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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- 1. Prime Minister Inaugurates 91 FM Radio Transmitters, To Benefit Border, Aspirational Districts: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated 91 FM transmitters in 18 states and two union territories, aimed at improving FM radio connectivity in border regions and aspirational districts.
- 2. Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launches 'Millets Experience Centre' at Dilli Haat: India's Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar recently launched the Millets Experience Centre (MEC) at Dilli Haat in New Delhi. The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) established the MEC in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture to promote the adoption of millets among the general public.
- 3. Indian Army Inducts First Women Officers into Regiment of Artillery: In a historic first, the Indian Army has inducted five women officers into its Regiment of Artillery. Lt Mehak Saini, Lt Sakshi Dubey, Lt Aditi Yadav, Lt Pious Mudgil, and Lt Akanksha have joined the Army's premier artillery units after successfully completing their training at the Officers Training Academy (OTA) in Chennai.
- Anji Khad bridge, first cable stayed rail bridge in India: Bridge is part of the challenging Udampur-Srinagar-Baramulla-Rail Link (USBRL) Project in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir. The bridge connects Katra and Reasi and required detailed geological investigations from IIT Roorkee and IIT Delhi to navigate the complex and fragile terrain of the Himalayan mountain slopes.
- India to join international climate action in civil aviation from 2027: India has announced that it will participate in the International Civil Aviation Organisation's (ICAO) Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) and the Long-Term Aspirational Goals (LTAG) from 2027. ICAO has been tasked with reducing carbon emissions from international civil aviation. To achieve this goal, the global body has adopted several key aspirational goals, including a two per cent annual fuel efficiency improvement through 2050, carbon neutral growth, and net zero by 2050. These goals are clubbed under CORSIA and LTAG.
- Unified portal, CU-Chayan launched by UGC for faculty recruitment: Unified portal, CU-Chayan launched by UGC: University Grant Commission (UGC) Chairman M Jagadesh Kumar launched a new recruitment portal called CU-Chayan for Central University faculty, The UGC created the CU-Chayan portal with the aim of developing an enabling environment for both universities and applicants, with universities able to manage every aspect of the recruitment process independently.
- Santiniketan in tentative list for UNESCO World Heritage list: The UNESCO World Heritage Centre has recommended Santiniketan, the cultural site in West Bengal, India, for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Santiniketan is a cultural site in West Bengal's Birbhum district, known for its historical and cultural importance. It was originally an ashram built by Rabindranath Tagore's father, Debendranath Tagore, and later developed into a university by Rabindranath Tagore himself. India has a total of 40 sites that have been awarded the UNESCO World Heritage tag. These include 32 cultural sites such as Agra Fort, Taj Mahal, Harappan-era site in Dholavira, Elephanta Caves, Red Fort

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complex in Delhi, and Mahabodhi Temple complex in Bodh Gaya in Bihar. India also has 52 sites on the tentative list, including Temples at Bishnupur in West Bengal, Mattanchery Palace in Kerala, and Wild Ass Sanctuary, Little Rann of Kutch in Gujarat. The tentative list is an inventory of those properties which each State Party intends to consider for nomination.

- 8. India's First Undersea Tunnel Nears Completion: Mumbai Coastal Road Project: India's first undersea tunnel, which is set to open by November 2023, is a 2.07-kilometer twin tunnels run 17-20 meters below sea level, connecting Girgaon to Priyadarshini Park.
- **9. Bihan Mela of Kondh Tribals:** Since 2019, the Kondh tribe in Nayagarh district, Odisha has been celebrating the Bihan Mela, or the seed festival, to promote the revival of indigenous farming. •This event involves the collection and preservation of indigenous seeds, and farmers from 40 villages in Dasapalla block participate in the festival. After harvesting kharif crops, women collect the seeds of indigenous varieties and store them in earthen pots. On a designated day in December, they decorate the pots with red and white motifs, place them in a bamboo basket and carry them on their heads to the village where the fair is being organized. Men accompany them, beating drums and other traditional instruments.
- 10. Supreme Court uses Article 142 for speedy Divorce by Mutual Consent: Supreme Court has ruled that it can dissolve a marriage on the ground of irretrievable breakdown, using its power under Article 142(1), without referring the parties to family court for waiting period of 6-18 months for mutual consent divorce. Article 142 titled 'Enforcement of decrees and orders of the Supreme Court and orders as to discovery, etc.'
- 11. Article 355 imposed in Manipur: Recently, unrest in the state of Manipur was triggered by a decision of the High Court to pursue a 10-year-old recommendation to grant Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to the non-tribal Meitei community. In view of the prevailing unprecedented burning situation, the Centre has imposed Article 355 in the state, in an effort to control the situation, according to reliable sources. Article 355 of the Indian Constitution is a provision that empowers the Union government to protect every state in India against external aggression and internal disturbances. It is a provision under Part XVIII of the Constitution, titled "Emergency Provisions".
- 12. All India Radio (AIR) to be renamed Akashvani: The order to exclusively refer to AIR as Akashvani is in line with the provisions of the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990, passed by Parliament. Listeners have more of a connect with Akashvani and that the name change is in tune with the law which came into being in 1997.
- 13. Rail Vikas Nigam gets Navratna Status: RVNL was incorporated in 2003 with the aim of implementing rail infrastructure projects quickly and raising extra budgetary resources for SPV projects. The company started operating in 2005 after the appointment of its board of directors. RVNL was granted Mini-Ratna status in 2013. The Government runs the CPSEs under the Department of Public Enterprises of Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises. The government grants them the status of Navratna, Miniratna and Maharatna based upon the profit made

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by these CPSEs. The Maharatna category has been the most recent one since 2009, other two have been in function since 1997.

- 14. Cyclone Mocha developing in Bay of Bengal: The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned of a developing cyclonic or low-pressure area in the Bay of Bengal. It would be named Cyclone Mocha (pronounced 'Mokha'). How are cyclones named? ◆ Cyclones that form in every ocean basin across the world are named by the regional specialized meteorological centres (RSMCs) and Tropical Cyclone Warning Centres (TCWCs). ◆ The IMD names the cyclones developing over the north Indian Ocean after following a standard procedure. ◆ In 2000, a group of nations called WMO/ESCAP decided to start naming cyclones in the region. ◆ After each country sent in suggestions, the WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones (PTC) finalized the list. ◆ This cyclone will be named Mocha (Mokha), a name suggested by Yemen after the Red Sea port city, which is known to have introduced coffee to the world over 500 years ago.
- 15. India coal imports surge to 162 MT in FY23:• India's coal imports increased by 30% to 162.46 million tonnes in the 2022-23 financial year compared to 124.99 MT in the previous year, according to a report.• The report was released by mjunction, a B2B e-commerce platform that is a joint venture between Steel Authority of India (SAIL) and Tata Steel.• India is among the top five coal-producing countries in the world.• Despite being a major producer, India also imports coal to meet some of its demand.
- 16. Common Uniforms at Higher Ranks of Army: All officers of the rank of Brigadier and above will now wear common uniform items. The common uniform items include berets, badges of rank, belt buckle, and pattern of shoes. Regimental lanyards and shoulder flashes will no longer be worn by officers of these higher ranks. There will be no item of uniform that will identify them as belonging to a particular Regiment or Corps.
- 17. Palghat Gap: A break in the Western Ghats: The Palghat Gap is a 40 km wide corridor in the Western Ghats, known for its steep hills and serving as a gateway to Kerala. It is a crucial passage for roads and railways connecting Coimbatore and Palakkad. The Bharathappuzha River flows through the Palghat Gap. The vegetation in the gap is classified as dry evergreen forest, different from the tropical rainforests of the Western Ghats. The Palghat Gap marks a distinct divide in the flora and fauna of the region.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

18. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj statue unveiled by Devendra Fadnavis in Mauritius: Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis revealed a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Mauritius. He highlighted Maharashtra's potential as a leading industrial and investment destination in India at the Indo-Mauritius Business Forum and signed an MoU to promote trade between Mauritius and Maharashtra. •President of Mauritius: Prithvirajsing Roopun •Prime

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Minister of Mauritius: **Pravind Kumar Jugnauth** • Mauritian Currency: **Mauritian rupee** • Capital of Mauritius: **Port Louis**

- 'Gigachat' Russia's Sberbank launches AI to compete with ChatGPT: Sberbank has developed a technology named GigaChat to compete with ChatGPT in the artificial intelligence chatbot race. Initially available in an invite-only testing mode, GigaChat stands out with its ability to communicate more intelligently in Russian than other foreign neural networks. The release of Microsoft-backed OpenAI's ChatGPT last year has spurred the technology industry to incorporate AI further into users' hands to reshape how people work and win business. Sberbank, Russia's leading bank, has invested heavily in technology to reduce the country's dependence on imports, which has become critically important due to export cuts and sanctions over Moscow's actions in Ukraine by Western nations.
- 20. First Border Haat Inaugurated at Bholaganj in Sylhet Division between India and Bangladesh: First-ever border haat in Sylhet division along the India border was opened at Bholaganj in Companiganj upazila. Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Imran Ahmad and Indian High Commissioner in Sylhet Niraj Kumar Jaiswal jointly inaugurated the haat, which is located between East Khasi Hills of India's Meghalaya and Sylhet's Bholaganj.
- 21. Sri Lanka Supreme Court clears way to decriminalise homosexuality: The Supreme Court of Sri Lanka has approved a bill seeking to decriminalize homosexuality, according to the Speaker of Parliament, in a move welcomed by LGBTQ+ rights campaigners. Under current laws, homosexuality is punishable by imprisonment and fines, but activists have long campaigned for change. After hearing submissions from both sides, the Supreme Court ruled that the proposed legislation was not unconstitutional. The decision has been praised as a "historic development", but supporters of the bill will still need to garner support from parliamentarians. The government and opposition have not yet commented.
- **22.** Pakistan's economic crisis: Hajj quota given up to Saudi Arabia: For the first time in 75 years, Pakistan has made the decision to surrender its Hajj quota to Saudi Arabia. This move was prompted by the rising inflation in the country, which has caused thousands of Pakistanis to forgo the pilgrimage this year. In total, Pakistan has returned 8,000 unused seats, which will save the government a considerable amount of money totalling \$24 million.
- 23. India leads as top source market for Sri Lanka's tourism for April 2023: India led as the top source market for Sri Lanka's tourism sector for the month of April 2023. India regained the top spot after six months as almost 20,000 Indian tourists arrived in the island nation last month. Sri Lanka has two official languages: Sinhala and Tamil. The country has a total land area of approximately 65,610 square kilometers. Sri Lanka has a tropical climate, with the rainy season lasting from May to September and the dry season lasting from December to March. The Sri Lankan rupee is the official currency of the country. The highest point in Sri Lanka is Pidurutalagala, which stands at 2,524 meters (8,281 feet) tall. Sri Lanka is home to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, the Sigiriya Rock Fortress, and the Temple of the Tooth in

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- Kandy. Buddhism is the largest religion in Sri Lanka, with approximately 70% of the population practicing Buddhism. Sri Lanka is known for its tea production, with tea plantations covering large areas of the country. The national symbol of Sri Lanka is the Sri Lankan lion. The Sri Lankan flag features a yellow border, two stripes (green and orange), and a maroon background with a golden lion holding a sword.
- 24. India Extends \$1 Billion Credit Line to Sri Lanka Amid Economic Crisis: In the midst of an economic crisis, India has decided to extend a \$1 billion credit line to Sri Lanka for another year, providing the much-needed funds to pay for essential imports. The credit line is part of the \$4 billion emergency assistance extended by India to Sri Lanka during its peak crisis time last year. In April last year, Sri Lanka's reserves dropped to record lows, triggering its worst financial crisis since its independence from Britain in 1948. The country struggled to pay for essential imports such as fuel, cooking gas, and medicine, and defaulted on its foreign debt. • Sri Lanka is a country located in South Asia, an island nation in the Indian Ocean, southeast of India. Its capital is Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, while the largest city is Colombo. • The President of Sri Lanka is Ranil Wickremesinghe, who assumed office in May 2022.● The Prime Minister of Sri Lanka is Dinesh Gunawardena, who took office on July 22, 2022. The official languages of Sri Lanka are Sinhala and Tamil, while English is also widely spoken. Sri Lanka's economy is mainly based on agriculture, with tea, rubber, and coconuts being some of its major exports. It also has a growing tourism industry and a developing manufacturing sector. Sri Lanka has several important ports, including the Port of Colombo, which is one of the busiest ports in South Asia and a major transshipment hub. Sri Lanka has a long history and culture, with several UNESCO World Heritage sites, such as the ancient city of Anuradhapura and the Sigiriya rock fortress. • Sri Lanka has a diverse population, with Sinhalese being the largest ethnic group followed by Tamils and Muslims. Sri Lanka has had a turbulent political history, including a long civil war that ended in 2009 after more than 25 years of conflict.
- 25. India among seven countries to benefit from Saudi Arabia's new e-visa system: Saudi Arabia has introduced a new e-visa system to replace traditional visa stickers on passports. The initiative, which began in May 2023, is aimed at digitizing consular services and creating a new way to issue work, residency, and visit visas in seven countries: Jordan, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Egypt, India, Bangladesh, the Philippines, and Indonesia. The move comes as part of efforts to automate consular services and "develop a mechanism for granting different kinds of visas". The current King of Saudi Arabia is King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, who ascended to the throne in 2015 after the death of his half-brother, King Abdullah. King Salman is the head of the royal family and holds significant power in the country. Riyadh is the capital of Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia is the birthplace of Islam and is home to the two holiest sites in Islam, Mecca and Medina. The country is governed by strict Islamic law. Saudi Arabia has the largest economy in the Middle East and is heavily dependent on oil exports. The country has made efforts to diversify its economy in recent

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years, with a focus on developing its tourism industry. The currency of Saudi Arabia is the Saudi riyal (SAR). The Saudi riyal is pegged to the US dollar at a rate of 1 USD = 3.75 SAR.

- 26. China and Pakistan agree to extend CPEC to Afghanistan: Pakistan, China, and Afghanistan have agreed to enhance their economic relations by extending the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which is supported by Beijing, to Afghanistan. This move aims to fully exploit the potential of Afghanistan as a regional connectivity hub.
- 27. ASEAN-India maritime exercise in South China Sea: The first ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise
 (AIME) is set to commence on May 2, 2023, with war games to be held in the South China Sea. INS
 Satpura and INS Delhi will participate in the exercise. The exercise is divided into two phases:
 'Harbour Phase' and 'Sea Phase.' The exercise is aimed at fostering close cooperation and
 conducting seamless operations in the maritime domain between the Indian Navy and ASEAN navies.

 About ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations)

	Details
Members	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam
Formation	August 8, 1967
Headquarters	Jakarta, Indonesia
Purpose	To promote economic growth, social progress, and cultural development
Economic integration	ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) and ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)

- 28. India drops 11 places to rank 161 in World Press Freedom Index: India's ranking in the 2023 World Press Freedom Index has slipped to 161 out of 180 countries, according to the latest report released by global media watchdog Reporters Without Borders (RSF). In 2022, India was ranked at 150. Pakistan has fared better when it comes to media freedom as it was placed at 150, an improvement from last year's 157th rank. Afghanistan was ranked 152nd. This raises some questions about the methodology of the index. Sri Lanka also made significant improvement on the index, ranking 135th this year as against 146th in 2022. Norway, Ireland and Denmark occupied the top three positions in press freedom, while Vietnam, China and North Korea constituted the bottom three.
- 29. India operationalizes Sittwe Port in Myanmar: The Sittwe Port in Myanmar has been made operational with the departure of the inaugural shipment, the MV-ITT LION (V-273), from Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata. This development is part of the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport project, which aims to provide alternate connectivity from the eastern coast of India to the northeastern states through the Sittwe port. The Sittwe Port in Myanmar has been built under a grant assistance from the Indian government. It has been developed under a framework agreement between India and Myanmar for the construction and operation of a multimodal transit transport facility on the Kaladan river.

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30. UTF (Uthuru Thila Falhu- Island) Harbour Project: The article discusses the recent commissioning of the Indian grant-in-aid UTF (Uthuru Thila Falhu- Island) Harbour Project, the coastal surveillance radar system, in the Maldives. The project is a significant milestone in the growing defence ties between the two countries. The UTF project was announced during External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's visit in February 2021. It is among the biggest Indian grant-in-aid projects in the Maldives. It is aimed at developing a maintenance and repair hub for naval vessels and will help the Maldives become self-sufficient.

APPOINTMENTS

- 31. Debadatta Chand named as new Managing Director of Bank of Baroda: Bank of Baroda
 Founder: Sayajirao Gaekwad III; Bank of Baroda Founded: 20 July 1908, Vadodara; Bank of Baroda
 Headquarters: Alkapuri, Vadodara.
- 32. Rajneesh Karnatak Named As New MD and Chairman Of Bank Of India:

 Bank of India Founder: Ramnarain Ruia; Bank of India Founded: 7 September 1906, Mumbai; Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai
- **33.** BARC director A K Mohanty appointed as new Atomic Energy Commission chairman: Ajit Kumar Mohanty, who is a well-known physicist and also serves as the director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), has been selected as the new chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy. This appointment means he will be responsible for overseeing India's nuclear program and exploring the use of atomic power for non-military purposes. Mohanty will take over from K N Vyas. BARC stands for Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, which is India's premier nuclear research facility located in Trombay, Mumbai. It was founded in 1954 by Dr. Homi J. Bhabha, a renowned physicist and founding director of the institute. BARC is involved in nuclear energy research, including the design and development of nuclear reactors, nuclear fuel cycle technologies, and radiation processing, as well as basic and applied research in several areas of physics, chemistry, and biology. It also operates a number of nuclear facilities, including the Dhruva reactor, the CIRUS reactor, and the Purnima-II reactor, among others. The organization is governed by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), which reports directly to the Prime Minister's Office.
- 34. Indian origin Ajay Banga confirmed as the 14th President of World Bank: Ajay Banga, who is of Indian origin, has been officially selected as the 14th President of the World Bank. The 25-member executive board of the World Bank elected Ajay Banga, who previously served as the CEO of Mastercard, to hold the position for a period of five years, starting from June 2.
- 35. Polavarapu Mallikharjuna Prasad to be next Coal India chief: Coal India Headquarters: Kolkata;
 - Coal India Founded: November 1975.
- 36. Parminder Chopra becomes first woman to become CMD of India's largest NBFC, PFC:

 Parminder Chopra has been recommended by the Public Enterprise Selection Board (PESB) to become the next Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power Finance Corporation (PFC),

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India's largest **Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)** by net worth. If appointed, she will be the first woman to hold the position.

- **37.** Alia Bhatt appointed as first Indian Global Ambassador of Gucci: Gucci, the luxury fashion brand from Italy, has appointed Alia Bhatt as its first global ambassador from India. She will debut as the brand's newest global ambassador at the Gucci Cruise 2024 show in Seoul next week. This appointment is an important moment for both the brand and the Indian fashion industry, especially since it comes after Bhatt's Met Gala debut.
- 38. Karnataka DGP Praveen Sood appointed next CBI director: Praveen Sood, the Director General of Police in Karnataka, has been appointed as the next director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The 59-year-old will take on the position for two years after Subodh Kumar Jaiswal's term ends on May 25.
- 39. Ex-NBCUniversal ad chief Linda Yaccarino named as new Twitter CEO: Ex-NBCUniversal advertising executive Linda Yaccarino will take over as CEO of Twitter, Elon Musk said. Musk, who runs Tesla and Space X, said a day prior that he plans to transition to a role as executive chairman and chief technology officer. The announcement comes months after Musk pledged in December to step down as the head of Twitter as soon as he found someone "foolish enough to take the job." Yaccarino, who stepped down earlier on Friday as the ad sales chief at NBCUniversal, oversaw an international team of about 2,000 employees, according to the NBCUniversal website. Twitter Parent organization: X Corp; Twitter Founders: Jack Dorsey, Evan Williams, Biz Stone, Noah Glass; Twitter Founded: 21 March 2006, San Francisco, California, United States; Twitter Headquarters: San Francisco, California, United States.

SPORTS

- **40.** Sergio Pérez wins Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023: Red Bull's Sergio Perez won the Azerbaijan Grand Prix, the fourth round of the 2023 Formula 1 World Championship, in Baku. Sergio Pérez took advantage of a fortunately timed safety car to beat his teammate Max Verstappen to the victory in the Azerbaijan Grand Prix. Verstappen started second behind Ferrari's Charles Leclerc but swept past him on the long start-finish straight at the end of lap 3, the first lap on which drivers were allowed to use the DRS overtake assist system on the rear wing. Fernando Alonso finished in fourth place, showing strong pace for Aston Martin after issues in qualifying.
- 41. Ding Liren becomes China's first world chess champion: Ding Liren has become 17th world chess champion the first from China defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker. Ding defeated Nepo in the last of the four Rapid tiebreaks. Ding takes over as winner of the World Chess Championship from Norway's Magnus Carlsen, who chose not to defend his title after a 10-year reign. He and Nepomniachtchi had finished on seven points each after the 14 first-stage games played in the Kazakh capital, Astana.

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- **42.** Luca Brecel wins snooker World Championship title: Luca Brecel, the 28-year-old Belgian snooker player, has claimed his first world title after defeating Mark Selby in a thrilling final at the Crucible in Sheffield. The match went down to the wire, with Selby putting up a strong fightback to push Brecel to the brink. However, Brecel held his nerve and eventually prevailed with an 18-15 victory.
- 43. Odisha extends Indian Hockey team sponsorship till 2033: The Odisha government has decided to further extend its sponsorship for both the Men and Women Indian Hockey Teams (senior and junior) for another ten years from 2023 to 2033. Odisha Chief Minister: Naveen Patnaik Odisha Capital: Bhubaneswar Odisha Governor: Ganeshi Lal
- **44.** Geoffrey Emmanuel first Indian to compete in FIM JuniorGP: Geoffrey Emmanuel will become the first Indian to participate in the FIM World JuniorGP World Championship. Geoffrey, son of seventime National Champion Emmanuel Jebaraj, will race for Cuna De Campeones in his maiden FIM JuniorGP season. The first round of the 2023 season is scheduled for May 5-7 at the Circuit de Estoril in Portugal.
- 45. South Africa fast bowler Shabnim Ismail quits international cricket: Shabnim Ismail, the fastest bowler in women's cricket, has announced her retirement from international cricket. This is a significant blow to South Africa, who heavily relied on Ismail's pace and skill in their recent Twenty20 World Cup campaign, where they finished as runners-up. Ismail, who is 34 years old, played in 241 international matches across all formats, including one-day Internationals, Twenty20s, and tests.
- 46. Nepal wins ACC Men's Premier Cup: Nepal have qualified for the Asia Cup 2023 after winning the ACC Men's Premier Cup. The team, led by Rohit Paudel defeated the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by seven wickets in the final that was played across two days at the Tribhuvan University International Cricket Ground in Kirtipur. Nepal, therefore, joined India and Pakistan in Group A of the Asia Cup to be played in September. Nepal, UAE and Oman will also take part in the ACC Emerging Teams Asia Cup in July where they will face 'A' teams of five full-member teams.
- 47. Olympic silver medallist Nijel Amos gets 3-year ban for doping: According to the Athletics Integrity Unit, Nijel Amos, who won a silver medal in the men's 800m at the 2012 Olympics, has been given a three-year ban for doping. Amos, who hails from Botswana, tested positive for the banned substance GW1516 in the lead-up to last year's track world championships. However, he received a reduction on the standard four-year ban for admitting to the charges. Unfortunately, this means that Amos will not be able to participate in the Paris Olympics next year due to the ban.
- **48.** Neeraj Chopra secures victory with 88.67 m throw at Diamond League 2023: Olympic gold medal winner Neeraj Chopra has secured victory with 88.67 m throw at Doha Diamond League 2023. Chopra's first throw was 88.67 which was a great way to start the new season.
- 49. Anurag Thakur Launches Logo, Mascot, Torch, Anthem & Jersey of Khelo India University Games 2022: Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Anurag Singh Thakur launched the official logo, mascot, torch, anthem, and jersey of the Khelo India University Games Uttar Pradesh 2022 on the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima in Lucknow. The Khelo India University Games 2022, Uttar Pradesh, is set to be a grand celebration of sportsmanship, heritage and culture. The TEACHERS' VISION SCO-77, TOP FLOOR, SEC-15D CHD PH:- 7529000184

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event, officially scheduled from May 25 to June 3, 2023, will see more than 4000 athletes from 200 Indian universities competing in 21 sporting disciplines in the cities of Varanasi, Noida, Gorakhpur and Lucknow. The official logo of the Khelo India University Games 2022 Uttar Pradesh represents the rich heritage of Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state. The logo is a representation of the state's rich traditional and historical legacy which has been the foundation for its development in all aspects viz; education, infrastructure and sports. The mascot, Jitu, represents the Barasingha, an incredible mammal that embodies the spirit of Khelo India University Games, Uttar Pradesh. Jitu will serve as a source of excitement, fostering fan engagement and building team spirit throughout the tournament. The mascot will also help promote team sponsors, merchandise, and other marketing activities, making him an essential part of the event's success. The 12-day-long Khelo India University Games 2022 will see athletes competing in 21 sporting disciplines across four cities. The Kabaddi competition begins in Noida on May 23, 2023, while a few others begin at the various venues on May 24, 2023. The opening ceremony is slated for May 25, 2023 in Lucknow. The Khelo India initiative has brought significant changes to the landscape of Indian sports over the last five years. The games provide a platform for budding athletes to showcase their skills and progress easily from one level of competition to the other. The synergy in the sports ecosystem that has been created through these competitions and various schemes has indeed helped Indian athletes to excel in multiple international competitions.

- Argentina's Lionel Messi wins Laureus sportsman of the year 2023: Lionel Messi, who led Argentina to victory in the 2022 World Cup as their captain, was honored with the Laureus Sportsman of the Year award at a ceremony held in Paris. In addition to that, Messi accepted the World Team of the Year award on behalf of the Argentina men's football team, who won the championship in Qatar. Messi also became the first athlete to scoop both the World Sportsman of the Year Award and the World Team of the Year Award in the same year.
- 51. Telangana's Vuppala Prraneeth became India's 82nd Grandmaster: V. Prraneeth, a 15-year-old chess player from Telangana, achieved the title of Grandmaster, becoming the sixth from the state and the 82nd in India. He secured this milestone by defeating GM Hans Niemann from the US during the penultimate round of the Baku Open 2023.

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52. Russian poet Maria Stepanova wins Leipzig Book Prize 2023: Maria Stepanova, a renowned Russian writer currently residing in Berlin, has been awarded the Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding in 2023. Her novel, In Memory of Memory, which delves into the themes of Stalinism and the collapse of the Soviet Union, earned her a nomination for the Booker Prize in 2021. However, it was her volume of poetry, Girls Without Clothes, that earned her the prestigious Leipzig Book Prize. This collection of poetry sensitively explores the often concealed violence against women and the power dynamics that fuel this oppression in a highly poetic manner.

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Pulitzer Prizes 2023 Announced: The 2023 Pulitzer Prize winners were announced, with four of the 16 awards for journalism across 15 categories going to local outlets reporting on corruption among local officials. The Pulitzers are regarded as the highest honor that a U.S.-based journalist or organization can receive. The awards were announced by Marjorie Miller, the administrator of the Pulitzer Prizes. There are 22 Pulitzer categories. In 21 of those categories the winners receive a \$15,000 cash award and a certificate. The annual Pulitzer awards, first presented in 1917, are the most prestigious honors in U.S. journalism. They are named for newspaper publisher Joseph Pulitzer, who died in 1911. In his will, Pulitzer left money to create the prizes and establish a journalism school at Columbia University. Here is a brief history of the Pulitzer Prizes:

2023 Pulitzer Prizes: BOOKS, DRAMA & MUSIC

Category	Title and Author
Fiction	"Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver (Harper)
Fiction	"Trust" by Hernan Diaz (Riverhead Books)
Drama	"English" by Sanaz Toossi
History	"Freedom's Dominion: A Saga of White Resistance to Federal Power" by Jefferson Cowie (Basic Books)
Biography	"G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century" by Beverly Gage (Viking)
Memoir or Autobiography	"Stay True" by Hua Hsu (Doubleday)
Poetry	"Then the War: And Selected Poems, 2007-2020" by Carl Phillips (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
General Nonfiction	"His Name Is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice by Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa (Viking) (Moved by the Board from the Biography category.)
Music	"Omar" by Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels

- Nath Kovind, presented the Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar Award to Chief Minister Yogi
 Adityanath for his efforts in creating a fear-free Uttar Pradesh. The award ceremony took place at the Shri Shanmukhananda Auditorium in Mumbai, where Dr. Lalji Prasad Nirmal, a member of the UP legislative council, received the award on behalf of the Chief Minister. The event was organized by the Buddhanjali Research Foundation and was attended by Ramnath Kovind as the chief guest. This was the 13th edition of the award ceremony. The Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar Award is an annual award presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to society in the areas of education, social welfare, and economics, in the spirit of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The award was instituted in 1996 by the Government of Maharashtra in honor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, and it is presented every year on his birth anniversary. The award carries a cash prize and a citation.
- 55. Cochin Port has bagged the Sagar Shreshtha Sammaan Award 2023: The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways honoured the Cochin Port Authority (CPA) with the Sagar Shreshtha Sammaan for the best turnaround time in non-container category during 2022-23. Minister for Ports and Shipping Sarbananda Sonowal presented the award to CPA Chairperson M. Beena in New Delhi. The award is in recognition of the 'excellent performance of the Cochin Port in handling dry bulk and liquid bulk cargo vessels'.
- 56. Jayant Narlikar awarded Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award 2022: Renowned astronomer and founder director of IUCAA, Prof Jayant V. Narlikar, received the inaugural Govind TEACHERS' VISION SCO-77, TOP FLOOR, SEC-15D CHD PH:- 7529000184

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Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award from the Astronomical Society of India (ASI). Narlikar is a past president of ASI and was the founding director of the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA). He is known for his work on cosmology and gravitation, and has made significant contributions to the understanding of the evolution of the universe.

BANKING, FINANCE, ECONOMY & BUSINESS

- 57. HDFC Bank launches digital distribution platform for its agents and partners: HDFC Bank, one of India's leading private sector banks, has introduced its digital distribution platform, HDFC Bank Smart Saathi, to connect business correspondents (BCs) and business facilitators (BFs) to the bank. The platform aims to take banking products and services to the last mile, and contribute to the development of the country. The launch of HDFC Bank Smart Saathi is a significant milestone in HDFC Bank's mission to provide innovative solutions that cater to the evolving needs of its customers. By establishing a network of business correspondents and business facilitators, the bank is committed to boosting financial inclusion in India. This network will play a vital role in taking banking products and services to the rural and remote areas of the country, where the majority of the population resides.
- RBI, BIS launch fourth edition of G20 Tech Sprint competition: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) have announced the launch of the G20 TechSprint 2023, a global competition aimed at improving cross-border payments through innovative technology solutions. The fourth edition of the competition was unveiled on May 4, and it is open to global innovators. The TechSprint 2023 will focus on three problem statements formulated by the BIS Innovation Hub (BISIH) and RBI. The problem statements include the following: Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) 2) Sanctions technology solutions to reduce illicit finance risk, forex (FX), and liquidity technology solutions to enable settlement in emerging market and developing economy (EMDE) currencies Technology solutions for multilateral cross-border central banking digital currency (CBDC) platforms.
- 59. RBI Mandates Complete Information for Money Transfers to Curb Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued new instructions to all banks and financial institutions in the country to ensure that all wire transfers, whether domestic or international, contain complete information about the originator and beneficiary. The move is aimed at preventing wire transfers from being used as a channel for money laundering and financing terrorism. The updated instructions are part of the Master Direction on Know Your Customer (KYC) and are aligned with the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- 60. RBI Study: India's Green Financing Requirement Estimated At 2.5% Of GDP: As per the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) report on Currency and Finance (RCF) for the year 2022-23, India would require at least 2.5% of GDP annually until 2030 for green financing. The report addresses various areas such as the extensive and rapid impact of climate change, implications for financial stability, and

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policy choices to mitigate climate-related risks. India has set an objective to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070. According to the report, if the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) or e-rupee is developed with environmentally friendly and socially responsible goals, it could prove to be a better alternative to other cashless methods. India's Green Financing Requirement Estimated At 2.5% Of GDP: Key Points: •The report covers four main areas: the unprecedented scale and pace of climate change, its macroeconomic impact, implications for financial stability, and policy options for mitigating climate risks.•To achieve its net zero target by 2070, India would need to reduce the energy intensity of its GDP by about 5% annually and increase the use of renewable energy to around 80% by 2070-71.•The report estimates that India's green financing requirement should be at least 2.5% of GDP annually until 2030.•A balanced policy approach that addresses all aspects of the issue can help the country reach its green transition goals by 2030 and eventually achieve its net zero target by 2070.•The report emphasises that climate change is a pressing issue and highlights that the 2015-22 period was the warmest on record, according to the World Meteorological Organisation.

- 61. HDFC Bank launched programme for Bharat, to onboard 1 lakh customers: HDFC Bank has launched a retail banking initiative called 'Vishesh' aimed at customers in semi-urban and rural areas. The bank is hoping to attract around 100,000 new customers through the programme, which involves increasing its branch network and developing bespoke financial products for the market segment. HDFC Bank plans to add 675 branches in rural and semi-urban areas by 2024, with the total number expected to reach almost 5,000. The bank has already created a 'Classic' programme for HNI customers, which will be hived off under the new scheme. Features of the Vishesh programme include personal bankers, discounts on processing fees and access to healthcare.
- 62. Reserve Bank's gold reserves rose 4.5% to 794.64 tonnes in 2022-23: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased its gold reserves by 4.5% to 794.64 metric tonnes in the fiscal year that ended on March 31, 2023. The bank added 34.22 metric tonnes of gold during this period, which brought its total gold reserves up from 760.42 metric tonnes at the end of the previous fiscal year. The RBI has been building up its gold reserves for the last five to six years. As of March 31, 2023, the RBI's gold reserves were valued at \$45.2 billion, representing 7.81% of the country's total foreign exchange reserves, up from 7% at the end of the previous fiscal year. The country's foreign exchange reserves were valued at \$578.449 billion as of March 31, 2023.
- **63. BharatPe rebrands PAYBACK India as 'Zillion': BharatPe**, a leading fintech company in India, has announced the rebranding of **PAYBACK India**, the country's largest multi-brand loyalty program, as **'Zillion**.' This move aligns with the company's vision to make Zillion a ubiquitous loyalty and rewards program across the nation. Zillion aims to target customers of all age groups and add a new dimension to their shopping experience across various categories and brands. With the **new brand identity**, the loyalty program will offer customers a wide range of options to earn and redeem rewards at a network of offline and online partners, including groceries, fuel, entertainment, travel, apparel, and more.

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- 64. RBI Imposes Rs 1.73 Crore Penalty On HSBC Bank: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.73 crore on the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd (HSBC Bank) for violating the Credit Information Companies Rules, 2006. The RBI stated that during their examination of the Risk Assessment Report and all related correspondences pertaining to the same, it was discovered that the bank had breached the aforementioned rules.
- India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA) has announced plans to establish an online "Bank Clinic" to assist retail bank customers with grievance redressal. AIBEA General Secretary CH Venkatachalam stated that once a customer files a complaint with the Bank Clinic, AIBEA's team will work with the bank to address the issue. The primary objective of the Bank Clinic is to assist customers with their complaints and to provide feedback to banks on areas where there are service deficiencies. This will assist banks in improving their services and customer satisfaction. The AIBEA hopes that the Bank Clinic will help to establish good relations between customers and banks, resulting in increased customer loyalty.
- 66. AU Small Finance Bank introduces RuPay credit card for self-employed Customers: AU Small Finance Bank has teamed up with RuPay to introduce the Business Cashback RuPay credit card, a novel solution designed to fulfill the financial requirements of self-employed clients. The latest product is intended to provide a wide range of advantages to small enterprises. MD & CEO of AU Small Finance Bank: Sanjay Agarwal Headquarters of AU Small Finance Bank: Jaipur, Rajasthan, India CEO of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI): Dilip Asbe.
- **67.** Export lender Exim Bank Plans to Raise Record \$4 Billion in FY24 for Trade Finance and Term Loans: Export Import Bank of India, commonly known as Exim Bank, plans to raise up to a record \$4 billion in financial year 2023-24 (FY24) for extending trade finance and term loans. The amount will depend on market conditions and Exim, which raised \$3.47 billion in FY23, has a broad investor base and will look at different currencies. **Harsha Bangari**, managing director of the export credit agency, stated that the funds will be used to support the bank's growth plans.
- 68. RBI expects banks to completely stop using LIBOR by July: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has instructed financial institutions and banks to adopt an Alternative Reference Rate, primarily the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR), and end their reliance on the scandal-shrouded London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) and Mumbai Interbank Forward Outright Rate (MIFOR) by July 1. The central bank has said that most new transactions now use SOFR and the Modified Mumbai Interbank Forward Outright Rate (MMIFOR) as benchmarks.
- 69. Bank of Baroda launches Electronic Bank Guarantee on its Digital Platform: Bank of Baroda, a public sector bank, has announced its partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL), a government-backed information utility appointed by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, to launch the Electronic Bank Guarantee (BG) system. The system enables the issuance of

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inland bank guarantees securely and conveniently through the bank's digital platform BarodalNSTA. • MD & CEO of NeSL: **Debajyoti Ray Chaudhuri** • RBI Governor: **Shaktikanta Das**

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 70. Labour Day 2023: Know Date, History And Significance: Labour Day 2023: May 1st is a globally recognized holiday that acknowledges the accomplishments of the labour movement. It is commonly referred to as International Worker's Day or May Day, and is commemorated with a public holiday across more than 80 countries. The celebration, known as Labour Day in several nations, honors the contributions of working individuals to society, emphasizing the importance of work and the strides made by the labour movement.
- 71. World Press Freedom Day 2023 observed on 3rd May: Every year on May 3, we observe World Press Freedom Day to increase understanding about the significance of a press that is free and not influenced by external forces. The occasion emphasizes the importance of unrestricted journalism and advocates for the fundamental right of freedom of speech. This year's World Press Freedom Day focuses on the theme of "Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for All Other Human Rights," which emphasizes the critical role of freedom of expression in safeguarding and promoting other human rights.
- 72. World Asthma Day 2023 observed on 2nd May: World Asthma Day is a yearly event that takes place on the first Tuesday of May. Its aim is to increase awareness and encourage better management and care of asthma on a global scale. The day is coordinated by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) in partnership with healthcare providers, patient groups, and public health agencies. In 2023, World Asthma Day observed on May 2. The Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) has designated "Asthma Care for AII" as the theme for the 2023 World Asthma Day. The majority of asthma-related illnesses and deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries.
- 73. World Athletics Day 2023 observed on 7th May: World Athletics Day, established by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, is celebrated on May 7th each year. The aim of this day is to promote sports and exercise as a means of preventing diseases and maintaining good health. The focus is on encouraging people to participate in athletics and other fitness activities to keep themselves healthy. The theme for World Athletics Day 2023 is "Athletics for All A New Beginning," which focuses on promoting diversity and inclusivity in athletics and making sports accessible to people regardless of their gender, age, ability, or background.
- 74. World Thalassemia Day 2023 celebrates on 08th May: May 8 marks World Thalassaemia Day, which is a special day dedicated to raising awareness about a genetic disorder called Thalassaemia. This disorder causes the body to produce insufficient amounts of haemoglobin, which is essential for carrying oxygen in the blood. Individuals with Thalassaemia inherit this condition, and it results in reduced levels of oxygen-carrying proteins in their blood. The aim of World Thalassaemia Day is to increase understanding and knowledge about this blood disorder and show support for those

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who live with it. The theme for this year's International Thalassaemia Day is "Strengthening Education to Bridge the Thalassaemia Care Gap." The theme is aimed at enhancing the understanding and expertise of individuals affected by the disease, with the goal of narrowing the gap in thalassaemia care.

- World Red Cross Day 2023 observed on 8th May: World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is celebrated annually on May 8th to honor the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, who founded the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and was the first person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is a worldwide humanitarian network that operates in almost every country across the globe. The network offers aid and support to people in need during various emergencies, conflicts, disasters, and other crises. The movement strives to alleviate human suffering, safeguard human dignity, and promote health, peace, and overall well-being. The theme of World Red Cross Day for 2023 is "Everything we do comes from the heart." The objective is to recognize and pay tribute to the people in our communities who are always ready to provide assistance to those in need, often without receiving any acknowledgment or appreciation.
- 76. National Technology Day 2023 Observed on 11th May: Every year on May 11th, India observes National Technology Day to recognize and honor the remarkable accomplishments and contributions of its scientists, engineers, and technologists in the development of the country. This day holds great cultural and historical importance, underscoring India's dedication to innovation and its quest for technological progress. This year's theme is 'School to Startups- Igniting Young Minds to Innovate'.
- 77. International Day of Plant Health 2023 celebrates on 12th May: The United Nations designated 12 May the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) to raise global awareness on how protecting plant health can help end hunger, reduce poverty, protect biodiversity and the environment, and boost economic development. The theme of this year's celebration of International Day of Plant Health is "Plant Health for Environmental Protection,.
- 78. International Nurses Day 2023 Observed on 12th May: International Nurses Day is observed on the 12th of May every year to commemorate the birth of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, who was born on May 12, 1820. Nightingale was a British nurse, statistician, and social reformer who lay the foundation for what we see as modern nursing a structured, methodical process of nursing the sick back to health. International Nurses Day is a Global celebration that acknowledges and celebrates the commitment and bravery of nurses around the world. The theme for International Nurses Day 2023 is 'Our Nurses. Our Future.'
- 79. World Migratory Bird Day 2023 celebrates on May 13: World Migratory Bird Day is a global event held twice a year on the second Saturday of May and October. It brings together bird enthusiasts to promote the conservation of migratory birds and raise awareness about their significance. In 2023, the focus is on water and its importance for these birds. Today, May 13, marks the celebration of World Migratory Bird Day. World Migratory Bird Day 2023 will be officially held on 13 May and 14 October. World Migratory Bird Day 2023 will focus on the topic of water and its importance for migratory birds.

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- **80. Mother's Day 2023: Mother's Day 2023** is a special day that honours and celebrates mothers worldwide. We will commemorate **Mother's Day 2023** on May 14th May. The day holds a significant place in our hearts because it gives us a chance to express our gratitude, love, and appreciation for our mothers.
- 81. UN Global Road Safety Week: May 15-21, 2023: UN Global Road Safety Week is an annual event held in May to raise awareness about road safety and the importance of taking steps to prevent accidents. The week is organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the UN regional commissions, and it is supported by a wide range of partners, including governments, NGOs, businesses, and individuals. The week was first marked in 2007. It was no longer observed until 2013, and it had been recorded every two years since then until 2019. It is a special global road safety campaign hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) that aims to raise awareness about road safety and accident prevention. The 7th UN Global Road Safety Week will take this year from 15-21 May. The theme is sustainable transport, and specifically the need for governments to facilitate a shift to walking, cycling and using public transport. Road safety is both a prerequisite for this shift to happen and an outcome of it. The slogan is #RethinkMobility.
- 82. International Day of Families 2023 observed on 15 May: International Day of Families is celebrated on May 15 to raise awareness of the importance of families and their role in society. The day focuses on the important role that families play in our society while also highlighting the issues faced by them. The International Day of Families is a global observance that is celebrated by countries around the world. In the United States, the day is celebrated by a variety of organizations, including the National Council on Family Relations, the Family Resource Coalition of America, and the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association. The theme of International Day of Families 2023 is 'Demographic Trends and Families'.

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