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SPORTS

- Sergio Perez of Red Bull Racing secured victory at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix, the fourth round of the 2023 Formula 1 World Championship, held in Baku.
- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first Indian men's doubles pair to clinch a gold medal at the Badminton Asia Championships.
- Ding Liren made history as China's first men's world chess champion after triumphing over Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in Kazakstan.
- Renowned Japanese table tennis star Kasumi Ishikawa, who earned three women's team medals at consecutive Olympic Games, announced her retirement from the sport.
- Belgian snooker player Luca Brecel claimed his maiden world title by defeating Mark Selby in the final at the Crucible in Sheffield.
- The Odisha government extended its sponsorship for both the Men's and Women's Indian Hockey Teams (senior and junior) for an additional ten years, spanning from 2023 to 2033.
- Shri Anurag Singh Thakur unveiled the logo, jersey, mascot, and anthem of the Khelo India University Games 2022 (KIUG 2021) at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Gomti Nagar, Lucknow. The mascot, Jitu the Barasingha, symbolizes "Garv se Gaurav" and was introduced on this occasion.
- Geoffrey Emmanuel will become the first Indian participant in the FIM World JuniorGP World Championship.
- Nepal secured qualification for the Asia Cup 2023 by winning the ACC Men's Premier Cup. Led by Rohit Paudel, the team defeated the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by seven wickets in the final.
- Dubai was announced as the venue for the inaugural edition of the Global Chess League (GCL), a collaborative venture between FIDE and Tech Mahindra.
- Neeraj Chopra claimed the top spot in the Doha Diamond League with a world-leading javelin throw of 88.67 meters.
- India's women athletes brought home 17 medals from the Wushu Stars Championship held in Moscow, Russia, contributing to the country's sporting achievements.
- The winners of the Madrid Open 2023 were Carlos Alcaraz in men's singles and Aryna Sabalenka in women's singles.
- Max Verstappen emerged victorious at the Miami Grand Prix 2023, adding to his triumph at the Monaco Grand Prix 2023.
- Lionel Messi was honored with the Laureus Sportsman of the Year award at a ceremony held in Paris, recognizing his remarkable contributions to sports.
- Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce was bestowed with the World Sportswoman of the Year Award for her outstanding achievements in athletics.
- The World Team of the Year Award was conferred upon Argentina Men's Football Team, recognizing their excellence and accomplishments in the sport.

- Carlos Alcaraz received the World Breakthrough of the Year Award for his remarkable rise in the world of tennis.
- At the Men's World Boxing Championships in Tashkent, Deepak Bhoria, Hussamuddin, and Nishant Dev secured medals, marking a significant achievement for Indian boxing.
- Ayushmann Khurrana was selected to inspire and support the Indian contingent participating in the upcoming Special Olympics, an event dedicated to individuals with intellectual disabilities, scheduled to take place in Berlin.
- Yuzvendra Chahal, the spinner representing both India and the Rajasthan Royals cricket team, achieved a historic feat by becoming the first Indian bowler to claim 300 wickets in T20 cricket.
- Yashasvi Jaiswal of the Rajasthan Royals achieved the fastest IPL 50 in just 13 balls during a match.
- Football Club Barcelona (FC Barcelona) clinched their 27th La Liga Title, adding another chapter to their storied history in the sport.
 - Gatka, a traditional game, is gaining national attention as it becomes an official part of the 37th National Games 2023 scheduled for October in Goa.
 - Indian shooter Hriday Hazarika won a silver medal in the men's 10-meter air rifle event at the ISSF World Cup 2023 held in Baku, Azerbaijan.
 - The International Cricket Council (ICC) has introduced new cricket administration rules effective from June 1, 2023, and has decided to eliminate the practice of "soft signals."
 - Daniil Medvedev emerged victorious by defeating Holger Rune 7-5, 7-5 in the final of the 2023 Italian Open.
 - Magnus Carlsen, the World Chess Champion, secured victory in the 2023 Superbet Rapid & Blitz Poland, the second leg of the Grand Chess Tour, held at the Museum of the History of Polish Jews.
 - Chennai Super Kings (CSK) claimed their fifth Indian Premier League (IPL) title in the IPL 2023 final, equaling a record with Mumbai Indians.
 - Mohammed Shami of Gujarat Titans secured the Purple Cap in IPL 2023 with 28 wickets in 16 matches, while Shubman Gill of Gujarat Titans won the Orange Cap with 890 runs in 17 matches, including 4 fifties and 3 centuries.
 - India excelled at the South Asian Youth Table Tennis Championship 2023 in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, clinching 16 gold medals.
 - The Squash World Cup 2023 is set to kick off in Chennai, featuring eight countries, including India, such as Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Egypt, South Africa, Australia, and Colombia.
 - Forbes' list of the world's highest-paid athletes in 2023 includes Cristiano Ronaldo (\$136 million), Lionel Messi (\$130 million), and Kylian Mbappe (\$120 million).
 - Babar Azam, captain of the Pakistan cricket team, achieved a new record by becoming the fastest player to score 5000 runs in One Day International (ODI) cricket.
 - Tokyo Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra secured the number one ranking in men's javelin, marking a significant achievement.

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced that Adidas will take over as the new kit sponsor for the Indian cricket team.

DEFENCE

- DRDO and the Indian Navy successfully tested the indigenous Air Droppable Container 'ADC-150' from an IL-38SD aircraft off the coast of Goa.
- Indian Naval Ships Satpura and Delhi reached Singapore to participate in the inaugural ASEAN India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023).
- The Harbor Phase took place at the Changi Naval Base, followed by the Sea Phase in the South China Sea.
- The Indian Army welcomed five women officers into its Regiment of Artillery, marking a historic first.
- Defense Minister Rajnath Singh handed over a Fast Patrol Vessel and a Landing Craft Assault ship to the Maldives National Defence Forces.
- Shivangi Singh, the first woman pilot to fly the Rafale fighter aircraft, is set to participate in Exercise Orion in France with the IAF team.
- The Indian Army conducted Exercise Buland Bharat, a divisional-level integrated training exercise, in the high-altitude ranges of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Indian Air Force (IAF) Heritage Centre in Chandigarh.
- The Indian Navy decommissioned INS Magar, its oldest Landing Ship Tank, after 36 years of service in Kochi.
- The Indian Air Force received its first indigenously designed and developed loitering munitions, capable of precision strikes.
- The 35th India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy took place in the Andaman Sea.
- The first C295 aircraft for India successfully completed its inaugural flight, a significant step towards its delivery later in 2023.
- Indian Naval ships Delhi and Satpura reached Sihanoukville, Cambodia, as part of the Navy's deployment to ASEAN countries.
- INS Kavaratti, an indigenously designed ASW Corvette, arrived in Batam, Indonesia, for the India-Indonesia Bilateral exercise Samudra Shakti-23.
- INS TARKASH and INS SUBHADRA arrived at Port Al-Jubail to commence the second edition of the naval exercise 'AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2023' with the Royal Saudi Naval Forces.
- Bangladesh-US Joint Naval Exercise 'Tiger Shark 40' began at BNS Nirvik in Chattogram.

- Defense production exceeded Rs 1 lakh crore for the first time, reaching almost Rs 1.07 lakh crore in FY 2022-23, a growth of over 12% from the previous year.
- The Indian Navy achieved a historic milestone with the first night landing of MiG-29K onboard Vikrant.
- The US Military showcased the GBU-57, a powerful bomb designed for deep penetration and destroying underground facilities.
- The National Logistics Management Seminar (LOGISEM - 23) focused on leveraging emerging global supply chains to enhance logistics capabilities in the face of disruptions.
- The Gajraj Corps of the Indian Army conducted joint flood relief exercise 'Jal Rahat' in Assam to enhance coordination in flood relief operations.
- As part of its ASEAN deployment, Indian Naval ships Delhi and Satpura arrived in Da Nang, Vietnam.
- A United Nations report revealed that India supplied arms and materials worth ₹422 crore to the military junta in Myanmar.
- India launched "Operation Karuna" to provide emergency relief to those affected by Cyclone Mocha in Myanmar through Indian Naval Ships Shivalik, Kamorta, and Savitri arriving in Yangon.
- INSV Tarini safely reached the shores of India as it entered Goa harbor and docked at the INS Mandovi jetty after completing a successful 17,000-nautical-mile trans-ocean intercontinental journey, spanning 188 days.
- On the occasion of the 75th International Day of UN Peacekeepers, the Indian Army paid tribute to its fallen comrades by laying wreaths at the National War Memorial in New Delhi.
- The Indian Army's Sapta Shakti Command conducted the 'Sudarshan Shakti 2023' exercise along Rajasthan's western borders. This exercise was designed to evaluate operational strategies in a network-centric environment.
- Starting from August 1, 2023, the Indian Army has decided that all officers holding the rank of Brigadier and above will wear common uniform items, regardless of their cadre and appointment. This move aims to foster a unified identity and approach among these officers.

NATIONAL

- Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Railways, has been granted Navratna Status.
- Smt. Droupadi Murmu launched the 'Addiction Free Odisha' campaign initiated by the Brahma Kumaris Centre at Hatbadra, Mayurbhanj.
- Shri Sarbananda Sonowal reviewed the progress of India's First International Multimodal Logistics Park at Jogighopa, Assam. The park will offer direct connectivity through waterways, roads, railways, and air.

- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Union Health Ministry successfully conducted a trial run of blood bag delivery using drones as part of the iDrone initiative.
- The Telangana government introduced the State Robotics Framework, aiming to establish a self-sustaining robotics ecosystem and position the state as a leader in robotics within India.
- A report commissioned by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas in India has proposed a ban on diesel-fueled four-wheeled vehicles in cities with a population exceeding 10 lakhs by 2027.
- The Varanasi airport has become the country's first airport to feature a free reading lounge. This lounge has been set up in collaboration with the National Book Trust (NBT), an autonomous body under the Union government's Ministry of Education.
- Shri Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the Integrated Biological Control Laboratory at the National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM) in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Tungnath, situated in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand, ranks among the highest Shiva temples globally and is the tallest among the five Panch Kedar temples. Recently, it has been designated as a national monument.
- A tiger was sighted at Kalesar National Park in Haryana after an absence of 110 years.
- The UNESCO World Heritage Centre has recommended Santiniketan, a cultural site in West Bengal, India, for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- At the inauguration of the new Parliament House, PM Modi placed the historical and sacred "Sengol" within the Parliament House.
- This sacred "Sengol" symbolizes the transfer of power from the British to India.
- Chandigarh secured the first rank in the National Water Award 2022.
- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announced that Kerala has achieved the distinction of becoming India's first fully e-governed state.
- Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, has become the first city in India to assess its progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Museum Expo 2023 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. The expo is part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and celebrates the 47th International Museum Day with the theme 'Museums, Sustainability, and Well Being.'
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken a significant step by withdrawing the ₹2000 denomination banknotes from circulation. While these notes won't be issued anymore, they will remain valid as legal tender.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone for the permanent campus of the National Academy of Coastal Policing in Dwaraka, Gujarat.
- The National Campaign for Updation and Verification of People's Biodiversity Register has been launched in Goa.
- India is set to host the 14th Clean Energy Ministerial and 8th Mission Innovation meeting alongside the G20 Energy Transitions Ministerial in Goa.

- The focus of CEM-14 / MI-8 will be on policies and technologies for "Advancing Clean Energy Together."
- The Governments of Goa and Uttarakhand signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance the tourism sectors of both states.
- The inaugural Urban Climate Film Festival will use the power of film to raise awareness about climate change's impact on urban areas. The festival will take place in New Town, Kolkata.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority has formed an 11-member Cheetah Project Steering Committee under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Rajesh Gopal, the secretary general of the Global Tiger Forum, has been appointed as its chairman.
- The Cabinet has approved the establishment of a Regional Office of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in New Delhi, India, through an Agreement with UPU.
- The Indian government, in collaboration with the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED), has launched the Millets Experience Centre (MEC).
- The Union Budget 2023-24 referred to millets as 'Shree Anna,' and the year 2023 has been declared as the International Year of Millets by the UNGA.
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for the National Medical Devices (NMD) Policy, 2023, which outlines a roadmap for the accelerated growth of the medical devices sector.
- The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) partnered with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) to organize the 'RiverCities Alliance (RCA) Global Seminar: Partnership for Building International River Sensitive Cities.'
- A Rare Black Tiger's death was reported in the Similipal Tiger Reserve in Odisha. The abnormally dark or black coat in such tigers is termed pseudo melanistic or false colored.
- Protesting wrestlers at Jantar Mantar, Delhi, have expressed their willingness to undergo narco analysis tests, with the condition that it is monitored by the Supreme Court and broadcasted live for the entire country to witness. In a narco analysis test, a drug called sodium pentothal is injected into the accused's body, which induces a hypnotic or sedated state.
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has introduced new tax rules for online gaming platforms in India. These rules aim to provide clarity and guidelines for Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) on winnings from online gaming.
- The First G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRR WG) meeting under India's G20 Presidency highlighted the importance of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

INTERNATIONAL

- India and Israel have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Industrial Research and Development Cooperation, focusing on key technology areas. This agreement aims to strengthen collaboration in innovation, StartUps, and deepen bilateral ties.
- The Ministry of Tourism participated in the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2023, held in Dubai, UAE. The event showcased "Incredible India" and the "Visit India Year 2023" campaign.

- India announced its participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) and Long-Term Aspirational Goals (LTAG) from 2027.
- The ICAO's headquarters is located in Montreal, Canada.
- The Australian High Commission in India introduced the "Return to Roots" project in Kargil. This initiative integrates traditional knowledge with the school science curriculum to engage tribal background school children in science, aligning with the National Education Policy's goals.
- The UAE government launched the "Machines Can See 2023" Summit, an international conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI) held at the Museum of the Future in Dubai.
- The Foreign Ministers of SCO member countries convened in Goa. SCO includes eight member states – China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.
- PM Modi accepted the French President Emmanuel Macron's invitation to be the Guest of Honour at the Bastille Day Parade during Bastille Day celebrations in Paris.
- The 42nd Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) began in Indonesia with the theme "ASEAN Affairs: Epicenter of Growth."
- Cyclone Mocha struck the coastlines of Bangladesh and Myanmar. The name 'Mocha' was suggested by Yemen, and the cyclone is named after a Red Sea port city known for coffee production.
- Shri Sarbananda Sonowal received the First Indian Cargo Ship at the Sittwe Port in Rakhine State, Myanmar. This step will enhance trade connectivity, strengthen India-Myanmar ties, and boost economic development in the region under the 'Act East Policy.'
- Startup India, Department of Promotion for Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce, organized the third edition of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Startup Forum as a physical event in New Delhi.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared that Monkeypox is no longer a global public health emergency, almost a year after the initial threat was raised.
- Officially known as Mpox, it is caused by the monkeypox virus, which belongs to the same family of viruses as smallpox but is much less severe.
- India and Canada have decided to enhance discussions on skilled professionals' and students' movement to strengthen their economic partnership. This was agreed upon during the sixth India-Canada Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment.
- Alia Bhatt has been named the first global ambassador from India for the luxury Italian fashion brand Gucci.
- Tropical Cyclone Fabien is moving southeast of Diego Garcia.
- Russia and Iran have signed an agreement to construct the Rasht-Astara railway, an Iranian rail line, as part of the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC).
- Ireland has become the first EU country to ensure comprehensive labeling about health risks from alcohol consumption on all alcohol products from 2026, including warnings about cancer risks.

- The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the world's RSV vaccine, called Arexvy, which safeguards older people and adults against the respiratory virus.
- India has launched the 'NET Zero' Innovation Virtual Center in partnership with the U.K.
- In 2022, Pakistan became the largest recipient of ADB loans in Asia.
- Laos is preparing to host the annual ASEAN Tourism Forum in January 2024 in Vientiane, focusing on "Quality and Responsible Tourism — Sustaining ASEAN Future," highlighting sustainable and responsible tourism practices.
- A 5,000-year-old 'Great Grandfather' tree, a Patagonian cypress, in Chile's Alerce Costero National Park, has been officially recognized as the world's oldest tree.
- Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 76th Session of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, via video message with the theme of "Saving lives, driving health for all."
- India and Australia signed agreements related to migration and mobility partnership and the Green Hydrogen task force. The MoUs were exchanged during a bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese in Sydney.
- Hari Budha Magar, a double-amputee ex-British Gurkha soldier from Nepal, successfully scaled Mount Everest with prosthetic legs.
- The US Senate has approved Indian American Geeta Rao Gupta as the Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues in the State Department.
- Dr. L Murugan inaugurated the India Pavilion at Cannes at Marché du Film in the presence of Shri Jawed Ashraf, Ambassador of India to France, Shri Prithul Kumar, Joint Secretary, MIB, and stars from the Indian film industry.
- India and Bangladesh launched the '50 Start-ups Exchange Programme,' facilitating visits between 50 start-ups from each country to promote collaboration, knowledge sharing, and partnership among young entrepreneurs.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the third in-person Quad Leaders' Summit in Hiroshima, Japan, along with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese of Australia, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida of Japan, and President Joseph Biden of the United States of America.
- PM Modi announced that India will host the Quad Summit in 2024. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has partnered with Israel to establish the 'India-Israel Center of Water Technology' (CoWT). This joint initiative aims to address water resources management and technologies challenges in India.
- To strengthen bilateral relations, Indian Railways has handed over 20 broad gauge (BG) locomotives to Bangladesh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared during a Community Event in Sydney that a new consulate will be built in Brisbane. This move aims to fulfill the long-standing demand of the Indian diaspora in Australia.
- The European Union (EU) will introduce its Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) in its transitional phase starting October 2023. This mechanism will impose a carbon tax on imports of products made through environmentally unsustainable processes.

- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia hosted a special meeting of the National Security Advisers (NSAs) of India, the US, and the UAE.
- China and Pakistan conducted the 4th round of the Foreign Minister-level Pakistan-China Strategic Dialogue in Islamabad, Pakistan. They agreed to extend the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) into Afghanistan.
- The eighteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF18) held in New York brought delegates from around the world to discuss the link between sustainable forest management (SFM), energy, and achieving the United Nations mandated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The Petersberg Dialogue on Climate Change was hosted in Berlin, Germany, by Germany and the United Arab Emirates, the latter hosting the 28th Conference of Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- Operation Kaveri is the codename for India's evacuation effort to repatriate its citizens stranded in Sudan amid intense fighting between the army and a rival paramilitary force there.
- Enhancing connectivity in the Indian Ocean region emerged as a top priority during the 6th Indian Ocean Conference held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation has adopted India's proposal to support the development and adoption of the country's digital public infrastructure (DPI).
- The National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted a nationwide operation named 'Operation Dhvast' targeting an interconnected network of terrorists, gangsters, and drug smugglers.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- A new low-cost star sensor, developed by astronomers using off-the-shelf components, was recently launched by ISRO aboard PSLV C-55. The StarBerrySense's main purpose is to capture images of the field of view, accurately identify stars, and calculate the pointing direction.
- Sberbank, Russia's largest lender, introduced its generative artificial intelligence tool called GigaChat to compete with Microsoft-backed ChatGPT and Google's Bard.
- ISRO announced a new online training program named Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START) for post-graduate and final-year undergraduate students of physical sciences and technology.
- Axiom Space, a private space habitat company, successfully launched its latest mission, Axiom Mission 2 (Ax-2), to the International Space Station (ISS). This mission aims to conduct experiments on human stem cell aging, inflammation, and cancer in the unique microgravity environment of space.
- Microsoft unveiled Jugalbandi, a multilingual AI chatbot designed for rural India.
- Pune, India - MIT-World Peace University (WPU) introduced Asia's first subsea research lab, the Centre for Subsea Engineering Research (CSER).

- Oxford University's highly anticipated malaria vaccine received its first approval, becoming the first vaccine to achieve over 75% effectiveness (a goal set by the World Health Organization). Approved for use in children aged 5-36 months, Ghana became the first African country to approve the vaccine.
- Garuda Aerospace, a prominent drone manufacturer, partnered with Naini Aerospace, a subsidiary of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), to establish a joint development partnership. This collaboration is a significant step towards fulfilling the Indian government's vision of producing 1 lakh Made in India drones by 2024.
- Infosys, a leading IT services company, launched Topaz, a comprehensive suite of services, solutions, and platforms that leverage the capabilities of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies.
- ISRO achieved another milestone with the successful launch of its geosynchronous satellite launch vehicle (GSLV) rocket, GSLV-F12, which placed the navigation satellite NVS-01 into orbit.
- A baby was born in the UK with DNA from three parents. This groundbreaking technique, known as mitochondrial replacement therapy (MRT) or three-parent IVF, aims to prevent the inheritance of mitochondrial diseases.

AWARDS

- Dr. M.N. Nandakumara, a respected Sanskrit scholar and Executive Director of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan center in London, has been honored with an honorary MBE by King Charles III for his contributions to Indian classical arts in Britain.
- Maria Stepanova, a renowned Russian writer residing in Berlin, has been granted the Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding in 2023.
- Meera Syal was bestowed the prestigious BAFTA Fellowship, the highest accolade presented by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts.
- On May 3, UNESCO observed World Press Freedom Day by awarding its annual World Press Freedom Prize to three incarcerated Iranian female journalists - Niloofar Hamedi, Elaheh Mohammadi, and Narges Mohammadi. They were recognized for their reporting on human rights abuses in Iran and their commitment to truth and accountability.
- Former Lok Sabha MP Pandit Ramkishan was honored with the title "Shatabdi Purush" (Man of the Century) in New Delhi, acknowledging his contributions as a socialist leader.
- The Cannes Film Festival bestowed Michael Douglas with an honorary Palme d'Or, recognizing his exceptional career and contributions to cinema.
- Former President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, presented the Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar Award to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for his efforts in creating a fear-free Uttar Pradesh.
- Prof. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar received the inaugural Astronomical Society of India Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award in Pune.
- Tata Group Chairman N Chandrasekaran was awarded France's highest civilian honor, Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur, for his contributions in strengthening the trade relationship between India and France.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honored with Fiji's highest recognition, the Companion of the Order of Fiji, in acknowledgment of his global leadership. He was also granted the Companion of the Order of Logohu by Papua New Guinea.
- IIFA Awards 2023:
 - Best Film: Drishyam 2
 - Best Director: R Madhavan for Rocketry: The Nambi Effect
 - Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female): Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
 - Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male): Hrithik Roshan for Vikram Vedha
 - Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema: Kamal Haasan
 - The documentary "Gauri," directed by Kavitha Lankesh, was honored with the "Best Long Documentary Award" at the South Asian Film Festival of Montreal 2023.
 - Georgi Gospodinov's captivating novel, "Time Shelter," translated by Angela Rodel, secured the prestigious 2023 International Booker Prize.
 - Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj received the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal in honor of three Indian UN peacekeepers who lost their lives in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Iraq.
 - Damodar Mauzo, a prominent Goan short story writer, novelist, critic, and scriptwriter in Konkani, was conferred the 57th Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honour.

APPOINTMENTS

- Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan, AVSM, VM, assumed the position of the 17th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN).
- Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari took charge as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of the South Western Air Command (SWAC) in Gandhinagar.
- Santiago Peña has been elected as the new President of Paraguay.
- Air Marshal Balakrishnan Manikantan took over as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of the Southern Air Command.
- Ajay Banga was chosen as the 14th President of the World Bank for a five-year term.
- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumed the role of Deputy Chief of the Air Staff.
- Praveen Sood, the Director General of Police in Karnataka, has been designated as the next director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- Dr. K. Govindaraj has been elected as the President of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), Asia. This marks the first time an Indian has been nominated as the President of FIBA Asia.
- Cricket icon Sourav Ganguly was appointed as the brand ambassador of Tripura tourism.
- Dr. Manoj Soni took the Oath of Office and Secrecy as the Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission.

- Ludovit Odor, a former Vice-Governor of the National Bank of Slovakia, has been named Slovakia's new caretaker Prime Minister.
- The government has designated Ravneet Kaur as the Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- Kiren Rijiju has transitioned from the role of Union Law Minister to taking up the portfolio of the Ministry of Earth Sciences. Arjun Ram Meghwal has been given the independent charge as Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice, in addition to his existing portfolios.
- Namdev Shirgaonkar of Maharashtra was re-elected unopposed as the President of Taekwondo India in the executive committee elections.
- R.N. Jayaprakash and Monal D Chokshi were reelected President and Secretary of the Swimming Federation of India (SFI) during its annual general body meeting.
- Ms. Suman Sharma, a member of the 1990 batch, has taken the Oath of Office and Secrecy as a Member of the Union Public Service Commission, administered by the Chairman of UPSC, Dr. Manoj Soni.
- Recep Tayyip Erdogan was re-elected as the President of Turkey.
- Bola Tinubu was inaugurated as the President of Nigeria.
- Praveen Kumar Srivastava was sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner.
- Sachin Tendulkar has been named Maharashtra's 'Smile Ambassador' under the state's 'Swachh Mukh Abhiyan' to raise awareness about oral health and hygiene across the state.

BOOKS

- Amitabh Kant has penned a new book titled "Made In India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise," which has been published by Rupa Publications India.
- Indian author Ruskin Bond has authored a book titled "The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life."
- Dr. Manoj Kumar has released the book "Supreme Court On Commercial Arbitration."
- Kasturi Ray's book "Droupadi Murmu: From Tribal Hinterlands to Raisina Hills" has been published.
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- The Union Health Ministry has introduced SAKSHAM (Stimulating Advanced Knowledge for Sustainable Health Management), a Learning Management Information System (LMIS) under MoHFW. This digital learning platform was developed by the National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW), New Delhi.
- India has achieved a significant sanitation milestone with 50% of villages now being ODF Plus under the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen Phase II. An ODF Plus village has not only sustained its Open Defecation Free (ODF) status but has also implemented either solid or liquid waste management systems.
- Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal has launched 'Harit Sagar,' the Green Port Guidelines 2023. The 'Harit Sagar Guidelines 2023' focus on incorporating Ecosystem Dynamics in port development, operation, and maintenance. The 'Sagar Shreshtha Samman' awards were also presented to major ports for their outstanding achievements in various operational aspects.
- According to an announcement by the State government of Uttar Pradesh, the Urban Development Department and Lucknow Smart City have jointly initiated a pilot project called the "School Health Program" in Lucknow. This program aims to enhance student health and has been implemented in three schools as part of the pilot project.
- Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani has launched "Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi," an Early Childhood Care and Education program under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0.
- Shri Bhupender Yadav has introduced a mobile application called "Meri LiFE" (My life). This app is inspired by the concept of LiFE, emphasized by the Prime Minister at COP 26, which encourages conscious and intentional utilization rather than wasteful consumption.
- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has established the Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE) to streamline the process of removing companies from the MCA Register. C-PACE aims to ease the registry's workload and offer stakeholders a convenient way to deregister their companies.
- Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw has launched the Sanchar Saathi portal.
- The Sanchar Saathi Portal is an initiative of the Department of Telecommunications. It empowers citizens to know about mobile connections issued in their names, disconnect unnecessary connections, and block and trace lost mobile phones.
- The University Grants Commission (UGC) has introduced the UTSAH (Undertaking Transformative Strategies and Actions in Higher Education) Portal and the Professor of Practice (PoP) Portal to enhance education quality in India.
- The Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is a government initiative aimed at revolutionizing the e-commerce landscape in India by transitioning from a platform-centric model to an open-network model.

- ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce) is an initiative designed to foster open networks for all aspects of digital or electronic goods and services exchange.
- Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is seen as a move towards democratizing India's e-commerce sector, which is predominantly controlled by multinational entities like Amazon and Flipkart.
- Shri Parshottam Rupala has inaugurated Sagar Parikrama Yatra Phase-V in Karanja, Raigad, Maharashtra. This initiative aims to address the concerns of fishermen and stakeholders and uplift their economic conditions.
- The Union Health Ministry has announced the ambitious "75/25" initiative, which aims to put 75 million individuals with hypertension and diabetes on Standard Care by 2025.
- The Maharashtra Government has launched the 'Shasan Aplya Dari' initiative, aiming to bring government schemes and services directly to citizens' doorsteps.
- Giriraj Singh has launched the SAMARTH campaign, which aims to promote digital transactions at the Gram Panchayat level.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation has introduced UDAN 5.1 as part of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN). This initiative, following four successful rounds and with version 5.0 underway, seeks to enhance connectivity to remote areas and achieve last-mile connectivity through helicopters.
- The Ministry of Ayush and Minority Affairs have collaborated to support and develop the Unani System of Medicine in India. This partnership aims to upgrade Unani Medicine with their combined efforts.
- Olympian and World Championship silver medallist archer Atanu Das has been reinstated in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), which supports and nurtures athletes for Olympic success.

RANKS & REPORT

- According to the latest report from global media watchdog Reporters Without Borders (RSF), India has slipped to the 161st position out of 180 countries in the 2023 World Press Freedom Index.
- The top 3 countries in press freedom are Norway, followed by Ireland (headquartered in Paris, France), and Denmark.
- The AI supercomputer 'AIRAWAT,' installed at C-DAC in Pune, has been ranked 75th in the world. This ranking was announced in the 61st edition of the Top 500 Global Supercomputing List at the International Supercomputing Conference (ISC 2023) in Germany. India's AIRAWAT system is a significant achievement in the field of AI supercomputing and is part of the National Program on AI initiated by the Government of India.
- In the National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22, conducted jointly by the Department of Science and Technology and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Karnataka emerged as the most innovative state in India.

- According to Statista, India ranks as the sixth-largest producer of coffee in the world. The largest coffee producer globally is Brazil, followed by Vietnam, Colombia, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Honduras, and then India.
- The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre released a report titled "The Global Report on Internal Displacement 2023 (GRID-2023)," revealing that the number of people displaced by disasters increased by 40% in 2022 compared to 2021.

OBITUARIES

- Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, has passed away at the age of 89.
- Tori Bowie, a former world champion sprinter from the United States of America, has died at the age of 32.
- Antonio Carbajal, the Mexican goalkeeper who participated in 5 World Cups, has passed away at the age of 93.
- Renowned scientist Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan has passed away at the age of 68.
- Srichand Hinduja, the chairman of the Hinduja Group, has passed away at the age of 87.
- Industrialist Karumuttu T. Kannan has passed away in Madurai.
- Former All India Football Federation (AIFF) vice-president A.R. Khaleel has passed away at the age of 91.