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MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS MARCH – 2024

DATES & DAYS

- 1 March:- Zero Discrimination Day 2024:
- first celebrated on 1st March 2014. Theme 2024:- "To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's right.
- 1 March:- World Civil Defence Day 2024
- Theme:- "Honour Heros & Promote Safety Skills"
- 3 March:- World Wildlife Day 2024
- UNGA designated this day in 2014.
- 3 March:- World Hearing Day 2024
- First recognized by WHO in 2007. THEME:- "Changing mindsets: Let's make ear & hearing care a reality for all"
- 4 March:- National Safety Day
- Theme 2024:- "Focus on Safety Leadership for ESG Excellence". ESG stands for Environmental, Social & Governance. On 4 March 1966 National Safety Council was setup by the Ministry of Labour, GOI.
- 8 March:- International Women's Day 2024
- Theme:- Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress. SDG 5 calls for the world to "Achieve Gender Equality" by 2030re a reality for all ".
- > 10 March:- CISF(Central Industrial Security Force) Raising Day
- Found 1969; Director General Nina Singh. It Comes under Ministry of Home Affairs
- 14 March:- International Day of Action for rivers
- Theme:- "Water for All"
- > 15 March:- World Consumer Rights Day 2024
- Theme:- "Fair & responsible AI for Consumers". First celebrated in 1983.
- > 16 March:- National Vaccination Day / National Immunization Day
- In 1988 WHO (World Health Organisation) Global Polio Eradication Initiative was started.
- In 1995 on 16 March GOI started pulse polio Immunisation Programme as first attempt of eradicating the disease from the country.
- ➤ 18 March :- Global Recycling Day : Theme :- # Recycling Heroes. Global Recycling Day was created in 2018.

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- ➤ 19 March :- Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Day : CRPF was established on 27 July 1939 as Crown Representative's Police. On 28 December 1949 Sardar Patel renamed it as the Central Reserve Police Force. Director General of CRPF :- Anish Dayal Singh
- 20 March :- World Sparrow Day: Theme :- "Sparrows : "I Love Sparrows" & "We Love Sparrows".
- 20 March: International Day of Happiness 2024. Theme: "Reconnecting for Happiness: Building Resilient Communities.
- 21 March: World Forestry Day 2024: Theme: "Forests & Innovation: New Solutions for a better world"
- 21 March :- World Poetry Day 2024: UNESCO adopted 21 March as World Poetry Day in 1999.
 Theme :- "Standing on the shoulders of Giants".
- 22 March: World Water Day: UN observes every year since 1993 focusing on importance of freshwater. SDG 6: deals with water, sanitation for all by 2030. Theme: Leveraging Water & Peace.
- 23 March: Shaheed Diwas: On this day Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev & Rajguru were executed by British Govt in 1931.
- ▶ 23 March :-World Meteorological Day. On 23 March 1950 World Meteorological Organisation came into force. Theme :- "At the Frontline of Climate Action". SDG Goal 13 commits us to take urgent action to combat climate change & its impact.
- 24 March :- World Tuberculosis Day: Theme :- "Yes! We Can end TB" On March 1882 Dr. Robert Koch announced discovery of Mycobacterium tuberculosis the bacterium that causes tuberculosis.
- > 30 March :- International Day of Zero Waste 2024 observed annually since 2023. UNEP & UN-Habitat (UN Human Settlements Programme) facilitate the observance of the day.

APPOINTMENTS

- IPS Officer Anurag Aggarwal appointed head of Parliament Security.
- ➤ IPS Officer Daljit Singh Chawdhary appointed as new Director General of NSG. [About NSG commonly known as Black Cats Estb in 1986]
- Govt appoints AS Rajeev as Vigilance Commissioner. Statutory status through CVC Act 2003. Formed on the recommendations of Committee on Prevention of Corruption formed under chairmanship of Sh K. Santhanam in 1964.[Structure:- 1 CVC & 2 VC.
- Justice KM Khanwilkar to be new Lokpal by President Droupadi Murmu. [Lokpal is a Statutory Body estb under Lokpal & Lokayukta Act, 2013 (term coined by Dr LM Singhvi). Term of office till the age of 70 years]
- PayU names Renu Sud Karnad as Chairperson & Independent Director.
- Feleti Teo named Tuvalu's new PM .
- President Murmu nominates Sudha Murthy to Rajya Sabha.
- Hungary Parliament elects Tamas Sulyok as new President.

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- Maryam Nawaz (daughter of former PM Nawaz Sharif) becomes first ever woman Chief Minister of a province in Pakistan.
- Suman Kumari becomes BSF's first woman Sniper".
- ➤ BPCL teams up with Neeraj Chopra as Brand Ambassador for "Speed" (premium petrol variant by BPCL) Petrol. [BPCL:- HQ- Mumbai; CMD G. Krishna Kumar]

AWARDS

- Sunil Bharti Mittal becomes first Indian citizen to be conferred an honorary Knighthood by Britain's King.
- Srinivasan K. Swamy CMD of Integrated Marketing Services Company Ltd. has been presented with IAA Goden Compass Award at 45th IAA (International Advertising Association) World Congress held in Penang, Malaysia.
- Golfer Tiger Woods has been selected to receive Bob Jones Award the highest honour bestowed by US Golf Association (USGA).
- India receives "Measles & Rubella Champion" Global Award for its exemplary efforts in combating these diseases. Award was received by Ambassador Sripriya Ranganathan on behalf of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare at American Red Cross, Headquarters in Washington.
- ➤ Riken Yamamoto of Japan declared winner of the 2024 Pritzker Architecture Prize.
- Ratan Tata former chairman of Tata sons was bestowed with prestigious PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for his outstanding Philantrophy contributions.
- Mauritius confers honorary degree of doctor of civil law on President Droupadi Murmu.
- English Author Neelam Saran Gaur (book Requieum Raga Janki) & Hindi Novelist Sanjeev (Mujhe Pehchano) received Sahitya Akademi Award for 2023. Authors & poets received an engraved copper plaque, a shawl & an amount of Rs 1 lakh. [About Sahitya Akademi :- Found :- 12 March 1954 HQ :- New Delhi, Awards given for 24 Indian languages (22 Constitutional Languages & English & Rajasthani)]
- Manjula Ramaswamy conferred with Sangeet Natak Akademi Award. [About Sangeet Natak Akademi
 :- inaugurated on 28 Jan 1953 by first president of India Rajendra Prasad .]
- Indian Writer Amitav Ghosh awarded Prestigious Erasmus Prize 2024 by Netherlands based Praemium Erasmianum Foundation.
- Krystyna Pyszkova from Czech Republic crowned Miss World.
- Kerala Litterateur Prabha Varma selected for Saraswati Samman for year 2023 for his poetry work in Malyalam language "Roudra Sathwikam". [Annual Award for outstanding prose or poetry literary works in any of the 22 languages of India listed in Schedule VIII of constitution of India. Award instituted by KK Birla Foundation in 1991.]
- Raksha Mantri Trophy (Estb in 1989) awarded to top armed forces hospitals. [Top:-Command Hospital (Southern Command), Pune; Second:-Command Hospital (Central Command), Lucknow.]
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- The Music Academy, Chennai conferred TM Krishna (Noted Carnatic Vocalist) with the Sangita Kalanidhi for Neena Prasad.
- Journalist Greeshma Kuthar & Ritika Chopra of Indian Express conferred with Chameli Devi Jain Award 2024 for outstanding Woman Media Person of the Year. Award was setup by the Media Foundation in 1980.
- PM Modi received Bhutan's highest civilian Award "Order of Druk Gyalpo" first foreign Head of the Govt. to receive the honour presented by Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk.
- Rajendra Prasad Goyal assumes Additional Charge as Chairman & MD of NHPC Limited. [About NHPC Limited: - Public sector Enterprise under Ministry of Power. It was incorporated in 1975 under Companies Act, 1956. HQ:- Faridabad, Haryana]
- Devendra Jhajharia becomes New President of Paralympic Committee of India
- Rajeev Kumar Mittal appointed as Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga under Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- Kishor Makwana assumes charge of Chairman of National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC). [About NCSC: - Article 338 of Indian Constitution deals with NCSC. Chairman is appointed by President. 89th Amendment Act, 2003 NCSC & ST has been replaced by NCSC & NCST.
- BJPs Nayab Singh Saini is Haryana's new Chief Minister.
- Vladimir Putin wins Russian Presidential Elections for record fifth term.
- Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas appointed Mohammad Mustafa to be the New Prime Minister.
- Former IAS Officer Navneet Kumar Sehgal takes charge as New Prasar Bharti Chairman
- Para Archer & Arjuna Awardee , Ms. Sheetal Devi will be ECI National PwD Icon.
- Rahul Singh appointed as new CBSE Chief.



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INDICES

- India's ranking improved to 113 out of 190 countries in World Bank's Women, Business & law index in 2023, India ranked 126. [About World Bank:- It was estb along with IMF at 1944 Bretton Woods Conference, HQ:- Washington D.C. President:- Ajay Banga]
- ➤ Moody's raises India's 2024 growth forecast to 6.8%.

DEFENCE

- India- Malaysia Bilateral Maritime Exercise "Samudra Laksamana" held in Vishakapatnam.
- > 5th Edition of India-Japan joint Military exercise "Dharma Guardian" commences in Rajasthan.
- ➤ 10th Edition of joint Military Exercise "LAMITIYE-2024". Each from Gorkha Rifles of Indian Army & the Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF) will participate in military exercise "Lamitiye 2024" from March 18 to 27 in Seychelles .Conducted in Seychelles since 2001.
- Gorsam Kora was celebrated at Gorsam Chorten in Tawang's Zemithang.
- Nagaland CM Neiphieu Rio declared 3rd North East Games 2024 at Regional Centre for Sporting Excellence, Sovima.
- DRDO (Defence Research Development Organisation) conducted India's first successful flight test of the indigenously developed Agni-V missile.
- India-US Maritime Security Exercise "Sea Defenders-2024" at Port Blair.
- Agray & Akshay are the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Watercrafts (ASW SWC) built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) launched in Kolkata.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- Former Assistant Secretary General of UN, Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri launches her book "Swallowing the Sun".
- Book "India's Contemporary Macroeconomic Themes –Looking Beyond 2020" launched to honour C Rangarajan [Important book by C Rangarajan: "Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI & Beyond"]
- Israel War Diary written by Vishal Pandey released by Information & Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur.
- Former President of Sri Lanka, Gotabaya Rajapaksa launched his book "The Conspiracy to oust me from the Presidency".

SPORTS

- Jacintha Kalyan India's First Female Pitch Curator.
- > Yathiraj Pramod , Krishna win gold at Para Badminton World Championships.
- Indian Squash Player Abhay Singh wins Goodfellow Classic Squash in Toranto.
- India bags 14 medals including 9 golds at Archery Asia Cup 2024 in Baghdad, Iraq.

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- 4th Khelo India University Games 2023 concluded in Guwahati. [Mascot:- Ashthlakshmi]. Chandigarh University overall Champion, LPU second, GNDU 3rd.
- Pro kabaddi League Season 10 Puneri Paltan clinches Maiden Title.
- > 77th National Football Championship Services lifted Santosh Trophy for seventh time.
- Ravindra becomes youngest recipient of Sir Richard Hadlee Medal. It is an annual award introduced in 2011 by New Zealand Cricket to recognize best New Zealand men's cricketer of the previous year.
- Pankaj Advani joins "Billiards Hall of Fame"
- Royal Challengers Banglore lift women's Premier League title.
- Indian Athelete Gulveer Singh Shatters National Record by over 20 seconds.
- 3rd Edition of North-East Games 2024 begins in Nagaland (CM Neiphiu Rio).
- Climate Change indicators reached record levels in 2023: WMO.

FESTIVAL

- ▶ J & K is set to host the annual "Tawi Festival" from March 1st to 4th , 2024.
- National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) 2024 organized from 9 feb to 6 March across the country. NYPF is based on the idea given by PM in his Mann Ki Baat Address in 2017. Ist Edition organized in 2019. Article 84 (b) provides that Minimum age for becoming a candidate for Lok Sabha election shall be 25 years. Yatin Bhaskar Duggal from Haryana won the first prize.
- Chapchar Kut Festival celebrated across Mizoram.

MISC.

- Ghazal singer Pankaj Udhas dies .
- Kumar Shahani (renowned filmmaker) passes away.
- Union Cabinet approved the establishment of International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) with headquarters in India.
- Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Bhupender Yadav released the report on Status of Leopards in India. In Shivalik hills & Gangetic plains there is a 3.4 % decline per year while the largest growth rate was in Central India & Eastern Ghats of 1.5%.[largest Population:- MP]
- Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched National Urban Co -operative Finance & Development Corporation Limited (NUCFDC) [Non Banking Finance Company], the Umbrella organization for the Urban Cooperative Banks in New Delhi.
- ZSI (Zoological Survey of India) names a newly discovered head-shield sea slug (marine species) after President Droupadi Murmu. Genus was discovered from West Bengal & Odisha Coast. ZSI Director:- Dhriti Banerjee
- RBI , Bank Indonesia sign pact for establishing framework to promote use of Local Currencies.

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- PM Modi inaugurates cable –stayed "Sudarshan Setu" bridge in Gujarat. Also known as " Signature Bridge" [four lane cable stayed bridge has a unique design with verses from Srimad Bhagwad Gita & images of Lord Krishna on both sides.
- > PM Modi will dedicate AllMS Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh to the nation.
- First Solar Project of NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd. At Chhattargarh in Rajasthan has commenced commercial operations of 70 MW capacity.
- India has successfully stopped the flow of water from Ravi river to Pakistan following the completion of Shahpur Kandi Barrage situated in Pathankot distict (Punjab) on the border of Punjab & J&K downstream from existing Ranjit Sagar Dam. Former PM PV Narasimha Rao laid foundation stone for Shahpur Kandi Barrage project in 1995.
- India's first septic tank cleaning robot ("Homosep Atom") strengthening Swachh Bharat Campaign.
- Sweden officially becomes 32nd member of NATO (31st –Finland in 2023).[NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organisation founded in 1949 by signing Washington Treaty; HQ Brussels, Belgium; Secretary:- Jens Stoletenberg]
- > PM Modi launched India's first indigenous Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell inland Waterway vessel at Cochin Shipyard under the Harit Nauka initiative.
- World's first vedic clock designed to showcase time according to the ancient Indian Traditional Panchang has been installed in MP's Ujjain District.
- India's First Gati Shakti Research Chair established at IIM Shillong.
- PM Modi laid foundation stone for Sikkim's firstRailway Station in Rangpo.
- Forest Department in UP 's Gonda is set to establish a turtle conservation reserve in Sarju river, a tributary of Ghagra at Gonda District known for "rich turtle diversity".
- CM Yoginath inaugurated ammunition manufacturing complex of Adani Group in Kanpur.
- Uttarakhand to become third state enacting Law holding Rioters Liable for Damages.
- Pakistan gets first Sikh Minister (Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora) in Punjab Province.
- Philippines becomes first Asian Country & 38th country in world to ratify ILO Convention to End Workplace Violence & Harassment.
- World Trade Organisation (WTO) 13th Ministerial Conference will take place in Abu Dhabi , UAE .
 Comoros & Timor Leste joined WTO. [WTO Estb 1995 HQ Geneva, Switzerland , India became member of WTO on Jan1 , 1995]
- New Zealand to repeal world first law banning tobacco sales for future generations.
- Gaganyaan Astronaut designates announced by PM Modi:- four Indian air Force Pilots Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair , Group Captain Ajit Krishnan , Group Captain Angad Pratap , Wing Commander Shubhanshu Shukla. ISRO also announced plans to send astronauts to the moon by 2040.
- PM Modi laid foundation stone for Kulasekarapattinam Spaceport (ISROs new launch complex) in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi District.
- > UAE removed from FATF Grey List [FATF:- Financial Action Task
- ➤ India ranked 42nd in Global Intellectual Property Index 2024.

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- Reowned Archaeologist Padmashree (awarded in 2017) Dr Arun Kumar Sharma passed away at the age of 90.
- Rajnath Singh launches ADITI (Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX) Scheme to boost Defence Innovation. Scheme was unveiled during DefConnect 2024 in New Delhi on March 4,2024. [iDEX:-Innovations for Defence Excellence]
- India's first Green Hydrogen Plant in Stainless Steel Sector located at Jindal Stainless Limited, Hisar, Haryana. This project is world's first off-grid Green Hydrogen plant for stainless steel Industry & world's first Green Hydrogen plant with rooftop & floating solar project.
- PM Modi witnessed commencement of Core loading at India's first Indigenous Fast Breeder Reactor (500 Mwe) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.[Designed & constructed indigenously by BHAVINI (Bhartiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd.)]
- India's first National Dolphin Research Centre(NDRC)inaugurated on the bank of Ganga in Patna.
- ➤ [Dolphin Platanista Gangetica was declared national Aquatic Animal in 2009] NDRC was approved in 2013 on request of Prof RK Sinha (also known as Dolphin Man of India)
- PM Modi inaugurates India's first under river (Hooghly) metro tunnel in Kolkata-first transportation tunnel under any mighty river in India.
- Piyush Goyal launches "e-Kian Upaj Nidhi" (initiative will ease the farmers warehousing logistics & aid the farmers in receiving fair price for their produce) to ease farmers warehousing logistics. Farmers stocking their produce at these warehouses would need to pay only 1% security deposit instead of earlier 3%.
- ➤ UP emerges as first state in country to issue 5 crore Ayushman Cards.[Ayushman Bharat launched on 2018 in Ranchi by PM Modi provides a cover of Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary & tertiary care]
- ➤ GI Tags:- Banglar Muslin (traditional handloom craft of Bengal), Narsapur Crochet Lace Products (Andhra Pradesh), Cuttack Chandi Tarakasi (Tara means wire & Kasi means design) or Silver Filigree (Odisha), Ratlam Riyawan Lahsun (Garlic of MP), Ambaji White Marble (Gujarat), Tripura Risa Textile (female Garment), Hyderabad Lac Bangles, Majuli Mask of Assam, Majuli Manuscript Painting of Assam.
- Kerala welcomes "Iris" its first generative AI teacher.
- First Bharat Steam Boiler Expo 2024 held in Guwahati, Assam.
- PM Modi lays Foundation stone of "Experience of Spirituality at Chitrakoot Ghat" project in Chitrakoot, M.P. under Swadesh Darshan Scheme (launched in 2015 by Ministry of Tourism. It is 100% centrally funded scheme).
- France becomes first country in world to enshrine right to Abortion in its Constitution.[France's President:-Emmanuel Macron]
- Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina said that Muslim countries could introduce a common currency like European Union to boost trade & commerce among them during the visit of D-8 trade ministers in Dhaka.[D-8 Countries – Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Indonesia, Egypt, Nigeria]

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- RBI issues warning against "Juice Jacking" (is a security exploit & form of cyberattack where hackers tamper with public USB charging ports that allow them to steel data from devices connected to them).RBI has issued a cautionary message to mobile phone users advising them against charging their devices using public ports.
- Astronomers have identified 2 new moons revolving around Neptune & 1 encircling Uranus increasing tally of satellites to 16 & 28 respectively.
- Flipkart has launched its own UPI services in collaboration with Axis Bank.
- Bengaluru to get India's First Driverless Metro Train.
- Panama becomes 97th member to ratify International Solar Alliance (ISA) [96th Hungary; 95th Chile] [About ISA:- launched in 2015 by India & France at United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Paris]
- Arun Goel quits as Election Commissioner ahead of polls.Resignation has been accepted by President Droupadi Murmu. With his resignation, the Election Commission has been rendered with just one member Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar. Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey retired in February. About Election Commission of India: Estb- 25 Jan 1950 deals with Article 324-329. It consists of CEC & two Election Commissioners.
- Admiral Laxminarayan Ramdas, Former Indian Navy Chief dies at 90. He had served as 13th Chief of Naval Staff.
- India's fastest & indigenously designed IP/MPLS (Multiprotocol Label Switching) router was launched in Bengaluru by Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology.
- India stands as the world's second largest producer of Mobile phones.
- Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched 5th edition of "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" campaign on 9th March 2024 at NDMC Convention Centre in New Delhi. Theme: "Nari Shakti se Jal Shakti". Ministry of Jal Shakti launched Jal Shakti Abhiyan in 2019.
- India's first museum dedicated to cooperatives coming up in Kozhikode.
- ➤ UGC introduces SheRNI (She Research Network India) helping Female Scientists & Faculty Connect.
- Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur launches First Season of "swaraj" on OTT Platform Amazon Prime
- PM Modi inaugurated the "Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan & Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan" (PM-SURAJ) national Portal & sanctioned credit support to One Lakh entreprenuers of disadvantaged sections. It comes under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- High Level Committee on "One Nation One Election" headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind submitted its report on simultaneous polls to President Droupadi Murmu. Panel recommended simultaneous elections for Lok Sabha & State Assemblies as the first step followed by synchronized local body polls within 100 days. Committee has proposed the insertion of Article 82A to the constitution to synchronise the terms of the Lok Sabha & State Assemblies.

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- Electoral Bonds data submitted by SBI. Biggest political donars over the last five years gave nearly 12,000 crore to parties through electoral bonds according to data submitted by SBI to Election Commission of India. Electoral Bonds:- scheme implemented in 2018. Scheme allowed people to make any amount of donation to political parties of their choice while maintaining anonymity. SBI issued the bonds in denominations of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 1 lakh, Rs 10 lakh & Rs 1 crore
- To encourage self-reliance & sustainable growth, NITI Aayog launched "Vocal for Local" initiative as part of Aspirational Blocks Programme. It is being implemented in partnership with Government e-Marketplace (GeM) & Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) Platform. Chairman of NITI Aayog :- Pm Modi, Vice Chairman :- Suman K Berry and CEO of NITI Aayog :- BVR Subramanyam
- Ladakh demands Statehood & Constitutional protection under Sixth Schedule. Wangchuk seeking special status for region to safeguard its fragile enviorns & glaciers.
- Sela tunnel is constructed by BRO (Border Road Organisation) connecting Tezpur (Assam) to Tawang (Arunachal Pradesh). It is world's longest bi-lane tunnel at an altitude above 13,000 feet.
- ➤ Dibang Multipurpose Hydropower project of NHPC Ltd. Of Arunachal Pradesh is scheduled to be commissioned in Feb 2032. The dam is planned to be constructed with Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) technique & it will be the highest RCC Dam of the world.
- Bichom becomes Arunachal's 27th District.
- The "Statue of Valour" 125 foot bronze statue of the legendry Ahom General Lachit Borphukan at his burial site in Eastern Assam's Jorhat district. It is designed & constructed by renowned sculptor Ram Vanji Sutar.
- J & K Police launches "Operation Kamdhenu" to combat cattle smuggling.
- Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde inaugurates 1st phase of Mumbai's Coastal Road.
- Maharashtra Cabinet approves renaming Ahmednagar District as Ahilyanagar renamed after 18th century Maratha Queen Ahilyabai Holkar.
- Maharashtra to become first state to buy land in Kashmir to construct a tourist facility for state's people.
- India & European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries (Lichenstein, Iceland, Norway & Switzerland) signed a trade & economic partnership Agreement to open up their markets for to each other.
- Kerala tops chart of highest passport penetration among women in the country.
- India ranks 134th in Global Human Development Index out of 193 countries in comparison to 135 out of 191 countries in 2021. Switzerland has been ranked number one. UNDP report notes that inequality across the world is rising again.
- ➤ India ranks 108th in Gender Inequality Index 2022: UNDP Report.
- > Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar announced the launch of a new mobile application named "Know your Candidate" (KYC).
- India's first integrated oil palm processing unit in Arunachal Pradesh started operation by one of India's largest oil palm development companies, 3 F Oil Palm.
- GRID-INDIA achieves Miniratna Status. [Estb:- 2009; CMD:- SR Narasimha]

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- Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri launched Ethanol 100, an alternate fuel in New Delhi. Govt eyeing a 20% ethanol-petrol blend by 2025-26.
- 4th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Startup Forum organized in New Delhi. Presidency of SCO 2024 :- Kazakhstan. [About SCO :- Estb :- 2001 in Shanghai , China Members :- 8 (China , Kazakhstan , Kyrgyzstan , Russia , Tajikistan , Uzbekistan , India & Pakistan). India & Pakistan joined in 2017. HQ:- Beijing, China Secretary General:- Mr Zhang Ming]
- Cyclone storm "Megan" brought heavy rain & winds to Australia's Northern Territory . McArthur River to peak at 18 m three metres higher than previous 2001 record.
- Nepal declares Pokhara as its Tourism Capital.
- UN General Assembly approves First Resolution on Artificial Intelligence.
- YES Bank Partners with Indian Olympic Association for Paris Olympics.
- As per the report titled, "World Air Quality Report 2023" by the Swiss Organisation IQAir. India was world's third most air polluted country in 2023 out of 134 countries after Bangladesh & Pakistan. New Delhi is ranked world's most polluted capital city for fourth consecutive year since 2018.
- India ranks 126th (out of 143 countries) in UN World Happiness Report. Top:- Finland followed by Denmark, Iceland, Sweden & Israel. Afghanistan remained at the bottom.

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