut cultivation and consumption.
- ✓ The day was first celebrated in 2009 by the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC).
- ✓ The theme for World Coconut Day 2023 is 'Coconuts: Transforming Lives'.

## ➤ **Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2023: September 1-30**



- ✓ Rashtriya Poshan Maah is a month-long campaign to improve nutrition in India.
- ✓ The campaign will focus on key themes such as exclusive breastfeeding and complementary feeding.
- ✓ Activities will be held at the village, block, and district levels to engage diverse segments of the community.
- ✓ The campaign is a collaborative effort between the government, NGOs, and other stakeholders.

➤ **National Teachers' Day – September 05**



- ✓ National Teachers' Day in India is celebrated on September 5th every year. It is a day to honor and celebrate the contributions of teachers to society.
- ✓ The day is also observed as a tribute to the memory of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the second President of India from 1962 to 1967.
- ✓ Dr. Radhakrishnan was a scholar, philosopher, and teacher.

➤ **International Day of Charity – September 05**

- ✓ The International Day of Charity is celebrated on September 5 to commemorate the day of passing away of great missionary Mother Teresa.



- ✓ The day aims to raise awareness and provide a common platform for charity related activities all over the world for individuals, charitable, philanthropic and volunteer organizations. It is day of global observance and is observed on annual basis.
- ✓ **Mother Teresa**, a renowned nun and missionary.
- **International Day of Police Cooperation - September 07**
- ✓ The International Day of Police Cooperation is a United Nations observance held annually on September 7.

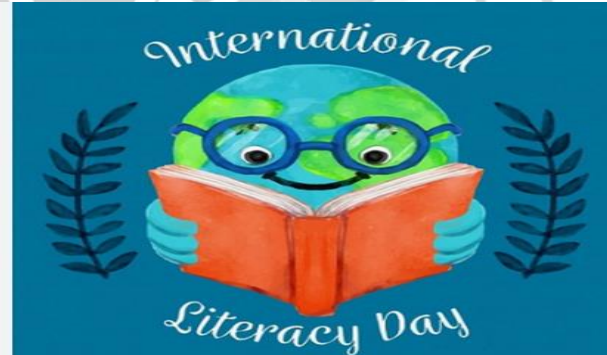


- ✓ It was created to commemorate the founding of Interpol and highlight the role of law enforcement from around the globe in maintaining peace, security, and justice.
- ✓ The world's first initiative for international law enforcement cooperation was the Police Union of German States, established in 1851.
- **International Day of Clean Air - September 07**





- ✓ The International Day of Clean Air for blue skies is commemorated annually on 7 September in recognition of the fact that clean air is important for the health and day-to-day lives of people, while air pollution is the single greatest environmental risk to human health and one of the main avoidable causes of death and disease globally.
- ✓ The fourth annual International Day of Clean Air for blue skies will focus on the theme, 'Together for Clean Air'.
- **International Literacy Day - September 08**
- ✓ International Literacy Day is celebrated on September 8 every year to promote the importance of literacy for dignity and human rights, and a literate and sustainable society.



- ✓ The day is celebrated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) at the global, regional, country, and local levels across the world.
- ✓ The day will be celebrated with the theme 'Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies'.
- **World Physiotherapy Day - September 08**
- ✓ World Physical Therapy Day or World Physiotherapy Day 2023 is celebrated on September 8 every year. It recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions of physical therapy and physiotherapists in promoting health and well-being.



- ✓ “Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis” is the theme for World Physiotherapy Day 2023. Rheumatoid arthritis and axial spondylarthritis are two types of inflammatory arthritis that will be highlighted on this day.
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➤ **World First Aid Day - September 09**

- ✓ The World First Aid Day is observed annually on the second Saturday of every September.



- ✓ It aims to create awareness around the role of first aid in saving lives.
- ✓ This Day was established by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in 2000.
- ✓ The theme for this year is "First Aid in the Digital World".

➤ **International Day To Protect Education From Attack - September 09**

- ✓ The International Day to Protect Education from Attack is an international observance established by the United Nations General Assembly on September 9 every year.



- ✓ It was established in response to the growing number of attacks on schools and educational institutions around the world.
- ✓ These attacks can take many forms, including shelling, bombing, and occupation. They can also include the recruitment and use of children in armed conflict.
- **World EV(Electric Vehicles) Day - September 09**
- ✓ On September 9, the global community and India celebrate 'World EV Day'. The year 2023 has established a powerful message for India and the world, it is a message of sustainable transportation and a cleaner future, free of carbon emissions.



- ✓ Starting with the most definitive government policy, the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME) scheme, which has been instrumental in promoting EV adoption among the masses.
- **World Suicide Prevention Day: September 10**
- ✓ It is celebrated to raise awareness among organizations, government, and the public about suicidal death.



- ✓ The main focus of this day is to create awareness about ways and measures to prevent suicide and mental health. “Creating hope through action” is the triennial theme for World Suicide Prevention Day from 2021 – 2023.
- ✓ This theme serves as a powerful call to action and a reminder that suicide is an option and through our actions, we can encourage hope and strengthen prevention.
- **United Nations Day For South-South Cooperation – September 12**
- ✓ United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation, on September 12 of every year, is celebrated by several countries around the world.



- ✓ The United Nations’ Day for South-South Cooperation celebrates the economic, social and political developments made in recent years by regions and countries in the South and highlights United Nations efforts to work on technical cooperation among developing countries.
- ✓ The theme for this year is “Solidarity, Equity and Partnership: Unlocking South-South Cooperation to Achieve the SDGs”.
- **Hindi Diwas: September 14**
- ✓ Hindi Diwas is celebrated on 14 September every year to promote and preserve the Hindi language.
- ✓ The Constitution of India accepted Hindi as the official language of India on 14 September 1949.
- ✓ India celebrated the first Hindi Day on 14 September 1953.



➤ **International Day Of Democracy – September 15**

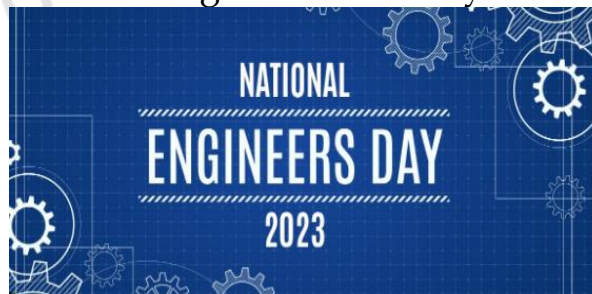
- ✓ The International Day of Democracy, celebrated on September 15th each year, is a global observance that underscores the importance of democracy as a fundamental human right and a cornerstone of good governance and peace.



- ✓ The theme for the International Day of Democracy in 2023 is “Empowering the next generation.”
- ✓ This theme highlights the pivotal role that young people play in advancing democracy and emphasizes the importance of including their voices in decisions that profoundly affect their world.

➤ **National Engineer Day – September 15**

- ✓ National Engineers’ Day is a special occasion celebrated across India on September 15th each year. It is a day dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the remarkable contributions of engineers to society.



- ✓ In 2023, the theme is ‘Engineering for a Sustainable Future.’ This theme underscores the importance of engineering in finding solutions to pressing global issues such as environmental sustainability, climate change, and resource conservation. It highlights the role of engineers in shaping a more sustainable and equitable world.

➤ **World Lymphoma Awareness Day – September 15**

- ✓ World Lymphoma Awareness Day (WLAD) is an annual event observed on September 15th. It is dedicated to increasing awareness about lymphoma, a



group of blood cancers that affect the lymphatic system, a crucial part of our immune system.



- ✓ WLAD strives to educate the public about lymphoma, including its types, symptoms, risk factors, and available treatment options. Increased awareness can lead to earlier diagnosis and improved outcomes for individuals battling lymphoma.

