

# TEACHERS' VISION

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## MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS DECEMBER – 2023

### DATES & DAYS

- **1 DECEMBER – WORLD AIDS DAY**  
THEME- “Let Communities Lead”.  
It was first observed in 1988.
  - **2 DECEMBER - National Pollution Control Day**  
observed in remembrance of people who passed away in Bhopal Gas Tragedy in 1984.  
Bhopal Gas Tragedy :- Methyl Isocyanate.
  - **2 DECEMBER - International Day for Abolition of Slavery.**
  - **3 DECEMBER - International Day of persons with Disabilities.**  
This day was announced by United Nations General Assembly Resolution in 1992.
  - **4 DECEMBER – Indian Navy Day**  
To commemorate “Operation Trident” Navy’s attack on Karachi harbour in 1971 war.  
Theme – “Operational Efficiency ,readiness and Mission Achievement in Maritime Domain”.
  - **5 DECEMBER – WORLD SOIL DAY**  
1<sup>st</sup> observed in 2014  
Theme – Soil and water ,a source of life.
  - **7 DECEMBER – International Civil Aviation Day**  
It was started from 1994 .  
ICAO – International Civil Aviation Organisation  
Found – 7 December 1944  
Headquarters:- Montreal , Canada.
  - **10 DECEMBER – International Human Rights Day**  
THEME:- “Freedom , Equality and justice for all”.
  - **11 DECEMBER – International Mountain Day**  
Observed since 2003.
  - **11 DECEMBER – UNICEF Foundation Day**  
UNICEF – United Nations Children’s Fund  
Found – 11 dec ,1946.  
Headquarters – New York , U.S.
- 16 DECEMBER :- Vijay Diwas / Bijoy Dibos**

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It is commemorated in Bangladesh and India to observe India's victory over Pakistan in war of 1971 for liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan.

**18 DECEMBER** :- International Migrants Day

THEME :- Act Today (Given by UN).

**18 DECEMBER** :- Minorities Rights Day in India

THEME :- Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion.

Celebrated by National Commission for Minorities in India, which was established under National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.

**19 DECEMBER** :- Goa's Liberation Day.

Goa was under the rule of Portuguese and liberated on 19 December 1961 after 450 years. On 18 December 1961, India launched 36-hour military operation called Operation Vijay.

**20 DECEMBER** :- International Human Solidarity Day

**22 DECEMBER** :- National Mathematics Day This day is celebrated to mark birth anniversary of Indian Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. This day started celebrating from 2012.

**23 DECEMBER** :- Kisan Diwas / National Farmer's Day: This day is celebrated to mark birth anniversary of 5<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of India, Chaudhary Charan Singh (twice served as CM of UP).

**24 DECEMBER** :- National Consumer Day / Bharatiya Grahak Diwas.

On this day Consumer Protection Act of 1986 received assent of President. Started celebrating from 2000.

**25 DECEMBER** :- Good Governance Day: It marks birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Started celebrating since 2014.

**26 DECEMBER** :- Veer Baal Diwas Marks sacrifices of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh (6) and Sahibzada Fateh Singh (9).

**27 DECEMBER** :- International Day of Epidemic Preparedness : This day was declared by UNGA in 2020. This decision is part of 2030 agenda of SDG.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- **Vishnu Deo Sai** – New Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh. (first tribal CM belongs to Kanwar Tribe).
- **Bhajan Lal Sharma** – New Chief Minister of Rajasthan.
- **Mohan Yadav** – New Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh
- **Akshata Krishnamurthy** becomes first Indian to operate Mars Rover.  
**NASA Administrator** :- Bill Nelson  
**NASA Found** :- 29 July 1958, HQ – U.S.
- Max Life Insurance appoints **Rajiv Anand** as new Chairman.
- **Vice Admiral Dinesh Tripathi** has appointed as **new Vice Chief of Naval Staff**. Currently serving as Flag officer commanding in chief of Western Naval Command.
- **Samir Shah** appointed as new chairman of **BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation)**.

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- **UAE'S Mohammed Al Rasmi** appointed as chairman of WRC23( World Radio communication Conference 2023).Event held in Dubai , UAE .
- **Anand Kripalu** appointed as Chairperson and Independent Director at Swiggy.
- **Donald Tusk** elected as new Prime Minister of Poland.
- **Javier Milei** was sworn in as Argentina's President.
- Captain **Fatima Wasim** has become the first woman medical officer to be posted at operational post of Siachen Glacier, world's highest battlefield.
- **Revanth Reddy** – Telangana's new CM.
- **Lalduhoma** – Mizoram's next CM.
- **Commander P. Devsthalee** – 1st female officer in Indian Navy to take command of an Indian Naval Warship . Indian Navy Chief – R Hari Kumar.
- **Kanchan Devi** ,Indian Forest Service officer has been appointed Director General of Indian Council of Forestry Research Education (ICFRE).[ ICFRE :- Estb -1986 ; Headquarters – Dehradun]
- Neena Singh became first woman to be appointed to the post of Director General of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). CISF – works under Union Home Ministry . It was established in 1969 by the Indian Parliament under CISF Act 1968 . Motto – “Safety and Defence” . Headquarters :- New Delhi
- Vita Dani became First Indian on ITTF (International Table Tennis Federation) Governing Board.
- Anish Dayal Singh was appointed as Director General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). [CRPF comes under Union Home Ministry ]. It was established in 1939 as crown Representatives Police and became Central Reserve Poilce Force on 28 dec 1949 with enactment of CRPF Act . Motto :- Service and Loyalty . Headquarters :- New Delhi ]
- HDFC Bank approves Atanu Chakraborty as Chairman.
- IPS Officer Rahul Rasgotra was appointed Director General of ITBP. [ITBP (Indo-Tibetan Border Police) . It was established in 1962, Deployed along the border with China. Motto - Bravery- Perseverance- Dedication . Headquarters- New Delhi]



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- RBI approves CS Rajan as the Chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank .[Founder – Uday Kotak ; HQ- Mumbai ; Estb :- 21 Nov 1985]
- Jithesh John appointed as IBBI (Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India) Executive Director.
- SEBI granted approval for appointment of Pramod Aggarwal as Chairman of BSE Ltd.as current chairman SS Mundra ends on Jan16. BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) is India's first and largest stock market and was founded in 1875 as Native Equity and Stockbroker Association.
- Parama Sen appointed part-time member of PFRDA (Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority) Board.
- PFRDA :- Statutory Regulatory Body setup under PFRDA Act enacted in 2014.It comes under jurisdiction of Ministry of Finance . Headquarters – New Delhi.
- Justice Sanjiv Khanna nominated as NALSA (National Legal Services Authority) Chairperson. [NALSA constituted under Legal Services Act , 1987 for speedy disposal of cases and reducing burden on the judiciary.

## **AWARDS**

- **INTERNATIONAL GENDER EQUALITY AWARD 2023**  
Finland awarded International Gender Equality Prize for 2023 to a NGO (Afghan Women Skills Development Center ,AWSDC) in Afghanistan to promote and protect rights of women in Afghanistan. Finland was first country to elect women to Parliament.
- **Mohammed Shami** has been nominated for this year's Arjuna Award .
- **Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** were nominated for Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award. It is country's highest sports prize.
- Veteran lyricist-screenwriter **Javed Akhtar** will be felicitated with **Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award** at Ajanta-Ellora Film Festival .
- **33rd Vyas Samman will be conferred to Hindi Writer Pushpa Bharati for her work Yaadein ,Yaadein aur Yaadein.**  
Award was instituted by KK Birla Foundation in 1991.  
It carries cash prize of Rs 4 lakh.
- **Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon** was honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award at Power of One Award 2023 ceremony organized by Diwali Foundation USA. They are hailed as "Oscars of Diplomacy".
- Veteran Actor **Kabir Bedi** awarded Italy's Civilian Honour "Order of Merit" at a private ceremony held in Mumbai.
- Indian Scientist **Dr. Hemachandran Ravikumar** receives Karamveer Chakra Medal 2023.
- Nikhil Dey named "Global Anti-Corruption Champion" by USA.
- Indian origin **Novelist Meira Chand** receives Singapore's Highest Arts Award.

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- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) **Secretary Jay Shah has won Sports Business of the year of Sports Business Awards 2023** organized by Confederation of Indian Industry.  
Jay Shah is currently president of Asian Cricket Council. BCCI -1928 ; CII -1895
- Bhutanese Author **Tshering Tashi** conferred with Sahitya Akademi's Premchand Fellowship.
- **Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT)** has been awarded first CII Sports Business Award 2023.
- **Michelle Zorate** received UN Global Climate Action Awards.
- **R vaishali** becomes India's third female Chess Grandmaster.
- **Arshia Sattar** conferred with French Honour ; Knight of the order of Arts and Letters .
- **VR Lalithambika** ,former director of Directorate of the human spaceflight Programme at ISRO was honored with  
prestigious Legion d'honneur ; highest French Civilian Award .
- Indian Scientist **Dr. Hemachandran Ravi Kumar** receives Karmaveer Chakra Medal 2023.
- **Abdullahi Mire(Somali Refugee)** wins 2023 UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees )  
Nansen Refugee Award.
- **Safeena Husain** ,Founder of Educate Girls honored with WISE Prize for Education .
- Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and development for 2023( International Jury of Indira Gandhi Prize headed by former Chief Justice of India T.S. Thakur) has been jointly awarded to Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad for their efforts in bringing together youth and peoples of Israel and Arab world for a non-violent resolution of Israel-Palestine Conflict . Award includes a prize of Rs 25 lakh.
- Indira Gandhi Prize:- Angela Merkel , Chancellor of Germany (2013) ; ISRO (2014) ; Former Prime Minister of India , Manmohan Singh (2017) ; Sir David Attenbrough (2019) ; Pratham NGO (2021) ; In 2022 was jointly awarded to Indian Medical Association and Trained Nurses Association of India.
- Indian-American Rijul Maini crowned Miss India USA 2023
- Sahitya Akademi Award :- Sanjeev will get Sahitya Akademi Award for his Hindi Novel "Mujhe Pehchaano" and Neelam Saran Gour got award for English novel Requiem in Raga Janki.  
[Award estb in 1954 , apart from 22 languages of constitution it includes English and Rajasthani.
- First winner of this award RK Narayan in 1960 for his novel "The Guide"
- 2nd highest literature award after Jnanpith Award]
- Poet Sukrita Paul Kumar wins Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize for "Salt and Pepper".
- Mr LP Hemanth K Srinivasulu recives "Man of the Year 2023" Award from Home minister Amit Shah.
- Prashant Aggarwal receives National Award for "Best Personality Empowerment of Differently Abled.
- At COP28 : Game changing Innovator Award for Plastic Surgeon Dr Atul Shah(contribution to leprosy care).

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- ISRO'S Chandrayaan-3 Moon Mission earns Leif Erikson Lunar Prize. Indian Ambassador Balasubramanian Shyam received prestigious award on behalf of ISRO. Chandrayaan-3 was launched on 14 July by ISRO. It included Lander (Vikram) and Rover (Pragyaan).  
ISRO – Indian Space Research Organisation .  
Estb :- 15 August 1969, HQ :- Banglore , Chairman :- S. Somnath  
Leif Erikson Lunar Prize :- Estb in 2015.
- NTPC Kanti receives FICCI Water Award 2023 (11th Edition) for industrial water use efficiency . Award was presented by Director General of National Mission for Clean Ganga , Government of India G Ashok Kumar.
- Professor Savita Ladage from Mumbai received Royal Society of Chemistry's Nyholm Prize for education in recognition of her contribution to Chemistry education.
- Amazon India received National Award for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for fostering an inclusive environment for individuals with disabilities awarded by GOI.
- INS Shivaji received "Veer Chakra" awarded to late Vice-Admiral Benoy Roy Chowdhary , the 1971 War Hero. "Veer Chakra" is an award given for military bravery during wartime. Benoy Roy Chowdhary is only technical officer of the navy to be honoured with this award.  
[INS Shivaji –Indian Naval Station located in Lonavala Maharashtra . It educates and trains Indian Navy and Coast Guard officers . INS was commissioned in February 1945 as his Majesty's Indian Ship (HMIS) Shivaji .]

## **DEFENCE**

- **Mizoram Governor (Hari Babu Kambhampati)** appoints Air Force Officer as India's first Woman Aide De Camp.
- President Droupadi Murmu presents **President's Colour (also known as Rashtrapati ka Nishan)** to **Armed Forces Medical College Pune.**  
This flag is highest honour given to a military unit.  
She also virtually inaugurated Armed Forces Centre for Computational Medicine "Prajna".
- Indian Army conducted a **Table-Top Exercise (TIX)** for women officers of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) of the **Manekshaw Centre , New Delhi.**
- INS Tarmugli , a Fast track Craft has been commissioned into the Navy at a ceremony held at Naval Dockyard , Vishakapatnam.
- 7th Ferry Craft "Manjula" has been handed over to Indian Navy.

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- Indian Air Force successfully testfires "SAMAR" Air Defence Missile System in Andhra Pradesh tested during Exercise AstraShakti 2023 at Air Force Station Suryalanka in Andhra Pradesh. Surface to Air Missile for Assured Retaliation (SAMAR).
- Royal Thai Navy hosted 8th Edition of IONS (Indian Ocean Naval Symposium) 2023 in Bangkok , Thailand.
- INS Vikramaditya & INS Vikrant to deployed for Milan-2024. Biennial Naval Exercise first conducted in 1995. Participating Nations :- US , Japan , Australia , France , Bangladesh , South Korea , Vietnam , Indonesia , and Malaysia.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) delivered INS Sandhayak to Indian Navy. It is largest Survey vessel ever built in India.
- 4TH Edition of Bilateral Army Exercise VINBAX-2023 conducted between Vietnam and India in Hanoi , Vietnam .VINBAX was instituted in 2018.

## **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

- **Twinkle Khanna** launches her fourth book 'Welcome to Paradise'. Others are – Mrs Funnybones , Pyjamas are Forgiving , The legend of Lakshmi Prasad'.
- Bollywood Actress **Huma Qureshi** launches first novel titled "Zeba : An Accidental Superhero".
- "Breaking the Mould" authored by Raghuram Rajan and Rohit Lamba.
- Former President of India , **Ram Nath Kovind** launched a book "Naye Bharat ka Samveda" in New Delhi. Book consists of Compilation of speeches of Prime Minister Modi on Indian Constitution.
  - Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singhj Dhami released book "RESILIENT INDIA : How Modi Transformed India's Disaster Management Paradigm.
  - " Karmayoddha Granth": - This book is based on life of PM Narendra Modi was released by Amit Shah .
  - "Narendra Modi : A Political Biography" authored by Andy Marino .
  - Major books written by PM Modi :- Exam Warriors in both English and Hindi languages , A journey : poems by Narendra Modi , Jyotipunj ( in both English and Hindi languages ) , Waqt Ki Mang.
  - A book titled "The Babri Masjid Ram Mandir Dilemma" authored by Madhav Godbole.

## **FAIRS AND FESTIVALS**

- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar to inaugurate **5th Global Ayurveda Festival** at Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala.
- Jal Shakti Ministry has organized 'Jal Itihas Utsav' on dec 1 , 2023 at Shamsi Talab , Jahaz Mahal , Mehrauli, Delhi. Aim is to increase **public awareness** towards conservation of water heritage sites.

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- Riyadh , the capital of Saudi Arabia has won the right to host the Expo 2030 World Fair. The expo will be organized in Riyadh between October 2030 and March 2031.
- Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankar inaugurated International Gita Seminar and Geeta Mahotsav at Brahma Sarovar , Kurukshetra. THEME :- "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam : Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Universal Unity".

Assam is the main state partner in this programme. This festival began in 1989 , declared National Festival in 2002 & International status in 2016 .In 2019 for first time celebrated in Mauritius and London , in Apr 2023 in Australia & in 2024 in America.

## **SPORTS**

- **Hockey Punjab** emerged victorious over Hockey Haryana to clinch gold medal at 13th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2023.
- **R Vaishali** becomes India's third female Chess grandmaster , besides Koneru Humpy and Harika Dronavalli.
- **Germany won U-17 World Cup** for the first time after beating France . **Ruberto (Argentina)** won Golden Boot Prize.  
**Brunner(Germany)** won Golden Ball Prize.  
**Lionel Messi** (Argentina) has been named Time's Athlete of the Year for 2023.
- BCCI Secretary **Jay Shah** has won Sports Business of the year at Sports Business Awards 2023 organized by Confederation of Indian Industry.
- **Iga Swiatek** becomes first woman since Serena Williams to win WTA Player of the Year Award twice .
- Leander Paes ,Vijay Amritraj become first Asian men to be elected to **Tennis Hall of Fame**.
  - Antim Panghal (53 kg) was named as United World Wrestling (UWW) Rising Star of the Year 2023 in Women's Category.
  - Noah Lyles of America was declared the best male track Athlete at World Athletics Award 2023.
  - Faith Kipyegon of Kenya was declared best female track Athlete at World Athletics Award 2023.
  - Haryana won Vijay Hazare Trophy 2023 title by defeating Rajasthan by 30 runs.[Also known as Ranji One Day Trophy]
  - Bangladesh clinches first U-19 Asia Cup 2023 beating UAE.
  - Leander Paes , Vijay Amritraj become first Asian men to be elected to Tennis Hall of Fame. [International Tennis Hall of Fame (ITHF) Estb :- 1880 Founder :- James J. Van Alen] .
  - Indian Para Archer Sheetal Devi emerged victorious at 4th edition of Asian Awards in Riyadh securing prestigious title of Best Youth Athlete.

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### INDICES

- **World Digital Competitiveness Index 2023** :- released by International Institute for Management Development (IMD). Top – USA ; 2ND – Netherlands ; 3rd –Singapore ; India's rank – 49 .
- India climbs to 7th place in Global Climate Performance Index published by **Germanwatch** ,the New Climate Institute and Climate Action Network annually since 2005.
- **LIC** ranks fourth Globally in S&P Global's 2022 Insurance Report.
- **Quality of Living Index 2023** :- Hyderabad ranked 153 in Mercer's Quality of Living City Index 2023 while Pune scored 154th position and Bengaluru attained 156th spot. {Khartoum (Sudan) at bottom most position (241).}
- In 2023 , overseas Indians sent an estimated \$125 billion to India. ,South Asia saw an increase of 7.2% in 2023.
- **World Digital Competitiveness Index 2023** :- released by International Institute for management Development (IMD) . India's rank is 49th , Top – US , 2ND – Netherlands , 3rd –Singapore

### MISC.

- Union Cabinet approves continuation of **Fast-track Special Courts upto March 2026**. After Nirbhaya Case in Delhi in 2018 center had decided to setup 1023 fast track special courts. Central share is to be funded from Nirbhaya Fund. **Scheme was launched in 2019**.  
**POCSO**(Protection of Children from Sexual Offences ) Act was passed in 2012.
- **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)** was launched at the beginning of COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 which was extended by Govt. for 5 years w.e.f. 1 JAN ,2024
- Union Cabinet approves **PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan)** Scheme for tribal welfare . It aims at uplifting 75 tribal communities identified as Particularly **Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) across 18 States, 1 UT**.  
**Tribal Pride Day**:- 15 November
- **UP Govt** has announced creation of India's first Center of Excellence in Telecom at IIT Roorkee . Under this centre , contribution will also made in development of 5G and 6G technology
- Union Cabinet chaired by PM Sh Narendra Modi has approved the terms of reference for **sixteenth Finance Commission**.  
**Article 280(1)** deals with setting up of a Finance Commission.  
**15th Finance Commission** was constituted on November 27,2017.Recommendations of 15th Finance Commission are valid upto FY 2025-26.
- **Myanmar** is World's biggest **Opium producer** .The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) released its Southeast Asia Opium Survey 2023.

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- Nitin Gadkari inaugurates “Classic Imperial” Luxury Cruise vessel in Kochi , Kerala.
- **Arshia Sattar** (renowned author and translator) conferred with Knight of the Order of Arts and letters by French Govt.
- Riyadh , the capital of Gulf country **Saudi Arabia has won the right to host Expo 2030 World Fair.**
- **Taylor Swift** named Time Magazine’s person of the year for 2023.
- **Iran** unveiled its new and improved Hypersonic Ballistic Missile , **Fattah-2.**
- **India re-elected** to Council of International Maritime Organization (IMO). [IMO - ESTB :- 17 March 1948 Headquarters – London , India joined IMO in 1959].
- Bihar Govt. **launched ‘Mission Daksh’** (Dynamic Approach for Knowledge and Skill aiding around 25 lakh students facing academic challenges in classes 3-8 in Govt. operated schools.
- PM Modi proposes to host **COP33 in India in 2028.** This offer was made at inaugural session of **World Climate Action Summit at COP28 in Dubai.** PM Modi launched Green Credit Initiative at COP28 Climate Conference in Dubai (jointly hosted by India and UAE at COP28).
- **A proposal to rename Firozabad (U.P.) to Chandra Nagar** was approved by Municipal Corporation.
- **27th WAIPA (World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies)** World Investment Conference Organised in New Delhi. WAIPA founded in 1995 in Geneva as a non-governmental organisation.
- PM Modi unveiled the statue of **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Rajkot fort** in Maharashtra’s Sindhudurg district.
- **World’s first portable hospital** “Aarogya Maitri Aid Cube” was unveiled recently in Gurugram.
- Union Minister for Education and Skill Development , Dharmendra Pradhan laid foundation stone for **National Skill Training Institutes (NSTI) Plus at Jatni in Odisha.**
- UNESCO adds **Gujarat’s ‘Garba’ dance** to Intangible Cultural Heritage List. It is 15th cultural item from India to be added in UNESCO List.



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<u>Heritage</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Heritage</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Year</u>
Kutiyattam, Sanskrit Theatre	Kerala	2008	Jandiala Guru	Punjab	2014
Ramman	Uttarakhand	2009	Navroz		2016
Chhau Dance	Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand	2010	Yoga		2016
Kalbelia	Rajasthan	2010	Kumbh Mela	Prayagraj	2017
Mudiyettu	Kerala	2010	Durga Puja	Bengal	2021
Buddhist Chanting of Ladakh	Ladakh, J & K	2012	Garba Dance	Gujarat	2023
Sankirtan	Manipur	2013	Vedic Chanting Tradition , Ramlila	India	2008

- Indian origin Novelist **Meira Chand** receives Singapore's Highest Arts Award . Her "**The Painted Cage**" (1986) was longlisted for the prestigious Booker Prize.
- China adopts "**One Province , One Policy**" approach to financial Risk Management.
- Trinamool Congress M.P. Mohua Moitra expelled from Lok Sabha.
- Nikhil Dey named "**Global Anti-Corruption Champion**" by U.S.
- PM Modi inaugurated the first Indian Art , **Architecture and Design Biennale** (IAADB) at Red Fort in New Delhi.
- The Gujarat Govt. recently said that the Central Govt has approved setting up a Cheetah breeding and conservation centre in **Banni Grassland** (located in Kachchh district). Chhari Dhand Conservation Reserve are part of the Banni Grasslands.
- Telangana Govt. launched Maha Lakshmi Scheme , aimed at providing free travel to women in TSRTC Buses.
- Sri Lanka will host 37th session of the Asia Pacific Regional Conference (APRC) of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in February 2024.
- **At COP 28:-** Game Changing Innovator Award was given to Dr. Atul Shah (Plastic Surgeon).

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- Parliament passed Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2023 it will amend Central Universities Act, 2009. Bill seeks to establish a Central Tribal University in Telangana which will be named "Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University.
- HDFC Life's 'Insure India' Campaign sets Guinness World Record. HDFC Life's larger industry vision aiming to ensure 'Life Insurance for All' by 2047.
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has developed the "AMRIT" technology for removing arsenic and metal ions from water to address water quality issues.  
**AMRIT:-** Arsenic and Metal Removal by Indian Technology
- Barracuda, India's fastest Solar-Electric Boat, was ceremoniously launched at the Navgathi Panavally Yard in Alappuzha.
- Anand Marriage Act implemented in J&K gives recognition to Sikh marriage rituals.
- Andry Rajoelina elected as president of Madagascar.
- ISRO is planning to send Indian astronauts to the moon for first time by 2040. [ISRO – Indian Space Research Organisation.; HQ- Bengaluru; Founder – Vikram Sarabhai; Found – 15 August 1969]
- India's Uma Sekhar elected to the Governing Council of UNIDROIT (International Institute for the Unification of Private Law). [UNIDROIT – Independent Intergovernmental Organisation. Members – It consists of 65 member states are drawn from five continents]
- Angola is leaving OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) w.e.f. 1 Jan 2024 after exits from Ecuador in 2020 and Qatar in 2019. Angola joined OPEC in 2007. [OPEC Found- 1960 by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Venezuela, Iran and Iraq. HQ – Vienna, Austria]
- World's first portable hospital, "Aarogya Maitri Aid Cube" was unveiled in Gurugram. It is designed indigenously under Project BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri). This system is made up of 72 detachable mini-cubes.
- A proposal to rename Firozabad (U.P.) to Chandra Nagar was approved by Municipal Corporation. Plan seeks to rename the city after Raja Chandra Sen, who ruled region in 16th century.
- Ayodhya Airport to be named Maharishi Valmiki Airport.
- UP to build India's First AI (Artificial Intelligence) City in Lucknow.
- Bronze Statue of "Jatayu" installed at Ayodhya Mandir Complex. Treasurer of Shri Ram Janam bhoomi Teerth Trust, Govind Devagiri.
- World's largest meditation center Swaraveda Mahamandir at Umrah (Varanasi, U.P.) inaugurated by PM Modi. PM unveiled 135 feet tall statue of Saint Sadafal Maharaj (Author of Swarveda).
- Meghalaya's Lakadong (area in Jaintia hills) Turmeric gets GI Tag.
- Amrit Brikshya Andolan: Assam Govt. creates nine Guinness World Records.
- 26th National Integration and Youth Leadership Camp at Itanagar inaugurated by Governor of Arunachal Lt. General KT Parnaik.
- CM Mohan Yadav inaugurated first edition of Kuno Forest Festival.

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- China launched World's first methane powered rocket "Zhuque2".
- Bhutan announced its ambitious "Getephu Smartcity Project". It is an "economic corridor connecting South Asia with Southeast Asia via India's northeastern States.
- International Organisation for Migration (IOM) launched Project PRAYAS to help Indian workers and students migrate in a secure, orderly and regular manner.
- India to Acquire five Lithium Blocks in Argentina. The deal is on the verge of finalization between Khanij Bidesh India Ltd.(KABIL) and Catamarca Minera Y Energetica Sociedad Del Estado (CAMYEN), an Argentine state owned mining and energy company. [Lithium Triangle – Argentina, Chile, Bolivia form Lithium Triangle currently fourth largest producer. It has third largest lithium reserve]
- India-Russia signed Kundankulam Plant (Tamil Nadu) Agreement for future power supply.
- Surat, Gujarat, the gem capital of India, hosted the world's largest office building- the "Surat Diamond Bourse".
- Gujarat to unveil India's first Submarine Tourism in Dwarka.
- Gujarat emerges as India's Petro Capital. Jamnagar –world's largest grassroots oil refinery.
- First Snake Park open in Kota (Rajasthan) approved by Central Zoo Authority (CZA Established in 1992 by Wildlife Protection Act 1972).
- UN declared 2024 as International Year of Camelids.
- Kerala Government Employee Shaikh Hassan Khan has climbed Mount Vinson.
- Emmanuel Macron will be the Chief Guest at Republic Day 2024.
- Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched MedTech Mitra portal.
- Lovely Professional University (LPU) withdrew from hosting 109th Indian Science Congress. It is a scientific organization that meets annually in first week of January. It was founded in 1914 to stimulate scientific research in India. THEME :- "The Global Perspective on Science and Technology for Sustainable Future".
- India to host three day Global Technology Summit from December 4 in New Delhi. THEME :- "Geopolitics of Technology".
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways said 1467 projects of NHAI has been brought under Bhoomi Rashi Portal.
- PM Modi to chair 3rd National Conference of Chief Secretaries in Delhi. Main focus of National Conference of Chief Secretaries this year is "Ease of Living".
- To control rise in rice prices, GOI sell rice at Rs25 per kg under "Bharat Brand".According to data of Consumer ministry the inflation of rice has increased by 14.1%.
- PM Narendra Modi launched Green Credit Initiative at COP28 Climate Conference in Dubai.
- UAE President Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan at COP28 climate summit in Dubai announced creation of \$30 Billion climate fund named ALTERRA.

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- World Economic Forum(WEF) meeting to be held in Davos(Switzerland) from 14-20 January.(One district –One product will be presented in UP Pavilion).[WEF Estb – 1971 in Geneva , Switzerland]
- Venue of India Internet Governance Forum 2023 is in New Delhi. It is an initiative associated with UN Internet Governance Forum. It was established in 2021. THEME :- Moving Forward – Calibrating Bharat's Digital Agenda.
- Government unveils “Mera Gaon , Meri Dharohar” project to document village Heritage.
- 58 Airports covered under “Krishi Udan” Scheme. Scheme was launched in 2020 on International and National routes to assist farmers in transporting agricultural products to help improve their value realization.
- Kisan Udan Scheme 2.0 was announced in 2021 focusing on transporting perishable food products from hilly areas, North Eastern states and tribal areas.
- PM Modi launches “Viksit Bharat@2047 – Voice of Youth” . The vision is to make India a developed nation by 2047, 100 year of Independence.
- CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) replaces Delhi Police for Parliament Security. CISF was setup by an act of parliament on 10 march 1969.
- RBI keeps policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5%.
- Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance introduces new insurance product known as T.U.L.I.P- Term With Unit Linked Insurance Plan.
- Indusland Bank has launched new corporate Credit card –eSvarna-on the Rupay network.



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