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Art and Culture Current Affairs

Goa village lures tourists for 'Chikhal Kalo' festival

- Marcel a small hamlet in North Goa, attracted hundreds of visitors on Friday for "Chikhal Kalo", a traditional mud festival that celebrates Lord Krishna's childhood.
- Hundreds of locals and tourists thronged the village to witness the event, which has been recognized and promoted by the state tourism department.
- The celebration begins at Devki Krishna temple in Marcel.

Divya Kala Mela will be Organised at Jaipur from 29 June

- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is organizing a unique event called 'Divya Kala Mela'.
- The event will showcase the products and craftsmanship of Divyang entrepreneurs/artisans from across the country.
- 'Divya Kala Mela' will be held from 29th June to 5th July 2023 in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- The event is aimed at promoting the economic empowerment of Divyangjan.

Annual Hemis Monastery Festival being celebrated in Ladakh

- In Ladakh, two -day-long annual Hemis Monastery Festival, known as Hemis Tseschu is celebrated with great religious fervor and gaiety.
- Grand prayers, the performance of sacred mask dances, and the exhibition of Thanka or mural Paintings are being held to mark the occasion of the birth anniversary of Guru Padma Sambhava.

Raja Parba festival celebrating menstruation, commences in Odisha

- Raja Parba is a three-day festival celebrated in Odisha to honor Mother Earth and celebrate womanhood.
- The festival started on June 14 and will end on June 16, 2023.
- The festival is also known as Mithun Sankranti and has great significance among Hindus.
- The festival celebrates the uniqueness of a woman's menstruation as a sign of fertility and the ability to give birth to another life.

Vaikasi Visakam 2023, celebrated in Tamil Nadu

- Vaikasi Visakam is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Lord Murugan, who is the warrior god
- Lord Kartikeya, son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati, is worshipped as Lord Murugan in Tamil Nadu and other southern states
- This year, Vaikashi Visakam will be celebrated on Saturday, June 3, as per the Tamil calendar
- Lord Murugan is also considered to be the chief deity of the ancient Tamils

Awards and Honours Current Affairs

An elephant image shot has emerged the winner at Drone Photo Awards

- A photo of an elephant taken at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) in Tamil Nadu has emerged as the winner of the Drone Photo Awards 2023
- The photo was taken by wildlife photographer, Mathanraj S
- The photo shows a herd of elephants crossing a river in the reserve.
- The photo was chosen as the winner by a panel of judges from around the world
- Mathanraj S will receive a cash prize of \$10,000

Angela Bassett, Mel Brooks to get honorary Oscars

- Angela Bassett and Mel Brooks will receive Academy Honorary Awards for their contribution to cinema.
- The awards will be presented at the Governor Awards in November 2023.
- Carol Littleton and Michelle Satter will also receive awards at the event.
- Bassett is known for her performances in "What's Love Got to Do with It", "Waiting to Exhale", and "Black Panther".

MOHFW wins Kreta Vikreta Gaurav Sammaan Samaaroh 2023

- The Department of Health and Family Welfare was awarded the Kreta Vikreta Gaurav Samman Samaroh 2023 in the "Highest Single Bid Procurements in FY22-23" category.
- The awards event was organized by the Government e-Marketplace of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- The department procured through the Government e-marketplace (GeM) and onboarded domestic vendors of vaccines.

Lionel Messi wins 'Best Foreign Player' award of Ligue 1

- Lionel Messi has been awarded the 'Best Foreign Player' in Ligue 1 for the 2022-23 season.
- Messi completed two season trebles with Barcelona, winning three major titles in a single season.
- He made his debut for Barcelona's senior team in 2003, scoring five goals in 10 appearances.
- Messi is the third-highest goal-scorer at the international level with 103 goals for Argentina.

Pt P. D. Baul awarded 1st Kala Kranti Lifetime Achievement Award

- At the Kolkata edition of the International Performing Arts Festival (IPAF), Padma Shri Pandit Purna Das Baul was presented with the IPAF Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution to the traditional Baul music on the world stage.
- This is IPAF's 5th year in Kolkata with 2 days of cultural programs to support the dying Indian art forms.

IOC awards Olympic Order to WHO Director-General Tedros Ghebreyesus

- The Director-General of the WHO, Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, was presented with the Olympic Order for his role in ensuring the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 took place despite the Covid-19 pandemic.

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) honored the WHO as an organization with the Olympic Cup for 2021.
- The IOC and WHO signed a cooperation agreement in 2020 to work together on joint initiatives.

NTPC Recognized as Most Preferred Workplace of 2023-24

- NTPC Limited has been honored with the prestigious title of "Most Preferred Workplace of 2023-24" by Team Marksmen.
- The award recognizes NTPC's exceptional performance in various key areas, including Organizational Purpose, Employee Centricity, safety & Trust.
- The company's progressive and "People before PLF" (Plant Load Factor) approach has contributed to making NTPC a preferred workplace.

Devrani sisters conferred National Florence Nightingale Award

- The National Florence Nightingale award was given to Major General Smita Devrani, Additional Director General of Military Nursing Service (MNS) and Brigadier Amita Devrani, Brigadier MNS in Southern Command headquarters for the years 2022 and 2023.
- The National Florence Nightingale Awards were established in 1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Bajaj Allianz General Insu. wins the Best Customer Experience Award

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, won 'Best Customer Experience and Servicing Platform' at the 4th ELETS BFSI Come Changer Summit 2023, in Goa.
- The theme of the event was 'Decoding New Disruptions & Technologies for a Better Tomorrow'.

Prez presents National Florence Nightingale Awards 2022 and 2023

- President presents National Florence Nightingale Awards 2022 and 2023 to nurses for their distinguished services.
- The awards are a mark of recognition for the meritorious services rendered by the nurses and nursing professionals to society.
- It was instituted in 1973 by the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry.

Star Alliance named World's Best Airline Alliance at Skytrax

- Star Alliance, the renowned airline alliance, has once again won the prestigious World's Best Airline Alliance award at the Skytrax World Airline Awards.
- The Alliance's Los Angeles lounge has retained its position as the World's Best Airline Alliance Lounge for an impressive seventh consecutive year.

Salman Rushdie awarded the prestigious German Peace Prize 2023

- Salman Rushdie has been awarded the 2023 Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for "his indomitable spirit, for his affirmation of life and for enriching our world with his love of storytelling."
- The Peace Prize is endowed with €25,000

- The prize, created in 1950, recognizes a personality committed to serving international understanding between nations and cultures through their work.

Arundhati Roy wins 45th European Essay Prize for 'Azadi'

- Arundhati Roy has won the 45th European Essay Prize for lifetime achievement.
- The prize recognizes outstanding essays that criticize current societies, their practices, and ideologies.
- The French translation of 'Azadi' titled 'Liberte, fascisme, fiction' appeared in Gallimard.
- The Prize has been awarded since 1975 and is the 1st literary award dedicated solely to the genre of the essay.

Product of the Year announces Winners of its 15th Anniversary Edition

- Product of the Year, the world's largest consumer-voted award for product innovation, unveiled the "Product of the Year 2023" Winners of its 15th Anniversary Edition
- Innovative products across various categories including Air Purifier, Ceiling Fan, Tower Air Cooler, Water Purifier and Life Insurance Plans have been voted and recognized as "Product of the Year 2023" by consumers across India

Paddler Mudit Dani scripts history, becomes first Indian to bag NCTTA

- Indian paddler Mudit Dani has entered the history books by becoming the first Indian to win the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) Male Athlete of the Year award for his exceptional performances in 2022-23.
- The NCTTA is a national organisation member of USA Table Tennis.
- It is given to the best performing male athlete across the USA and Canadian universities every season.

Gita Press, Gorakhpur, awarded Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021

- The Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021 will be conferred on Gita Press, Gorakhpur, one of the largest publishers of religious texts such as the Bhagavad Gita, the Ramayana and the Upanishads.
- The decision to confer the award on Gita Press was taken by a jury headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar confers 4th National Water Award

- 41 winners, including joint winners across 11 categories were awarded.
- Vice President Launches Animated Film On National Water Mission's Mascot 'Piku' To Promote Water Conservation.
- Prize For Best State To Be Conferred On Madhya Pradesh While Best District Will Be Conferred On Ganjam District, Odisha.
- NTPC Barauni secures First Rank at 4th National Water Awards, in Best Industry Category.

Expansion of Grammy Awards: Introducing Three New Categories



- Recording Academy has announced the expansion of the Grammy Awards, adding 3 new categories Best Alternative Music Performance, Best Spoken Word Poetry Album & Best Song for Social Change.
- New categories will be effective starting with 65th Grammy Awards ceremony in 2023.
- New categories were chosen through a process that involved input from members of the Recording Academy & music industry.

Vice President presents National Water Awards in New Delhi

- Vice President presented the National Water Awards 2022 in New Delhi.
- Madhya Pradesh topped the Best State category, followed by Haryana & Karnataka.
- Awards were given in 12 categories, including Best Urban Local Body, Best Watershed Management, and Best Water Conservation.
- Awards were instituted by the Ministry of Jal Shakti in 2017 to recognize and encourage excellence in water management

Five iconic Telangana structures win Green Apple Awards

- Five buildings from Telangana have been selected for the 'International Green Apple Awards for Beautiful Buildings'.
- Mozzam-Jahi Market, Durgam Cheruvu Cable Bridge, Telangana Secretariat Building, Control Centre of Telangana Police, and Yadadri Temple are the five award-winning structures.
- This is the 1st time that any building or structure from India is being awarded the Green Apple award.

Ramachandra Guha's book wins Elizabeth Longford Prize

- Historian Ramachandra Guha's book wins Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography 2023
- Guha was in London to collect a £5,000 cheque for winning the highly regarded Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography 2023 in its 20th anniversary year for Rebels against the Raj: Western Fighters for India's Freedom (published by William Collins).

Chennai-based child rights advocate wins US' Iqbal Masih Award

- Chennai-based lawyer-activist Lalitha Natarajan has been awarded the 2023 Iqbal Masih Award for the Elimination of Child Labour, said the US Consulate
- US Consul General Judith Ravin presented the award to Natarajan at a ceremony at the US Consulate General in Chennai on May 30
- Natarajan has worked throughout her career as a lawyer and activist to apply rights-based approaches to child labor

Shaktikanta Das Named 'Governor of the Year' At Central Banking Awards

- Reserve Bank of India governor Shaktikanta Das was honored with the title of 'Governor of the Year' for 2023 by Central Banking in London.
- He has ensured smooth management of world-leading payments innovation and led India through difficult times

- Moreover, he is the second Central Bank governor to be honored with the award after Raghuram Rajan, who bagged the title in 2015.

Indian film 'When Climate Change Turns Violent' wins WHO award

- A documentary titled 'When Climate Change Turns Violent' won a special prize in the 'Health for All' category at the 4th Annual Health for All Film Festival held at the World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters in Geneva.
- Vandita Saharia of Rajasthan directed the documentary, and she was the only Indian among the winners.
- The documentary deals with gender-based violence & climate change.

Vinay Addagiri & Suresh Nagala, conferred the Young Entrepreneur Award

- Vinay Addagiri, Co-Founder and Director & Suresh Nagala, Co-Founder and Vice-President at Aertsen Living were conferred with the Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2023 award by Telangana Government and Vande Bharath Trust.
- The duo has added yet another noteworthy achievement to their list of successes

Marc-Andre ter Stegen wins La Liga MVP award for 2022/23 season

- Football club Barcelona's goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen has won the La Liga MVP award for the 2022/23 season.
- The 31-year-old was judged the best player of the La Liga 2022/23 campaign after he kept 26 clean sheets in 38 games.
- He only conceded 18 goals this season.
- The German national got the better of Robert Lewandowski and Antoine Griezmann to win the La Liga MVP award.

Govt announces second edition of Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman

- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has announced the second edition of Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman.
- Thirty-three Sammans will be given out under three categories: Print, Television, and Radio in twenty-two Indian languages and English.
- The awards will be given for Best Media Coverage in Yoga in Newspaper, Electronic Media (TV), and Electronic Media (Radio).

Suriname confers highest civilian award to President Droupadi Murmu

- Suriname conferred its highest civilian honor, the Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star, to President Droupadi Murmu
- She is the 1st Indian to receive the award.
- She received the award from Suriname's President Chandrikapersad Santokhi during her state visit to Suriname.
- The visit coincides with Suriname's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Indians in the country.

Dev Shah crowned 2023 Scripps National Spelling Bee champion

- Dev Shah, a 14-year-old eighth-grader from Florida, who correctly spelled the word "psammophile" has won the 2023 Scripps National Spelling Bee
- It is a prestigious contest where children of Indian origin have ruled the roost.
- Dev Shah correctly spelled the word to win the 95th national bee and the USD 50,000 prize.



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Banking Current Affairs

HDFC-HDFC Bank Merger: New Entity Will Become World's 4th Largest Bank

- HDFC is set to join the ranks of the world's most valuable banks following its merger with Housing Development Finance Corp.
- The combined entity will have a market capitalization of \$160 billion, which would make it the fourth most valuable bank in the world.
- This is a historic milestone for India's banking industry, as it would be the first Indian bank to make it into the top 10.

Bank of India launches "Centralised Pool Buy-Out and Co-Lending Cell"

- Bank of India has launched a 'Centralized Pool Buy-Out and Co-Lending Cell' to boost priority sector lending in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The Cell will be equipped with a digital underwriting system to onboard pool buy-outs and co-lending of loans in partnership with NBFCs (non-banking finance companies).
- The Cell will onboard loan assets under Retail, MSME, and the Agriculture segment.

ICICI Lombard and ICICI Pru Life jointly launch 'iShield'

- ICICI Lombard General Insurance and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance have launched a joint insurance solution called iShield.
- iShield provides customers with both health and life insurance, enabling them to take care of medical treatment expenses.
- The life insurance coverage will continue till the age of 85, ensuring the family has sufficient financial resources.

ICICI Securities to become 100% subsidiary of ICICI after delisting

- ICICI Securities will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of ICICI Bank upon delisting.
- The company's board of directors has approved a draft scheme of arrangement for the delisting.
- Shareholders of ICICI Securities will get 67 equity shares of ICICI Bank for every 100 shares of the company.
- As on March 31, 2023, ICICI Bank held 74.85 percent of the equity shares of ICICI Securities.

RBI eases restrictions on HDFC Credila's customer onboarding

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has eased the restrictions on onboarding new customers by Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Credila Financial Services.
- The relaxation is subject to the application for change in shareholding of HDFC Credila as an NBFC.
- The RBI had also requested that HDFC Bank reduce its ownership of HDFC Credila to 10% by March 31, 2024

Kotak Insurance partners with actyv.ai to provide insurance to MSMEs

- Kotak Mahindra General Insurance has partnered with actyv.ai to provide bite-sized insurance products to MSMEs.

- The partnership will offer innovative insurance products to the enterprise and its supply chain partner ecosystem.
- The partnership will enable small businesses to focus on driving growth without worrying about business risks.

Canara Bank becomes 1st PSB to allow credit card based UPI payments

- Canara Bank has become the first Public Sector Bank in India to introduce the facility of UPI payments to merchants through RuPay Credit Card.
- Canara Bank is the first Public Sector Bank (PSB) to introduce this Facility.
- Customers of the Canara Bank will now be able to make UPI payments to merchants from their RuPay Credit Cards also in addition to their bank accounts.

SEBI unveils ASBA-like facility for trading in secondary market

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) unveiled an Application Supported Blocked Amount (ASBA) like facility for trading in the secondary market.
- The process provides enhanced protection of cash collateral by blocking funds in favor of the clearing corporation.
- The facility will be provided by integrating RBI-approved UPI service with the secondary market settlement process.

S&P retains India's growth projection at 6% for FY24

- S&P Global Ratings retained India's GDP growth forecast at 6 per cent saying it will be the fastest-growing economy among Asia Pacific nations.
- The GDP growth forecast for the current and the next fiscal has been kept unchanged from the prediction made in March partly on account of domestic resilience.
- S&P said retail inflation is likely to soften to 5 percent this fiscal from 6.7 percent.

World Bank approves USD 391 mn for Assam, Tripura

- The World Bank approved USD 391 million in financing to improve access to high-quality healthcare services and economic opportunities for people in Assam and Tripura.
- The Assam State Secondary Healthcare Initiative for Service Delivery Transformation (ASSIST) Project, for which USD 251 million was approved, will improve access to high-quality secondary healthcare services in Assam.

RBI imposes ₹2.5 crore penalty on Jammu & Kashmir Bank, Axis Bank

- RBI imposed a monetary penalty on three Indian banks for non-compliance with certain directions issued by the central bank.
- Jammu & Kashmir Bank faced a penalty of ₹ 2.5 crores, while Bank of Maharashtra was fined ₹ 1.45 crore, and Axis Bank received the least amount of penalty among them to the tune of ₹ 30 lakh.
- The penalties were imposed on June 22nd in these three banks.

Fitch Ratings raises India's GDP forecast to 6.3%

- Fitch Ratings revised upwards its FY24 economic growth forecast for India to 6.3 per cent from 6 per cent it had predicted earlier.
- This is primarily because of a stronger outturn in the first quarter and near-term momentum.
- The growth forecast compares with 7.2 per cent GDP expansion in FY23. In the previous fiscal year (FY22), the economy had grown 9.1 per cent.

IRDAI Expands Scope Of 'Use And File' Procedure For Life Insurance

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) released a circular on June 20, 2023 introducing modifications to the existing 'use and file' procedure for life insurance products.
- These changes aim to facilitate the insurance industry in promoting insurance penetration.
- The modifications aim to enhance the accessibility and range of life insurance products.

Google Cloud launches anti-money-laundering tool for banks

- Google Cloud has launched Anti Money Laundering AI (AML AI) to help financial institutions detect money laundering more effectively and efficiently.
- AML AI provides a consolidated machine learning-generated customer risk score as an alternative to rules-based transaction alerting.
- The risk score is based on the bank's data including network behavior, and Know Your Customer (KYC) data.

Indian Overseas Bank Introduces "MY ACCOUNT MY NAME"

- Indian Overseas Bank Introduces "MY ACCOUNT MY NAME" for Savings Bank account customers, a first-of-its-kind initiative in the banking sector.
- Now customers will get the freedom to choose any name as their account number with IOB.
- The schemes were launched from Central Office, Chennai, virtually by Shri Ajay Kumar Srivastava, MD&CEO, Indian Overseas Bank with all the 49 Regional Offices.

KVG Bank launches new deposit scheme

- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) has launched a new deposit scheme 'Vikas Ashadeep 400 days'.
- Shreekant M Bhandiwad, Chairman of KVGB, who launched this scheme, said the scheme is of a tenor of 400 days with an interest rate of 7.50 percent for senior citizens and 7 percent for the general public.
- Under the scheme, a minimum of ₹10,000 and a maximum of ₹2 crore can be deposited.

India's wholesale inflation hits 3-year low in May at -3.48 percent

- Wholesale inflation in India based on the Wholesale Price Index continued to stay in the negative zone in May.
- It hit a three-year low at minus 3.48 percent in May, as against minus 0.92 the previous month, official data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry showed.
- The decrease in wholesale inflation is mainly attributed to the decline in cereals, wheat, vegetables, potato etc.

SIDBI launches mission EVOLVE to finance MSMEs for EVs

- SIDBI has launched mission EVOLVE to finance MSMEs in the Electronic Vehicle (EV) space, in association with NITI Aayog, World Bank, Korean-World Bank, and Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund (KEDCF).
- The initiative aims to give MSMEs access to affordable commercial financing for EV loans, including hosting of telematics.
- The mission aims to finance 50,000 EVs.

CPI inflation drops to 4.25% in May, lowest in 25 months

- The last time India's headline retail inflation figure was lower than 4.25 percent was in April 2021, when it stood at 4.23 percent
- India's headline retail inflation rate dropped for the fourth month in a row in May, falling to 4.25 percent from 4.70 percent in April
- CPI inflation remains above the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) medium-term target of 4 percent for the 44th month in a row

Punjab National Bank (PNB) launches IVR-based UPI 123PAY

- Punjab National Bank has launched an IVR-based UPI solution - UPI 123PAY, making it the 1st public sector bank to do so.
- The UPI 123PAY solution will allow users to perform UPI transactions from any phone.
- The solution is available in multiple languages and can be accessed by dialing 9188-123-123.
- IDFC First Bank, City Union Bank, and NSDL Payments Bank have also gone live on IVR payments.

Punjab & Sind Bank to raise Rs 750 cr via bonds

- Punjab & Sind Bank, on 12 June 2023, announced to raise Rs 750 crore from bonds to fund business growth.
- The board has approved the raising of capital up to Rs 750 crore through the issuance of Basel-III compliant Additional Tier-I Bonds or Tier-II Bonds, the bank said in a regulatory filing.
- The fundraising will be done in one or more tranches within a period of 12 months.

RBI expands scope of TReDS, includes insurers as participants

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has expanded the scope of the trade receivables discounting system (TReDS) by allowing insurance companies to participate as stakeholders.
- TReDS platforms aim to improve the cash flows of MSMEs by allowing them to access funds.
- Insurance companies are now considered the "fourth participant" alongside MSME sellers, buyers, and financiers.

Go Digit Life Insurance gets Irdai nod for life insurance business

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has granted a life insurance business license to Go Digit Life Insurance Limited.
- It is backed by Canada's Fairfax Group and is already in the general insurance business.

- Go Digit is one of the first non-life insurers in India to be fully operated on the cloud and has developed API integrations with several channel partners.

RBI permits FLDG between fintechs and banks, NBFCs

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the First Loss Default Guarantee (FLDG) framework, allowing fintech to partner with banks and Non-Banking financial companies (NBFCs).
- The default loss guarantee (DLG) provider shall not bear a performance risk of more than the equivalent amount of 5% of the underlying loan portfolio in implicit guarantee arrangements.

RBI allows banks to issue prepaid forex RuPay cards

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed banks to issue RuPay Prepaid Forex cards for use overseas, expanding payment options for Indians traveling abroad.
- RBI has also proposed expanding the scope and reach of e-RUPI vouchers.
- The e-RUPI digital voucher, launched in August 2021, rides on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) system of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

RBI maintains status quo, keeping repo rate unchanged at 6.5%

- RBI announced its 2nd bi-monthly policy of this fiscal and as expected the apex bank preferred to maintain the status quo by keeping the key rates unchanged.
- Monetary Policy Committee decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5%, consequently, the Standing Deposit Facility remains at 6.25% and the marginal standing facility and the bank rates stand at 6.75%.

RBI Governor launches financial inclusion dashboard 'Antardrishti'

- The dashboard, presently intended for internal use in the RBI, will further facilitate greater financial inclusion through a multi-stakeholder approach.
- RBI constructed the Financial Inclusion (FI) Index in 2021
- The FI-Index was conceptualized as a complete index that includes information on the banking, investments, insurance, postal, and pension sectors.

RBI imposes monetary penalty on Sawantwadi Urban Co-operative Bank

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹ 3 lakh on Sawantwadi Urban Co-operative Bank for contravention of directions contained in the Supervisory Action Framework (SAF).
- The cooperative bank is based in a taluka called Sawantwadi in Maharashtra.
- The bank had sanctioned fresh loans and advances other than the permitted category despite SAF restrictions.

UPI hits record 9 billion transactions worth Rs 14 lakh crore

- The Unified Payments Interface UPI registered a record of more than nine billion transactions last month amounting to over 14 lakh crore rupees.
- According to the National Payments Corporation of India, UPI recorded a total of 9.41 billion transactions in May 2023.

- India's homegrown payments system Unified Payments Interface UPI is one of the globally accepted payment systems.



Books and Authors Current Affairs

Roopa Pai releases her new book titled 'The Yoga Sutra for Children'

- Renowned author Roopa Pai released her new book 'The Yoga Sutras for Children' which is published by Hachette India.
- The book aims to connect yoga to children's everyday lives.
- The book features techniques by Maharishi Patanjali to help children nurture energies and attitudes.
- Roopa Pai is also the author of 'The Gita for Children'.

R.A.W Hitman, a book by S. Hussain Zaidi to be Released Soon

- The real story of R.A.W Hitman which is about Agent Lima (aka Lucky Bisht) is making headlines.
- R.A.W Hitman is being published by the globally acclaimed American publication 'Simon and Schuster'.
- R.A.W Hitman is their second publication in India after their first ever book called Sachin@50 which was on Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar.

A.K. Bhattacharya released his new book "India's Finance Ministers"

- Veteran Journalist Ashok Kumar Bhattacharya has authored a new book titled "India's Finance Ministers: From Independence to Emergency (1947-1977)".
- The book highlights the role of India's finance ministers who shaped India's economy in the first 30 years(from 1947 to 1977) after Independence.
- The book is published by Penguin Business an imprint of Penguin Random House.

"Symphony to Jazz" book launched by Ankit Khemka

- Renowned author Ankit Khemka has released his latest book titled "Symphony to Jazz," offering a compelling exploration of creativity, teamwork, and innovation in the business world.
- Drawing inspiration from the dynamic and collaborative nature of jazz music, Ankit presents invaluable insights and practical strategies for individuals and organizations to unlock their creative potential.

"The Power of Facebook Marketing" launched by Amit Kumar Jha

- Amit Kumar Jha, a highly regarded digital marketing expert, is thrilled to announce the release of his debut book titled The Power of Facebook Marketing.
- The book launch took place at SMR Vinay City, Hyderabad, on June 17th,
- "The Power of Facebook Marketing" is an insightful and comprehensive guide that unlocks the potential of Facebook for effective marketing strategies.

A book titled "Master Residential Real Estate" released

- Real Estate veteran, Ashwinder R Singh launches his second book, 'Master Residential Real Estate'.
- The book covers a wide range of topics, from finding the right property to financing a home purchase.

- The book empowers readers to take control of their financial and emotional future.
- It provides the necessary information to make informed decisions based on data and research.

'The Art of Plunder' Book Launched Worldwide

- "The Art of Plunder." With its suspenseful and thrilling narrative, this book takes readers on a gripping journey through the lives of its main characters and the events that shape their destinies.
- It is authored by Alekhya Talapatra
- Talapatra's clever storytelling draws readers deep into the storyline, immersing them in a world filled with suspense and intrigue.

Author Shantanu Gupta launches his new novel 'Ajay to Yogi Adityanath'

- Shantanu Gupta launched his new graphic novel "Ajay to Yogi Adityanath" on 6 June 2023.
- The book launch was attended by more than 5000 children in over 51 schools across various districts of Uttar Pradesh, creating an Asia Book of Records.
- He also has written two bestseller titles on Yogi Adityanath- The Monk Who Transformed Uttar Pradesh and The Monk Who Became Chief Minister.

BJP President Nadda releases book titled Amrutkaal Ki Ore

- BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda released a book titled Amrutkaal Ki Ore in New Delhi based on 9 Years' Achievements of the Narendra Modi Government.
- Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Nadda said the 9 years of the Modi government have transformed the country.
- He said, there has been a big difference since 2014 when Prime Minister Narendra Modi took office.

Book on Sidhu Moosewala's death, its investigation to release on June 5

- Book on Sidhu Moosewala's death, and its investigation to release on June 5.
- "Who Killed Moosewala?", is written by journalist-author Jupinderjit Singh.
- Published by Westland Books, it looks at the events of May 29, 2022, the day the Punjabi hip-hop star was shot by six armed assailants while driving to his aunt's house in a village in Punjab.

HarperCollins India to publish BK Shivani's The Power of One Thought

- "The Power of One Thought: Master Your Mind" is a book by BK Shivani that aims to guide readers toward personal transformation.
- She was also honored with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' in 2017.
- Since 2017, she has been appointed as a Goodwill Ambassador by the World Psychiatric Association.
- HarperCollins India was awarded the Publisher of the Year Award three times, in 2015, 2016, and 2018.

Abhay K's new book on Nalanda to be published by Penguin

- Abhay K's book 'Nalanda', the acquisition of which has been announced by Penguin Random House India, delves into the history of the ancient seat of learning in Bihar

- The Book is scheduled to release in October next year in 2024 from the Vintage imprint.
- He received the SAARC Literary Award (2013) and was invited to record his poems at the Library of Congress, Washington, DC



Business and Economy Current Affairs

WB approves USD 1.5 bn financing for India's low-carbon transition

- The World Bank has approved USD 1.5 billion in financing for India's low-carbon transition.
- The financing will be used to support a number of projects, including:
 - The development of renewable energy projects, such as solar and wind power.
 - The improvement of energy efficiency in buildings and industries.
 - The development of green transport systems, such as electric vehicles.

World Bank approves USD 200 mln loan to Himachal Pradesh

- The World Bank has approved USD 200 million in loans for Himachal Pradesh to facilitate power sector reforms in the state.
- World Bank said the funding would help the state add 10,000MW of additional renewable energy capacity.
- HP aims to become a 'Green State' by meeting 100 percent of its energy needs through renewable and green energy by 2030.

India's current account deficit narrows to 0.2% of GDP

- India's current account deficit (CAD) narrowed to 0.2 percent of GDP in the fourth quarter (January-March) of FY23 from two percent of GDP in the preceding quarter
- For the full-year FY23, the current account balance registered a deficit of 2% of GDP as compared to a deficit of 1.2% in FY22.
- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) recorded a robust sequential rise to \$6.4 billion in Q4.

Centre approves Rs 56,415 crore to 16 states for capital investment

- The Department of Expenditure under the Finance Ministry has approved capital investment proposals of Rs 56,415 cr for 16 states in the current financial year 2023-24
- The amount has been approved for 16 states: Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Odisha, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and West Bengal

IndiGo makes historic order for 500 Airbus planes worth USD 50 billion

- InterGlobe Aviation, the operator of India's largest airline, has placed an order for 500 narrow-body planes with Airbus, valued at about \$50 billion.
- IndiGo's order has surpassed Air India's order for 470 aircraft from Airbus and Boeing in Feb 2023, making it the single-largest purchase in the commercial aviation industry.
- The 500 aircraft order is to be delivered between 2030 and 2035.

India's seafood exports touch an all-time high \$8.09 bn in FY 2022-23

- India achieved an all-time high export of seafood in terms of volume and value in FY 2022-23.
- In 2022-23, India exported worth INR 63,969.14 crore (\$8.09 billion) seafood.
- Frozen shrimp remains the major export item in terms of both quantity and value.
- USA and China were the major importers of India's seafood.



- The European Union was the 3rd-largest destination for India's seafood exports.

MRF becomes the 1st Indian stock to touch ₹1 lakh per share mark

- MRF became the first Indian stock to touch the rupee one lakh per share mark.
- The stock opened at ₹99,500 on BSE against the previous close of ₹98,939.70 and touched an all-time high of ₹1,00,300 in morning trade.
- The stock has witnessed strong gains in the last year. It is up 45 percent in the last year against a 19 percent gain in the benchmark Sensex.

Industrial Output of India rise to 4.2% in April 2023

- The Industrial output of the country rose to 4.2 percent in April 2023, according to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation data released on 12 June 2023.
- The index of industrial production (IIP) expanded as the manufacturing sector's output grew 4.9 percent in April while Mining output rose by 5.1 percent.
- Power generation declined by 1.1 percent in April.

India's retail inflation eases to 4.25 per cent in May 2023

- India's retail inflation dropped to a more than two-year low of 4.25% in May 2023, according to data released by the Ministry of Statistics.
- The consumer-price index (CPI) based inflation has remained within the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) tolerance band of 2-6% for the 3rd consecutive month.
- For the year, the forecast is for 4.9% average inflation in FY24.

CBFC launches revamped website & new mobile app in Mumbai

- Central Board of Film Certification has launched its revamped website and the new mobile app in Mumbai. CBFC Chairman Prasoon Joshi launched the website and the mobile app.
- The CBFC website will provide timely updates on new and upcoming events, circulars, orders, notifications, etc.
- The newly developed Mobile App provides features such as real-time progress tracking of application status

Defence Current Affairs

IAF plans its biggest air exercise "Tarang Shakti"

- The exercise, named Tarang Shakti, is slated to be the biggest air exercise to be conducted in India.
- Participating countries will join the exercise with both military combat jets and transport aircraft, among other assets.
- The exercise is expected to involve forces from 12 countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Australia.

IAF conducts capstone seminar for the 2nd warfare & aerospace strategy

- The Indian Air Force conducted a Capstone Seminar in New Delhi.
- The seminar marked the end of the No. 2 Warfare & Aerospace Strategy Program (WASP).
- The program aims to nurture critical thinkers who can generate policy-driving ideas at the strategic level.
- The participants presented their papers on India's regional and global aspirations and the application of airpower.

IAF's Tejas Mk 2 Light Combat Aircraft to take first flight by 2025

- The highly anticipated Tejas Mk 2 Light Combat Aircraft is expected to be ready for its first flight by 2025.
- Tejas' progress was confirmed by a high-ranking official of the Aeronautical Development Agency
- ADA is the nodal agency for the design of the next-gen LCA
- Tejas Mk 2 is better than the previous iteration of the LCA as it boasted modern avionics and improved range.

IAF carries out Exercise Ranvijay with focus on integrated operations

- The Indian Air Force conducted 'Exercise Ranvijay' to focus on integration and electronic warfare capabilities.
- The exercise was carried out from different air bases of the command headquartered in Prayagraj.
- Full spectrum operations by all combat assets were carried out during the exercise.
- Day and night operations by combat aircraft including the Su-30s were conducted.

INS Sunayna visits Kenya's Mombasa to strengthen bilateral ties

- INS Sunayna visited Mombasa, Kenya from June 20-23, 2023, to strengthen bilateral ties with maritime neighbours on the theme of Ocean Ring of Yoga.
- On departure from Mombasa, INS Sunayna undertook Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Kenya Naval Ship Jasiri on 23 Jun 23.
- The event was attended by Ms. Namgya Khampa, High Commissioner of India, Nairobi, Kenya.

India-Maldives joint defence exercise 'Ekuverin' concludes

- The 12th edition of the joint military exercise "Ex Ekuverin" between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force has taken place at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand from 11 to 24 June 2023.
- "Ekuverin" means "Friends" and is a bilateral annual exercise conducted alternatively in India & Maldives.
- The 11th edition was held in the Maldives in December 2021.

L&T, DRDO sign contract for Submarine Propulsion System

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) signed a contract for realisation of two Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) System Modules for Kalvari Class of submarines of the Indian Navy.
- These modules constitute the core of the fuel cell-based AIP System, indigenously developed by the Naval Materials Research Laboratory (NMRL)

HAL signs MoU with Argentina firm for aerospace collaboration

- State-owned plane maker Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed a memorandum of understanding with its Argentine counterpart Fabrica Argentina de Aviones (FAdeA).
- It aims for possible collaboration in the aerospace sector at a time when the Indian firm is in talks with the South American country to export the indigenously-built light combat aircraft (LCA).

India Conducts Massive Military Exercise- Agneyastra 1

- The Indian Army has concluded a massive military exercise — Agneyastra 1 in eastern Ladakh.
- K-9 Artillery Guns, UAVs And Anti-Tank Missiles were used in the exercise

Rajnath Singh inaugurates Integrated Simulator Complex: Dhruv in Kochi

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Integrated Simulator Complex (ISC) 'Dhruv' at Southern Naval Command, Kochi.
- The ISC 'Dhruv' hosts modern state-of-the-art indigenously-built simulators which will significantly enhance practical training in the Indian Navy.
- These simulators are envisaged to give real-time experience on navigation, fleet operations and Naval tactics.

Indian ADA to roll Tejas Mark II prototype with F-414 engine by 2024

- The Indian PSU will have to meet the challenge of manufacturing 500 engines for Mark II, AMCA, TEDBF fighters.
- On the eve of historic India-US F-414 jet engine deal, both Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) and the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) have geared up to produce Tejas Mark II fighter by 2027-28 with the former ready to roll out the GE-414 powered prototype by 2024 end.

India gifts missile corvette INS Kirpan to Vietnam

- India gifted the indigenously-built in-service missile corvette INS Kirpan to Vietnam to enhance that country's naval capabilities.
- Rajnath Singh announced this on June 19 after bilateral talks with his visiting Vietnamese counterpart General Phan Van Gang.

- INS Kirpan is a Khukri class missile corvette displacing 1,350 tonnes and was commissioned into the Navy on January 12, 1991.

INS 'Vagir' set to embark on operational visit to Colombo

- Indian Navy's state-of-the-art submarine, INS 'Vagir', is all set to embark on an operational visit to Colombo from June 19
- This visit is in commemoration of the 9th edition of the International Day of Yoga and aligns with the theme of 'Global Ocean Ring'
- INS 'Vagir' will also open its doors to visitors and school children, allowing them a rare opportunity to explore the submarine firsthand

Indian Army participates in multinational exercise 'Khaan Quest 2023'

- Indian Army is participating in the multinational peacekeeping Joint Exercise Ex Khaan Quest 2023 in Mongolia.
- Over 20 countries are participating in the exercise.
- The exercise was inaugurated by President of Mongolia Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh.
- The Garhwal Rifles is representing the Indian Army in the exercise.
- The exercise will train uniformed personnel for UN Peacekeeping Operations.

Defence ministry approves to acquire 31 MQ-9B armed drones from US

- India's defence ministry approved the acquisition of 31 MQ-9B armed drones from the US.
- India is expected to buy the drones, which have an endurance of more than 27 hours and can operate at up to 50,000 feet, in a deal worth a little more than \$3 billion.
- Fifteen drones will be for the navy, and eight each for the army and the air force.

Defence Minister chairs consultation meeting on self-reliance

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh chaired a meeting of the consultative committee for the Ministry of Defence (MoD) on 'self-reliance in defence manufacturing' in Bengaluru.
- Members of the committee from both houses of the Parliament were apprised of various initiatives.
- Efforts will be made to incorporate suggestions given by members of the committee towards attaining self-reliance.

GRSE launches two warships and lays keel of third vessel

- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd launched 2 warships of different classes on June 13, 2023, and laid the keel of a 3rd vessel.
- The ships launched were Anjadip, the 3rd Anti-Submarine Shallow Water Craft (ASWSWC), and Sanshodhak, the 4th Survey Vessel Large (SVL) while the keel was laid for the 7th ASWSWC.
- INS Anjadip is named after an island close to India's Western coast.

Indo-Maldives joint military exercise commences

- The 12th edition of the joint military exercise "Ex Ekuverin" has started between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force.

- The exercise is being held at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand, and will continue until 24 June 2023.
- "Ekuverin" means "Friends" and is a bilateral annual exercise conducted alternatively in India & Maldives.
- The 11th edition was held in the Maldives in Dec 2021.

INS Vikramaditya, Vikrant lead Navy's mega ops in Arabian Sea

- The Navy carried out a massive Carrier Battle Group operation involving more than 35 aircraft in the Arabian Sea, one of the biggest demonstrations of its operational capabilities
- A CBG is a naval fleet comprising an aircraft carrier and its multiple escort vessels
- The Navy has been trying to get a third aircraft carrier and is discussing the feasibility of a repeat order of INS Vikrant

India, France, UAE begin maiden joint maritime exercise

- The first India-France-UAE Maritime Partnership Exercise began in the Gulf of Oman.
- The exercise includes the Indian Navy frigate INS Tarkash, the French Navy ship Surcouf, and UAE Navy maritime patrol aircraft.
- The exercise also includes cross-embarkation of personnel to exchange best practices.
- The exercise aims to improve trilateral cooperation between the three navies.

Germany prepares to host NATO's biggest ever air exercise over Europe

- Germany is preparing to host the biggest air deployment exercise in NATO's history, a show of force intended to impress allies and potential adversaries such as Russia, Germany, and American
- The Air Defender 23 exercise starting next week will see 10,000 participants and 250 aircraft from 25 nations.
- The US alone is sending 2,000 National Guard personnel and 100 aircraft.

'Agni Prime' ballistic missile successfully flight-tested by DRDO

- New Generation Ballistic Missile 'Agni Prime' was successfully flight-tested by Defence Research and Development Organisation from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha
- Rajnath Singh has congratulated DRDO and the Armed Forces for the success.
- Secretary Department of Defence R&D & Chairman DRDO Dr. Samir V Kamat appreciated the efforts put in by the teams of DRDO laboratories.

Indian Navy to commemorate 130th anniversary of Gandhiji's Satyagraha

- Indian Navy to participate in a commemorative event at Pietermaritzburg Railway Station near Durban to mark 130 years of the start of the struggle against apartheid.
- INS Trishul is visiting Durban from 06 to 09 Jun 23 to commemorate the anniversary.
- The incident of June 7, 1893, when Mahatma Gandhi was evicted from a first-class compartment at Pietermaritzburg station.

Indian Navy tests Made in India heavyweight torpedo successfully.

- Indian Navy carried out a successful test to destroy an underwater target using Made in India heavyweight Torpedo.

- The successful engagement of an underwater target by an indigenously developed Heavy Weight Torpedo was a significant milestone.
- This is the second sea-level test in a fortnight. Last month, the Navy tested an advanced missile from the destroyer INS Mormugao.

Sixth edition of India-Maldives Exercise 'Ekatha' underway

- Indian Navy divers and Marine Commandos are in the Maldives for the sixth edition of Exercise Ekatha with Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) from 4th June to 3rd July
- The annual exercise is conducted between the two forces to enhance interoperability in diving and special operations
- The ceremony that concluded with the national anthem of Maldives was followed by the exchange of mementoes

Indian Navy's Green Initiatives imbibing Green Technologies

- The Navy, as a self-driven and environmentally responsible force, has always been committed to environmental protection and green initiatives.
- Some of the noteworthy initiatives towards 'Clean and Green Navy', are elaborated.
- Indian Navy has commissioned solar power with a cumulative capacity of 15.87MW which is in line with Govt of India's 'Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission mission.

Indian Naval Ship Satpura arrives in Indonesia

- Indian Naval Ship Satpura arrived at Makassar, Indonesia to participate in the 4th Edition of Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo
- This four-day exercise which began will continue till June 8, 2023, in Makassar, Indonesia.
- This event marks the fourth iteration of the exercise since its inception in 2014.

India conducts successful training launch of Agni-1 ballistic missile

- India successfully conducted a training launch of the medium-range ballistic missile Agni-1 from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.
- In December 2022, India successfully test-fired nuclear-capable ballistic missile Agni-V that can strike targets at ranges up to 5,000 km.
- The Agni 1 to 4 missiles have ranges from 700 km to 3,500 km and have already been deployed.

MH60R helicopter makes maiden landing on INS Vikrant

- The Indian Nav's MH-60 'Romeo' multi-mission helicopter landed on the indigenously-built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.
- MH-60R helicopter manufactured by Lockheed Martin Corporation is an all-weather helicopter designed to support multiple missions with state-of-the-art avionics and sensors.
- It is known for its exceptional surveillance, anti-shipping, and Search and Rescue capabilities.

Government Schemes and Policies Current Affairs

Cabinet Gives 3.68 Lakh Crore Scheme To Strengthen Fertiliser System

- The scheme is to incentivize States and Union Territories to promote alternative fertilizers and balanced use of chemical fertilizers.
- The Cabinet gave its nod to PM-PRANAM Yojana for the farmers.
- The Cabinet has approved a package of Rs 3,68,000 crores.
- This scheme will reduce the use of chemical fertilisers in the states.

'DAKSHTA For Young Professionals' now Live at iGOT Karmayogi

- A new curated collection, DAKSHTA (Development of Attitude, Knowledge, Skill for Holistic Transformation in Administration) For Young Professionals, is now Live on the iGOT Karmayogi Platform.
- This will help Young Professionals and Consultants engaged in various Ministries, Government Departments, and Organizations to enhance their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Amit Shah announces disaster management schemes worth Rs 8,000 crore

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced three major schemes for disaster management worth over Rs 8,000 crore.
- Shah chaired a meeting with the disaster management departments of States and Union Territories at Vigyan Bhawan
- He said in the last nine years, the central government has achieved a lot in this area.

PM flags off two schemes to revive wetlands, mangroves

- PM Narendra Modi launched two schemes named Amrit Dharohar and MISHTI to revive wetlands and mangroves across the country.
- India currently has 75 Ramsar sites and the launch of Amrit Dharohar Yojana will ensure the conservation of the existing Ramsar sites through public participation.
- The MISHTI scheme will help in reviving and protecting the mangrove ecosystem in the country.

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launches PM SVANidhi mobile app

- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched a PM SVANidhi mobile app for street vendors, to ease the loan application process.
- He commended the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme on its three years completion.
- It has led to an unparalleled wave of financial inclusion and digital literacy in cities and towns.

1275 railway stations to be upgraded under Amrit Bharat Station scheme

- The Consultative Committee of Members of Parliament for the Ministry of Railways announced to upgrade of 1,275 railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station.
- The meeting was chaired by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav.
- The scheme was launched for the development of stations on Indian Railways with a long-term approach.

Days and Events Current Affairs

International Day of the Tropics: 29 June

- It is observed on 29 June annually to spread awareness about conservation strategies and to promote tropical regions on Earth.
- The Tropics account for 36 percent of the Earth's landmass. It includes the Equator and parts of North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Australia.
- The inaugural State of the Tropics Report was launched on 29 June 2014.

National Statistics Day: 29 June

- National Statistics Day is observed in India on June 29 every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of renowned statistician Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis.
- The first National Statistics Day was celebrated on June 29, 2007
- The theme of Statistics Day, 2023 is "Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring Sustainable Development Goals".

United Nations Public Service Day: 23 June

- The United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated on June 23 of every year. The UN Public Service Day was designated by the United Nations General Assembly's resolution of 2003, to "celebrate the value and virtue of public service to the community".
- The day also marks the anniversary of the date when the International Labour Organization adopted the Convention on Labour Relations 1978.

International Olympic Day: 23 June

- The International Olympic Day is celebrated on 23rd June every year to make people aware of the importance of games in life.
- Olympic Day commemorates the founding of the International Olympic Committee on 23 June 1894 by Baron Pierre de Coubertin.
- The theme of 2023 year's Olympic Day is 'Let's Move' which aims to inspire people around the world to make time for daily physical activity.

International Yoga Day: 21 June

- The 9th annual International Yoga Day is being celebrated on 21 June 2023.
- The International Day of Yoga has been celebrated across the world annually on June 21 since 2015, following its inception in the United Nations General Assembly in 2014.
- The theme for International Yoga Day 2023 is "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," which also represents "One Earth, One Family".

Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra begins in Puri, Odisha

- The Jagannath Puri Rath Yatra 2023, began on June 20, 2023.
- The Ratha Yatra of Puri, popularly known as Ratha Jatra is the oldest and largest Hindu chariot festival.

- It celebrates Lord Jagannath and his siblings annually, on the bright half of the lunar month of Ashadh (June-July).
- The Yatra starts from the Puri temple and concludes at Shree Gundicha temple

World Hydrography Day: 21 June

- World Hydrography Day is observed on 21 June every year to increase public awareness about hydrography science.
- The date was chosen by the United Nations in 2005 to honor the establishment of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO).
- The theme for 2023 is 'Hydrography - Underpinning the Digital Twin of the Ocean' which is in keeping with the development of virtual representation."

World Refugee Day: 20 June

- World Refugee Day is an international day organized annually on 20 June by the United Nations.
- It is designed to celebrate and honor refugees from around the world.
- The day was first established on 20 June 2001, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.
- The theme for the year 2023 is "Hope Away from Home"

World Father's Day: 18 June

- It is observed every year on the third Sunday of June to commemorate fatherhood and appreciates all fathers for their support and contribution to society.
- Father's Day 2023 will be celebrated on June 18.
- Sonora Smart Dodd advocated for the day to honor fathers.
- The first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington.

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought: 17 June

- It is observed on 17 June each year to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification.
- The United Nations General Assembly in 1994 declared 17 June as the "World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought".
- The global focus for Desertification and Drought Day 2023 is on women's land rights
- The theme for the year 2023 is 'Her Land. Her Rights.'

MEA celebrates SCO Day under India's chairmanship

- The Ministry of External Affairs celebrated Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Day under India's SCO chairmanship.
- A postage stamp was released to commemorate the occasion.
- Ambassadors of the SCO Member States, observers, and dialogue partners took part in the event.
- India assumed the rotating presidency of the SCO at the 2022 SCO Summit held in Uzbekistan.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: 15 June

- This day is celebrated every year on 15 June to raise the voice for caring elders. Elder abuse is a global social issue that affects the Health of millions of older persons.
- The day was officially recognized by the UN General Assembly in 2006.
- The theme for the 2023 year is "Closing the Circle: Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Older Age Policy, Law and Evidence-based Responses".

World Blood Donor Day: 14 June

- World Blood Donor Day is observed on 14 June every year to raise awareness about the urgency of blood donations all over the world.
- In 2004 World Blood Donor Day was first distinguished by the WHO.
- In the 58th World Health Assembly, 2005 it was declared as an annual global event.
- The theme of World Blood Donor Day 2023 is "Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often."

International Albinism Awareness Day: 13 June

- The day is celebrated annually on June 13 to celebrate the human rights of persons with albinism worldwide.
- On 18 Dec 2014, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution proclaiming 13 June as International Albinism Awareness Day, with effect from 2015.
- The theme of International Albinism Awareness Day 2023 is "Inclusion is strength,"

World Day Against Child Labour: 12 June

- World Day Against Child Labour is observed annually on June 12.
- The day is launched by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to focus on the worldwide extinction of child labour.
- In 2015, world leaders adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in which they included a clause to end child labour.
- The theme for the year 2023 is 'Social Justice for All, End Child Labour!'

World Brain Tumour Day: 8 June

- World Brain Tumour Day, observed on June 8, raises awareness about brain tumours.
- Brain tumours are the fourth most serious and widespread disease worldwide.
- In 2010, the International Brain Tumour Alliance (IBTA) designated June 8 as World Brain Tumour Day.
- The theme for World Brain Tumour Day 2023 is "Protect yourself – keep away from stress".

World Oceans Day: 8 June

- World Oceans Day is celebrated on 8 June every year to aware people to stop polluting the ocean, and water bodies.
- The day was first proposed in 1992 by Canada's International Centre for Ocean Development and the Ocean Institute of Canada at the Earth Summit – UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- The theme of 2023 is "Planet Ocean: The Tides are Changing."

World Food Safety Day: 7 June

- World Food Safety Day is celebrated on 7 June to draw global attention to the consequences of contaminated food and water to health.
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO) established Food Safety Day in December 2018 and the day was celebrated for the first time on June 7, 2019.
- The 2023 year's theme is "Food Standards Save Lives".

World Environment Day: 5 June

- World Environment Day is celebrated annually on 5 June and encourages awareness and action for the protection of the environment.
- World Environment Day was first marked on June 5, 1973, during the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment.
- The theme of World Environment Day 2023 is "BeatPlasticPollution," highlighting people's actions toward plastic pollution reduction.

World Bicycle Day: 3 June

- The day is celebrated on 3rd June as International World Bicycle Day to recognize the uniqueness, longevity, and versatility of the bicycle, which are affordable, environmentally friendly fit sustainable means of transportation.
- In April 2018, the UN General Assembly declared June 3 as World Bicycle Day.
- The theme for the 2023 year is "Riding Together for a Sustainable Future."

PM addresses 350th Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's Coronation Day

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 350th year of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's Coronation Day.
- He was coronated on June 6, 1674, at the Raigad fort from where he had laid the foundation of "Hindavi Swaraj" or self-rule of Hindus. As per the Hindu calendar, the anniversary of his coronation falls on June 2, 2023.
- The coronation day is celebrated as a festival all over Maharashtra.

Telangana Formation Day: 2 June

- Telangana Formation Day is celebrated on June 2 every year, marking the day when the state of Telangana was formed in 2014.
- The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act 2014 bill was passed in the Parliament in February 2014 for the formation of the Telangana state.
- The bill was then passed by the President of India on March 1, 2014, and the state of Telangana was finally formed on June 2.

World Milk Day: 1 June

- World Milk Day is celebrated every year on 1 June to celebrate dairy's vital role in global food systems.

- It is an international day established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN to recognize the importance of milk as a global food.
- It has been observed on June 1 each year since 2001.
- The 2023 year's theme is "Enjoy Dairy".



International Current Affairs

Turkmenistan inaugurates 'Arkadag', a \$5 billion 'smart city'

- The city is built in honor of former strongman leader Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov. However, he was absent during the inaugural ceremony as he is on his hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia
- Turkmenistan President Serdar Berdymukhamedov cut the ribbon during the ceremony, inaugurating the new city of Arkadag
- The new city of Arkadag is some 30 kilometres (18 miles) outside the capital Ashgabat

New Zealand to become 1st country in the world to ban thin plastic bag

- New Zealand became the first country in the world to ban thin plastic bags at supermarkets on July 1, 2023.
- The ban applies to single-use plastic bags that are less than 70 microns thick.
- This includes bags used to carry fruit and vegetables, as well as bags used for bread and other items.
- Customers will still be able to purchase thicker plastic bags, as well as paper bags, at supermarkets.

Iran Welcomes Revival of Ties with Egypt and Morocco

- Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian expressed Iran's positive stance towards reestablishing relations with Egypt and Morocco.
- He emphasized the significance of Hajj as a diplomatic opportunity for Islamic nations to foster unity and gain a deeper understanding of global affairs.
- He reiterated Iran's commitment to expanding ties with neighboring and Islamic countries.

Alef Model A: World's 1st electric flying car certified by US

- Alef Aeronautics Model A is the world's first electric flying car to receive a Special Airworthiness Certificate from the US Federal Aviation Administration
- The Model A is a two-seater vehicle that can fly for up to 160 kilometers on a single charge
- The Model A is powered by a battery pack that can be fully charged in about two hours
- The Model A is expected to go on sale in the US in 2024

Google celebrates Italian poet Giacomo Leopardi's 225th birthday

- Google Doodle celebrates the 225th birthday of Italian poet, philosopher and scholar Giacomo Leopardi.
- Leopardi is recognized as one of the greatest writers of the 19th century for his poetry and philosophical works.
- Leopardi was born in the small provincial town of Recanati in 1798, at a time of political turmoil in Italy and Europe caused by the French Revolution.

ADB approves USD 50 million loan to Nepal for policy reforms

- The Asian Development Bank has approved a \$50 million loan to Nepal.
- The loan will support policy reforms and improve Nepal's domestic and international trade.

- The loan will help implement the current customs reform and modernization plan in Nepal.
- Technical standards of logistics infrastructure and equipment will be harmonized to facilitate Nepal's trade with India and Bangladesh.

South Korea scraps traditional age counting rule

- In December last year, the country passed laws to fully adopt the international standard.
- The country outlawed the traditional way of counting age which considers a person a year old at birth and adds a year every January 1.
- President Yoon Suk-yeol pushed strongly for the change when he ran for office last year

Canada launches 'digital nomad strategy' for foreign workers

- Canada announced to launch of its "digital nomad strategy" which will provide a temporary arrangement for foreigners to look for jobs in the country.
- Announcing the development, Immigration Minister Sean Fraser said that the "digital nomad strategy" will allow workers with a foreign employer to stay and work in Canada for up to six months.

Diwali to become school holiday in New York City

- Diwali is set to become a school holiday in New York City, announced Mayor Eric Adams.
- Diwali will be added to the list of public school holidays in recognition of the growth of the city's South Asian and Indo-Caribbean communities.
- The announcement came after the state lawmakers recently enacted legislation designating it as a holiday in the biggest school system in the US.

Kyriakos Mitsotakis to be sworn in as Greece's PM

- Greece's centre-right leader Kyriakos Mitsotakis is to be sworn in as the Prime Minister after winning a second term with a record-high margin.
- Greek President Katerina Sakellariopoulou is set to formally hand over Mitsotakis, the mandate to form a government, after which he will be sworn in and announce his new Cabinet.

China inks deal with Pakistan to set up nuclear power plant in Punjab

- China inked an agreement worth a whopping \$4.8 billion with cash-strapped Pakistan to set up a 1,200-megawatt nuclear power plant as a sign of increasing strategic cooperation between the two all-weather allies.
- Prime Minister Sharif termed the nuclear power plant agreement signing as a token of increasing economic cooperation between Pakistan and China

Estonia becomes 1st Baltic nation to legalize same-sex marriage

- Estonia's parliament approved a law legalizing same-sex marriage, making it the first central European country to do so.
- The law will come into effect in 2024.
- The bill received 55 votes in the 101-seat parliament, from the coalition of liberal and social democratic parties.

- 53 percent of the population supported same-sex marriage in a 2023 poll by the Centre for Human Rights.

Google celebrates birthday of Polish sculptor Magdalena Abakanowicz

- Google Doodle celebrated the 93rd birthday of Polish sculptor Magdalena Abakanowicz with a special doodle.
- She was born on 20 June 1930 in Poland.
- She developed a soft sculpture that turned fabric into three dimensions in the 1960s.
- These new forms of installations hung from the ceiling and were called Abakans.
- She was awarded the top prize at the 1965 São Paulo International Art Biennale.

Japan's parliament has passed a bill to raise the age of consent from

- Japan's parliament has passed a bill to raise the age of consent from 13 to 16.
- The bill also clarifies the definition of rape, making it clear that it is not necessary for force to be used for an act to be considered rape.
- The bill also criminalizes voyeurism, making it illegal to secretly film or photograph someone without their consent.
- Bill is expected to come into effect in April 2024.

World Bank launches its first road safety project in South Asia

- The World Bank has launched its first road safety project in South Asia, in Bangladesh.
- The project, called the "Safe Roads, Safer Lives" project,
- The project will focus on improving road infrastructure, increasing enforcement of traffic laws, and raising awareness of road safety.
- The project is expected to save an estimated 10,000 lives over the next 10 years.

First Women's Kabaddi League Inaugurated in Dubai

- The first-ever Women's Kabaddi League was inaugurated in Dubai.
- The league is being organized by the Kabaddi Federation of India and the Dream Sports Group.
- The league features 8 teams, each representing a different state in India.
- The league is expected to provide a platform for talented women kabaddi players to showcase their skills and inspire other women to take up the sport.

USA announces to rejoin UNESCO in July 2023

- UNESCO has announced that the United States will rejoin the agency in July 2023 four years after leaving due to allegations of bias against Israel.
- The US stopped funding UNESCO, worth millions of dollars, in 2011 after Palestine became a member of the agency.
- Palestine was included as a non-member observer state in 2012, granting them participation in General Assembly proceedings.

World Bank launches its first road safety project in South Asia

- The World Bank launched its 1st dedicated road safety project in South Asia with a USD 358 million financing agreement signed in Dhaka with the govt of Bangladesh
- The project seeks to improve road safety and reduce fatalities and injuries from road crashes in selected cities, high-risk highways, and district roads
- The project will upgrade trauma care facilities in selected district hospitals

New Zealand Economy Falls Into Recession, First Since 2020

- New Zealand's agriculture-driven economy has fallen into recession, according to official data released.
- Stats NZ signalled the economy had contracted 0.1 percent in the first quarter, after a fall of 0.7 percent at the end of 2022.
- January flooding in Auckland and destruction caused by Cyclone Gabrielle in Feb both weighed on the economy.
- This is New Zealand's first recession since 2020

Google Doodle celebrates popular Spanish dish Espeto

- Google, on 13 June 2023, celebrated the Spanish dish espeto with a special Doodle that was hand-crafted with clay.
- It is a summer dish traditionally roasted over firewood on the beach.
- The word Espeto is derived from espetar in Spanish which means to skewer.
- Espetos are only eaten on months that don't have an 'R' in their name and never on Monday owing to fish markets being closed.

Israel to release world's first digital government bond

- The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) & Israel's Finance Ministry have completed the proof of concept phase for a digital Israeli Bond traded on a dedicated blockchain platform.
- The development positions Israel to release the world's first digital government bond.
- The blockchain used for this event was EVM-compatible, enabling potential integration with other blockchain solutions in the future.

US, UK forge 'Atlantic Declaration' to boost economic ties

- The United States and United Kingdom have signed the "Atlantic Declaration" to address challenges posed by Russia, and China.
- The agreement focuses on fostering collaboration in defense and renewable energy sectors to respond to China's growing competition.
- The Atlantic Declaration includes a civil nuclear partnership to reduce reliance on Russian fuel sources and promote energy cooperation.

Russia to deploy tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus by July 2023

- Russian President Vladimir Putin has announced that Russia will start deploying tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus after the facilities are ready on 7-8 July 2023.
- In March 2023, Putin announced he wanted to deploy tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus.

- Russia possesses a total of 5,889 nuclear warheads as of 2023, the largest stockpile of nuclear warheads in the world

Eurozone falls into recession

- The Eurozone, which consists of 20 member states of the European Union that have adopted the Euro as their primary currency, has fallen into recession.
- In the first quarter of the year, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) dropped by 0.1% in Eurozone compared with the previous quarter
- Germany, Europe's largest economy, shrank by 0.3% and is also in recession

Iran presents its first hypersonic ballistic missile

- Iran presented its first domestically made hypersonic ballistic missile, The official IRNA news agency reported.
- Iranian state media published pictures of the missile named Fattah at a ceremony attended by President Ebrahim Rahis
- The precision-guided Fattah hypersonic missile has a range of 1,400 km and it is capable of penetrating all defense shields

Israeli researchers develop tool to predict extreme rainfall

- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem researchers have identified factors influencing the likelihood of extreme rain events and have developed a tool that can improve the forecasting of such events.
- Extreme rain events, particularly those that cause flash floods in the south and east of Israel in spring and fall are particularly difficult to forecast even a short while in advance

Five nations elected to UN Security Council

- The United Nations General Assembly elected Algeria, Guyana, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, and South Korea to the United Nations Security Council on Tuesday for two-year terms starting on Jan. 1, 2024
- It has five permanent veto-wielding members: Britain, China, France, Russia, and the United States.
- This comes when India has been insisting the United Nations Security Council be more inclusive.

Bangladesh records highest inflation rate in over a decade

- Bangladesh recorded its highest monthly inflation rate in over a decade, with a monthly inflation rate of 9.94 percent in May.
- The average inflation for June 2022 to May 2023 has gone up to 8.84 percent, higher than the budgetary target of 5.6 percent.
- The increase in inflation is the highest since 2010-11 when it was reported to be 10.11 percent.

Israel tests first autonomous flying taxi

- Israel has begun testing autonomous drones for public transportation.
- The drones are part of Israel's National Drone Initiative to ease traffic congestion.
- Autonomous Electric Vertical Takeoff & Landing (eVTOL) aircraft are being tested.

- It aims to bypass traffic jams and ease congestion.
- The initiative is a partnership between govt entities and the country's Civil Aviation Authority.

Iran to reopen its diplomatic missions in Saudi Arabia

- Iran said it would reopen its diplomatic missions in Saudi Arabia, on June 6, restoring diplomatic ties after a seven-year rift.
- In March, Iran and Saudi Arabia agreed to establish diplomatic ties representing a major breakthrough in the region.
- Its consulate general in Jeddah and the office of the permanent representative to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation would officially reopen

UAE to host world's largest conservation conference in 2025

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has won the bid to host the 2025 World Conservation Congress (WCC) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- The WCC is the world's largest and most important gathering of conservationists, and it is expected to draw more than 10,000 delegates from over 160 countries.
- The 2025 WCC will be held in Abu Dhabi from October 10-21, 2025.

Latvian Parliament elects Edgars Rinkevics as new president

- Edgars Rinkevics, Latvia's foreign minister since 2011, has been elected as the country's new president.
- In 2014, he announced that he is "proudly" homosexual, will be the first openly gay president in the Baltic nations
- Latvia declared independence in 1918 but was later occupied by the Soviet Union in 1940.
- It regained independence in 1991 with the collapse of the Soviet Union.

UAE Withdraws from United States Led Maritime Coalition

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced its withdrawal from a maritime coalition led by the United States.
- The decision comes after a thorough assessment of its security requirements, according to the UAE's Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- UAE pulled out of the Combined Maritime Forces two months ago as part of its ongoing evaluation of effective security cooperation with all partners.

Dubai Successfully Trials Medication Delivery via Drones

- Dubai has achieved a significant milestone in healthcare innovation with the successful trial of medication delivery via drones.
- It was conducted at Dubai Silicon Oasis (DSO) in partnership with Fakeeh University Hospital.
- The drone delivery system incorporates advanced features such as collision avoidance technology and real-time monitoring, ensuring secure transportation of medication.

Canada: first country to put health warnings on individual cigarettes

- Canada has become the first country in the world to stipulate that individual cigarettes carry mandatory health warnings.
- While packets carry such warnings of the risks associated with smoking, the Canadian Government is taking this measure to ensure that it becomes virtually impossible to avoid health warnings altogether.
- These regulations will come into effect on August 1 this year.



MoU and Agreements Current Affairs

Gujarat govt, Micron sign MoU for semiconductor plant at Sanand

- Micron Technology signed an MoU with the Gujarat government to set up a semiconductor unit in Sanand near Ahmedabad.
- The facility will create 5,000 direct jobs and will focus on transforming wafers into Ball Grid Array (BGA)-integrated circuit packages, memory modules and solid-state drives.
- This is the second MoU signed by the Gujarat government with a semiconductor manufacturer.

L&T Tech Services partners with BSNL for private 5G network deployment

- IT company L&T Technology Services said it has partnered with state-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to deploy a private 5G network for enterprise customers.
- According to the agreement framework signed by both companies, the spectrum will be provided by BSNL using both PLMN (public land mobile network) and isolated allotment.

Govt signs MoU with Pixxel Space to deploy pathfinder satellites

- The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has signed an MoU with Pixxel Space India to enhance India's agriculture ecosystem.
- The project aims to leverage hyperspectral data from Pixxel's pathfinder satellites to develop crop mapping and soil organic carbon assessments.
- Hyperspectral remote sensing technology offers unique indices to monitor and assess the health of crops and soils.

PM Modi, Egypt's El-Sisi sign pact to elevate ties to Strategic level

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi in Cairo to discuss ways to deepen the relationship between the two countries.
- An agreement was signed to elevate the bilateral partnership to a "strategic partnership", along with three MoUs in the fields of agriculture, archaeology, and antiquities.
- The visit is aimed to strengthen India's ties with Egypt.

IOB signs MoU with the Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission

- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission (TNSRLM) to foster the growth of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the State.
- Under the MoU, TNSRLM will facilitate eligible SHGs for credit linkage with IOB.
- The MoU aims to provide financial resources for SHGs, enabling them to undertake entrepreneurial activities.

India, Belgium sign pact for legal aid in criminal probes

- India and Belgium signed Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties (MLATs) in criminal matters.
- The treaties obligate both countries to execute each other's search warrants and summons against fugitives.

- Section 105 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) specifies that a search warrant may be issued by a Court in India in duplicate to the Court, Judge, or Magistrate in Belgium.

Paytm signs MoU with Arunachal Pradesh for creating startup ecosystem

- Paytm Payment Services Limited (PPSL) has signed an MoU with the Arunachal Pradesh govt to establish a thriving startup ecosystem for the youth in the state.
- The partnership aims to nurture entrepreneurship and encourage young business ventures during their early stages.
- As per the MoU, the Paytm Incubation Center will extend its products to early-stage startups at a discounted price.

India collaborates with USAID to reduce carbon emission in railways

- Indian Railways has signed an MoU with USAID/India for collaboration on renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- USAID will provide technical assistance and support to Indian Railways including long-term energy planning.
- USAID will also support renewable procurement and promotion of e-mobility.
- The collaboration aims to help Indian Railways achieve Net Zero Carbon Emission by 2030.

Department of Justice partners with NALSA & CSC

- The Department of Justice (DOJ) has partnered with National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and CSC e-Governance Service India Limited for mainstreaming legal aid to the marginalised communities through the system of TeleLaw.
- The TeleLaw services will be provided through the lawyers engaged by the Common Services Centers (CSCs).

US Chip giant Micron to set up semiconductor assembly Gujarat

- Micron, an American chipmaker, will invest \$825 million to build a Chip Assembly and Testing Facility in Gujarat.
- The combined investment by Micron, the Centre, and Gujarat government will amount to \$2.75 billion.
- The new assembly and test facility is expected to begin construction in 2023.
- The govt will provide production-linked incentives worth ₹ 11,000 cr for the semiconductor plant.



National Current Affairs

All panchayats to be declared UPI-enabled on August 15: Centre

- All panchayats across India will be declared UPI-enabled on Independence Day, August 15, 2023.
- The Panchayati Raj Ministry has written to all states and UT's asking them to "announce and inaugurate" the UPI-compliant panchayats in the presence of prominent dignitaries.
- The move will promote digital payments in rural India, making it easier for panchayats to carry out their operations.

India's first 'Police Drone Unit' launched in Chennai

- The Greater Chennai Police has launched India's first police drone unit.
- The unit consists of six drones that will be used for a variety of purposes, including:
 - Traffic management
 - Rescue operations
 - Monitoring of law and order situations
 - Surveillance of criminal activities
 - Disaster management
- The drones are equipped with high-resolution cameras and thermal imaging sensors

Aadhaar based face authentication cross all time high in May 2023

- Monthly Aadhaar-based face authentication transactions reached an all-time high of 10.6 million in May 2023.
- The number of face authentication transactions has been growing and increased by 38% compared to January 2023.
- Face authentication is being used for various purposes such as registering beneficiaries, marking staff attendance, and opening bank accounts.

Cabinet approves highest ever FRP for Sugarcane Farmers

- The Union Cabinet has approved the fair and remunerative price of 315 rupees per quintal for sugarcane farmers for the season 2023-24.
- The move will benefit five crore sugarcane farmers and their dependents.
- The government has also decided to bring the National Research Foundation(NRF) Bill, 2023 to strengthen the research ecosystem in the country.

NDMC renames Aurangzeb Lane as Abdul Kalam Lane

- Aurangzeb Lane in Delhi has been renamed as Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Lane, said the New Delhi Municipal Council(NDMC) Vice Chairman Satish Upadhyay.
- The NDMC on Wednesday confirmed the renaming of Aurangzeb Lane in Lutyens' Delhi. Earlier, in August 2015 the NDMC changed the name of Aurangzeb Road to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Road.

DRDO organizes 'Anusandhaan Chintan Shivir' 2023

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), on 28 June 2023, organized an 'Anusandhaan Chintan Shivir' with an aim to encourage military research and development.

- A list of 75 technology priority areas and 'DRDO Technology Foresight 2023' were also released on the occasion.
- The list of 75 technology priority areas is further divided into 403 technological categories.

Union Min Pralhad Joshi unveils list of "Critical Minerals for India"

- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi unveiled India's first-ever report on "Critical Minerals for India".
- The report was prepared by an expert team constituted by the Ministry of Mines.
- 30 critical minerals have been identified in the report.
- India has become the newest partner in the coveted Mineral Security Partnership (MSP) to bolster critical mineral supply chains.

Union Minister Parshottam Rupala launches "Report Fish Disease" app

- The Indian Minister of Fisheries launched an app named "Report Fish Disease" to meet national and international obligations through transparent reporting.
- The app was developed by ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR), Lucknow and launched under the National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases.
- The app will be a central platform for connecting fish farmers.

PM Narendra Modi chairs 42nd PRAGATI interaction

- PM Narendra Modi chaired the 42nd edition of PRAGATI, a platform for proactive governance, reviewing 12 key projects across various ministries and states.
- The projects discussed in the meeting had a worth of Rs. 121300 crore & covered sectors like health, railways, roads, steel, and petroleum.
- The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had the highest number of projects reviewed in the meeting.

Power Ministry decides to benchmark prices of biomass pellets

- Ministry of Power has decided to benchmark the prices of biomass pellets used for co-firing in Thermal Power Plants
- The decision comes in view of evolving market conditions for biomass pellets and requests received from stakeholders including thermal power plants, pellet manufacturers, farmers, and bankers
- The Ministry said the benchmarked price shall take into account the business viability

Cabinet approves Introduction of National Research Foundation Bill

- The approved Bill will pave the way to establish NRF that will seed, grow and promote Research and Development (R&D) and foster a culture of research and innovation throughout India's universities.
- The Department of Science and Technology (DST) will be the administrative Department of NRF which will be governed by a Governing Board consisting of eminent researchers and professionals.

India to commence two-day Startup20 summit from 3 July in Gurugram

- India is going to host a two-day Startup20 Shikhar summit in Gurugram from 3 July.



- The summit will mark the release of the final Policy Communiqué.
- The Policy Communiqué aims to foster an inclusive startup ecosystem and cross-border collaboration.
- The summit will host a large Startup Conclave where startups can showcase their products and services.

Sarbananda Sonowal launches New CSR guidelines 'Sagar Samajik Sahayog'

- The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launched 'Sagar Samajik Sahayog' - the new guidelines of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.
- The renewed guidelines for CSR activities allow ports to initiate, undertake and expedite projects for community welfare through a framework.

Narayan Rane launches CHAMPIONS 2.0 Portal for Geo-tagging of projects

- The Union Minister for Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Narayan Rane 'CHAMPIONS 2.0 Portal' and 'Mobile App for Geo-tagging of Cluster Projects and Technology Centers'.
- The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises celebrated 'Udyami Bharat-MSME Day' on International MSME Day on 27 June 2023.
- 'MSME Idea Hackathon 3.0' for women entrepreneurs was also launched.

8th edition of world's largest Urban Cleanliness Survey begins

- The 8th edition of Swachh Survekshan 2023 - Mera Shehar, Meri Pehchan has been launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- The survey is expected to engage with 10 crore citizens making it the largest annual urban cleanliness survey in the world.
- The Swachh Survekshan was introduced in 2016 to help cities achieve sustainable sanitation and waste management in a competitive manner.

PM Modi flags off five Vande Bharat Express

- The five Vande Bharat Express trains which were flagged off by PM Modi are Rani Kamalapati (Bhopal)-Jabalpur, Khajuraho-Bhopal-Indore, Madgaon (Goa)-Mumbai, Dharwad-Bengaluru, and Hatia-Patna
- The indigenously designed first-ever Vande Bharat Express connecting the two States of Jharkhand and Bihar will bring a major boost to education, tourism, and business.

Govt launches UTPRERAK to adopt Energy Efficient Technologies

- The Ministry of Power has set up a dedicated Centre of Excellence named Unnat Takniki Pradarshan Kendra (UTPRERAK) to accelerate industry adoption of clean technologies.
- It will act as an exhibition cum information center and knowledge repository.
- UTPRERAK will serve as a strategic capacity-building institution and seeks to be a one-stop solution provider for energy professionals.

Govt launches Nandi portal for granting NOC for veterinary drugs

- Union Minister Parshottam Rupala on Monday launched a Nandi portal to timely process applications and grant non-objection certification (NOC) for veterinary drugs and vaccines.
- The portal will streamline the regulatory approval process for veterinary products through seamless integration with the SUGAM portal of the Central Drug Standard Control Organization (CDSCO).

IREDA opens Paperless Business Centre at East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi

- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has set up a state-of-the-art Business Centre at NBCC Office Complex, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi.
- The new office incorporates cutting-edge technology to eliminate the use of paper.
- IREDA aims to reduce its carbon footprint, minimize waste generation, and contribute to preservation of the environment.

World Bank grants USD 255 million loan to improve technical education

- The World Bank has approved a USD 255.5 million loan to improve technical education in India and expand job prospects for students.
- The project will assist 275 government-run technical institutes and benefit over 350,000 students annually for the next five years.
- The project aims to strengthen research, entrepreneurship, and innovation as well as improve governance in technical institutions.

3rd Infrastructure Working Group Meeting to take place in Rishikesh

- The third G20 Infrastructure Working Group meeting will take place in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand from June 26 to 28, 2023.
- 63 delegates from G20 member countries, invitee countries, and international organizations will participate in the meeting.
- The flagship priority of the third IWG meeting is "Financing Cities of Tomorrow: Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable".

Meesho, NPCI feature on TIMEs 100 Most Influential Companies 2023 list

- Meesho, NPCI, and Polygon Labs were featured in the TIME 100 Most Influential Companies list for 2023.
- Meesho is the most-downloaded shopping app in the world and caters to customers priced out by Amazon and Walmart.
- NPCI replaced debit and credit cards and enabled e-commerce growth in India.
- NPCI accounted for 52% of India's digital payments in 2021-22.

ITU approves Bharat 6G vision framework "IMT-2030"

- The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) approved the 6G vision framework "IMT-2030" at its meeting held in Geneva, Switzerland.
- India released its 'Bharat 6G Vision document in March 2023, which recommended opening up more spectrum across low, mid, and mmWave bands.



- The newly approved 6G standard now includes six key usage scenarios compared to only three usage scenarios in 5G.

Amit Shah lays foundation stone of 'Balidaan Stambh' in Srinagar

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the construction of the 'Balidaan Stambh' in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.
- The 'Balidaan Stambh' is a part of the Srinagar Smart City project and serves as a tribute to martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the nation.
- Amit Shah also laid the foundation stone for Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) during his visit.

Lloyds Banking Group Establishes Tech Centre in Hyderabad, India

- Lloyds Banking Group has announced its plans to establish a technology center in Hyderabad, India.
- The center aims to enhance the group's digital capabilities and will be operational by the end of 2023.
- Lloyds Banking Group intends to hire 600 professionals for this new venture.
- The investment in Hyderabad's tech center reflects India's emergence as a tech innovation powerhouse.

Vitasta Mahotsav Celebrated in Jammu & Kashmir

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah addresses the Vitasta Mahotsav organized by the Ministry of Culture as the chief guest in Srinagar.
- The objective of Vitasta Mahotsav is to acquaint the whole country with the great cultural heritage, diversity and uniqueness of Kashmir.
- The festival focuses on the folk beliefs associated with the Vitasta (Jhelum) river.

Minister of Steel inaugurates Silica Reduction Plant Project at SAIL

- Union Minister for Steel and Civil Aviation, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, inaugurated the Silica Reduction Plant at Steel Authority of India Limited's (SAIL) Bhilai Steel Plant's Dalli Mines.
- India ranks second in the world in the field of steel production and overtook Japan as the world's 2nd largest producer in 2018. India also ranks 1st in the world in sponge iron production

IIT-Madras proposes sports quota with aim to boost diversity

- The IIT Madras has proposed a sports quota in IITs with an aim to boost diversity in the country's premier engineering institutions and to provide an opportunity to students performing well in the field of sport at state, national and international levels.
- Currently, the IITs don't have a sports quota. Many of the country's premium universities, including Delhi University, do.

Central govt amends electricity rules, introduces ToD tariff

- The Government of India has passed an amendment to the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, to introduce the Time of Day (ToD) Tariff system and rationalization of smart metering provisions.
- ToD Tariff system charges consumers for electricity based on the time of day they use it.
- ToD tariff will be applicable for Commercial and Industrial consumers having Maximum demand of 10 KW.

Amit Shah launches 84 development projects worth Rs 586 cr in Srinagar

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah, inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 84 development projects of about Rs. 586 crores in Srinagar.
- Over 1.88 Crore tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir in 2022, which is the biggest figure since independence.
- The government is providing Rs. 6,000 every year in the bank accounts of over 12.45 lakh farmers of Jammu and Kashmir.

Narendra Tomar launches PM Kisan Mobile App with Face Authentication

- The PM-Kisan Mobile App with Face Authentication Feature was launched by Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.
- The app allows farmers to complete e-KYC remotely, sitting at home easily by scanning faces without OTP, and helped 100 other farmers to do e-KYC at home.
- The Government of India has extended the ability of farmers to perform e-KYC.

BIS Introduces Standard IS 18267: 2023 for Agri By-Product Utensils

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has published IS 18267: 2023 "Food Serving Utensils Made from Agri By-Products – Specification," aimed at reducing plastic pollution and promoting sustainability.
- The standard provides comprehensive guidelines to manufacturers in quality requirements across the country.
- The standard also covers various aspects of the production of biodegradable utensils.

Digi Yatra app user base crosses the one million mark

- The number of passengers who have installed the Digi Yatra application has crossed one million on 22 June 2023.
- Since its inauguration by Minister of Civil Aviation and Steel Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia on 1st December 2022, 1.746 million people have used this facility.
- Digi Yatra is an initiative of the govt for a biometric boarding system using Facial verification Technology.

TRIFED collaborates with Ayush Ministry to supply 34,000 yoga mats

- Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd, has collaborated with Ministry of Ayush to supply 34,000 yoga mats.
- This initiative not only bolsters the economic prospects of tribal communities but also ensures the preservation and promotion of their unique artistic traditions.



Coal Ministry begins star rating process for coal & lignite mines

- The Ministry of Coal has announced the commencement of the Star Rating registration process for coal & lignite mines for the financial year 2022-23.
- The Rating policy aims to evaluate mines based on various factors across seven key parameters namely, Mining Operations, Worker-related Compliance, and Safety & security.
- The evaluation will be conducted by the Coal Controller's Organization.

North India's first Skin Bank inaugurated at Safdarjung Hospital

- North India's first Skin Bank has been inaugurated at New Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital.
- It is a bank where deceased donors can donate their skin which will be helpful in treating burns.
- The skin can be donated within six hours of death and utilized for burns and trauma patients after processing.

Guardian recognized as India's Best Companies to Work for 2023

- Gurugram (Haryana) [India], June 21: Guardian India Operations Private Limited, a subsidiary of The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America@ (Guardian).
- The has been recognized as one of 'India's Best Companies to Work For 2023' - Top 100 by the Great Place to Work@ Institute, India.

Guinness World Record set in Surat as 1.53 lakh people participates

- The Yoga Day event organised in Surat city of Gujarat has set a new Guinness World Record for the largest gathering for a yoga session at one place with 1.53 lakh people joining the program.
- The previous world record was set in 2018 in Kota city of Rajasthan when 1,00,984 people participated in a Yoga Day session in one place.

DCGI grants Emergency Use Authorization to Gennova's covid booster

- The Drug Control General of India (DCGI) has granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to an Omicron-specific booster vaccine called GEMCOVAC-OM.
- The vaccine is mRNA-based and developed by Gennova Biopharmaceuticals using an indigenous technology under Mission COVID Suraksha.
- GEMCOVAC-OM is a thermostable vaccine that does not require ultra-cold chain infrastructure for deployment pan India.

NHAI launches 'Knowledge Sharing Platform' for development of Highways

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched a 'Knowledge Sharing' platform to share knowledge and insights related to road design, construction, and related fields.
- The platform encourages sharing of best practices from around the world that can be uploaded on the platform.
- The platform will help NHAI to collaborate with experts who want to share knowledge and insights.

ECI publishes draft delimitation proposal for Assam

- The Election Commission of India has published a draft proposal for the delimitation of Assembly & Parliamentary Constituencies for Assam.
- All Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies in the State are to be delimited on the basis of the 2001 Census.
- The number of seats in the Legislative Assembly and the House of People in the State of Assam has been retained as 126 and 14 respectively.

Cabinet approves Micron's \$2.7 bn semiconductor packaging plant

- The Indian cabinet has approved Micron Technology's investment of \$2.7 billion to set up a semiconductor testing and packaging unit in Gujarat.
- The government will provide production-linked incentives worth ₹ 11,000 crore (\$1.34 billion) for the semiconductor plant.
- Micron's Assembly Testing Marking and Packaging will be built in Sanand, Gujarat.

Vice-President to be Chief Guest at International Day of Yoga, 2023

- Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar will be the Chief Guest at the International Day of Yoga (IDY 2023) celebrations in Jabalpur on 21st June 2023
- He will address the gathering and later lead the mass yoga demonstration at the venue. The motto for IDY 2023 is "Yoga for 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'"
- It has been 9 years since the UN recognized June 21 as the International Day of Yoga through a resolution in 2014

Bihar to host two days G-20 Labour Engagement summit

- In Bihar, the capital city Patna is all set to host two days G-20 Labour Engagement summit on the 22nd and 23rd of June.
- The Arts and Culture Department of the State is the nodal agency for this mega event, which will witness the participation of around 180 delegates of G20 member countries.
- The delegates will attend the Yoga session at Patna.

Indigo, Vistara get DGCA approval for two international routes

- Indigo and Vistara airlines have received approval from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation to operate new routes.
- Indigo will operate the Delhi-Tbilisi (Georgia) route starting on August 7, 2023, and Vistara will operate the Delhi-Bali route starting on August 1, 2023.
- In May 2023, 132.14 lakh passengers were carried by Indian domestic airlines, representing annual growth of 36.10%.

PM in his Mann Ki Baat mentioned Miyawaki Method

- Miyawaki is a method created by a Japanese botanist named Akira Miyawaki.
- It helps forests grow quickly and become thick and natural.
- The process involves improving the soil by covering it with mulch, which also helps prevent dryness, erosion, and weed growth.
- Native trees are then identified and planted in the area.

Unique space telescope designed by Pune scientists

- The Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT), a unique space telescope developed by Pune's Inter-University Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA).
- The telescope is set to be integrated with the ADITYA-L1 mission, expected to be launched in mid-August this year.
- ADITYA-L1 will be ISRO's first space observatory dedicated to studying the Sun.

National Working Plan Code-2023 released

- National Working Plan Code-2023 released for scientific management of forests and evolving new approaches, during the occasion of the 'World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought' organized by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) in Dehradun on 17th June 2023.
- National Working Plan Code which was first adopted in 2004 with a subsequent amendment in 2014.

Gol-UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-27

- NITI Aayog & UN in India signed the Government of India-United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027.
- Framework is 5-year agreement that will guide the cooperation between the GOI & the UN system in India.
- The framework focuses on four pillars: People, Prosperity, Planet, and Participation.

Civil Aviation sector records 36% growth during January to May, 2023

- The civil aviation sector in India recorded a growth of 36% during January-May 2023, compared to the same period in 2022.
- The number of passengers carried during the period increased to 79.8 million, from 58.9 million in 2022.
- The domestic passenger traffic grew by 37.7%, while international passenger traffic grew by 33.2%.
- The cargo traffic also grew by 13.2% during the period.

Ministry of Education to host G20 4th Education Working Group meeting

- The Ministry of Education will host the G20 4th Education Working Group meeting in Pune.
- The theme of the meeting is "Education for Sustainable Development"
- The meeting will discuss a range of issues related to education for sustainable development, including climate change, gender equality, and digital skills.

Om Birla inaugurates National Legislators' Conference Bharat in Mumbai

- The National Legislators' Conference Bharat was officially inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in Mumbai on 16 June 2023.
- The APJ Abdul Kalam expo pavilion was also inaugurated on the theme of Bharat's 75th year of independence and celebrating the spirit of democracy.

- The conference gives a platform to engage in discussions and contemplate strengthening the legislative institutions.

NHAI releases guidelines to address accident-prone spots

- In an effort to enhance road safety, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on 16 June 2023 introduced guidelines for rectifying accident-prone spots on the national highways by implementing short-term measures.
- Short-term measures include the installation of pedestrian facilities such as zebra crossings, crash barriers, railings, and the implementation of traffic calming measures.

Heavy Industries minister launches "Dugdh Sankalan Sathi Mobile App"

- Union Minister of Heavy Industries Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey unveiled the "Dugdh Sanakalan Sathi Mobile App" on 16 June 2023 at Mussoorie, Uttarakhand.
- The app was designed and developed by Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Limited (REIL), Jaipur.
- The app aims to improve the quality of milk and streamline operations at the grassroots village level.

PM addresses G20 Agriculture Ministers' Meet

- PM Narendra Modi addressed the G20 Agriculture Ministers' Meet on 16 June 2023.
- He highlighted the importance of agriculture and its role in providing livelihoods for over 2.5 billion people globally.
- Over 200 delegates from G20 member countries and International Organizations attended the event.
- The Meeting aims to discuss important issues related to agriculture and food security.

2-day Science-20 conference under G-20 begins in Bhopal

- The two-day Science-20 conference under the G-20 Presidency of India began in Bhopal.
- The theme of the conference is "Connecting Science to Society and Culture".
- The conference is being presided over by Professor Ashutosh Sharma, President of the Indian National Science Academy.
- The conference is being attended by representatives of the G-20 countries and international organizations.

Centre renames Nehru Memorial Museum and Library

- The Centre recently decided to rename Nehru Memorial Museum and Library as Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society.
- This came after a special meeting of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society, which resolved to change its name to the Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society
- The Special Meeting was presided by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh who is also the VP of the Society

IIT-Madras launches electronic systems programme for manufacturing sec



- IIT-Madras announced the launching of a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Electronic Systems program to meet the fast-emerging demands of the indigenous electronics industry.
- The course is designed keeping in mind the industry-specific requirements and skill sets.
- The curriculum is designed in consultation with industry experts.
- The application closes on June 25, 2023, officials said.

Justice Clocks Installed Across the Court Complexes of High Courts

- Electronic signage systems known as Justice Clocks have been across the court complexes of High Courts.
- The initiative will inform stakeholders about court-related key parameters and bring awareness among public by providing bird eye view of court-related data,

Indian Navy launches 'Julley Ladakh' initiative to engage with youths

- The Indian Navy launched an outreach program called "Julley Ladakh" (Hello Ladakh) to raise awareness about the naval service in the Himalayan region.
- It aims to celebrate 75 years of India's independence and highlight career opportunities in the Indian Navy.
- The program also aims to motivate youngsters to join the naval service and showcase 'women's power' by including women officers.

Women 20 Summit commences at Mahabalipuram

- The third and final working group on W-20 began at Mahabalipuram near Chennai.
- The first session was on the road to achieving sustainable development goals, the intersection between women's health gender equality social and economic development.
- Dr. Mabel Bianco from Argentina said that women's health should be considered important, and gender empowerment should be taken along with it.

3rd meeting of G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) concludes

- The third meeting of the G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) concluded in Pune on 14 June 2023.
- The meeting included the Global Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) Summit which was attended by over 250 delegates.
- India signed MoU with four countries on sharing INDIA STACK, successful digital solutions implemented at a population scale.

Hyderabad to host G20 Agriculture Ministerial meeting from June 15

- The Agriculture Working Group (AWG) will hold its Ministerial Meeting in Hyderabad from 15-17 June 2023.
- Over 200 delegates from G20 member countries, invited countries, and International Organizations will attend the event.
- The AWG Ministerial Meeting aims to discuss important issues related to agriculture and food security and find ways to ensure sustainable development in this sector.

W20 summit to begin at Mahabalipuram near Chennai

- The W20 summit will begin at Mahabalipuram near Chennai.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually address the inaugural session.
- Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani will deliver the keynote address.
- The summit with a theme of women-led development to transform, thrive and transcend will be moderated by Dharitri Patnaik, the W 20 chief Coordinator.

G20 Tourism Ministers meeting to be held in Goa from 19th June

- The 4th Tourism Working Group Meeting under India's G20 presidency and G20 Tourism Ministers meeting will be held in Goa from 19th June to 22nd June.
- A side event on making Cruise Tourism a model for sustainable and responsible travel will be organized on 19th June.
- The Secretary said various cultural programs will be organized to highlight and showcase the rich cultural heritage of Goa.

Centre to complete 3D digitisation of museums by year-end

- This includes the Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad, Allahabad Museum in Prayagraj, Indian Museum, Kolkata, Victoria Memorial Hall, National Museum, and the National Gallery of Modern Art
- The digitization process involves 3D scanning which means analyzing real-world objects or environments to collect 3D data on their shape, appearance
- The collected data is then used to construct a digital 3D model

Guwahati Railway Station achieves 'Eat Right Station' certification

- Guwahati Railway Station has been awarded the 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.
- This certification is granted to railway stations adhering to standard food storage and hygiene practices.
- The station is the first railway station in Northeast Frontier Railway to get this status.

Centre introduces 'Y-Break-Yoga at office chair' for stress relief

- The Indian government has directed all central government ministries and departments to encourage a brief Yoga practice for employees at the workplace.
- The Yoga Break (Y-Break) protocol was introduced by the Ministry of AYUSH to help professionals relieve stress, and improve focus.
- The protocol includes a series of light practices that can be easily incorporated into a short break from work.

IDC approves first indigenous animal tissue for skin wound healing

- Indian Drugs Controller approves indigenous animal tissue scaffold for scar-free skin wound healing.

- Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST) developed the first indigenously developed tissue scaffold from mammalian organs.
- The scaffold is an animal-derived Class D Biomedical Device that can rapidly heal skin wounds at low-cost with minimum scarring.

GSITI Hyderabad gets accredited as "Athi Uttam"

- The Geological Survey of India Training Institute (GSITI), Hyderabad has been awarded accreditation with the grading of Athi Uttam.
- It was awarded by the National Accreditation Board of Education and Training (NABET) for its high standards in earth science training.
- GSITI provides domain-specific and terrain-specific training programmes.

Delhi University to introduce Centre for Hindu Studies from 2023-24

- The center will focus on various facets of the Hindu civilization, its multiple dynamics, history, and philosophy.
- This course aims to involve all the stakeholders, including the enrolled students of the program, to think critically and evolve a Bharat-centric perspective beyond theoretical explanation
- The official said the new course will ensure of knowledge system in line with the NEP 2020

Education Ministry to host 4th EdWG Meeting in Pune from 19 June

- The Education Ministry will host the 4th and final Education Working Group (EdWG) Meeting under India's G20 presidency in Pune from the 19th to the 21st June.
- The theme of the Meeting is "Ensuring Foundation Literacy and Numeracy, especially in the context of blended learning".
- The Meeting will culminate with the Education Ministerial meeting on the 22nd of June.

India's 1st Twin-Track Undersea Rail Tunnel To Be Built in Thane Creek

- Work to build India's 1st 7-km-long twin-track undersea rail tunnel in Thane Creek is seeing progress with the National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited signing a contract with Afcons Infrastructure Limited
- As many as three tunnel boring machines will be used to build a nearly 16 km stretch of the tunnel, while the remaining 5 km will be constructed using the new Austrian tunneling method

PM appreciates 'Nutri Garden Project' in Lakshadweep

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has appreciated 'Nutri Garden Project' in Lakshadweep
- The project was launched as a result of the development objective of self-reliant India in which vegetable seeds have been provided to 1000 farmers
- 7000 chickens of indigenous breeds were distributed to the women of Lakshadweep families with incomes less than Rs.600 under the Backyard Poultry Scheme

PM to inaugurate the first-ever National Training Conclave

- Representatives from civil services training institutes across the country will participate in the Conclave

- Conclave to foster collaboration among training institutes and help strengthen the training infrastructure for civil servants across the country
- 'Mission Karmayogi' was launched to prepare a future-ready civil service with the right attitude, skills, and knowledge.

GeM to organize District level Buyer-Seller workshops in Uttar Pradesh

- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) is holding Buyer-Seller Workshops in all 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh from 12 June until August 31, 2023.
- The workshops aim to enhance understanding of GeM's functionalities and provide a platform to address any queries or concerns.
- Participants will receive comprehensive training on GeM's features, registration processes, and online procurement.

The SAI20 Engagement Group of G20 meet to begin on 12 June

- The Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) of India is the Chair of the Supreme Audit Institutions-20 (SAI20) Engagement Group under India's G20 Presidency.
- The SAI20 Summit will take place from June 12th to June 14th, 2023 in the state of Goa.
- The summit will focus on fostering accountability in governance and strategically partnering with governments to respond to global challenges.

Three-day G-20 Development Ministers meet begin in Varanasi

- The G20 Development Ministers' meeting began on 11 June 2023 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, chaired by the Union Minister of External Affairs Dr S. Jaishankar.
- The meeting will continue till 13th June and around 200 delegates are taking part in the summit.
- The state government has decided to gift GI-tagged Gulabi Meenakari handicrafts to the visiting delegates from G20 nations.

HPCL launches Pilot Study on E27 Fuel & Ethanol Blended Diesel Fuel

- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has successfully launched pilot study on vehicles using E27 fuel and Ethanol Blended Diesel Fuel.
- HPCL has become the first Oil Marketing Company in India to initiate such a comprehensive research program.
- HPCL successfully launched E20 fuel on February 6th, 2023, at 23 retail outlets (ROs) across the country.

National Archives of India organizes "Hamari Bhasha, Hamari Virasat"

- An exhibition titled "Hamari Bhasha, Hamari Virasat" was inaugurated by Minister of State for Culture, Meenakshi Lekhi, at the National Archives of India.
- The exhibition celebrates India's linguistic diversity and showcases a selection of original manuscripts, and rare books.
- The Gilgit Manuscripts, the oldest surviving manuscript collection in India, are also on display at the exhibition.

Coal Ministry organizes Seminar on "Blue Hydrogen-Energy Security"

- The Ministry of Coal organized a session on "Blue Hydrogen-Energy Security & Hydrogen Economy" to deliberate on technologies available for coal to hydrogen, and cost competitiveness.
- The discussion focused on exploring the potential applications of hydrogen in scaling Direct Reduced Iron projects.
- The session also discussed the potential of hydrogen in decarbonizing steel making processes.

CGHS Wellness Centres inaugurated in Chandigarh and Panchkula

- Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated CGHS Wellness Centres in Chandigarh and Panchkula
- It will provide accessible and quality healthcare to every citizen of India as it is a priority for the Government.
- Coverage of CGHS cities has expanded from 25 cities in 2014 to 80 in 2023

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launches 'SAGAR SAMRIDDHI'

- Sarbananda Sonowal launched 'SAGAR SAMRIDDHI' - the online dredging monitoring system - in order to accelerate the 'Waste to Wealth' initiative of the Ministry
- This system has been developed by the National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways, and Coasts the technological arm of MoPSW
- The new technology brings in marked improvement against the old system Draft & Loading Monitor system

IGI Airport introduces 'DigiYatra' registration process for passengers

- Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) Airport has introduced the 'DigiYatra' facility for passengers.
- The initiative launched at Terminal-3 of IGI Airport is a three-step registration process.
- Passengers can use the facility seamlessly, inside the terminal, security check area, and at the boarding gates.
- DigiYatra is a faster, safer, and smoother way of travel.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal chairs 6th meeting of NTTM

- The 6th Mission Steering Group meeting of the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) was chaired by Piyush Goyal in New Delhi.
- It aims to catalyze research and innovation in Technical Textiles in India.
- Technical Textiles are designed for their functionality rather than their aesthetic qualities.
- Carbon Fibre is a material that is commonly used in technical textiles.

Miss World 2023 pageant to be held in India after 27 years

- Miss World will be hosted in India in November 2023, after 27 years since the last time it was held in the country in 1996.
- The event will feature contestants from over 130 countries.
- India has won the Miss World title six times in the past, with Reita Faria being the first Indian woman to win the title in 1966.

India has become 2nd large largest producer of crude steel

- Union Minister of Steel Jyotiraditya Scindia has said that India's steel industry has achieved remarkable growth in the last nine years and has now become the second-largest producer of crude steel in the world surpassing Japan in 2018.
- He said the country's steel production capacity has also gone up from 109 million tonnes in 2013-14 to 160 million tonnes at present.

Union Cabinet approves third revival package for BSNL

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister has approved the 3rd revival package for BSNL with a total outlay of Rs 89047 cr.
- The package includes an allotment of 4G/5G spectrum for BSNL through equity infusion and an increase in authorized capital.
- With this revival package, BSNL aims to provide connectivity to the remotest parts of India and emerge as a stable telecom service provider.

Union Min Parshottam Rupala to start VII Phase of Sagar Parikarma

- Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala, will start the VII phase of "Sagar Parikrama" on 8 June 2023.
- Sagar Parikrama Phase-VII shall cover the coastal areas of Kerala and UT Administration of Lakshadweep.
- The journey of the first phase of Sagar Parikrama started from Mandvi, Gujarat, on 5th March 2022.

8th Meeting of Standing Committee of ISO held in New Delhi

- The eighth meeting of the Standing Committee of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) was held in New Delhi on June 6, 2023.
- Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy R. K. Singh chaired the meeting.
- The ISA discussed various initiatives such as ISA Demonstration Projects and ISA SolarX Startup Challenge.
- The ISA is an international organization with 93 Member countries.

Govt launches Nyaya Vikas Portal for Monitoring of Judiciary scheme

- The Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice for Judicial Infrastructure has developed the Nyaya Vikas Portal, to facilitate better delivery of judicial infrastructural projects.
- It aims to improve the justice delivery system in the country by providing real-time information on the progress of infrastructure development projects.

Meta and Ministry of Women launch new Campaign 'Naye Bharat Ke Sapne'

- The Amrit Generation campaign was launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and Meta India to empower and engage the youth of India.

- The initiative aims to capture the imagination of young people, providing them with the support they need to realize their dreams.
- Fifty entries will be selected and invited to New Delhi to interact with policymakers and industry leaders.

NCPCR launches National Campaign "Addiction Free Amrit Kaal"

- The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) launched the "Addiction Free Amrit Kaal" campaign to promote a healthier & addiction-free India.
- The campaign is organized by the NCPCR in partnership with Tobacco Free India, a citizens group.
- The campaign aims to protect children's rights to have a tobacco and drug-free environment through initiatives, and outreach activities.

Govt will launch a Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research, MAHIR

- Government is launching Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research, MAHIR, to quickly identify emerging technologies in the power sector and develop them indigenously for deployment.
- The Mission will be funded by pooling financial resources of the Ministry of Power, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, and various Central Public Sector Enterprises under the two Ministries.

PM Modi will be first Indian PM to address US Congress twice

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he is honored to accept the invitation and looks forward to addressing a joint meeting of the US Congress on June 22.
- The United States Congress recently invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address a joint meeting of the House of Representatives and Senate during his visit to the country on June 22
- Earlier he has delivered his speech in 2016.

Centre allows 2,000 agri credit societies to open Jan Aushadhi stores

- The Central government has granted permission to 2,000 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) to open Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras.
- It aims to increase access to affordable medicines across the country.
- Over 9,400 PM Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been set up throughout the country.
- The application fee for opening a Jan Aushadhi Kendra is set at Rs. 5000.

Bharat Petroleum starts pilot test of ED7 blend fuel

- BPCL has initiated a pilot program in collaboration with Ashok Leyland and Hero Mototcorp to test the effectiveness of the ED7 fuel blend, which combines diesel with 7% ethanol.
- The ED7 fuel blend, developed by BPCL-R&D, consists of 93% diesel and 7% ethanol.
- The ED7 fuel blend showcases a reduction in pollution levels, including particulate matter and nitrogen oxides (NOx).

AICTE to launch 'One Student One Tree Campaign 2023'

- Union MoS Rajkumar Ranjan Singh has announced that the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) will launch the "One Student One Tree Campaign 2023".
- He also released guidelines and a curriculum framework for environmental education at the undergraduate level.
- The guidelines include areas such as climate change, pollution, waste management, and sustainable development.

Sarbananda Sonowal flags off India's 1st International Cruise Vessel

- The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off India's first international cruise vessel - MV Empress from Chennai to Sri Lanka.
- The cruise service will sail to three Sri Lankan ports; viz. Hambantota, Trincomalee, and Kankasanturei.
- The Union Minister and port officials planted 2500 tree saplings at the port on the occasion of Environment Day.

Nitin Gadkari inaugurates four projects worth Rs 1450 Crore in Assam

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 4-Lane Section between Nagaon Bypass-Teliagaon, and Teliagaon-Rangagara in Assam.
- The foundation for Mangaldai Bypass and the 4-lane section between Daboka-Parakhuwa in Assam was also laid by the minister.
- The projects are worth 1450 Crores and symbolize a significant investment in the state's infrastructure.

Bhaderwah has emerged as the Lavender capital of India

- Bhaderwah has emerged as the Lavender capital of India and Agri StartUp destination said Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh
- CSIR- Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu has organized the event as part of its One Week One Lab Campaign.
- Dr Jitendra Singh described Bhaderwah as the birthplace of India's Purple Revolution and the destination of Agri-StartUps.

Third G20 Health Working Group meeting begins in Hyderabad

- The third meeting of the G20 Health Working Group (HWG) is being held from June 4 to 6.
- The meeting is aimed at discussing and finding solutions to health challenges faced by G20 countries.
- Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy inaugurated the event and affirmed the government's commitment to universal healthcare for all by 2030.

Govt imposes stock limits on tur, urad dal till October 31

- The government on 4 May 2023, imposed stock limits on tur and urad dals held by wholesalers, retailers, importers and millers till October 31 to prevent hoarding and check price rise.



- According to the order, a stock limit of 200 tonnes each has been imposed on tur and urad for wholesalers, 5 tonnes each for retailers and retail outlets, and 200 tonnes at the depot for big chain retailers.

India's first zero-carbon village being developed in Bhiwandi

- Union Minister of State Kapil Patil announced that India's first carbon-neutral village is being developed in Bhiwandi Taluka of Thane district, Maharashtra.
- As many as 121 tribal villages are being developed as model villages by the union govt.
- Earlier, Palli village in Jammu had become the first carbon-neutral panchayat in the country.

Government sets up three-member panel to probe Manipur Violence

- The Centre has set up a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the violence in Manipur.
- The commission will be headed by former chief justice of the Gauhati High Court Ajai Lamba.
- The commission will investigate the sequence of events leading to the violence and riots.
- The other commission members are retired IAS officer Himanshu Shekhar Das and retired IPS officer Aloka Prabhakar.

Govt approves setting up of Regional Office of Universal Postal Union

- India has made an agreement with the Universal Postal Union (UPU) to establish a regional office in New Delhi.
- It will provide development cooperation and technical assistance to the region.
- The decision to establish the regional office was approved by the Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- It was founded under the Treaty of Bern in 1874 and has its headquarters in Bern.

Microsoft joins govt to train students, teachers in cybersecurity

- Microsoft has signed an MoU with DGT under MSDE to train 6,000 students and 200 educators in digital and cybersecurity skills in India.
- The training will include courses in AI, cloud computing, web development, and cybersecurity skills for students and faculty members.
- The collaboration aims to empower students with industry-relevant skills and enhance their employability.

Nitin Gadkari inaugurates two Highway projects in Vadodara, Gujarat

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, inaugurated two National Highway projects in Vadodara, Gujarat on 2 May worth Rs. 48 crore.
- Solar powered street lights have been used for the first time on National Highway 48 in this project.
- For the first time in this construction, a 3-lane service road has been constructed.

Govt releases UGC (Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023

- The Union Minister of Education and Skill Development, Dharmendra Pradhan, released the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023.

- It will facilitate the creation of more quality-focused deemed to be universities in an objective and transparent manner.
- Institutions with minimum 'A' grade and above in NIRF rankings are eligible to set up off-campus centres.

PM to flag off Goa's first Vande Bharat Express on 3rd June

- 'Make in India' and Aatmanirbhar Bharat, the state-of-the-art Vande Bharat Express will improve the connectivity in the Mumbai - Goa route and provide the people of the region the means to travel with speed and comfort.
- The train will be the 19th Vande Bharat train to run in the country.
- The train will run between Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus and Goa's Madgaon station.

Five Iron Golf opens its first venue in India

- Five Iron Golf opens its first venue in India, bringing cutting-edge virtual golf to Greater Noida.
- Five Iron Golf India provides an immersive and state-of-the-art indoor golf experience for enthusiasts of all skill levels.
- Five Iron Golf India uses state-of-the-art Trackman technology to immerse golfers into some of the most iconic virtual courses from around the world.

Govt launches unified registration portal for biogas projects

- The Indian government has launched a unified registration portal for biogas projects called GOBARDhan.
- The portal will act as a one-stop repository to assess investment and participation in biogas sector at the pan-India level.
- Any govt, or private entity operating or intending to set up a biogas, CBG, or Bio CNG plant in India can obtain a registration number by enrolling in the portal.

French company Alstom to make 100 Vande Bharat trains

- French rail company Alstom will manufacture 100 aluminum-bodied Vande Bharat trains with sleeper facilities, after bidding the lowest for the tender at a price of ₹150.9 crores per train.
- Two companies — Alstom and Hyderabad-based Medha Servo Drives — had participated in the tender.
- The train is pegged to have a speed capability of 200 km per hour.

3rd Employment Working Group meeting organized at ILO headquarters

- The Indian G20 Presidency is organizing the third Employment Working Group EWG meeting at the International Labour Organization headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.
- It is a G20 tradition since the inception of the EWG, to organize an Employment Working Group at the side-lines of the ILO's annual International Labour Conference in Geneva.

Central Electricity Authority notifies the National Electricity Plan

- The Central Electricity Authority has notified the National Electricity Plan for the period of 2022-32.
- Share of non-fossil based capacity expected to increase to 57.4% by the end of 2026-27 and further to 68.4% by the end of 2031-32 from around 42.5% at present: NEP
- The projected capacity addition aligns with the country's goal of 500 GW of non-fossil capacity by 2029-30.

India has set a target of achieving net zero by 2070: Rajiv Bansal

- Civil Aviation Secretary Rajiv Bansal said in Seoul that based upon realities and infrastructure constraints, "India has set a target of achieving net zero by year 2070".
- The secretary of civil aviation was speaking at the Roundtable high-level discussion at International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Global Implementation Support Symposium 2023 at Seoul, South Korea.

MeitY unveils pilot project on Electronics Repair Services Outsourcing

- Union govt launched the Electronics Repair Services Outsourcing (ERSO) Pilot initiative to make India a global electronics powerhouse and the Repair Capital of the World.
- The ERSO industry is expected to generate up to \$20 billion in revenue and create millions of jobs in India.
- It is being held in Bengaluru for 3 months, with five companies volunteering to participate.



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VM Reddy assumes charge of Deputy Director General of NCC

- Air Commodore Reddy was commissioned into the Indian Air Force in 1988.
- He has served in various operational and staff positions in the Air Force.
- He is a specialist in transport aircraft and has flown various types of aircraft, including the C-130J Super Hercules and the IL-76.
- He is also an expert in air traffic control and has served as an air traffic controller.

Kerala govt appoints V Venu as Chief Secretary, Sheikh Darvesh as DGP

- The state cabinet on Tuesday approved the appointment of V Venu as the next Chief Secretary and Sheikh Darvesh Saheb as the next state police chief.
- Venu is presently the Additional Chief Secretary of Home and Environment.
- He was in charge of the Rebuild Kerala Initiative after the floods of 2018 and 2019.
- Sheikh Darvesh Saheb was given charge of Director General, Fire, & Rescue Service.

IPS officer Ajay Bhatnagar appointed CBI Special Director

- Ajay Bhatnagar has been appointed as Special Director in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- Bhatnagar is a 1989-batch IPS officer of the Jharkhand cadre.
- Anurag (IPS) has been appointed as Additional Director in CBI.
- Anurag is a 1994-batch IPS officer of the Tripura cadre.
- Manoj Sashidhar (IPS) has also been appointed as Additional Director in CBI.

Deloitte appoints former Airtel CEO Manoj Kohli as senior advisor

- Deloitte has appointed Manoj Kohli as a senior advisor to leverage his extensive business and industry knowledge.
- Kohli has 44 years of experience across 30 countries, with expertise in technology, telecommunications, renewables, and digital sectors.
- He played a pivotal role in expanding Softbank India's presence in India.
- Kohli was the CEO and Managing Director of Bharati Airtel.

TS Singh Deo appointed as the Chattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister

- Chhattisgarh health minister TS Singh Deo has been appointed as the state's deputy chief minister, party general-secretary KC Venugopal announced
- Tribhuvaneshwar Saran Singh Deo, the titular Maharaja of Chhattisgarh's Surguja, was born on October 31, 1952
- Also known as modern-day Maharaja, Deo was first elected as a member of the state's legislative Assembly in 2008

Rohit Jawa takes charge as MD and CEO of Hindustan Unilever

- Rohit Jawa has taken charge as the Managing Director and CEO of Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) after Sanjiv Mehta retired.

- Jawa was appointed as an Additional Director and CEO-Designate on April 1 and became the MD and CEO on June 26.
- Jawa had previously served as the Chief of Transformation for Unilever in London.
- He started his career with HUL as a management trainee in 1988.

RBI approved appointment of A P Hota as Federal Bank's part-time CEO

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved AP Hota as the part-time Chairman of the Federal Bank.
- He has over 27 years of banking experience, mostly in technology and payment systems.
- He was the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of NPCI between 2009- 2017.
- Hota was appointed as an Independent Director of Federal Bank Limited with effect from January 15, 2018.

Italian Andrea Gaudenzi reappointed ATP chairman

- ATP Chairman Andrea Gaudenzi has been re-elected for a second term as the head of the organization from 2024 through 2026, the governing body of men's tennis announced.
- The ATP said under phase one, which came into effect in 2023, it had already generated the largest single-year increase in player compensation in its history -- a \$37.5 million year-on-year increase across the ATP Tour.

Vishesh Chandiok appointed into ICAEW

- Vishesh C. Chandiok, CEO of Grant Thornton Bharat, has been appointed as the first Indian council member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) residing overseas.
- This recognition honors Chandiok's significant contributions to the global accounting profession.
- His appointment highlights the influence of Indian professionals in accounting and finance globally.

DBS Bank India appoints Rajat Verma as Managing Director

- Rajat Verma has been appointed as the MD and head of institutional banking at DBS Bank India.
- He will be succeeding Niraj Mittal in his new role.
- Mittal will be taking up a new role as country head of DBS Bank in Australia.
- DBS ranks among the largest foreign banks in India.
- DBS Bank Limited is a Singaporean multinational banking and financial services corporation

Ruby Sinha appointed president of BRICS CCI women vertical

- Ruby Sinha has been appointed as the president of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry Women's Vertical (BRICS CCI WE) for a three-year term.
- Sinha, the founder of SheAtWork and Kommune Brand Communications, will assume the role.
- BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry is dedicated to fostering trade, commerce, and entrepreneurship among the BRICS nations and other friendly countries.

Hasmukh Adhia appointed chairman of GIFT City

- Former Union Finance Secretary and retired Gujarat cadre bureaucrat Hasmukh Adhia, has been appointed as chairman of GIFT (Gujarat International Finance Tec) City.
- Adhia replaced Sudhir Mankad in GIFT City.
- Adhia was principal secretary to Narendra Modi when he was the chief minister of Gujarat.

President appoints retd Allahabad HC judge Umesh Kumar as DERC chief

- Justice (Retd) Umesh Kumar of Allahabad High Court has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) by President Droupadi Murmu.
- The Supreme Court had ordered directing Lt Governor of Delhi to appoint a DERC chairperson within two weeks.
- The President of India has appointed him under the sub-section 2 of Section 84 of the Electricity Act, 2003

Mahendra Lodha appointed interim MD & CEO of PFS

- PTC India Financial Services Ltd (PFS), on 21 June 2023, announced that Director (Finance) Mahendra Lodha will take over the responsibilities of the MD & CEO.
- The move comes after the current MD & CEO Pawan Singh has been sent on leave.
- The PFS is an Indian non-banking financial institution promoted by PTC India (PTC) to make principal investments across the energy value chain.

Alibaba Group says Eddie Wu to succeed Daniel Zhang as CEO

- Alibaba Group informed Eddie Yongming Wu, chairman of its Taobao and Tmall Group, would succeed Daniel Zhang as chief executive officer.
- Mr. Zhang has since December been concurrently serving as group CEO and chairman as well as head of its cloud unit.
- Joseph Tsai, currently executive vice chairman, will succeed Mr. Zhang as group chairman.

Senior IAS officer Amit Agrawal assumes charge as CEO of UIDAI

- Senior IAS officer Amit Agrawal assumed charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on 20 June 2023.
- He is an officer of the 1993 batch IAS from the Chhattisgarh cadre.
- Prior to joining UIDAI as CEO, he was an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

SBI MD Swaminathan Janakiraman appointed as RBI's deputy governor

- Union government, on 20 June 2023, appointed Swaminathan Janakiraman as a deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India for three years.
- Janakiraman, currently the managing director of the State Bank of India, will succeed Mahesh Kumar Jain.
- Mahesh K. Jain was appointed deputy governor in 2018.
- RBI has three other deputy governors: T. Rabi Sankar, M. Rajeshwar Rao, and Michael Patra.

Kamal Kishore Chatiwal becomes new MD of Indraprastha Gas Ltd.

- Kamal Kishore Chatiwal was appointed the new Managing Director of Indraprastha Gas Ltd. (IGL).
- Sanjay Kumar was the previous Managing Director of IGL and has taken on the role of Director (Marketing) in GAIL (India) Ltd.
- IGL provides piped natural gas (PNG) and compressed natural gas (CNG) to vehicles, with over 550 CNG stations in the NCR.
- In 2020, IGL received the Greentech Safety Award.

Sumit Seth appointed India's next ambassador to Panama

- Sumit Seth, an Indian Foreign Service officer of the 2005 batch, has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Panama.
- Sumit Seth is presently posted as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- Earlier, he served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Yangon, Myanmar.
- He was also posted at India's Missions in Madrid, Bogota and Geneva.

IPS officer Ravi Sinha appointed RAW chief

- Senior IPS officer Ravi Sinha appointed as the new chief of India's external intelligence agency RAW.
- Mr. Sinha, a 1988 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Chhattisgarh cadre, is currently serving as Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat.
- Sinha replaces Samant Kumar Goel, who will complete his tenure on June 30, 2023.

Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, first Muslim woman to be federal judge

- The US Senate has confirmed the former American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) attorney Nusrat Jahan Choudhury as the first Muslim woman to serve as a federal judge.
- Choudhury, 46, is also the first Bangladeshi American to serve in this lifetime position.
- She will serve as a judge on the US court for the eastern district of New York.

Axis Bank appoints N S Vishwanathan as non-executive chairman

- Axis Bank has appointed former RBI Deputy Governor NS Vishwanathan as its part-time Non-Executive Chairman for a period of 3 years.
- Vishwanathan joined the RBI in 1981 and retired in March 2020 as the Deputy Governor.
- He is also the head of the advisory board at Razorpay.
- The appointment of Vishwanathan is subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Bank and Reserve Bank of India.

RBI approves appointment of Vasudevan P N as MD, CEO of Equitas FSB

- Equitas Small Finance Bank has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India to re-appoint P N Vasudevan as the Managing Director and CEO of the bank for a period of three years.
- The Bank is a small finance bank that provides financial services to underserved and unserved segments of society.
- The bank has a strong presence in South India and is committed to promoting financial inclusion.

Gopichand Hinduja takes over as Group chairman

- Gopichand Hinduja, 83, has taken over as the Chairman of the Hinduja Group after the recent demise of his brother Srichand P Hinduja.
- Earlier, Gopichand Hinduja was the co-chairman and was overseeing the diverse global business empire.
- Gopichand Hinduja said Srichand worked tirelessly to improve relations between the mother country and host countries

Sudhansh Pant to be new Health Secretary

- Sudhansh Pant will take over as the new Health Secretary after incumbent Rajesh Bhushan retires on 31 July.
- He is currently the Shipping Secretary and has been appointed as an Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the Health Ministry.
- T K Ramachandran has been appointed the new Shipping Secretary in Pant's place.
- Ramachandran is currently the chairman of the Chidambaram Port Trust.

Uttam Lal takes over as Director of NHPC Ltd.

- Uttam Lal has taken over as Director (Personnel) at National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited.
- Prior to his appointment at NHPC, he was serving as Chief General Manager at NTPC Limited.
- He has over 35 years of experience in the area of Personnel Management, and Corporate Social Responsibility.
- He is known for his expertise and long experience in the power sector.

Kerala-cadre IPS officer Nitin Agarwal appointed BSF DG

- Nitin Agarwal, a 1989-batch IPS officer of Kerala cadre, appointed as the new Director- General of the Border Security Force (BSF)
- The post of the BSF chief had been vacant for more than five months after Pankaj Kumar Singh retired on December 31, 2022.
- CRPF DG Sujoy Lal Thakur had been handling the charge of BSF in an additional capacity since then.

Amit Agrawal appointed UIDAI CEO

- Amit Agrawal and Subodh Kumar Singh have been appointed as CEO Unique Identification Authority of India and director general of the National Testing Agency respectively.
- Both Agrawal (1993 batch) and Singh (1997 batch) are Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers of the Chhattisgarh cadre.
- Rashmi Chowdhary has been appointed as secretary of the Central Information Commission.

Pieter Elbers appointed as Chair-elect of IATA's Board of Governors

- Pieter Elbers has been elected as the chair-elect of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Board of Governors.

- He will succeed Yvonne Manzi Makolo, the CEO of Rwandair, with effect from June 2024.
- Pieter Elbers is the CEO of IndiGo and has played a crucial role in advancing the Indian aviation landscape.

Epson India signs Rashmika Mandanna as brand ambassador

- Epson India has signed Rashmika Mandanna as its brand ambassador for its EcoTank printers.
- She endorses other brands like PlayerzPot, 7Up, TTK Healthcare-owned Eva, and others.
- She is one of the new entrants on the list of top 20 celebrities who endorse brands in India.
- The collaboration aims to spread awareness about printers and their benefits.

Lt Gen Sanjay Mitra takes over as Commander of Strike 1 Corps

- Lieutenant General Sanjay Mitra has taken over as the Commander of the Strike 1 Corps.
- He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy and the Indian Military Academy.
- He was awarded Chief of Army Staff and General Officer Commanding in Chief Commendation Cards twice.
- He was also awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal for his contribution as a general officer commanding eastern Ladakh.

PESB picks Sanjay Swarup to be the next CMD of CONCOR

- Sanjay Swarup has been recommended for the post of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) panel.
- Swarup is currently serving as Director (International Marketing & Operations) in CONCOR.
- CONCOR is a state-owned enterprise that provides container transportation and logistics services in India.

Anantharaman appointed new TransUnion Cibil chairman

- V Anantharaman is the new non-executive chairman of TransUnion CIBIL.
- Anantharaman takes over from Mr. M V Nair, who served as the chairman for over eleven years.
- TransUnion CIBIL is a credit information company operating in India and is part of TransUnion, an American multinational group.
- The company maintains credit files on over 600 million individuals and 32 million businesses.

Rajiv Sinha to be appointed as Election Commissioner of Bengal

- Former Chief Secretary of West Bengal Rajiva Sinha was appointed as the State Election Commissioner
- West Bengal Governor CV Anand Bose approved Rajiv Sinha's appointment after the state government proposed his name.
- He has served as the state's chief secretary from September 2019 to September 2020.

India appoints Upender Singh Rawat as next High Commissioner to Uganda

- The Ministry of External Affairs on Thursday appointed Upender Singh Rawat as India's next High Commissioner to Uganda.

- Upender Singh Rawat is an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Officer of the 1998 batch, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
- He is currently serving as the Ambassador of India to Panama.

Ravindra Dattatray Kulkarni appointed VC of Mumbai University

- Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais appointed Dr. Ravindra Dattatray Kulkarni as the vice-chancellor of the Mumbai University
- The appointment has come at a time when the university is preparing a roadmap to implement four-year degree programs under the new National Education Policy
- He had served as the pro-vice chancellor of MU during the tenure of former vice-chancellor Dr. Suhas Pednekar

Anil Diggikar assumes role as MD of CIDCO

- Anil Diggikar has taken over as the Vice President and Managing Director of CIDCO, succeeding Dr. Sanjay Mukherjee.
- Alongside, Shantanu Goyal also assumed his position as the Joint Managing Director of CIDCO.
- Anil Diggikar served as the Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority.

Hrithik Roshan appointed brand ambassador for Zebronic TV

- Zebronic, an IT peripheral, audio systems and lifestyle accessories company, has signed actor Hrithik Roshan as the face of its range of Smart LED TVs.
- As per the company, this collaboration marks the sixth year of their partnership.

Shri Janardan Prasad takes charge as DG of Geological Survey of India

- Shri Janardan Prasad assumed charge as the 52nd Director General of the Geological Survey of India
- He succeeded Dr. S. Raju, who was the Director General of GSI since May 2022.
- Shri Prasad has vast experience in Metallogeny and Mineral Exploration studies
- Shri Janardan Prasad was born on August 12, 1963, in the Aurangabad district of Bihar. He did his MSc in Geology from Patna University.

Former MSME secretary Bidyut Bihari Swain sworn in as UPSC member

- Bidyut Bihari Swain, a former MSME secretary, has been sworn in as a member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- He is a 1988 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Gujarat cadre.
- Swain has held various significant positions within the Gujarat government from 1989 to 2018.
- In January 2021, he was posted as MSME secretary, where he served till May 2023.

Blackstone Portfolio Company R Systems appoints Nitesh Bansal as CEO

- Blackstone Portfolio Company R Systems appoints Nitesh Bansal as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

- He spent 23 years at Infosys where he held several leadership roles, most recently serving as a Senior Vice President and Global Head of Engineering Services.
- R Systems is a leading digital product engineering company that designs and builds next-gen products, and platforms.

IMD director Mohapatra elected third Vice-President of WMO

- Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, the director of the India Meteorological Department, has been elected as the third Vice-President of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- Celeste Saulo of Argentina has been appointed as the first female Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- The WMO is responsible for providing authoritative information on weather, climate, and water.

Air Marshal Rajesh Kumar Anand takes charge as AOA

- Air Marshal Rajesh Kumar Anand, Vishisht Seva Medal took over as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration (AOA) on 01 Jun 2023.
- In a career spanning over 36 years, the Air Marshal has held various field and staff appointments.
- Prior to his appointment, he was Director General (Administration) at Air Headquarters, New Delhi.
- He was awarded Vishisht Seva Medal in January 2022 by the President.

Argentine meteorologist becomes first female head of UN weather agency

- The World Meteorological Organization said Celeste Saulo received the necessary two-thirds backing from member states
- She succeeds Petteri Taalas, who steps down after two terms as secretary general of the Geneva-based WMO at the end of the year.
- Saulo joined the WMO's executive council in 2015.
- The agency plays a key role in coordinating international meteorological work.

K. Krithivasan takes charge as TCS CEO

- K. Krithivasan, on 31 May 2023, took charge as the chief executive officer (CEO) for Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).
- TCS is India's largest information technology (IT) services firm by market capitalization.
- Krithivasan, who has been at TCS for over 34 years now, will be the oldest CEO appointment so far.
- His predecessor, Gopinathan, was the youngest appointee.

Ajay Yadav assumes charge as SECI Managing Director

- Ajay Yadav, on 31 May 2023, taken over as the Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI).
- SECI is a Miniratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) established in 2011.
- SECI is the primary implementing agency for renewable energy schemes and projects under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India.

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Nobel-winning lithium battery inventor John Goodenough dies at 100

- John Goodenough, who shared the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for developing the lithium-ion battery that revolutionized modern life, has died at the age of 100, the University of Texas announced.
- The US scientist's contributions to the development of lithium-ion batteries paved the way for smartphones.
- He was a leader at the cutting edge of scientific research throughout his career.

Rajya Sabha MP Hardwar Dubey passes away

- Hardwar Dubey, a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) passed away in New Delhi.
- Dubey was a sitting MP elected to the Rajya Sabha in November 2020.
- He was a former minister in the Kalyan Singh ministry in 1991.
- Dubey was made state spokesperson and vice-president of the BJP in 2011 and 2013 respectively, before being elevated as a Rajya Sabha member.

Former Urdu newsreader of Akashvani Kausar Rizvi passes away

- The former Urdu newsreader of Akashvani, Kausar Rizvi passed away in Dubai on 22 June 2023.
- Kausar Rizvi was associated with the Urdu unit of the News Services Division of Akashvani in New Delhi for about 30 years from 1975 to 2004.
- He began his career as an announcer in Akashvani Varanasi. He will be laid to rest in his home town Lucknow.

Ex Amul chief pays tribute to Amul girl creator Sylvester daCunha

- The man behind the iconic Amul Girl 'utterly butterly' campaign, Sylvester daCunha, died on Tuesday, June 20.
- The Amul ad campaign was launched in 1966 after it was designed by Sylvester daCunha, who was the then Managing Director of the advertising agency ASP
- The mascot first debuted on a few lamp-post boards in Mumbai with the line, "Give us this day our daily bread: with Amul butter".

Sociologist, former JNU professor Imtiaz Ahmad passes away

- He worked with keen interest in social anthropology and taught Sociology, Political Science and Islamic Studies in various universities in India and abroad
- He was under treatment at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.
- Prof. Ahmad is known for his works on caste in Islam.

104-year-old freedom fighter Sitaram Shastri passed away

- 104-year-old freedom fighter Sitaram Shastri, a resident of Deeh Ganjari village of Jansa, Varanasi, who participated in the country's freedom movement, passed away.
- As soon as the news of his death was received, a wave of mourning ran in the entire area.
- His last rites were performed at Harishchandra Ghat with state honors.

- The fire was lit by his son Virendra Narayan.

Famous Telegu choreographer Rakesh Master passes away

- Renowned Tollywood choreographer S. Rama Rao, widely known as Rakesh Master, has passed away.
- He worked on over 500 films, and his work was known for its energy, creativity, and technical precision.
- Some of his most famous choreographies include the songs "Ringa Ringa Roses" and "Ishq Wala Love".
- He also choreographed several hit songs in Hindi films, including "Disco Dancer".

Daniel Ellsberg, Pentagon Papers whistleblower, dies aged 92

- Daniel Ellsberg, the U.S. military analyst whose change of heart on the Vietnam War led him to leak the classified "Pentagon Papers," revealing U.S. government deception about the war and setting off a major freedom-of-the-press battle, died at the age of 92.
- Ellsberg, who had been diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer in February, died at his home in Kensington, California.

Oscar-winning actress, Glenda Jackson passes away

- Glenda Jackson, a two-time Oscar winner, has passed away at the age of 87.
- She won her first best-actress Oscar for "Women in Love" (1969) and her second for "A Touch of Class" (1973).
- Ms. Jackson was elected to Parliament in 1992 and became minister of transport.
- She won a best-actress Trophy for her role as a woman over 90 facing mortality, in Edward Albee's "Three Tall Women" in 2018.

Cormac McCarthy, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, passes away

- Pulitzer Prize winner, Cormac McCarthy, passed away, on 14 June 2023.
- Some of his famous and literarily acclaimed books are 'The Road' and 'No Country for Old Men'.
- He won the Pulitzer Prize for 'The Road' in the fiction category in 2006.
- The story revolves around the ups and downs between a father and son and their strenuous journey in the US after the apocalypse.

Former Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi passes away

- Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian Prime Minister, has passed away at the age of 86.
- He had led four governments in Italy from 1994 to 2011 and was the longest-serving prime minister in post-war Italy.
- Berlusconi's centre-right Forza Italia party went into coalition under right-wing Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni last September.

Mangal Dhillon, a renowned actor, passes away

- Mangal Dhillon, a renowned actor, passed away due to cancer.

- He was known for his remarkable acting prowess and memorable performances in shows like 'Junoon' and 'Buniyaad'.
- Dhillon had a successful career in Punjabi cinema as a producer, director, and writer.
- He acted in notable movies like Khoon Bhari Maang, Zakhmi Aurat, and Vishwatma.

Theatre legend Farrokh Mehta passed away

- Actor-director Farrokh Mehta died on 9th June. He was 91 years old.
- Farrokh Mehta received the Thespo Lifetime Achievement at the National Centre for the Performing Arts amidst a motley crew of young theatre practitioners.
- The 87-year-old actor was rather delighted to be honored by a youth theatre festival since his own theatrical journey began "way back in college".

Award-winning Doordarshan news anchor Gitanjali Aiyar passes away

- Gitanjali Aiyar, one of India's first female news presenters on national broadcaster Doordarshan, passed away on 7 June 2023.
- She was in her mid-70s and had won the best anchor award four times.
- Aiyar graduated from Kolkata's Loreto College and joined Doordarshan in 1971.
- Aiyar won the Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award for Outstanding Women in 1989.

Gufi Paintal, Shakuni Mama of BR Chopra's Mahabharat, passes away

- Actor Gufi Paintal, best known for playing the role of Shakuni Mama in BR Chopra's TV show Mahabharat (1980), passed away in Mumbai due to age-related health issues.
- He became a household name with the portrayal of Shakuni Mama in BR Chopra's Mahabharat.
- Gufi also directed a few TV shows and a movie titled Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Veteran Actress Sulochana Didi passes away

- Veteran Hindi and Marathi film actress Sulochana Latkar passed away on 4 June 2023.
- Sulochana started her career with Bhalji Pendharkar's Sasurvas (1946).
- She is remembered for playing Jijabai, the mother of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Maratha Tituka Melvava (1964).
- In 1999, she received the prestigious Padma Shri, followed by the Maharashtra Bhushan Award in 2009.

Renowned theater actor and director Aamir Raza Hussain passes away

- Noted theatre actor and director Aamir Raza Husain has passed away at the age of 66.
- His stage plays include 'The Fifty-Day War' (2000) and 'The Legend of Ram'.
- Husain was honored with the Padma Shri in 2001 by the Indian government for his contribution to theatre.
- He also acted in super hit movies Baahubali' and 'RRR'.

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Indian-origin Aarti Holla-Maini appointed as UN Outer Space director

- Aarti Holla-Maini has been appointed as the Director of the UN's Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) in Vienna.
- She will succeed Simonetta Di Pippo of Italy.
- UNOOSA's objective is to foster global collaboration in the peaceful utilization of outer space.
- She has over 25 years of experience in the space sector.
- She was previously Executive Vice-President at NorthStar Earth & Space.

Ronaldo sets Guinness World Record to make 200 International Caps

- Cristiano Ronaldo has received a Guinness World Record for reaching 200 international caps for Portugal.
- He is the all-time top goalscorer in international football with 122 goals in 200 games to date.
- Ronaldo made his debut for A Selecao das Quinas back in 2003 at the age of 18.
- He won the 2016 European Championships with his national team.

Google doodle: Celebrated 112th Birthday of Dr. Kamala Sohoni

- Born in 1911 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Sohoni belonged to a family of respected chemists.
- Scientist Kamala Sohoni was the first woman in India to get admission in the prestigious Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (IISc), which is considered to be the best institute in the country.
- Sohoni also became the first Indian woman to pursue a Ph.D.
- Dr. Sohoni discovered cytochrome c.

Nahida Khan retires from international cricket

- Debuting in February 2009 against Sri Lanka, Nahida went on to represent Pakistan in three Cricket World Cups (2013, 2017 and 2022) and in four T20 World Cups (2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018).
- Nahida finishes with over 2000 runs in international cricket, and raised her bat for eight half-centuries, including a knock of 66 against Australia in Kuala Lumpur back in 2018.

Justice Venkatachaliah launches app to provide legal aid

- Former Chief Justice of India M. N. Venkatachaliah launched the multi-lingual India Legal App, a legal helpline accessible to citizens to obtain legal assistance from their homes.
- The app will help in disposing of around 70 percent of new cases.
- Attorney General R. Venkataramani hailed the India Legal app.

Kairan Quazi to become SpaceX's youngest software engineer

- The 14-year-old boy is all set to work as a new software engineer.
- Quazi was offered a job after he passed the company's 'technically challenging' and 'fun' interview process.
- Kairan Quazi is the youngest person to ever be hired by SpaceX.
- San Francisco-based Quazi is a graduate of Santa Clara University's (SCU) School of Engineering.

Ritu Kalra named Harvard's vice president for finance and CFO

- Ritu Kalra has been appointed as Harvard University's Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer.
- She has been serving as Harvard's Assistant Vice President of Finance and Treasury and Special Projects Adviser.
- Kalra is an Indian-American investment banking and financial management expert.
- She spent 18 years at Goldman Sachs as Managing Director.

Pullela Gopichand joins hands with Indian Padel Federation

- Padel, the dynamic and fast-growing sport, received a momentous boost as the Indian Padel Federation (IPF) announced a strategic partnership with badminton legend Pullela Gopichand.
- Pullela Gopichand, a Padma Bhushan, Dronacharya, and Arjuna awardee, joined the IPF as an advisor.
- Padel, sometimes called Padel Tennis, is a racket sport that is played in doubles on an enclosed court

Zlatan Ibrahimovic announces his retirement from football at 41

- Swedish legend Zlatan Ibrahimovic has announced his retirement from a glittering soccer career at the age of 41, leaving Italy's Serie A as the league's oldest-ever goal scorer.
- He retires as Sweden's all-time leading goal scorer with 62 goals in 121 international matches.

Colonel Shuchita becomes 1st woman to command Communication Zone

- Colonel Shuchita Shekhar has become the first woman officer to command a Communication Zone Mechanical Transport Battalion in the Indian Army Service Corps.
- She is responsible for the maintenance of the Supply Chain of the fully operational Northern Command.
- This is a significant milestone in the history of the Indian Army and a great step towards gender equality.

Wrangler signs Smriti Mandhana as brand ambassador

- Ace Turtle Omni Pvt Ltd., a retail company, has appointed Indian cricketer Smriti Mandhana as the brand ambassador of its Wrangler brand
- The company is the exclusive licensee of the denim brand in India.
- Her performances on the cricket field have earned her accolades like ICC Women's cricketer of the year two times.

Indian-American Ajay Banga takes over as World Bank president

- Ajay Banga became the first Indian American to hold the position of President of the World Bank.
- He takes over from David Malpass.
- He was selected as the 14th president of the World Bank for a five-year term.
- Previously, he was the President and CEO of Mastercard.
- He was awarded the Padma Shri Award by the President of India in 2016 and the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2019.

Shri P.Upadhyay takes over as DG of Naval Armament

- Shri P Upadhyay, INAS has taken over as Director General of Naval Armament (DGONA) from Shri KSC Iyer, who superannuated on 31 May 23
- Shri P Upadhyay belongs to the 1987 batch of the Indian Naval Armament Service
- He joined the Naval Armament Organization of the Indian Navy on 12 Jul 1989
- He is an Electrical Engineering Graduate from SGSITS Indore
- He will assume the charge from 01 Jun 2023

Science and Technology Current Affairs

Virgin Galactic launch first commercial spaceflight

- On June 29, 2023, Virgin Galactic launched its first commercial space flight with paying customers.
- The Unity rocket plane carried three Italian researchers, two company pilots, and an astronaut trainer.
- The spacecraft reached an altitude of 52.9 miles, just above the 50-mile-high "boundary" between space and the atmosphere.
- Virgin's first space flight came in 2018.

Skyroot successfully tests Raman-I engine to help Vikram-I rocket

- Skyroot Aerospace successfully conducted the flight qualification test of the Raman-I engine, intended for roll attitude control in the Vikram-I rocket.
- The Raman-I engine underwent a test fire at the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- It will be employed for roll attitude control, which helps in managing the rocket's rotation and orientation.

Paper-based Supercapacitor Made From Seaweed

- Scientists at Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute (GERMI) have made a breakthrough in energy storage technology with the development of the thinnest, lightweight, and biodegradable paper-based supercapacitor.
- This innovative device, derived from seaweed, offers several advantages in terms of its characteristics and potential applications.

IIT Kanpur successfully conducts test flight for cloud seeding

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur has successfully conducted a test flight for cloud seeding.
- Cloud seeding involves the utilization of various chemical agents such as silver iodide, dry ice, and other elements with the aim of enhancing the probability of precipitation.
- The experiment was conducted with due approval from the DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation).

SpaceX launches SATRIA-1 communications satellite for Indonesia

- A Falcon 9 rocket topped with the SATRIA-1 telecommunications satellite lifted off from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.
- SATRIA-1 (whose name is short for "Satellite of the Republic of Indonesia") will be operated for the Indonesian government by the Indonesian company PSN.

NASA's Cassini finds phosphorous on Saturn's moon Enceladus

- Phosphorus, a key chemical element for many biological processes, has been found at Enceladus, the small moon of Saturn by NASA's Cassini.
- Cassini a space probe launched to scrutinize Saturn and its extensive system of moons and rings.

- Phosphorus is a building block for DNA, which forms chromosomes and carries genetic information and is present in the bones of mammals.

India's Azista BST Aerospace launches 1st runner satellite on SpaceX

- India's Azista BST Aerospace launched its first satellite, ABA First Runner (AFR), onboard the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket as part of the Transporter-8 Mission.
- The company aims to make India a hub for the mass manufacturing of satellites.
- The satellite lifted off from Space Launch Complex 4E at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California on Musk's SpaceX rideshare mission.

IIT-Madras generates hydrogen from seawater using solar energy

- Researchers from the IIT-Madras have developed a cost-effective way to electrolyze seawater to generate hydrogen. The results were published in the journal ACS Applied Energy Materials.
- The team has developed an electrolyzer using alkaline seawater.
- We found our separator is highly resistant to seawater degradation said Sana Fathima, co-authors of the paper.

James Webb Telescope captures over 45,000 galaxies in one frame

- The James Webb Space Telescope captured an image of over 45,000 galaxies as part of the JWST Advanced Deep Extragalactic Survey (JADES) program.
- The James Webb Space Telescope will devote around 32 days of telescope time to the JADES program.
- The JADES program is expected to uncover and characterize distant and faint galaxies.

India conducted first performance-based navigation for helicopters

- The technology was jointly developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Airports Authority of India.
- India conducted Asia's first demonstration of performance-based navigation for helicopters for a flight from Juhu in Mumbai to Pune using GAGAN satellite technology.
- GAGAN — GPS-Aided GEO Augmented Navigation — is a state-of-the-art space-based augmentation system.



Sports Current Affairs

India beat Iran to win Asian Kabaddi Championship in Busan, SK

- India beat Iran 42-32 in the final of the Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023.
- This is India's eighth title in nine editions.
- Indian captain Pawan Sehrawat led from the front with a super 10.
- India won all five matches in the league stage and topped the points table.
- The next big challenge for the Indian kabaddi teams will be the upcoming Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

All India Football Federation (AIFF) flagged off the "Trophy Tour"

- The Durand Cup trophy tour was flagged off by the service chiefs and the AIFF president.
- The tour will cover 12 cities across India and will end in Kolkata, where the 132nd edition will be held.
- The Durand Cup is the oldest football tournament in Asia and is contested by teams from the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, and civilian clubs.
- The defending champions are Mohammedan Sporting Club.

Indian Men's Football team climbs up to 100th rank on FIFA rankings

- The Indian men's national football team has climbed up to the 100th rank on FIFA's latest world rankings.
- The team entered the top 100 clubs after 5yrs, surpassing teams like Lebanon and New Zealand.
- The Indian team reached the 100th rank with a total of 1204.90 points.
- Argentina is on top and France is in second position in the FIFA 2022 rankings, followed by Brazil, England, and Belgium.

Tamil Nadu win Senior Women's National Football Championship

- Tamil Nadu won the Senior Women's National Football Championship for the second time.
- They defeated Haryana 2-1 in the final at the Guru Nanak Stadium in Amritsar.
- Priyadharshini S and Indumathi Kathiresan scored the goals for Tamil Nadu. Renu Rani scored the goal for Haryana.
- Tamil Nadu had last won the title in 2018. This is their third overall title.
- They also won the title in 1991.

Kolkata Team Wins in Historic Dubai Women's Kabaddi Final

- In a significant milestone for women's Kabaddi, Dubai hosted the world's first international Women's Kabaddi final, featuring the Punjab Panthers vs Uma Kolkata.
- The intense match concluded with the Uma Kolkata team emerging as champions, securing a grand prize of ₹10,000,000.
- The Punjab team demonstrated commendable skills and earned the second position, receiving a prize of ₹5,000,000.

Jhulan Goswami, Heather Knight, Eoin Morgan join MCC Cricket Committee



- Legendary Indian woman cricketer Jhulan Goswami and two English players in Heather Knight and Eoin Morgan have joined the MCC World Cricket Committee (WCC).
- WCC is an independent body comprised of current and former international cricketers, umpires, and officials from across the world.
- Jhulan Goswami was made an Honorary Life Member of MCC in April 2023.

FIFA says Jeddah will stage 2023 Club World Cup

- The 2023 Club World Cup will be played in Jeddah, the home city of Saudi champions Al-Ittihad that have signed Karim Benzema, FIFA said.
- Al-Ittihad will be joined by the six continental club champions — including Champions League winner Manchester City — for the Dec. 12-22 tournament.
- It will be the last edition in that format before the 32-team version launches in 2025 in the US.

Taipei Open 2023: Tai Tzu Ying, Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo win singles

- Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo clinched his first title of the season at the YONEX Taipei Open 2023 with a straight-games win over surprise finalist Su Li Yang.
- In women's singles, Tai Tzu Ying picked up her fifth Taipei Open title beating Beiwen Zhang 21-14 21-17, making her the most successful player at the event.

Maharashtra Ironmen crowned champions of the Premier Handball League

- The Maharashtra Ironmen crowned the champions of the first-ever season of the Premier Handball League (PHL) after they posted victory against the Golden Eagles Uttar Pradesh at the Sawai Mansingh Indoor Stadium.
- Igor Chiseliov & Jalal Kiani were the top scorers for Maharashtra Ironmen.
- Igor Chiseliov was awarded the most valuable player of the game for his dominant display in the final.

Carlos Alcaraz claims Queen's title and top ranking

- Carlos Alcaraz defeated Alex de Minaur 6-4 6-4 to claim the Queen's Club title and return to world number one.
- Alcaraz is the fourth Spanish player to win the prestigious pre-Wimbledon tournament.
- De Minaur was the first Australian to reach the London final since Lleyton Hewitt in 2006,

WTT contender: Ayhika and Sutirtha win doubles title in Tunis

- Sutirtha Mukherjee and Ayhika Mukherjee defeated Miyuu Kihara and Miwa Harimoto in the final of the WTT contender tournament in Tunis
- Currently ranked 36 as pair in the world, the Indian duo dominated the finals with two straight-game wins of 11-6 and 11-6.
- With this win, the duo became the first Indians to win a WTT Contender title this year.

Diksha Dagar wins Czech LET golf title

- Diksha Dagar capped her remarkable consistency and form with a commanding win in the €300,000 Tipsport Czech Ladies Open, claiming her second Ladies European Tour title.

- She played in the Tokyo Olympics with Aditi Ashok, who finished fourth.
- Diksha becomes only the second Indian woman to win more than once on the LET.
- Her first had come in only her fourth start as a pro in 2019.

Max Verstappen equals Ayrton Senna's record with 41 wins

- Max Verstappen won the Canadian Grand Prix, securing his 41st career win, equaling Ayrton Senna's record.
- Ayrton Senna is a legendary Brazilian racing driver who won the Formula One World Drivers' Championship three times.
- Senna won 41 Grand Prix and 65 pole positions in his career.
- Verstappen drives for Red Bull's F1 team.

Kolkata hosts 1st int'l sports film fest

- The Federation of Film Societies of India (Eastern Aegion), in collaboration with Social Sports Foundation, is organising the 1st International Sports Film Festival.
- The festival, to be held at Nandan from June 22 to 25, will showcase four films from Germany, one from the US, one from Bangladesh and seven from India.

Rayaan Razmi wins bronze in Asian U-21 Snooker Championship

- Indian cueist Rayaan Razmi signed off with a bronze medal after a 3-4 defeat at the hands of Milad Pourali Darehchi of Iran in the semifinals of the Asian Under-21 Snooker Championship in Tehran, Iran.
- Pakistan's Ahsan Ramzan emerged champion after recording an authoritative 5-2 win.

First Olympic Esports Week kicks off in Singapore

- The first-ever Olympic Esports Week kicked off in Singapore.
- The International Olympic Committee officially recognised eSports as a sport in 2017 and has been in discussions with industry players about inclusion on the most prestigious stage.
- ESports will be a medal sport for the first time at the upcoming Asian Games in Hangzhou.

Indian contingent passes 50-medal mark at Special Olympics World Games

- The Indian contingent at the Special Olympics World Games 2023, passed the 50-medal mark in Berlin.
- India has so far won 55 medals (15 gold, 27 silver, 13 bronze) spread across five different sports - athletics, cycling, swimming, powerlifting, and roller skating.

MP crowned champions of the 13th Ind Junior Men National Championship

- Hockey Madhya Pradesh won the 13th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2023 after defeating Hockey Chandigarh in the final at the iconic Birs Munda Hockey Stadium.
- Meanwhile, Hockey Haryana defeated the Hockey Association of Odisha to finish third in the competition.

Arunachal govt, Indian Army inaugurate Tawang Marathon

- Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu along with representatives of Indian Army launched the inaugural edition of Tawang Marathon.
- The Tawang Marathon is a collaborative effort between the government of Arunachal Pradesh and the Eastern Command of Indian Army, showcasing the spirit of unity and shared commitment to promoting sports and healthy lifestyles.

Germany unveils teddy bear as the mascot for Euro 2024

- The mascot for 2024 European Championship in Germany will be a teddy bear.
- The large-headed mascot with big eyes has shorts — in contrast to the 2006 World Cup mascot, a lion named “Goleo” that was widely ridiculed for not having pants.
- Germany will host the tournament from June 14-July 14, 2024.

Canada Para Badminton International 2023: Pramod Bhagat wins silver

- India’s ace shuttler Pramod Bhagat won a silver medal in singles, a bronze medal in mixed doubles and a bronze medal in Mixed Doubles with Sukant Kadam at the recently concluded Canada Para-Badminton International 2023.
- The Padma Shri Awardee went down fighting to England’s Daniel Bethell in the finals to secure a silver medal.

Wyndham Clark Captures the U.S. Open

- Clark, with only one PGA Tour victory to his name, seemed to come out of nowhere to dominate the field at Los Angeles Country Club.
- The payoff came Sunday evening, when Clark, 29, outlasted Rory McIlroy at the U.S. Open by one stroke and lurched into the hallowed fraternity of major championship winners.
- Clark’s best finish in a major had been a tie for 75th at a P.G.A. Championship.

Tajinderpal Singh Toor sets new Asian shot put record

- India’s top shot putter, Tajinderpal Singh Toor has set a new Asian shot put record at the Inter-State Championships in Bhubaneswar
- The 28-year-old athlete, representing Punjab, shattered his own previous Asian record with a massive throw of 21.77ms
- Toor surpassed his own record of 21.49ms, which he had set in 2021 in Patiala
- His outstanding performance also placed him in the ninth position

Bhavani Devi becomes 1st Indian fencer to win medal in Asian Champion

- C.A. Bhavani Devi created history by securing India’s first-ever medal — a bronze — at the Asian fencing championships in Wuxi, China
- Bhavani lost to Uzbekistan’s Zaynab Dayibekova in a hard-fought semifinal 14-15 of the women’s sabre event, but ensured India its maiden medal in the event.
- Bhavani said her dream to beat a few top-ranked players in the world.

SSCB crowned champions at Youth National Boxing Championships 2023

- Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) won the team championship at the 6th Youth men's National Boxing Championships in Gangtok, Sikkim.
- Haryana and Chandigarh claimed the second and third position respectively, with Haryana winning 4 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze medals.
- SSCB boxers won 13 medals, including 9 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals, finishing at the top of the table with 85 points.

62nd National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships concludes

- The 62nd Inter-State Athletics Championships concluded on 19 June 2023 in Bhubaneswar.
- Shot putter Tajinder Singh Toor won the Best Athlete (Male) award while hurdler Jyothi Yaraji won the Best Athlete (Female) award.
- Tamil Nadu won the Team Championship (Male) while Uttar Pradesh won the Team Championship (Female).
- Tamil Nadu was also awarded the Overall Champion award for the competition.

Verstappen wins Canadian GP to claim Red Bull's 100th victory

- Max Verstappen made it six victories from eight races in 2023 with a dominant display in Canadian Grand Prix.
- Verstappen's lights-to-flag triumph also gave Red Bull their 100th victory in the sport, 18 years on from the team's debut, while the Dutchman made more history by drawing level with the legendary Ayrton Senna on 41 wins.

Abhishek Verma clinches individual gold in archery World Cup Stage 3

- Abhishek Verma added a gold medal to India's tally by clinching the top prize in the men's compound individual final at the World Cup Stage 3.
- Abhishek, winner of the compound team gold and an individual silver at the 2014 Incheon Asian Games, defeated James Lutz of USA 148-146.
- This is Abhishek's third individual World Cup gold, and his first since the 2021 Paris leg.

Indian men's Football team won Intercontinental Cup in Bhubaneshwar

- Indian men's senior football team clinched the Intercontinental Cup with a 2-0 victory over Lebanon in the final at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneshwar.
- This is India's second title in the tournament, following their win in the inaugural edition in 2018. Korea won in 2019.
- Indian captain Sunil Chhetri and Lallianzuala Chhangte netted the goal for India.

37th National Games' mascot 'Moga' unveiled

- Chief Minister Pramod Sawant officially unveiled the eagerly-awaited mascot for the 37th National Games, aptly named 'Moga,' during a ceremony held at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium, Taleigao.
- As Moga, the bison mascot, becomes the symbol of the 37th National Games.
- Last time, National Games held in Goa was in the year 2008.

Nations League 2022-23 final: Spain wins in shootout

- Goalkeeper Unai Simon saved two shots as Spain beat Croatia in a penalty shootout after their tense Nations League final had finished 0-0.
- Spain's other previous titles came in the 2010 World Cup and the European Championships in 1964, 2008 and 2012.
- Midfielder Rodri was named the player of the Nations League tournament.

India's Rankireddy and Shetty triumph in Indonesia Open

- The Indian duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won a historic men's doubles title at the Indonesia Open, becoming the first doubles pair from the country to claim a Super 1000 event.
- The Indians, who were also Asian champions, defeated the current world champions in 43 minutes.
- They thrashed Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yika of Malaysia in straight games 21-17, 21-18.

Egypt wins Squash World Cup title

- Egypt, the top seed, bagged the SDAT-WSF Squash World Cup at the Express Avenue Mall in Chennai with a thumping 2-1 (4-1 on points) win over Malaysia, in the final.
- Egypt won the World Cup when it was last held here in 2011.
- Second-seeded India finished joint third with Japan after losing to Malaysia in the semifinal.
- It marked the first time that teams were fully gender-balanced.

Asia Cup 2023 to be played in Pakistan and Sri Lanka

- The dates of the Asia Cup are finally out. In a media release, the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) announced that Asia Cup 2023 will be played from August 31 to September 17.
- The tournament will be hosted in a hybrid model with four matches being held in Pakistan, and the remaining nine matches being played in Sri Lanka
- The 2023 edition will feature two groups, with two teams from each group.

Gurpreet Singh wins 25m standard pistol gold

- Gurpreet Singh wins 25m standard pistol gold at Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial.
- Gurpreet Singh shot 578 to clinch the men's 25-metre standard pistol gold in the 21st Kumar Surendra Singh pistol championship at the Madhya Pradesh Academy, Bhopal.
- Gurpreet had won the gold with a record score of 581 in the last edition.
- Omkar Singh won the silver with 571, ahead of Udit Joshi (567).

India win 7 medals in U-17 Asian Wrestling Championships

- India wrapped up their campaign in the U-17 Asian Wrestling Championships with 1 gold, 3 silver, and 3 bronze medals on the final day in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- Ankush won India's only gold medal of the day in the freestyle 55kg weight category
- Dhanraj Bharat Shirke lost to Iran's Ahora Farhad Khateri.
- Rupesh bagged the other silver after losing to Iran's Sam Reza Sayar in 48kg final.

India gets its first "Taekwondo Premier League"

- The grand unveiling ceremony of the trophies & the merchandise took place at TRUE TRAMM TRUNK Rooftop which was curated by Blanckanvas Media Pvt Ltd.
- "Taekwondo Premier League" is a professional platform for all budding and professional sports personnel to kickstart their careers in the sport.
- The platform is expanding its approach to a wider scale inviting participants from all over India.

Indian Aditi Gopichand breaks U-18 compound world record in Medellin

- Indian Aditi Gopichand made history by breaking the under-18 world record in the women's compound qualification round during the ongoing Archery World Cup stage three in Medellin, Colombia.
- The 16-year-old Aditi scored a total of 711 out of 720 points and topped the 72-arrow qualification.
- Another India, Jyothi Surekha Vennam finished second in the qualifiers with a total of 708 points.

Tamil Nadu Sports Minister inaugurates Squash World Cup in Chennai

- Tamil Nadu Minister of Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Udayanidhi Stalin, inaugurated the Squash World Cup in Chennai.
- The Squash World Cup is being held from June 13 to June 17, at Express Avenue, Royapetta in Chennai.
- Eight countries are participating in the championship including India, China, Japan, Malaysia and Australia, South Africa, Egypt.

Uruguay beat Italy 1-0 to win maiden FIFA U-20 World Cup title

- Luciano Rodríguez scored the winning goal in the 86th minute in a header from close range giving Uruguay a much-deserved victory after an entire match of dominance against Italy.
- Uruguay beat Italy 1-0 to win its first Under-20 World Cup title.
- FIFA decided to hand the organization over to Argentina one month before kickoff.
- Uruguay lost the final of the tournament in 1997 and 2013.

Former Alfa Romeo F1 driver Antonio Giovinazzi wins Le Mans race

- In a racing event called, '24 Hours of Le Mans', Ferrari emerged victorious as driver Antonio Giovinazzi along with teammates Alessandro Pier Guidi and James Calado secured the win for their team.
- The 24 Hours of Le Mans is an endurance-focused sports car race held annually near the town of Le Mans, France.
- It is widely considered one of the world's most prestigious races.

First Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav concludes in Bhubaneswar

- Curtains came down on the first Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav with Odisha emerging as the overall champions in both the men's and women's categories.
- The grand sporting extravaganza was jointly hosted by the Ministry of Culture, the Government of India, and the Odisha Government in collaboration with KIIT University.
- The 1st edition attracted the participation of 5,000 tribal athletes.

Andy Murray beats Jurij Rodionov to win Surbiton Trophy

- Tennis player Andy Murray clinched his second ATP Challenger Tour title of the season, Surbiton Trophy on 12 June 2023.
- He becomes the oldest grass-court champion at an ATP Challenger Tour event.
- He beat Austrian Jurij Rodionov 6-3, 6-2 in the final.
- It was his first singles title on grass since winning Wimbledon in 2016.

India's Murali Sreeshankar logs 8.09m to finish third in long jump

- India's Murali Sreeshankar registered an impressive 8.09m attempt to finish third in the men's long jump event at the Paris Diamond League 2023 in France
- Murali Sreeshankar logged his best jump of the night with his third attempt.
- Miltiadis Tentoglou of Greece, won the Paris Diamond League with an 8.13m jump.

Nick Taylor Becomes First Canadian Champion Since 1954

- Nick Taylor became the first Canadian in 69 years to win his national Open, holing a 72-foot eagle putt on the fourth playoff hole to beat Tommy Fleetwood in the RBC Canadian Open
- The last player from Canada to win the Canadian Open was Pat Fletcher in 1954 at Point Grey in Vancouver. Fletcher was born in England; Carl Keffer had been the only Canadian-born champion, winning in 1909 and 1914

FIH Pro League 2023: India beat Argentina 2-1 in final match

- In Hockey, India beat Argentina 2-1 in its final FIH Pro League 2022-23 match in Eindhoven, the Netherlands
- Akashdeep Singh and Sukhjeet Singh scored goals for India while Lucas Toscani netted the only goal for Argentina.
- With this victory, India consolidated their position atop the FIH Pro League standings with 30 points from 16 matches.

Odisha wins big at 10th senior and 7th junior national Rugby 7s

- Odisha beat Maharashtra in the finals of the 10th senior national Rugby 7s Championship by a huge margin of 31-7 at the Balewadi Stadium
- This event acts as a platform for players to showcase their talent as they look for a spot in the Indian team, informed Indian Rugby Football Union
- In the senior's event, Odisha was hard to catch up with, even though Maharashtra showed a spirited effort.

India beats Korea 2-1 to win maiden Women's Hockey Junior Asia Cup

- The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team won the Women's Junior Asia Cup 2023, defeating Korea in a final match with a score of 2-1.
- Hockey India announced a cash prize of ₹ 2 Lakh for each player and INR 1 Lakh each for the support staff.
- Indian captain Preeti was named Player-of-the-Match.

- Annu and Neelam scored for India, while Park Seo Yeon was the lone goal scorer for Korea.

Iga Swiatek wins third French Open title, fourth Grand Slam title

- Iga Swiatek won her fourth Grand Slam title by defeating Karolina Muchova in the French Open 2023 final.
- Swiatek has lost only two out of 26 Grand Slam matches since April 2022.
- She is the youngest woman to win consecutive trophies at Roland Garros since Monica Seles in 1990-92.
- She also joined Seles and Naomi Osaka as the only women to win each of their first four major finals.

Novak Djokovic wins record 23rd men's singles grand slam title

- Novak Djokovic won his record-breaking 23rd Grand Slam title at the French Open, defeating Casper Ruud 7-6, 6-3, 7-5.
- With this victory, Djokovic has become the first male player to win three or more titles in each of the four major tournaments.
- This win also places Djokovic halfway towards a calendar Grand Slam, a feat that hasn't been accomplished since Rod Laver in 1969.

Australia Crowned with ICC World Test Championship 2023

- Australia won the World Test Championship with a 209-run victory over India in the WTC 2023 Final at The Oval, England.
- Australia became the 1st men's team in world cricket to win an ICC world title in all three formats.
- The WTC Final was played between the top two teams in the ICC Test rankings, India and Australia.
- The WTC was introduced by the International Cricket Council (ICC) in 2019.

Miyu Kato strikes back with mixed doubles title at French Open

- Kato, a 28-year-old player from Japan, and her women's doubles partner were defaulted during their third-round match last week after Kato accidentally hit a ball girl in the neck after a point.
- Playing with Tim Puetz of Germany, the pair defeated 2019 U.S. Open singles champion Bianca Andreescu of Canada and Michael Venus of New Zealand 4-6, 6-4, 10-6.

West Ham wins Europa Conference final beating Fiorentina 2-1

- West Ham overcame an almost 60-year wait for a European trophy when Jarrod Bowen's late-game goal secured a 2-1 win over Fiorentina in the Europa Conference League final.
- The win secured West Ham's first piece of silverware since the 1980 FA Cup and their first European trophy in 58 years.
- Moyes became the first Scottish coach to win a UEFA competition since 2008

Jyothi Yarraji wins silver in 100m Hurdles

- Indian hurdler Jyothi Yarraji clinched the silver medal in the 100m Hurdles event at the Jyvaszkyla Motonet GP.



- Fellow compatriot Amlan Borgohain collected the bronze medal in the 100m event with a timing of 10.49s.
- Next up for Jyothi and Amlan is the National Inter-State Championships
- This tournament will also serve as the selection trial for the upcoming Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

India finish on top of medal tally at Suhl World Cup

- India topped the chart with 15 podium finishes, including six gold, six silver, and three bronze medals.
- In a commendable achievement, India has now finished on top of all the ISSF Junior World Cups and World Championships held since 2019.
- The gold medallists in this edition for India included Sainyam in the women's 10m air pistol, and Dhanush Srikanth in the men's 10m air rifle.

198 athletes sends off for Special Olympics World Summer Games 2023

- Union Minister Anurag Thakur has sent off an Indian contingent of 198 athletes to the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2023
- The Indian contingent of 198 athletes to the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2023 is to be held in Berlin this month
- He also expressed confidence that the country will have the best-ever performance in the Asian Games to be held in China this year.

Vancouver Whitecaps Football Club crowned as Canadian champions

- The Vancouver Whitecaps football team defeated CF Montreal 2-1 at BC Place Stadium.
- The Vancouver Whitecaps secured their second Voyageurs Cup.
- Voyageurs Cup is the domestic trophy for professional soccer in Canada, awarded to the best men's and women's clubs in the country.
- For the first time in club history, the Whitecaps have captured back-to-back Voyageurs Cups.

Sunil Kumar Wins Decathlon Gold At Asian U-20 Athletics Championship

- Sunil Kumar won the decathlon gold medal with his personal best performance in the Asian U-20 Athletics Championship in Yecheon
- He won the 10-event competition with a personal best tally of 7003 points on the penultimate day of the competition.
- His previous best of 6855 points was achieved during the Federation Cup Junior National Championships in April.

Rugby India kicks off its 8th Junior and 10th Senior championship

- The 8th Junior and 10th Senior Rugby National Championships are all set to kick off with 27 state athletes vying for the top spots in the junior and senior categories.
- It will start with the junior girls and senior women's categories with the juniors playing on June 5 and 6 and the seniors playing on June 9 and 10 at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex Stadium, Balewadi, Pune.

ISSF Junior World Cup: Dhanush Srikanth wins India's third gold

- Dhanush Srikanth secured the gold medal in the men's 10m air rifle event at the ISSF Junior World Cup held in Suhl, Germany.
- Additionally, India clinched a bronze medal in the skeet mixed team competition.
- Harmehar Lally and Sanjana Sood emerged victorious in a shoot-off against their Swedish counterparts, David Jonsson and Felicia Ros, securing the bronze for their country.

Siddharth Choudhary Wins Gold at Asian U-20 Athletics Championship

- Shot putter Siddharth Choudhary wins India's third gold in the Asian U-20 Athletics Championship.
- He achieved his best throw of 19.52m in his third attempt to better his earlier personal best of 19.11m at the junior level.
- Javelin thrower Shivam Lohakare, men's 3000m steeplechaser Sharuk Khan, and long jumper Susmita won a silver medal each on the second day of competitions.

Indian sprinter Amlan Borgohain bags two gold medals in Belgium

- Amlan Borgohain bagged two gold medals, one each in the men's 100 and 200-meter races at the Flanders Cup 2023 in Merksem, Belgium.
- Borgohain clocked 10.70 seconds to emerge as the fastest man of the meet. He holds the 100-meter national record of 10.25 seconds.
- Sapna Kumari finished behind Belgium's Amber Vanden Bosch in the women's 100m hurdles

Viktor Hovland wins Memorial Tournament

- It was Viktor Hovland's fourth official PGA Tour win, though he has two others, both at Tiger Woods' event, the Hero World Challenge in 2021 and 2022.
- It was also Hovland's first win in the mainland United States.
- Korean star Si Woo Kim came up short in his bid for a second PGA TOUR win of the season as he settled for a solo fourth.

Abhinav Shaw, Gautami Bhanot win Gold medal in ISSF Junior World Cup

- Indian shooters Abhinav Shaw and Gautami Bhanot have given India their second gold at the ISSF World Cup Junior in 10 meter Air Rifle Mixed Team event in Suhl, Germany.
- The Indian team of Shaw and Bhanot registered a 17-7 win over the French pairing of Oceanne Mueller and Romain Aufrere
- The Indian pair had qualified second to the French pair but turned the tables on them in the final.

Sainyam gives India golden start at ISSF Junior Shooting World Cup

- Chandigarh youngster Sainyam ensured India had a golden start to the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Junior in Suhl, Germany.
- Sainyam shot 238 in the final to leave Korean Kim Minseo behind in second place
- India has entered a 56-strong squad in the competition which has attracted 511 athletes from 46 countries

South Korea's An Se-young wins Thailand Open final

- An Se-young won the women's singles final at the Thailand Open 2023, defeating He Bingjiao.
- An Se-young won her 15th title on the world tour.
- Kunlavut Vitidsarn won the men's final at the Thailand Open, defeating Lee Cheuk Yiu.
- Vitidsarn became only the fourth Thai man to win the tournament.
- Vitidsarn won Thailand's first gold medal of the day.

Indian men's team beat Belgium 5-1 in FIH Pro League

- India won against Great Britain in the FIH Pro League in London with a 4-2 victory in a penalty shootout at Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre in London.
- It is India's first win under new coach Craig Fulton.
- William Ghislain scored the lone goal for Belgium in the opening minute of the fourth quarter.
- India sits second with 24 points after 11 games while Britain has 26 from 10.

Manisha wins Gold, Reetika clinches Silver at Bishkek Ranking Series

- Manisha won India's first gold medal in the women's 65 kg category at the Ranking Series in Kyrgyzstan.
- Reetika won silver in the women's 72kg event and Sarita Mor won bronze in the women's 59kg.
- Manjeet won bronze in Greco-Roman wrestling on 4 May 2023.
- Sarita Mor won bronze after outlasting Kazakhstan's Diana Kayumova 11-0 due to technical superiority.

J-K: Tazeem Fayaz clinches silver medal in Judo Championship

- Tazeem Fayaz, a young Judo player from Srinagar made the city proud by securing a remarkable silver medal in the india-inter-university-judo-championship" All India Inter-University Judo Championship.
- Judo, known for its intense competition and rigorous training

Ben Duckett breaks Sir Don Bradman's 93-year-old record at Lords

- English batter Ben Duckett surpassed Sir Don Bradman's record of scoring the fastest 150 runs at Lords against Ireland.
- He also registered another milestone in his name as he became the first batter since 1924 to score 100 runs before lunch in a Lord's Test.
- He brought up a second Test ton, and first at home.

FC Goa appoint Manolo Marquez as club's new head coach

- FC Goa has appointed former Hyderabad FC head coach Manolo Marquez as the club's new boss.
- Marquez who led Hyderabad FC to the Indian Super League (ISL) title in 2021-22 will arrive in Goa hoping to restore the club back among the elites in Indian football.

Women's Kabaddi League will be organised in Dubai

- One of the most anticipated Kabaddi events in the world, the Women's Kabaddi League (WKL), will be organized this year in the city of Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- This is India's first women's Kabaddi League, which will begin on June 16.
- All the matches will be held at the 'Shabab Al-Ahli' sports club in Dubai, known worldwide for its excellent sports facilities.

Manjeet wins bronze in UWW ranking series wrestling in Kyrgyzstan

- Manjeet, a 55kg Greco-Roman wrestler, won a bronze medal at the Bishkek Ranking Series 2023 in Kyrgyzstan on 1 May 2023.
- Manjeet defeated Yersin Abyir of Kazakhstan 14-9 in the bronze-medal match.
- The Bishkek Ranking Series, set to be held between June 1-4, is the third of the four ranking series of the year.

India wins Junior Asia Cup 2023 title, beats Pakistan 2-1

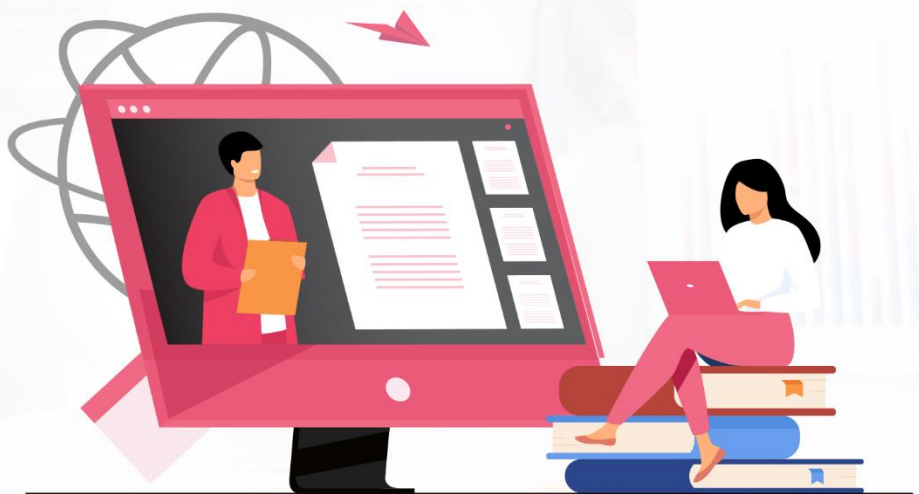
- The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team won the Men's Junior Asia Cup 2023 by defeating Pakistan 2-1 in Salalah, Oman.
- With this victory, India has won the maximum number of titles at the Men's Junior Asia Cup, having previously won in 2004, 2008, and 2015.
- Pakistan won the tournament three times in 1988, 1992, and 1996.
- Hockey India announced a cash award of INR 2.00 Lakh each for players.

Real Madrid becomes most valuable football club

- Real Madrid football club is listed as the world's most valuable football club of the world, bouncing ahead of English club Manchester United, according to Forbes.
- The Spanish club, Real Madrid, tops the list for the second year in a row with a value of USD 6.07 billion.
- The club last held the top spot in 2019.
- Fourth in the list is Liverpool with a value of USD 5.29 billion.



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