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SPORTS

1. The Indian hockey team secured a narrow 2-1 victory over arch-rivals Pakistan in the final of the Men's Junior Asia Cup 2023 in Salalah, Oman, successfully defending their title.
2. The Indian hockey team won the Women's Junior Asia Cup 2023 championship in Kakamigahara, Japan, with a 2-1 triumph over the Republic of Korea.
3. Max Verstappen emerged victorious in the Canadian Grand Prix and the Spanish Grand Prix of 2023.
4. The third edition of the Khelo India University Games concluded at the IIT BHU campus in Varanasi. Punjab University emerged as the overall champions.
5. AC Milan striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic has announced his retirement from football following the season's final game against Hellas Verona.
6. Serbia's men and the United States women clinched victory at the FIBA 3×3 World Cup 2023, held in Vienna, Austria.
7. India's Sunil Kumar scored 7003 points and secured the gold medal in men's decathlon at the Asian U20 Athletics Championships in Yecheon, South Korea.
8. India delivered an exceptional performance at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2023, claiming a total of 15 medals and topping the medals table.
9. Sreeshankar Murali made history with an impressive performance at the Paris Diamond League. His remarkable jump earned him a prestigious Bronze medal, marking India's first-ever medal in long jump at the Diamond League.
10. Australia became the World Test Champions by securing a 209-run victory over India in the WTC Final at The Oval. This achievement made Australia the first team to hold all three world titles—the ODI World Cup, T20 World Cup, and the World Test Championship.
11. The winners of the French Open 2023 were Novak Djokovic in men's singles and Iga Świątek in women's singles.
12. Uruguay defeated Italy 1-0 to claim their first Under-20 World Cup title, held in Argentina.
13. In Indonesia Open 2023, Satwiksairaj and Chirag emerged as men's doubles champions.
14. The Indian Men's Senior Football Team secured a 2-0 victory over Lebanon to clinch the Intercontinental Cup in Bhubaneswar.
15. The Chief Minister of Goa, Pramod Sawant, unveiled the mascot named 'Moga' for the upcoming 37th National Games. 'Moga' represents an Indian bison, symbolizing the spirit of the event.
16. Egypt achieved victory in the SDAT (Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu) WSF (World Squash Federation) Squash World Cup by defeating Malaysia.
17. Olympian C.A. Bhavani Devi made history by earning India's first-ever fencing medal—a bronze—at the Asian fencing championships in Wuxi, China.

18. Cristiano Ronaldo has been recognized with a Guinness World Record for achieving 200 international caps for Portugal.
19. Aravindh Chithambaram secured victory in the 23rd Dubai Open 2023 for the second consecutive year.
20. Indonesia's Ministry of Youth and Sports welcomed FIFA's decision to select Indonesia as the host country for the upcoming U-17 World Cup, a significant achievement for Indonesian sports.
21. Sporting legend and India's first-ever Olympic medallist in women's boxing, Mary Kom, has been honored with the Global Indian Icon of the Year award.
22. The Indian women's doubles pair of Sutirtha Mukherjee and Ayhika Mukherjee clinched the WTT Contender tournament title in Tunis.
23. Spain emerged victorious in the Nations League 2023 by defeating Croatia.

DEFENCE

1. As part of the Indian Navy's extended deployment, INS Trishul visited the port of Anjouan in Comoros.
2. Germany is hosting NATO's largest-ever air deployment exercise, known as Exercise Air Defender 23.
3. NATO initiated an Arctic exercise involving its member countries, pledging to defend their newest member, Finland, as they conduct joint training in the Arctic region.
4. INS Trishul, a frontline warship of the Indian Navy, visited Durban to commemorate the 130th anniversary of Gandhiji's Satyagraha.
5. A significant milestone for the Indian Navy was achieved when an MH 60 'Romeo' (MH60R) helicopter conducted its maiden landing on the indigenously designed and constructed aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant.
6. The first edition of the India, France, and UAE Maritime Partnership Exercise commenced in the Gulf of Oman.
7. In a significant development for the Indian Navy, the indigenously developed Varunastra, a ship-launched anti-submarine heavy-weight torpedo (HWT), was successfully test-fired.
8. The successful test of Varunastra took place in the Arabian Sea, with senior officials from the Indian Navy and the DRDO in attendance.
9. India's Defence Ministry approved the procurement of 30 MQ-9B "Predator Drones" from the United States.
10. The first barge of the series LSAM 15 (Yard 125) has been delivered to the Indian Navy.
11. The Indian Army signed a second procurement contract through Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) for the procurement of an indigenously developed Tactical LAN Radio.

12. The 6th edition of Exercise Ekatha took place in the Maldives, bringing together Indian Navy divers, Marine Commandos, and the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF).
13. Colonel Mandeep Viridi became the first lady officer to take command of the 1st Training Battalion (The Mighty Chetak) at the ASC Centre (North).
14. A combined operation involving INS Vikramaditya and INS Vikrant.
15. The Indian Navy conducted a massive operation in the Arabian Sea, involving over 35 aircraft as part of a Carrier Battle Group (CBG).
16. The 12th edition of the joint military exercise "Ex Ekuverin" between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force commenced at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.
17. 'Anjadip', the 3rd of eight ships of the ASW Shallow Water Craft (SWC) Project being built by M/s GRSE for the Indian Navy, was launched at M/s L&T, Kattupalli.
18. 'Sanshodhak', the fourth of four ships of the Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) Project being built by L&T/GRSE for the Indian Navy, was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai.
19. KOMODO or Multilateral Naval Exercise KOMODO (MNEK) is a military exercise conducted by the Indonesian Navy.
20. The Indian Navy is conducting "Julley Ladakh" (Hello Ladakh), an outreach program to engage with youth and civil society in Ladakh.
21. Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Naval Command, officially inaugurated the Naval Airfield Integrated Security System (NAISS) and the Naval Anti-Drone System (NADS) at INS Dega in Visakhapatnam, both created in India.
22. The Multinational Peacekeeping Joint Exercise "Ex Khaan Quest 2023," involving military contingents and observers from over 20 countries, has commenced in Mongolia, with the Indian Army represented by a contingent from the GARHWAL RIFLES.
23. Raksha Mantri (Defence Minister) and Minister of National Defence of Vietnam held talks in New Delhi to enhance bilateral defence cooperation. India gifted the indigenously-built in-service Missile Corvette INS Kirpan to Vietnam to bolster its Naval capabilities.
24. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Integrated Simulator Complex (ISC) 'Dhruv' at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi.
25. The India-United States Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS X) was launched in Washington DC, organized by Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX), the Ministry of Defence, and the US Department of Defence (DoD), and hosted by the US-India Business Council (USIBC).
26. Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have partnered to develop an Indigenous Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) System for submarines in the Indian Navy.
27. The Indian Air Force concluded Exercise Ranvijay, a series of integrated war games aimed at enhancing the skills of fighter pilots.
28. Iran test-fired the Khorramshahr ballistic missile, with a range of 2,000 km and the capability to carry a 1,500 kg warhead.

NATIONAL

- Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, released the Swachh Jal Se Suraksha Campaign Report under the Jal Jeevan Mission. The provision of safe water is a crucial aspect of the Jal Jeevan Mission.
- India accomplished Asia's inaugural demonstration of Performance-Based Navigation for helicopters. The flight from Juhu to Pune utilized GAGAN satellite technology, enhancing precision and enabling high-quality air traffic management.
- Shalini Singh made history by completing a mountaineering course in the Himalayan region of Uttarakhand, becoming the first female NCC cadet in the country to achieve this feat.
- Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, addressed the inaugural session of the 3rd G20 Health Working Group Meeting in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Bhaderwah has gained recognition as the Lavender capital of India and a hub for agricultural startups.
- Shri Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off India's maiden international cruise vessel, MV Empress, which embarked on its journey from Chennai to Sri Lanka.
- The Indian Army established a unique environment for peaceful coexistence with wild elephants in the Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary situated in Assam.
- Muthamizh Selvi achieved a significant feat by becoming the first woman from Tamil Nadu to successfully climb Mt. Everest.
- The Kerala government led by Pinarayi Vijayan officially launched the Kerala Fibre Optical Network (KFON), becoming the first state to recognize the right to internet access as a fundamental right.
- A Kerala-based startup named Farmers Fresh Zone (FarmersFZ) has been chosen for the United Nations' 'Accelerator Programme,' hosted by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the inaugural National Training Conclave at the International Exhibition and Convention Centre, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- The SAI20 Summit, held under India's G20 Presidency, commenced in Goa. Shri Girish Chandra Murmu, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India and Chair of the Supreme Audit Institutions-20 (SAI20) Engagement Group, led the discussions.
- The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) in collaboration with the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) organized an interactive consultation in Mumbai to address "Dark Patterns."

- Minister of State for Culture, Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi, inaugurated the "Hamari Bhasha, Hamari Virasat" exhibition at the National Archives of India, New Delhi, to commemorate the 75th International Archives Day as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.
- The 'Kari Ishad Mango,' prominently cultivated in Ankola taluk of North Karnataka, has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- The Ministry of Tourism hosted the fourth G20 Tourism Working Group meeting and Tourism Ministerial Meeting in Goa, where Cruise Tourism and the Global Tourism Plastics Initiative were key side events.
- The Women 20 Summit took place in Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu, under the theme "Women-Led Development- Transform, Thrive and Transcend."
- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the National Training Centre for the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- Madhya Pradesh, known as the 'Tiger State,' is set to establish its seventh tiger reserve by combining Nauradehi and Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuaries.
- The central government introduced the "Y-Break – Yoga at Office Chair" protocol, an initiative by the Ministry of AYUSH, aimed at helping professionals relieve stress and enhance concentration through yoga at the workplace.
- The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath, announced that UP prisons will now be known as "Reform Homes," reflecting a significant move towards prison system reformation.
- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAYNULM) have joined forces to empower women in making informed career choices in entrepreneurship.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated Surat for achieving a Guinness world record for the largest gathering of people participating in a yoga session in one place.
- The world's largest Ramayan temple in Bihar is projected to be completed by 2025.

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways announced the launch of a knowledge-sharing platform by the National Highway Authority of India to foster the comprehensive development of national highways.
- Union Minister of State Kapil Patil revealed that India's first carbon-neutral village is being developed in Bhiwandi Taluka of Thane district. Additionally, 121 tribal villages are being transformed into model villages.
- The Uttar Pradesh Police initiated "Operation Conviction" to counter criminals and organized crime in the state, streamlining the conviction process, particularly for heinous crimes.
- The Hemis Festival in Ladakh, celebrating the birth anniversary of Lord Padmasambhava, attracts tourists to Leh, offering a captivating experience of Tibetan Tantric Buddhism.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the 'Odisha for Artificial Intelligence' and 'Artificial Intelligence for Youth' initiatives in partnership with tech firm Intel.
- India is set to host the SCO Heads of State Summit 2023.

INTERNATIONAL

- The Heliopolis (Port Tewfik) Memorial in Cairo, Egypt, stands as a solemn tribute to the courage and sacrifice of Indian soldiers who fought in Egypt and Palestine during World War I.
- Kenya achieved a significant milestone by successfully launching its inaugural operational satellite, named Taifa-1, into space. The satellite was deployed using SpaceX Falcon 9 Rockets.
- France has become the world's pioneer in implementing a ban on short-haul domestic flights. A new law in the country prohibits air travel to destinations that can be reached within a two-and-a-half-hour train journey.
- NHPC Limited (A Govt. of India Enterprise) and Vidhyut Utpadan Company Limited (VUCL) of Nepal signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) in New Delhi for the development of Nepal's Phukot Karnali Hydro Electric Project (480MW).
- The India-EU Connectivity Conference held in Meghalaya marks a significant step towards enhancing regional connectivity in India's North Eastern States and its neighboring countries.
- The conference focused on three key pillars: digital connectivity, energy cooperation, and transportation links.

- An agreement has been reached with the Universal Postal Union (UPU) to establish a regional office in New Delhi, aiming to provide development cooperation and technical assistance to the region.
- Dubai has solidified its position as the top destination for foreign direct investment (FDI) from India in the calendar year 2022.
- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) emerged victorious in the bid to host the prestigious World Conservation Congress (WCC) in 2025. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) selected Abu Dhabi as the event's venue.
- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has identified a depression in the southeast Arabian Sea, located south of Porbandar in Gujarat.
- Bangladesh named a tropical cyclone "Biparjoy," which translates to "calamity" or "disaster" in Bengali.
- India and the United States have taken a significant stride toward strengthening their technological collaboration and promoting high-tech trade. They have agreed to establish a monitoring group, aiming to deepen partnership in the technology sector and explore new avenues of cooperation.
- Five new countries—Algeria, Guyana, Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, and Slovenia—have been elected as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council following a vote in the General Assembly.
- The United States and the United Kingdom unveiled a groundbreaking strategic pact known as the "Atlantic Declaration." This agreement reaffirms their enduring "special relationship" and outlines a joint effort to address challenges posed by Russia, China, and economic instability.
- India is set to host the 71st Miss World 2023 pageant, marking a return after 27 years since it last hosted the event in 1996.
- The Kakhovka Dam, a significant hydroelectric power plant and reservoir on Ukraine's Dnieper River, was destroyed in an explosion that led to extensive flooding and a humanitarian crisis in the war-affected region.
- The Kilauea volcano on Hawaii's Big Island erupted, causing disruptions and concerns in the affected area.
- Indonesia's Anak Krakatau volcano, situated between Java and Sumatra islands in the Sunda Strait, erupted, leading to heightened activity and attention.

- President Droupadi Murmu of India and her Serbian counterpart Aleksandar Vucic agreed to target a bilateral trade increase from 320 million euros to one billion euros by the end of the decade.
- The United Nations World Food Programme announced a temporary suspension of food aid to Ethiopia due to supply diversions.
- India is set to host the IAS Annual Conference 2025 in Kochi with the theme "Next Generation Administrative Reforms – Empowering Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile."
- India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have ambitious plans to elevate their non-oil bilateral trade from USD 48 billion to USD 100 billion by 2030. This was decided during the inaugural meeting of the Joint Committee of India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).
- 'Extinct' Black-Veined White Butterflies, believed to have vanished for nearly a century, resurfaced in London, capturing attention and excitement.
- Iran and Afghanistan have been engaged in a longstanding dispute over water resource allocation from the Helmand River.
- Australia's renowned Fraser Island has officially returned to its traditional name, K'gari, recognizing the connection of the indigenous Butchulla people to the UNESCO World Heritage site.
- The 1971 Liberation War Gallery was inaugurated at the Indian Cultural Centre in Dhaka by the Home Minister of Bangladesh, Asaduzzaman Khan, serving as the Chief Guest.
- The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, is poised to establish its first overseas campus in Tanzania's Zanzibar.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led the 9th annual International Day of Yoga celebrations at the iconic North Lawn of the UN Headquarters in New York City. This year's theme is 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.'

- The United Nations General Assembly adopted a draft resolution, led by India, to create a memorial wall at the UN headquarters honoring fallen peacekeepers.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi collaborated with Indian-American Grammy Award-winning singer Falu for a special song aimed at promoting the benefits of millet and its potential in addressing global hunger.
- NITI Aayog and the United Nations in India signed the Government of India - United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (GoI-UNSDCF 2023-2027).
- The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) participated in the "Intersolar Europe 2023" exhibition held in Munich, Germany.
- Estonia's parliament passed a law legalizing same-sex marriage, making it the first central European nation to do so.
- General Electric (GE) Aerospace and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), an Indian aerospace company, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This paves the way for the joint production of fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force (IAF), marking a significant milestone in the India-US partnership.
- During his state visit to the United States, Prime Minister Narendra Modi signed the Artemis Accords, showcasing India's commitment to global space collaboration and lunar exploration. These accords, initiated by NASA and the US Department of State, establish a framework for joint efforts in civil space exploration, including the Moon and Mars missions.
- UNESCO announced that the United States will rejoin the agency in July, ending a four-year absence that was prompted by allegations of bias against Israel.
- SpaceX successfully launched Indonesia's communication satellite, named 'SATRIA-1', into orbit, expanding global communication capabilities.
- China accomplished a successful launch of the Shenzhou-16 manned spacecraft, carrying three astronauts, including the first civilian, to its space station.
- The Shenzhou-16 spacecraft, mounted on a Long March-2F carrier rocket, took off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China, marking another milestone in China's space exploration endeavors.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1. North Korea's new Chollima-1 rocket experienced a loss of thrust, causing it to plunge into the sea along with its satellite payload.

2. China has introduced the JF-22, the world's most potent hypersonic wind tunnel, representing a significant achievement in China's efforts towards hypersonic technology.
3. Iran has revealed its inaugural domestically-produced hypersonic ballistic missile named 'Fattah'.
4. The Strategic Forces Command successfully conducted a training launch of the Agni-1 Medium-Range Ballistic Missile from APJ Abdul Kalam Island.
5. DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) successfully conducted the flight test of the new generation ballistic missile 'Agni Prime' from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.
6. Developed using indigenous platform technology by Gennova in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), the GEMCOVAC[®]-OM is an Omicron-specific mRNA-based booster vaccine.
7. GalaxEye, a space-tech startup incubated by IIT-Madras, is working on creating the world's first multi-sensor earth observation satellite. This satellite will feature a visible spectrum camera for synchronized imaging, capable of capturing multiple images simultaneously.
8. The startup is preparing to launch its inaugural satellite, named the 'Drishti Mission', in 2024.

AWARDS

1. The President of India has been awarded Suriname's highest honor, the "Grand Order of the Chain of the Yellow Star."
2. The Dutch Research Council (NWO) has granted the 2023 NWO Spinoza Prize, the highest scientific award in the Netherlands, to Indian-origin Scientist Joyeeta Gupta. The award recognizes her scientific contributions towards promoting a fair and sustainable world.
3. Jagdish Bakan has received UNESCO's Michel Batisse Award for his efforts in creating 'green' jobs and microcredit in the Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve.
4. The documentary titled 'When Climate Change Turns Violent' has won a special prize in the 'Health for All' category at the 4th Annual Health for All Film Festival held at the World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva. Vandita Saharia from Rajasthan directed the documentary.
5. Actor-author Paterson Joseph's debut novel 'The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho' has won the RSL Christopher Bland Prize 2023.
6. Chennai-based lawyer and activist Lalitha Natarajan has been honored with the US Department of Labor's 2023 Iqbal Masih Award for the Elimination of Child Labour.
7. Shaktikanta Das, the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has been honored with the prestigious Governor of the Year Award for 2023 at the Central Banking Awards 2023.
8. In the Urban and Real Estate Sector category, Telangana has been recognized with the International Green Apple Awards for Beautiful Buildings. This marks the first time that a building or structure in India has received these esteemed awards.

9. Historian and writer Ramchandra Guha's book 'Rebels Against the Raj: Western Fighters for India's Freedom' has won the Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography 2023.
10. The Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2021 has been awarded to Gita Press, Gorakhpur.
11. Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar conferred the 4th National Water Awards, 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. He also launched an animated short film on 'Piku', the mascot of the National Water Mission, for telecast on Doordarshan to promote the message of water conservation.
12. Shri Shekhawat congratulated the state of Madhya Pradesh for securing the first prize in the best State category, along with Odisha for the second position, and Andhra Pradesh and Bihar for jointly winning the third position.
13. Ganjam District of Odisha has been honored with the Best District Award.
14. Jagannadhapuram Village Panchayat in Bhadradri Kothagudem district of Telangana has received the Best Village Panchayat award.
15. The Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for 2023 has been conferred upon British-American author Salman Rushdie for his indomitable spirit, affirmation of life, and enrichment of our world through storytelling.
16. Arundhati Roy has been awarded the 45th European Essay Prize for lifetime achievement on the occasion of the French translation of her latest essay, 'Azadi'.
17. The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards for the years 2022 and 2023 to Nursing professionals at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
18. Acharya N. Gopi has been chosen as the recipient of the Prof. Kothapalli Jayashankar Award. This prestigious award is presented by Bharat Jagruthi, a cultural organization and an extended arm of Bharat Rashtra Samithi.
19. NTPC Ltd., India's largest power generator, has been recognized by Team Marksmen as the "Most Preferred Workplace of 2023-24."
20. President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, conferred Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with the 'Order of the Nile', the highest civilian award of Egypt.
21. The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Union Health Ministry, has been honored with the "Best Single Bid Procurements in FY22-23" award in the "Highest Single Bid Procurements in FY22-23" category, organized by the Government e-Marketplace, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
22. Priya A S, a talented writer, has been honored with the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2023 in the Malayalam language for her novel "Perumazhayathe Kunjithaluka" (The Children Who Never Withered).

APPOINTMENTS

1. Girish Chandra Murmu, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), has been re-elected as the External Auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO) for a four-year term from 2024 to 2027.
2. Shri P Upadhyay, INAS, has assumed the position of Director General of Naval Armament (DGONA).
3. Shri Bidyut Bihari Swain, IAS (GJ:1988), has taken the oath of Office and Secrecy as a Member of the UPSC.
4. Praveen Kumar Srivastava, Vigilance Commissioner, was sworn in by President Droupadi Murmu as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC).
5. Edgars Rinkevics, the foreign minister of Latvia, has been elected as the new President by the Latvian Parliament.
6. Celeste Saulo of Argentina has been appointed as the first female Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
7. The UAE has won the Presidency of the World Meteorological Organization, with meteorologist Dr. Abdulla Al Mandous of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) being elected as the new President.
8. The 193 UN Member States have elected Dennis Francis, a veteran diplomat from Trinidad and Tobago, as the President of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly.
9. Senior bureaucrat Angshumali Rastogi has been designated as India's representative to the council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal, Canada.
10. Ravi Sinha, a senior IPS officer, has been appointed as the new chief of India's external intelligence agency, the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW).
11. Petteri Orpo has been chosen as the Prime Minister of Finland.
12. Kyriakos Mitsotakis has been inaugurated as the Prime Minister of Greece.
13. Janardan Prasad has been nominated as the new Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI).

BOOKS

1. Dr. Shashi Tharoor unveiled the book "Ringside," authored by Dr. Vijay Darda, Chairman of the Lokmat Media Group Editorial Board and former MP.
2. A book titled "Kathakali Dance Theatre: A Visual Narrative of Sacred Indian Mime" has been authored by KK Gopalakrishnan.
3. Author Shantanu Gupta introduced his latest graphic novel titled "Ajay to Yogi Adityanath."
4. Ambassador Satish Chandra, an Indian diplomat, has authored a book titled 'A Life Well Spent – Four Decades in the Indian Foreign Service,' which chronicles his extensive career in the Indian Foreign Service.

5. A new book titled "India's Finance Ministers: From Independence to Emergency (1947-1977)," authored by Ashok Kumar Bhattacharya (AK Bhattacharya), highlights the roles of India's finance ministers during the period.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched the Unified Registration Portal for GOBARdhan, a repository to assess investment and participation in the Biogas/CBG sector across India. This portal streamlines the setup process of CBG/Biogas plants.
2. The Nyaya Vikas Portal has been created to monitor the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes. It assists in providing central assistance to State Governments and UT Administrations for the construction of court halls and residential units for Judicial Officers.
3. On World Environment Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled two schemes: Amrit Dharohar and MISHTI. These schemes focus on the revival and conservation of India's wetlands and mangroves, contributing to a greener future and economy.
4. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das introduced a financial inclusion dashboard called 'Antardrishti.' This dashboard aims to track financial inclusion progress by capturing relevant data.
5. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched the '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign, with the goal of tracing and settling the top 100 unclaimed deposits of each bank within every district within 100 days.
6. The Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy jointly initiated the "Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research (MAHIR)." This mission aims to identify emerging technologies in the power sector and develop them indigenously for deployment within and outside India.
7. Meta and the Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the "Amrit Generation Campaign: Naye Bharat Ke Sapne." This campaign invites youth aged 16-18 to create Reels on Instagram and Facebook showcasing their aspirations and dreams for the future.
8. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launched 'SAGAR SAMRIDHI' to enhance transparency and efficiency. The Online Dredging Monitoring System accelerates the 'Waste to Wealth' campaign of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW).
9. The Ladli Behna Yojana 2023 was launched by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, with the first installment of Rs 1,000 deposited into beneficiary women's accounts.
10. The Vigyan-Vidushi-2023 initiative has commenced at the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE) in Mumbai. This initiative aims to address gender balance in the field of Physics at the doctorate level.
11. The Railway Protection Force launched the "Operation Amanat" initiative to facilitate the return of lost luggage to passengers.
12. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 for Padma awardees from the state.

13. The Maharashtra government introduced the Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana, offering farmers an annual payment of Rs 6,000 to provide support.
14. The Union government approved the City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) 2.0 program, focusing on integrated waste management and promoting a circular economy at the city level.
15. The Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme 2023-24 offers individuals an opportunity to invest in gold securely. The SGBs are issued by the RBI on behalf of the government as an alternative to physical gold investments.
16. Arunachal Pradesh Police introduced the 'Arunpol App' and 'e-Vigilance portal' to enhance safety and security for citizens.
17. The Personnel Ministry launched the "Dakshata" collection of courses on the iGOT Karmayogi Platform, aiming to facilitate holistic transformation in administration.
18. The Karnataka Government launched the Gruha Jyothi Scheme, providing free electricity to households consuming less than 200 units per month with no outstanding bills.
19. Shri Parshottam Rupala launched the NANDI (NOC Approval for New Drug and Inoculation System) Portal, advancing Digital India and promoting livestock well-being and industry.
20. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the Nand Baba Milk Mission in Uttar Pradesh with a budget of Rs 1,000 crore.
21. The Karnataka government announced the 'Shakti' scheme, providing free bus travel for women.
22. Shri Narayan Rane introduced the 'CHAMPIONS 2.0 Portal,' the 'Mobile App for Geo-tagging of Cluster Projects, Technology Centers,' and 'MSME Idea Hackathon 3.0' for women entrepreneurs.
23. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is responsible for implementing Mission Vatsalya, a scheme aimed at enhancing the overall well-being and protection of children in India.

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1. Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched the Unified Registration Portal for GOBARdhan, a repository to assess investment and participation in the Biogas/CBG sector across India. This portal streamlines the setup process of CBG/Biogas plants.
2. The Nyaya Vikas Portal has been created to monitor the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes. It assists in providing central assistance to State Governments and UT Administrations for the construction of court halls and residential units for Judicial Officers.
3. On World Environment Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled two schemes: Amrit Dharohar and MISHTI. These schemes focus on the revival and conservation of India's wetlands and mangroves, contributing to a greener future and economy.

4. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das introduced a financial inclusion dashboard called 'Antardrishti.' This dashboard aims to track financial inclusion progress by capturing relevant data.
5. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched the '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign, with the goal of tracing and settling the top 100 unclaimed deposits of each bank within every district within 100 days.
6. The Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy jointly initiated the "Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research (MAHIR)." This mission aims to identify emerging technologies in the power sector and develop them indigenously for deployment within and outside India.
7. Meta and the Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the "Amrit Generation Campaign: Naye Bharat Ke Sapne." This campaign invites youth aged 16-18 to create Reels on Instagram and Facebook showcasing their aspirations and dreams for the future.
8. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launched 'SAGAR SAMRIDHI' to enhance transparency and efficiency. The Online Dredging Monitoring System accelerates the 'Waste to Wealth' campaign of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW).
9. The Ladli Behna Yojana 2023 was launched by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, with the first installment of Rs 1,000 deposited into beneficiary women's accounts.
10. The Vigyan-Vidushi-2023 initiative has commenced at the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE) in Mumbai. This initiative aims to address gender balance in the field of Physics at the doctorate level.
11. The Railway Protection Force launched the "Operation Amanat" initiative to facilitate the return of lost luggage to passengers.
12. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 for Padma awardees from the state.
13. The Maharashtra government introduced the Namu Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana, offering farmers an annual payment of Rs 6,000 to provide support.
14. The Union government approved the City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) 2.0 program, focusing on integrated waste management and promoting a circular economy at the city level.
15. The Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme 2023-24 offers individuals an opportunity to invest in gold securely. The SGBs are issued by the RBI on behalf of the government as an alternative to physical gold investments.
16. Arunachal Pradesh Police introduced the 'Arunpol App' and 'e-Vigilance portal' to enhance safety and security for citizens.
17. The Personnel Ministry launched the "Dakshta" collection of courses on the iGOT Karmayogi Platform, aiming to facilitate holistic transformation in administration.
18. The Karnataka Government launched the Gruha Jyothi Scheme, providing free electricity to households consuming less than 200 units per month with no outstanding bills.

19. Shri Parshottam Rupala launched the NANDI (NOC Approval for New Drug and Inoculation System) Portal, advancing Digital India and promoting livestock well-being and industry.
20. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the Nand Baba Milk Mission in Uttar Pradesh with a budget of Rs 1,000 crore.
21. The Karnataka government announced the 'Shakti' scheme, providing free bus travel for women.
22. Shri Narayan Rane introduced the 'CHAMPIONS 2.0 Portal,' the 'Mobile App for Geo-tagging of Cluster Projects, Technology Centers,' and 'MSME Idea Hackathon 3.0' for women entrepreneurs.
23. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is responsible for implementing Mission Vatsalya, a scheme aimed at enhancing the overall well-being and protection of children in India.

RANKS & REPORTS

1. According to NITI Aayog's Annual Health Index 2020-21, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana emerged as the top performers among the 'larger states' during the Covid year of 2020-21.
2. Among the eight smaller states, Tripura recorded the best overall performance, followed by Sikkim and Goa.
3. India has become the world's second-largest producer of crude steel.
4. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya unveiled the fifth State Food Safety Index.
5. Kerala has been declared the top-performing state in the index.
6. Goa topped among the smaller states, and Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi, and Chandigarh ranked first, second, and third, respectively, among the union territories.
7. On the occasion of World Environment Day, the non-profit Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) released its annual data compendium, ranking Telangana at the top in terms of overall environmental performance.
8. According to Mercer's Cost of Living survey, Mumbai has been identified as the most expensive city for expatriates in India. Following Mumbai, New Delhi and Bengaluru secured the second and third positions on the list.
9. NTPC Limited, India's largest power generation company, has risen by 52 positions to secure the 433rd rank in Forbes' "The Global 2000" List for 2023.
10. This ranking is based on four key metrics: sales, profits, assets, and market value.
11. Rajasthan was honored for achieving the highest wind capacity addition, Gujarat for achieving the highest wind capacity addition through open access, and Tamil Nadu for initiating repowering of wind turbines.

12. The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the annual Gender Gap Report for 2023, measuring gender disparity in various aspects of society. India has made progress by moving up eight places to rank 127 out of 146 countries in terms of gender parity.
13. According to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)'s Global Liveability Index 2023 report, Vienna, Austria, has once again secured the top spot as the best city to live in worldwide.
14. India secured the 40th position in the 2023 Global Competitiveness Index.
15. The 2023 Global Competitiveness Index, published by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD), named Denmark, Ireland, and Switzerland as the top three most competitive economies among 64 nations surveyed.
16. India achieved the 67th position in the World Economic Forum's (WEF) energy transition index, making it the only major economy to witness an acceleration across all dimensions.
17. Sweden ranked first in the Index.

OBITUARIES

1. Sanskrit scholar Ved Kumari Ghai has passed away at the age of 91.
2. Renowned theater actor and director Aamir Raza Hussain has passed away.
3. Former Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi has passed away at the age of 86.
4. Cormac McCarthy, the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, has passed away at the age of 89.
5. The famous Tollywood Choreographer Rakesh Master has passed away.
6. John Bannister Goodenough, the American co-inventor of Lithium-Ion Batteries, has passed away.