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MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS JULY – 2023

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- 1. Govt's Ambitious Plan: National Maritime Heritage Complex in Lothal, Gujarat for an estimated cost of ₹4,500 Crore:** Under the Sagarmala program, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways has undertaken the development of a National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) in Lothal, Gujarat. This ambitious project, estimated to cost ₹4,500 crore, aims to establish a world-class facility that highlights India's maritime heritage from ancient to modern times. By adopting an "edutainment approach" utilizing cutting-edge technology, the complex intends to serve as an international tourist destination, spreading awareness about the country's rich maritime legacy.
- 2. UCC: Uniform Civil Code in India:** The Uniform Civil Code (UCC) is a proposed legislation in India that aims to establish uniform personal laws applicable to all individuals, irrespective of their gender, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation. Currently, personal laws are governed by religious texts specific to different communities. The UCC in India aims to safeguard vulnerable communities, including women and religious minorities, as envisioned by Ambedkar, while simultaneously fostering nationalistic fervour via unity. When put into effect, the code will aim to make laws that are currently divided based on religious views, such as the Hindu code bill, Sharia law, and others, simpler.
- 3. India's First Indigenous 700 MW Nuclear Reactor Starts Commercial Operation in Gujarat:** India's first indigenously developed 700 MW nuclear power reactor at the Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP) in Gujarat has successfully commenced commercial operations, marking a significant milestone in the country's nuclear energy sector. The reactor, known as KAPP-3, began operating at 90 percent of its total power capacity on June 30, 2023.
- 4. Tushar Mehta reappointed as Solicitor General of India:** Tushar Mehta, the incumbent Solicitor General of India, has been reappointed for a three-year term by the Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC). Mehta's reappointment, along with six other law officers, was announced after their previous terms in the Supreme Court concluded. The ACC's decision reflects the government's trust in their capabilities to handle the extensive legal matters faced by the country. In addition to Tushar Mehta, six other law officers have been granted extensions as Additional Solicitor Generals (ASGs) in the Supreme Court, however their duration of terms are yet to be issued. These ASGs include Vikramjeet Banerjee, KM Nataraj, Balbir Singh, Suryaprakash V Raju, N Venkatraman, and Aishwarya Bhati. Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) was formed on January 26, 1950. Union Minister for ACC is Amit Shah. Narendra Modi is the Chairperson of ACC. Solicitor General is the second-highest law officer of the country. R. Venkataramani is the current Attorney General for India.

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- 5. Pangong Tso lake:** Both India and China have ramped up infrastructure development on the north bank of Pangong Tso Lake in eastern Ladakh and western Tibet. China is constructing a bridge to connect the north and south banks of the lake, while India is building a black-topped road on its side of the north bank. Pangong Tso Lake is a boomerang shaped landlocked water body. Pangong Tso Lake is situated on the banks of India and China. Pangong Tso Lake is a high altitude salt water lake situated at almost 4,350 metres. Pangong Tso Lake is 5Km wide and 134Km long. One third of Pangong Tso Lake is lying in India and other two-third in China. Pangong Tso Lake is a famous lake of Ladakh which is quite deep with the depth of almost 328 feet. Pangong Tso Lake is not always salty, its eastern part has freshwater and western part is saline in nature. Around 40% of Pangong Tso Lake is situated in India, 50% in Tibet (China) and rest 10% is disputed between the two and is a de facto buffer zone. The Lake has shrunk in size over the past due to geographical reasons. During winter, Pangong Lake freezes and become a point of ice- skating and Polo. There are many islands situated on the Pangong Tso Lake and one of its famous island is Bird Islet. Inner Line Permit is required to visit the Pangong Lake as it is situated at the border of Line of Actual Control. Tourists can rent a boat but can't land on island. China National Highway 219 passes by eastern side of Pangong Lake. The "Khumak Bridges" are the twin bridges over the Pangong Lake, one is smaller and a bigger one for the heavy vehicles, built by China to connect Khumak Bridge of North to Rutog in Southeast which will reduce the distance of 150Kms.
- 6. New Swarnima Scheme For Women:** The Swarnima Scheme is a term loan scheme introduced by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to provide financial assistance to women entrepreneurs from backward classes. The scheme aims to empower women by offering social and financial security through term loans. Implemented by the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) and carried out by State Channelising Agencies (SCAs), the scheme facilitates access to loans of up to ₹2,00,000/- at an interest rate of 5% per annum. To be eligible for the Swarnima Scheme, applicants must meet the following criteria: Gender: The applicant must be a female. Age: The age of the applicant must be between 18 and 55 years. Entrepreneurship: The applicant must be an entrepreneur. Family Income: The total annual family income of the applicant must be less than ₹3,00,000/-.
- 7. 'Mission Vatsalya' scheme for rape victims minor girls:** The Central Government has started a new relief scheme under the 'Mission Vatsalya' scheme in relation to the abandonment of the families of minor girls who are victims of rape when they become pregnant. Mission Vatsalya launched in 2021 by the ministry of Women and Child Development. Mission Vatsalya focused on protection and welfare of children.
- 8. JAPAN INDIA MARITIME EXERCISE 2023 (JIMEX 23):** The seventh edition of the bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2023 (JIMEX 23) is set to take place from 5th to 10th July 2023 in Visakhapatnam, India. This exercise marks the 11th anniversary of JIMEX since its inception in 2012

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and aims to enhance the interoperability and cooperation between the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) and the Indian Navy.

- 9. National Law University Delhi launches 'Eklavya':** National Law University (NLU), Delhi, has recently introduced a pioneering academic initiative called 'Eklavya' – a Research Affiliate programme.
- 10. Bangladesh and India Launch Trade Transactions in Rupees to Reduce Dollar Dependence:** Bangladesh and India have initiated trade transactions in rupees, aiming to reduce reliance on the US dollar and strengthen regional currency and trade. This bilateral trade agreement marks a significant milestone for Bangladesh, moving beyond the US dollar for trade settlement with a foreign country. According to official data, Bangladesh's exports to India amount to USD 2 billion, while imports from India are valued at USD 13.69 billion.
- 11. Rock art in Rudragiri hillock:** In Andhra Pradesh, a fascinating combination of prehistoric rock painting from Mesolithic period and exquisite artwork from the Kakatiya dynasty were found in the Rudragiri hillock. Rudragiri hillock is located in Orvakally village of Guntur district in Andhra Pradesh. It is located amidst of Eastern Ghats. These served as living quarters for people during the Mesolithic age around 5000 B.C. and they bear witness to the luminous rock painting of that era.
- 12. Kaas Plateau in news:** Agharkar Research Institute of in Pune, Maharashtra has conducted a study in which it has revealed significant climate and environmental changes on the Kaas Plateau. The Kaas Plateau, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (2012), is renowned for its seasonal flowers that form a vibrant carpet during August and September. Kaas Plateau is located in the Satara district consists of several varieties of flowers that bloom at a particular season of the year. Kaas Plateau is at a distance of 25 KM from the city of Satara. Kaas Plateau is a part of the Western Ghats Range. It is made of igneous rock
- 13. Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve (RVTR) witnessed the birth of cubs for the first time:** The newly notified Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve (RVTR) witnessed the birth of three cubs for the first time, after a year of reallocation of tigress in the park. Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary was designated a tiger reserve on 5th July 2021 as it was granted in-principle approval by NTCA. It was given a status of wildlife sanctuary in 1982 under a state act named Rajasthan Wild Animals and Birds Protection Act, 1951. It is situated in Bundi district of Rajasthan.
- 14. EXERCISE SALVEX:** The Indian Navy and the US Navy recently concluded the seventh edition of the Salvage and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) exercise, known as SALVEX.
- 15. Abolition of Yol Cantonment in Himachal Pradesh:** Recently, the Ministry of Defence took a significant step towards disbanding cantonments in India with the notification for the abolition of Yol Cantonment in Himachal Pradesh. This move is part of a larger plan to convert military areas into exclusive military stations, while merging civilian areas with neighboring urban local bodies (ULBs). The 62 cantonments spread unevenly across the country are considered archaic colonial legacies that originated after the East India Company's victory in the battle of Plassey. The current administration of cantonments is under cantonment boards, which function as deemed municipalities and perform civic

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duties similar to ULBs. The plan is to carve out the military areas in all cantonments and convert them into "exclusive military stations" with the Army exercising "absolute control" over them. The civilian areas, in turn, will be merged with the local municipalities, which will be responsible for their maintenance among other things.

- 16. PM Modi inaugurates new integrated terminal building of Port Blair airport:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to virtually inaugurate the new integrated terminal building of Veer Savarkar International Airport in Port Blair on July 18 at 10:30 am via video conferencing. The event will witness the presence of Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Minister of State for Road, Transport and Highways and Civil Aviation, General (Retd.) V K Singh, and other senior officials attending the ceremony in person.
- 17. New guidelines for designation of senior advocates in the SC:** The Supreme Court has issued new guidelines for designating senior advocates, replacing the existing 2017 guidelines. Under the new regulations, lawyers with a minimum of 10 years of standing and aged 45 years or above are eligible to apply. The applications will be reviewed by a committee comprising the Chief Justice of India (CJI), two senior most judges, the Attorney General, and a bar representative, who will meet twice a year to assess the candidates. The age criteria may be relaxed by the committee, and the CJI can directly recommend a candidate without considering the age bar. Former chief justices and high court judges are eligible to apply for senior designation, but those who have accepted or agreed to accept any full-time assignment will not be considered for the designation until they hold that assignment.
- 18. Rajasthan Assembly passes Bills on minimum income:** The passage of 'The Rajasthan Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill, 2023' holds immense significance as it seeks to tackle poverty and enhance social security measures for the population. The bill ensures a minimum income for a large segment of the state's population, including those below the poverty line. The government aims to provide comprehensive benefits, such as free medical treatment, accident insurance, free electricity, and subsidized gas cylinders, further improving the financial situation of beneficiaries. The bill ensures all families, regardless of urban or rural background, receive an employment guarantee of 125 days annually and a minimum pension of Rs 1,000 per month for aged, disabled, single women, and more. The pension will be automatically increased at a rate of 15 percent each year to keep pace with inflation and cost of living.
- 19. Top 10 longest highways in India 2023:** India's road network is the second largest intern-connected road network and the national highways are exclusively 1.8% of all Indian roads. According to the report of the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways, there are total 599 national highways in India, over a time, the numbering has been renewed. These national highways connect important agriculture, industrial and cultural centres and the cumulative length of all these national highways is about 132,500kms. The longest National Highway of India is National Highway 44 or NH 44 which starts from Srinagar and terminated at kanyakumari. The smallest nation highway of India is NH 548.

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Rank	National Highway	Distance (in km)	Routh
1.	NH 44 (old NH 7)	3,745	Srinagar to Kanyakumari
2.	NH 27	3,507	Begins from Porbandar in Gujarat and ends in Silchar in Assam
3.	NH 48 (old NH 8)	2,8.07	Delhi to Chennai
4.	NH 52	2,317	Begins from Sangrur in Punjab and ends in Ibrahimpattanam in Andhra Pradesh
5.	NH 30 (old NH 221)	2,040	Begins from Sitarganj in Uttarakhand and ends Ibrahimpattanam in Andhra Pradesh
6.	NH 6	1,873	Jorabat in Megalaya and ends at Selling in Mizoram
7.	NH 53	1,781	Begins from Hazira in Gujarat and ends at Pradip Port in Odisha
8.	NH 16 (old NH 5)	1,711	Begins from east Coast of West Bengal and ends at Chennai in Tamil Nadu
9.	NH 66 (old NH 17)	1,622	Begins from Panvel and ends at Kanyakumari
10.	NH 19 (old NH 20)	1,435	Delhi to Kolkata

20. no-confidence motion: In the Lok Sabha, both the Congress party and K Chandrashekar Rao's Bharat Rashtra Samithi (TRS) separately submitted notices for a no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government. The motion was related to the Manipur issue. Subsequently, the no-confidence motion was accepted by the Speaker. In Lok Sabha, any member of the house has the exclusive right to propose a no-confidence motion. This motion can only be moved if the member believes that the current government lacks a majority. Once the Speaker accepts the motion, the ruling party in the Centre must prove its majority in the House. It is important to note that the opposition parties hold less than 150 seats in the Lower House. Consequently, if they decide to table a no-confidence motion, it is highly likely that they will face defeat due to their limited numerical strength. Additionally, during the debate in Lok Sabha, the time allotted for each party is determined according to its strength in the House. This means that the opposition may not receive substantial debate time due to their smaller representation. In Lok Sabha, for a no-confidence motion to be initiated, a member must submit a written notice of the motion before 10 am. The Speaker will then read out the notice in the House. To proceed with the motion, at least 50 members need to support and accept it. Once accepted, the motion must be scheduled for debate within 10 days from the date of acceptance; otherwise, the motion will fail. During the debate, the ruling government must demonstrate its majority in the House. If the government fails to prove its majority, it will be required to resign from power. This process ensures accountability and provides a mechanism for the House to express its lack of confidence in the ruling government. In the history of Indian politics since Independence, a total of 27 no-confidence motions have been moved in Lok Sabha. The first two no-confidence motions were

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directed against Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru by Congress leader Acharya Kripalani in August 1963. These motions were brought immediately after India's defeat to China in the 1962 war. Indira Gandhi holds the record for facing the highest number of no-confidence motions as Prime Minister, with a total of 15. However, she successfully survived each of these 15 floor tests, managing to retain her position. Other Prime Ministers who faced no-confidence motions include Narasimha Rao (3 motions), Morarji Desai (2 motions), Jawaharlal Nehru, Rajiv Gandhi, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and Narendra Modi, each facing one motion during their respective tenures. The most recent no-confidence motion took place in 2003 when Congress president Sonia Gandhi moved the motion against Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Throughout these motions, most have been defeated in the Lok Sabha, with only two exceptions. In 1979, Prime Minister Morarji Desai had to resign after a successful no-confidence motion, and in 1999, the Vajpayee-led government lost power due to another no-confidence motion. In 2018, the Narendra Modi-led NDA government faced a no-confidence motion and survived it with 195 votes in their favor. The motion garnered support from 135 members, while 330 MPs rejected it, ensuring the government's continuation.

21. Kuki groups seeks separation from Manipur: Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM), the apex body of Kuki tribes, issued a statement calling for a separate state under Article 3 of the Constitution. The ethnic conflict in Manipur originated on May 3 between the Meitei people (valley-based) and the Kuki-Zomi people (hills-based Scheduled Tribe groups). The violence resulted in the forced migration of the two populations, prompting Kuki-Zomi MLAs and various groups to call for separation. Article 3 grants the Parliament the authority to create new states, modify boundaries, and rename existing states in India. It establishes the legal framework for the reorganization of states within the country. Here is the text of Article 3: Parliament may by law. Form a new State by separation of territory from any State or by uniting two or more States or parts of States or by uniting any territory to a part of any State. Increase the area of any State; Diminish the area of any State; Alter the boundaries of any State; Alter the name of any State

22. National Multidimensional Poverty Index 2023: NITI Aayog released the report 'National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A Progress Review 2023'. The report highlighted a record 13.5 crore people have moved out of multidimensional poverty in India between 2015-16 and 2019-21. The MPI considers three dimensions: health, education, and standard of living. It includes indicators such as nutrition, child and adolescent mortality, maternal care, years of schooling, school attendance, cooking fuel, sanitation, drinking water, electricity, housing, bank accounts, and assets. India has witnessed a substantial decline in multidimensional poverty, with a decrease of 9.89 percentage points from 24.85% in 2015-16 to 14.96% in 2019-21. Rural areas experienced the fastest decline, from 32.59% to 19.28%, while urban areas saw a reduction from 8.65% to 5.27%. UP recorded the largest decline in the number of poor, with 3.43 crore people escaping multidimensional poverty. The states of UP, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Rajasthan showed the fastest reduction in the proportion of

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multidimensional poor. The report indicates that India is on track to achieve SDG Target 1.2, which aims to reduce multidimensional poverty by at least half by 2030.

- 23. India secures 80th rank in Henley Passport Index:** India has seen an improvement in its ranking on the Henley Passport Index 2023, climbing seven places to the 80th position from 87 last year. However, despite the rise in ranking, the number of countries allowing visa-free access to Indian passport holders remains the same. The Henley Passport Index is a global ranking system that measures the strength and value of passports from different countries. It is published by Henley & Partners, a global residence and citizenship advisory firm. The index provides an annual ranking of passports based on the number of countries and territories their holders can travel to without requiring a visa or with visa-on-arrival access. Singapore has replaced Japan as the country with the most powerful passport, allowing its citizens visa-free access to 192 out of 227 travel destinations globally. Japan, previously holding the top position for five years, dropped to third place on the Henley Passport Index. Germany, Italy, and Spain share the second position. The third position is shared by Austria, Finland, France, Luxembourg, South Korea, and Sweden.
- 24. Phangnon Konyak becomes first woman MP from Nagaland to preside over Rajya Sabha:** S Phangnon Konyak, a distinguished BJP leader and Nagaland's first female Rajya Sabha MP, achieved a historic feat as she took on the role of presiding over the Rajya Sabha. This remarkable milestone in her political journey marks her as the first woman from Nagaland to assume this prestigious position. In addition to being the first female Rajya Sabha MP in April 2022, S. Phangnon Konyak achieved another groundbreaking milestone on July 17, 2023, by becoming the inaugural woman member to be appointed to the panel of vice-chairpersons. To promote gender equality, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, the Chairman of Rajya Sabha, took a remarkable initiative by nominating four women members, constituting 50% of the total, to the panel of Vice-Chairpersons. This marks the first instance in the history of the Upper House where women members have received equal representation in the panel of Vice-Chairpersons. The other accomplished women members appointed to the panel include PT Usha, S Phangnon Konyak, Dr. Fauzia Khan from the Nationalist Congress Party, and Sulata Deo from the Biju Janata Dal.
- 25. PM Modi launches Urea Gold for farmers:** PM Modi during his visit in Rajasthan launched a new type of Urea called "Urea Gold" which is coated with sulphur that can help improve the soil quality and reduce the expenses of the farmers. PM Modi during his visit in Sikar , Rajasthan states that the government will not allow the farmers to suffer due to the prices of Urea, farmers in India will get a sack of urea of Rs.226, it is available for about Rs.800 in Pakistan, for Rs.720 in Bangladesh and Rs.2100 in China. Urea Gold is a new variety of Urea that is coated with sulphur, which is expected to address sulphur deficiencies in the soil. Urea Gold which is considered as "innovative fertilizer" is more economical and efficient than neem-coated urea. Urea Gold will ensure improved nitrogen use efficiency, reduced consumption and enhanced crop quality.

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- 26. Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign to be launched in run-up to Independence Day:** On 30th July, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of "Meri Mati Mera Desh" campaign in run-up to Independence Day to honor the martyred bravehearts of the country. During the campaign of "Meri Mati Mera Desh", an Amrit Kalash Yatra will also be taken out. This 'Amrit Kalash Yatra' will reach Delhi, carrying the soil in 7,500 Kalash from villages and various corners of the country. This yatra will also carry plants from various parts of the country. An 'Amrit Vatika' will be built close to the National War Memorial from these 7,500 Kalash of soil and plants.
- 27. List of Indian Nobel laureates:** There are total nine Nobel Prize winners from India from 1913 to 2023. The first Indian to win this prestigious award was Rabindranath Tagore which was given to him in 1913 for his profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful verse. The Nobel Prize is honored in memory of Swedish scientist Alfred Nobel and was started in the year 1901. This prestigious award is usually offered in six different fields, that is literature, Physics, Chemistry, Economic, Science, Peace and Physiology or Medicine. When Alfred Nobel died in 1896, in his will he passed on his asset to be used for the establishment of prizes which are names "Nobel Prizes". The Nobel Prize was first awarded in 1901. In 1968, a central bank of Sweden, that is, Sveriges Riksbank funded the establishment of the Nobel Prize for Economic Sciences. From then onwards, the Nobel Prizes are awarded in six different fields

Sr. No.	Nobel Prize Winners	Category	Year
1.	Rabindranath Tagore	Literature	1913
2.	CV Raman	Physics	1930
3.	Har Govind Khurana	Medicine	1968
4.	Mother Teresa	Peace	1979
5.	Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar	Physics	1983
6.	Amartya Sen	Economics	1998
7.	Venkatraman Ramakrishnan	Chemistry	2009
8.	Kailash Satyarthi	Peace	2014
9.	Abhijit Banerjee	Economics	2019

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- 28. New Zealand becomes first country to ban plastic produce bags:** New Zealand has taken a momentous step towards reducing plastic waste by becoming the first country to implement a complete ban on thin plastic bags commonly used in supermarkets for fruit and vegetable purchases. Moreover, this move will extend beyond bags, as it also includes banning of plastic straws and silverware. This significant move aligns with the government's ongoing campaign against single-use plastics, which

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began in 2019 with the prohibition of thicker plastic shopping bags. Lightweight bags, typically used to collect fruits and vegetables at supermarkets, have detrimental effects on the environment. It contributes to the escalating problem of plastic pollution worldwide. By banning their production and distribution, New Zealand has become the first country to outlaw the use of plastic bags. The country aims to significantly curb plastic waste and promote sustainable alternatives.

29. Iran Becomes Full Member of SCO: Iran's formal inclusion as a full member of the SCO during the India-hosted virtual summit signifies the organization's continued growth and influence. Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and the people of Iran on Iran's full membership in the SCO. He also welcomed Belarus' SCO membership, as indicated by the signing of the Memorandum of Obligations. As the current chair of the SCO, India hosted the summit. Prime Minister Modi chaired the virtual meeting, which included the participation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and other leaders from SCO member states. SCO was founded in 2001 at a summit in Shanghai, China, by the presidents of Russia, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. India and Pakistan became permanent members of the SCO in 2017, further expanding the organization's reach and influence. Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) is a specialized body within the SCO that coordinates and facilitates intelligence sharing and counter-terrorism operations among member states. SCO is an international organization founded in 2001. It is primarily focused on promoting cooperation and regional stability among its member states. The SCO originated from the Shanghai Five mechanism, which was established in 1996 to resolve border disputes and promote mutual trust among China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. Uzbekistan joined the organization in 2001, leading to its formation as the SCO. IRAN becomes full member of SCO.

30. International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2023) Inaugurated in New Delhi: Promoting a Green Hydrogen Ecosystem: The three-day International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2023) commenced in New Delhi, organized by the Government of India. The conference aims to establish a Green Hydrogen ecosystem and discuss advancements in the green hydrogen value chain. It brings together global leaders from scientific, policy, academic, and industrial sectors to foster innovation and sustainability in the industry. The conference aligns with India's National Green Hydrogen Mission, a mission aimed at achieving India's Net Zero target by 2070. India has already sourced 40% of its energy from non-fossil fuel sources, surpassing the 2030 target. The National Hydrogen Mission aims to produce at least 5 million metric tonnes of green hydrogen annually by 2030. This requires significant electrolyser and renewable energy capacity. Achieving these targets could reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 50 MMT per year, create 600,000 jobs, and attract \$100 billion in investments.

31. Meta launches "Threads" Twitter killer app: Meta, the owner of Instagram, has introduced a new social media platform called Threads. With Twitter facing instability under its billionaire owner Elon Musk, Meta aims to capitalize on the situation. Threads is now accessible in more than 100 countries

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through the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Like Twitter, users can share brief text messages that can be liked, reposted, and responded to. However, Threads does not include direct messaging features. Users can create posts on Threads with up to 500 characters, as well as share links, photos, and videos up to five minutes in length. Meta : Founders: Mark Zuckerberg; Headquarters: Menlo Park, California, United States; Founded: February 2004, Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States.

- 32. PM Modi to be guest of honour for French military parade:** Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited as the guest of honour for France's Bastille Day celebrations, which will take place on July 14. The Bastille Day military parade will witness the participation of Indian forces, emphasizing the strengthening strategic alliance between France and India. Bastille Day, celebrated annually on July 14, holds historical significance for France. It commemorates the storming of the Bastille prison by revolutionary insurgents in 1789, a pivotal event in the French Revolution.
- 33. Australia picks first female central bank head to shepherd through reform:** Australia has appointed the first female head of its central bank, passing over the current governor to elevate his deputy to the high-profile job amid a public backlash over steeply rising interest rates. Australian Treasurer Jim Chalmers and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced Michele Bullock would head the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) for the next seven years, having chosen not to reappoint Governor Philip Lowe for a second term. Bullock, 60, joined the RBA in 1985 with a masters from the London School of Economics and is widely respected by analysts.
- 34. China launched world's first methane-fuelled space rocket:** A private Chinese company launched the World's first methane-fuelled space rocket into orbit named "Zhuque-2"
- 35. Ubinas Volcano:** Ubinas is an active stratovolcano located in the Moquegua Region of southern Peru, approximately 60 kilometers east of the city of Arequipa. It is part of the Central Volcanic Zone of the Andes and stands at an elevation of 5,672 meters above sea level. The "Ring of Fire": The region where Ubinas is situated falls within the "Ring of Fire," an area around the Pacific Ocean known for its high volcanic and seismic activity.
- 36. India donates \$1 million to promote Hindi at UN:** India has donated \$1 million to the United Nations to support the promotion of the Hindi language. The introduction of Hindi at the UN can be attributed to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who, in 1977, became the first Indian official to address the UN in Hindi when he served as the external affairs minister. The United Nations initially began with three widely spoken languages: English, French, and Spanish, carried over from its predecessor, the League of Nations, along with Russian and Chinese, the languages of the two permanent members. Arabic was later added as an official language in 1973.
- 37. India supports U.N. on Black Sea initiative:** India has thrown its weight behind the United Nations' efforts to continue the Black Sea Grain initiative and has called for a swift resolution to the impasse. The Black Sea Initiative holds significant importance for Ukraine's agricultural sector, known as "Europe's breadbasket," which faces disruptions due to the Russian invasion in February 2022. Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 disrupted the Black Sea trade route, historically

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responsible for 90% of Ukraine's grain exports. This interference, coupled with other challenges like droughts and COVID-19 supply disruptions, put immense pressure on the global food supply, leading to fears of a potential hunger crisis and surging food prices.

- 38. Typhoon Talim Disrupts Hong Kong:** The name 'Talim' has been used for four tropical cyclones in the Western Pacific Ocean. The name was contributed by the Philippines and is a Filipino word meaning "a sharp or cutting edge" The most powerful tropical cyclone ever recorded in history: Super Typhoon 'Haiyan' in 2013
- 39. North Korea tested its latest Hwasong-18:** North Korea recently tested its latest intercontinental ballistic missile (IBM) – Hwasong-18. Hwasong-18 is a three stage solid-fuelled intercontinental ballistic missile (IBM) developed by North Korea.
- 40. India Extends UPI Payments to France, Empowering Indian Tourists:** On July 13, 2023, during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to France, India and France signed a ground breaking agreement that allows Indian tourists to use India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for transactions in rupees. The move is set to revolutionize the payment experience for Indian tourists in France, eliminating the need to carry foreign currency and offering convenience and flexibility. France is the latest addition to the list of countries that have embraced the UPI system for cross-border transactions. Prior to this agreement, UPI had already established itself in countries like Singapore, Bhutan, Nepal, and the UAE. Countries that have adopted different forms of Indian payment systems include France, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Singapore, Maldives, Bhutan, and Oman. This means that Indian users can now use UPI, RuPay, and other digital payment channels in these countries, making transactions easier and more convenient.
- 41. India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway Project:** India-Myanmar-Thailand Highway is a significant regional connectivity project aims to establish a road link between India, Myanmar and Thailand. The total distance of this highway is approximately 1,400 km (845 miles) which starts from Moreh in Manipur, India and passes through Myanmar and ends at Mae Sot in Thailand. It was first proposed by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and was approved at ministerial-level meeting between India, Myanmar and Thailand in 2002. The construction work of this highway began in 2012 and is being implemented in several phases. The India-Myanmar Friendship Road forms the first segment of this highway which starts from the border at Tamu/Moreh to Kalemyo and Kalewa. India also plans to add a new connection to the IMT highway by upgrading the route from Zokhawthar in Mizoram to Tedim in the Chin state of Myanmar.
- 42. Japan becomes second Quad partner to sign semiconductor pact with India:** In a significant move, India and Japan have solidified their partnership by signing an agreement to jointly develop the semiconductor ecosystem. The deal aims to bolster the resilience of the global supply chain, particularly in the crucial semiconductor industry. This marks Japan as the second Quad partner, after the United States, to join hands with India in this endeavor.

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- 43. Admiral Lisa Franchetti becomes first woman to lead US Navy:** The nomination of Admiral Lisa Franchetti served as significant milestone in the history of U.S. Navy, becomes first woman to serve as the Chief of Naval Operations and member of Joint Chiefs of Staffs.
- 44. WHO identifies first case of MERS-CoV in UAE this year:** WHO has identified the first case of MERS-CoV in 28-year old male from United Arab Emirates (UAE). WHO stated that the patient is a resident of Al Ain city in Abu Dhabi. The first case of MERS-CoV was reported in UAE in 2013. Till date, UAE has reported 94 confirmed cases and 12 deaths. Globally, the total number of cases of MERS-CoV since 2012 is 2,605 including 936 associated deaths.
- 45. Cambodia's Hun Sen to resign after four decades and appoint son as PM:** Cambodia's Prime Minister, Hun Sen recently announced his decision to step down and appoint his eldest son, Hun Manet, as the new prime minister. Despite leaving the prime ministerial position, Hun Sen will continue to hold leadership roles as the head of the ruling Cambodian People's Party and as a member of the National Assembly. Hun Manet, currently the deputy commander-in-chief of the armed forces, will assume the role of the new prime minister on August 22, 2023. Hun Sen's 38-year tenure in power is recognized for achieving peace and elevating Cambodia to a middle-income status, enhancing healthcare, education, and infrastructure. Throughout his rule, he has persistently strived to foster national reconciliation. Furthermore, he has not faced any accusations of corruption within his ranks, despite claims made over the years by opposition politicians, rights groups, and environmental activists.

APPOINTMENTS

- 46. President appoints two new judges in Supreme Court:** Telangana Chief Justice Ujjal Bhuyan and Kerala Chief Justice S. Venkatanarayana Bhatti have been appointed as judges of the Supreme Court by the President. These appointments were made shortly after the Supreme Court Collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, recommended their names to the government. The Collegium System of Supreme Court is headed by the CJI (Chief Justice of India) and comprises four other senior most judges of the court. A High Court collegium is led by the incumbent Chief Justice and two other senior most judges of that court. Judges of the higher judiciary are appointed only through the collegium system and the government has a role only after names have been decided by the collegium. Supreme Court of India HQ: New Delhi; Established: 26 January 1950.
- 47. Justice Alok Aradhe took oath as Chief Justice of Telangana High Court in Hyderabad:** Justice Alok Aradhe sworn in as Chief Justice of Telangana High Court on 23rd July by governor Tamilisai Soundararajan at an event held at Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad.
- 48. Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya appointed as Chief Justice of Bombay High Court:** The appointment of Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya as the new chief justice of Bombay High Court has been

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officially notified by the Central Government, while Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur has been appointed as the chief justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court.

AWARDS

- 49. PM Modi conferred with France's highest award Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the first Indian Prime Minister to have been conferred with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour, France's highest civilian and military honour, by French President Emmanuel Macron. Mr. Modi received the honour at the Elysee Palace here on, July 13, 2023, and joined the ranks of other prominent world leaders such as the former president of South Africa Nelson Mandela, King Charles – the then Prince of Wales, former Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, former Secretary General of the United Nations, among others. Established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, The Legion of Honour is divided into five classes (lower to higher). The colour of the ribbon is red and the badge is a five-armed Maltese asterisk hung on an oak and laurel wreath. Although the membership to the award is restricted to French nationals, foreign nationals who serve France or uphold its ideals may also be given a distinction of the Legion.
- 50. President of India to present the "Bhoomi Samman" 202:** On July 18, 2023, the President of India will bestow the prestigious "Bhoomi Samman" awards at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The awards will be presented to 9 State Secretaries and 68 District Collectors, along with their teams, who have demonstrated exceptional achievements in implementing the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) – a crucial component of governance. The Department of Land Resources has achieved 94% digitization targets pan-India. The aim is to achieve 100% saturation of the core components of digitization of land records in all districts of the country by March 31, 2024. The Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) is considered the core of governance. Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Shri Giriraj Singh, emphasized the significance of the event for Revenue and Registration functionaries. For the first time in the last 75 years, they will receive the "Bhoomi Samman" for their outstanding performance
- 51. Prof Thalappil Pradeep wins the prestigious International Eni Award:** Prof. Thalappil Pradeep from the Department of Chemistry at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras has been honored with the prestigious 'Eni Award,' a highly regarded global recognition for scientific research in the fields of energy and environment. Established in 2007, this is the 15th edition of the Eni Award. The President of Italy is expected to present him with the award in the near future. Prof. T. Pradeep's exceptional work revolves around developing affordable and clean water solutions through the use of advanced materials.

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- 52. Cricketer Ajit Agarkar appointed chairman of Senior Men's Selection Committee:** The Senior Men's Selection Committee now consists of Ajit Agarkar (Chairperson), Shiv Sundar Das, Subroto Banerjee, Salil Ankola, and Sridharan Sharath. The appointment of Ajit Agarkar comes at a crucial juncture as Team India is recovering from the massive defeat in World Test Championship Finals and is preparing for the ICC World Cup 2023 in October-November.
- 53. 132nd Durand Cup tournament to be organized in Kolkata:** The 132nd edition of the Durand Cup, India's oldest football tournament is scheduled to commence at Kolkata from 03 August to 03 September 2023. The tournament's Trophy Tour, which was flagged off on June 30, 2023, marks a significant milestone in the history of the Durand Cup. With the participation of foreign teams after a hiatus of 27 years, the upcoming edition is poised to be an extraordinary spectacle for football enthusiasts. One of the most exciting aspects of the 132nd edition of the Durand Cup is the participation of foreign teams. After a gap of 27 years, teams from Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh are set to compete alongside their Indian counterparts. This inclusion not only adds a diverse flavor to the tournament but also strengthens regional sporting ties and promotes football as a unifying force across borders. The tournament's decision to open its doors to all club teams showcases its commitment to fostering a global sporting community. The Durand Cup holds a prestigious position in the realm of football, both nationally and globally. Established in 1888 at Dagshaj, Himachal Pradesh, it is recognized as the world's third oldest and Asia's oldest football tournament. The tournament derives its name from Mortimer Durand, the Foreign Secretary in charge of India during its inception. Initially, the tournament was exclusively meant for British soldiers but was eventually extended to include civilians, highlighting the inclusive nature of the event.
- 54. India bags 11 medals in World Archery Youth Championships, 2023:** India has secured the second position with an impressive haul of 11 medals, including six gold, one silver, and four bronze in the recently concluded biannual event, 2023 World Archery Youth Championships in Limerick, Ireland. Parth Salunkhe, a rising Indian archer created history by becoming the first Indian male archer to win the Youth World Championship in the recurve category. A grand total of 518 archers (comprising 277 men and 241 women) from 58 different countries participated in both individual and team events. 2025 Archery Youth Championships to be held in: Winnipeg, Canada.
- 55. Wimbledon 2023 Women's Final; Marketa Vondrousova beats Ons Jabeur:** Marketa Vondrousova becomes Wimbledon champion, the first unseeded player to do so in the Open Era. She beats last year's runner-up Ons Jabeur 6-4, 6-4 in the final. Marketa Vondrousova is the first unseeded player to do so in the Open Era.
- 56. Wimbledon 2023 Final: Carlos Alcaraz beats Novak Djokovic:** Wimbledon 2023 men's singles final in which Carlos Alcaraz beat four-time defending champion Novak Djokovic 1-6, 7-6(6), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 to win his maiden title at The Championships. The action as it unfolded on Centre Court at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London, England.

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- 57. Australia pull out as Commonwealth Games 2026 host:** Australia's Victoria state has withdrawn as host of the 2026 Commonwealth Games because of a massive increase in the projected cost of staging the multi-sports event. Victoria Premier Daniel Andrews said his government last year agreed to host the next edition of the quadrennial event "but not at any cost." He said his government had initially budgeted 2.6 billion Australian dollars (\$2.39 billion) to stage the Games in five regional cities but recent estimates put the potential cost as high as 7 billion Australian dollars (\$6.3 billion).
- 58. FIFA Ranking Announced, India Placed 99th In Latest Ranking:** In the latest FIFA Men's World Rankings update, India has been ranked 99th, showing progress in international football. The Indian team, known as the Blue Tigers, recently achieved notable victories, securing both the Intercontinental Cup and the SAFF Championship. Their impressive performance led to a one-spot climb in the rankings. India's highest FIFA ranking ever was 94, achieved back in February 1996. Interestingly, the top ten rankings remain unchanged, dominated entirely by European and South American teams. In the latest FIFA rankings, Argentina continues to hold the top spot, followed by France and Brazil in second and third place, respectively. The next positions are closely contested by England, Belgium, and Croatia, securing the 4th, 5th, and 6th ranks.
- 59. Shah Rukh Khan appointed as the brand ambassador of ICC World Cup 2023:** Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan has been appointed as the brand ambassador of ICC World Cup 2023. Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan launched the World Cup 2023 campaign 'It takes one day' in his iconic voiceover. The World Cup 2023 will be held in India from October 5 to November 19, 2023. India will start their world cup campaign against Australia on October 8 and the Rohit Sharma led side will take on Pakistan at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on October 15.
- 60. Virat Kohli becomes 5th highest run-scorer in international cricket:** Star India batter Virat Kohli has surpassed South Africa's Jacques Kallis to become the fifth-highest run-scorer in international cricket history. Kohli achieved this upward movement in the batting charts during India's second Test against West Indies at Port of Spain. On the first day of the match, which is also his 500th international game.

SR.NO	PLAYER	COUNTRY	MATCHES	RUNS	AVERAGE	BEST SCORE	100/50
1	Sachin Tendulkar	India	664	34,357	48.52	248*	100/164
2	Kumar Sangakkara	Sri Lanka	594	28,016	46.77	319	63/153
3	Ricky Ponting	Australia	560	27,483	45.95	257	71/146
4	Mahela Jayawardene	Sri Lanka	652	25,957	39.15	374	54/136

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5	Virat Kohli	India	500*	25,548	53.67	254*	75/132
6	Jacques Kallis	South Africa	519	25,534	49.10	224	62/149
7	Rahul Dravid	India	509	24,208	45.41	270	48/146
8	Brian Lara	West Indies	430	22,358	46.28	400*	53/111
9	Sanath Jayasuriya	Sri Lanka	586	21,032	34.14	340	42/103

61. Stuart Broad, the second fast bowler to take 600 wickets in Test cricket: England's Stuart Broad has become the second pace bowler to take 600 wickets in Test cricket. The 36 year cricketer reached the mark by removing Australia's Travis Head on day one of the fourth Ashes Test at Old Trafford. England team-mate James Anderson is the only other quick bowler to achieve the feat. Broad is fifth on the all-time list and Anderson third, with spinners Muttiah Muralitharan, Shane Warne and Anil Kumble completing the top five. Broad made his debut against Sri Lanka in Colombo 2007, going on to make 166 Test appearances till date and be part of four Ashes-winning sides.

BANKING, FINANCE, ECONOMY & BUSINESS

62. RBI Grants Non-Banking Institution License to Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank, Cancels Banking Permit: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) made a significant announcement on June 27, revoking the banking permit of Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank Ltd in Dharwad, Karnataka. However, in a subsequent move, the RBI granted the institution a non-banking institution license, allowing it to continue its operations.

63. IDFC First Bank to Merge with IDFC Ltd in 155:100 Share Exchange Ratio: IDFC First Bank and IDFC Ltd have announced their merger plans, with a share exchange ratio of 155 equity shares of IDFC First Bank for every 100 equity shares of IDFC. The merger aims to simplify the corporate structure, increase the book value per share, and streamline regulatory compliances. The merger is expected to be completed in the current financial year, subject to unforeseen circumstances **Key facts about IDFC First Bank:** IDFC First Bank is a prominent banking institution in India. The bank was formed through the merger of IDFC Bank Ltd and Capital First Ltd in December 2018. IDFC First Bank has witnessed significant growth in its deposit franchise, with a 4-year compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 36 percent. As of March 31, 2023, the bank's deposit franchise reached Rs. 1.36 lakh crore. The bank has focused on increasing its current account and savings account (CASA) ratio, which improved from 8.6 percent at the time of the merger to 49.77 percent by March 2023. The merger with IDFC Ltd aims to simplify the corporate structure by consolidating IDFC FHCL, IDFC Limited, and IDFC First Bank into a single entity. The merger is expected to increase the book value per share of IDFC First Bank by 4.9 percent, based on audited financials as of March 31, 2023.

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The merger will help create a diversified shareholder base, similar to other large private sector banks, with no promoter holding. IDFC Limited, through its non-financial holding company, currently holds a 39.93% shareholding in IDFC First Bank.

- 64. Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) Loans Witness 23% Disbursal Increase in Q1 FY24:** The disbursal of loans under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) in India has seen a significant increase, reaching ₹81,597 crore in the first quarter of FY24. This marks a notable 23% growth compared to ₹62,650 crore disbursed in the same quarter last year. Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) is a flagship scheme launched by the Government of India in 2015 to provide financial support to small and micro-enterprises. PMMY offers loans under three categories: a. Shishu: Loans up to ₹50,000. b. Kishor: Loans above ₹50,000 and up to ₹5 lakh. c. Tarun: Loans above ₹5 lakh and up to ₹10 lakh. The rapid growth in Mudra loans raises concerns about a potential increase in non-performing assets (NPAs) if not carefully managed.
- 65. RBI Releases Draft Circular on Credit Card Network Portability:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has unveiled a draft regulation that grants debit, credit, and prepaid cardholders the authority to select their desired card network, marking a potentially revolutionary development on a global scale. Card network portability enables consumers to transfer their card accounts from one network to another, similar to how we can switch mobile service providers while retaining the same phone number. With card network portability, cardholders have the flexibility to migrate to a different payment network while keeping their existing card accounts, balances, and credit history intact.
- 66. Manoj Ahuja launched a new campaign called BHARAT for Banks under Agri Infra Fund:** Agriculture Secretary of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Manoj Ahuja launched a new campaign for banks under Agri Infra Fund name BHARAT (Banks Heralding Accelerated Rural & Agriculture Transformation). The scheme aims to provide medium-long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects related to post-harvest management infrastructure and community farm assets. This scheme provides interest subvention and financial assistance. The scheme has been launched for a total of 10 years from FY2020 to FY2032.
- 67. India Needs Average Annual 7.6% GDP Growth To Become Developed By 2047: RBI:** The Reserve Bank of India, in its monthly bulletin, has outlined the significant growth targets India must achieve over the next 25 years to become a developed economy with high per capita income. Currently estimated at \$2,500, India's per capita income needs to surpass \$21,664 by 2047, as per World Bank standards, to be classified as a high-income country. To achieve this ambitious goal, the country must maintain a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.6% in real GDP during 2023-24 to 2047-48.
- 68. RBI Includes 'NongHyup Bank' In The List Of Scheduled Banks Under Schedule II of RBI Act, 1934:** In a recent notification, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the addition of "NongHyup Bank" to the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934. This significant move marks a pivotal moment for NongHyup Bank, which hails from Jung-gu, Seoul, South Korea, and has been actively

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operating in India since its establishment in 2016. The inclusion in the Second Schedule is set to enhance the bank's presence and further its financial endeavors in the Indian market. NongHyup Bank, established in 2012, emerged as a detached entity from its previous ownership and is currently owned by the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF). With its roots deeply embedded in the agricultural sector, the bank has been serving the financial needs of farmers and the rural community in South Korea. This strategic move not only strengthens NongHyup Bank's position in the Indian banking landscape but also fosters stronger economic ties between South Korea and India. By facilitating agricultural finance and rural development, NongHyup Bank's presence in India is expected to contribute positively to both nations' agricultural sectors.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 69. International Plastic Bag Free Day 2023:** International Plastic Bag Free Day is observed every year on July 3rd to increase awareness about the detrimental effects of disposable plastic bags on the environment.
- 70. International Day of Cooperatives 2023:** The International Day of Cooperatives is commemorated on July 1st and is celebrated on the first Saturday of July. This significant event unites people, communities, and organizations worldwide to honor the impressive influence of cooperative businesses. The designated theme for the International Day of Cooperatives 2023 is “**Cooperatives for Sustainable Development.**”
- 71. National Doctor's Day 2023:** National Doctor's Day is celebrated every year on July 1 in India to honour doctors across the country and in the memory of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy. In India National Doctor's Day was established in 1991 to honour Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy who was also Chief Minister of West Bengal from 1948 to 1962. He was a friend and personal doctor of Mahatma Gandhi and had treated him in 1942 during Quit India Movement.
- 72. Dharma Chakra Day is celebrated on 3rd July to commemorate Buddha's first teaching:** At the Dharma Chakra Divas (3rd July), President of India highlighted the importance of Buddha's teachings and called upon their attention to take inspiration from them. The Ministry of Culture, government of India in partnership with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) celebrated Dharma Chakra Day. Dharma Chakra Day is the second important day for the Buddhist after Buddha Purnima. Dharma Chakra Day marks the beginning of the rainy season. This day is called by different names at different places i.e. Asadha Purnima at India, Esala Poya at Sri Lanka and Asanha Bucha at Thailand.
- 73. World Population Day:** World Population Day is commemorated annually on July 11th to raise awareness and educate individuals about the challenges and consequences associated with global population growth. According to United Nations, the theme for this year's World Population Day is – Unleashing the Power of gender equality: Uplifting the voices of women and girls to unlock our world's infinite possibilities.

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- 74. International Malala Day:** International Malala Day is observed on July 12 each year to honor the bravery and activism of Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani advocate for girls' education and the youngest person to receive the Nobel Prize. Malala Yousafzai was born on July 12, 1997, in Mingora, Pakistan. In 2007, the Taliban took control of her city and implemented a ban on girls attending school. Despite this, in 2009, Malala started writing for the B.B.C. Urdu, using the platform to advocate for girls' education. The theme of fame is prominent in the book "I Am Malala,"
- 75. NABARD Foundation Day 2023:** The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) celebrated its 42nd Foundation Day on July 12, 2023. The day was marked by a series of events across the country, including a webinar on the theme of "NABARD: 42 Years of Rural Transformation." key points about NABARD: It was established in 1982 by the Indian government. It is the apex institution for the entire rural credit system in India. It has two main functions: financial and developmental. It is governed by a board of directors. Its authorised capital has been increased from Rs. 5,000 crore to Rs. 30,000 crore.
- 76. World Youth Skills Day 2023:** World Youth Skills Day, observed annually on July 15th since 2014 as declared by the United Nations, serves the purpose of recognizing the significance of imparting young individuals with the necessary skills for employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship. The theme for World Youth Skills Day 2023 is Skilling teachers, trainers and youth for a transformative future.
- 77. Nelson Mandela International Day 2023:** Nelson Mandela day is observed on July 18 every year. The United Nations (UN) had in 2009 declared July 18 as Nelson Mandela Day to honour Nelson Mandela, a South African anti-apartheid activist who served as the first President from 1994 to 1999. Mandela was the first black head of state and was the first elected President in a fully democratic election in South Africa. The Day will also enlighten his transitional steps to defeat multiracial democracy in South Africa. This article entitles the history and significance of this day authentically. With the theme Climate, Food & Solidarity, we are calling on our partners and the public to take action against climate change and create food-resilient environments in solidarity with communities across the world facing crisis due to climate change. This day is also known as '46664' and was originally launched to create awareness about HIV/AIDS. 46664 was a series of AIDS benefit concerts played in honour of Nelson Mandela by South African and foreign musicians between 2003 and 2008.
- 78. World Chess Day 2023:** Every year 20 July is observed as World Chess Day to commemorate the establishment of Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE) or World Chess Federation in 1924. Also known as International Chess Day, the day is celebrated by over six hundred million regular chess players around the world. Considered as old as 1500 years, it is speculated that the game of Chess originated in India and was known by the name 'Chaturanga'. Today there are over 2,000 identifiable variants of the game. One theory is that an early game similar to chess called Chaturanga originated in Northern Indian Subcontinent during the Gupta period (~ 319 – 543 CE) and spread along the Silk Roads west to Persia.

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- 79. National Broadcasting Day 2023:** On July 23rd, India commemorates National Broadcasting Day to honor the profound influence of radio in our lives. This significant day marks the inception of India's first-ever radio broadcast, known as "All India Radio (AIR)." On July 23, 1927, All India Radio was founded as a private company called "Indian Broadcasting Company Ltd (IBC)," and this date became the basis for celebrating National Broadcasting Day, established in 1936. Later, on June 8, 1936, IBC was transformed into All India Radio (AIR). In 1956, the name "Akashvani" was officially adopted for AIR, inspired by Rabindranath Tagore's 1938 poem titled "Akashvani," which translates to "voice or announcement from the skies".
- 80. Kargil Vijay Diwas 2023:** Kargil Vijay Diwas 2023 is celebrated annually across the country on July 26th to pay tribute to the bravery and valor of the Indian soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for the country during the Kargil War in 1999. The day commemorates the victory of Operation Vijay, which was a significant military victory over Pakistan during the Kargil War in 1999. The Kargil War was fought between May-July of 1999 in the Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir along the Line of Control (LoC) in which India got victory. The Kargil war was fought for more than 60 days and ended on 26 July.
- 81. World Hepatitis Day 2023:** Every year on July 28th, the world observes World Hepatitis Day to raise global awareness about hepatitis. Hepatitis virus has five commonly known strains: Type A, B, C, D and E. All of them affect the liver but there are some key differences in origin, transmission and severity of the disease. Hepatitis can be preventable with immunization and manageable, but there is no cure at present. World Hepatitis Day is observed each year on 28 July to raise awareness on viral hepatitis, and this year's theme is 'one life, one liver'.
- 82. International Tiger Day 2023:** International Tiger Day has been observed annually on July 29th. The ultimate goal is to establish a comprehensive international system dedicated to safeguarding tigers and their natural habitats. When we ensure a safe and flourishing environment for tigers, it also means preserving other species and protecting our forests.
- 83. World Ranger Day 2023:** World Ranger Day, observed on July 31st, holds a significant place as we come together to honor and express our gratitude towards the brave individuals who dedicate their lives to safeguarding wildlife and preserving our precious natural resources. The theme of World Ranger Day 2023 is "30 by 30,"

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