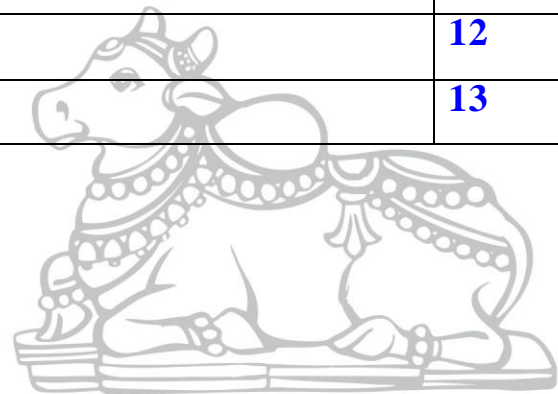


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## Appointments

Person	Designation
Ajay Singh	ASSOCHAM President
Pranav Haridasan	MD And CEO Of Axis Securities
UK Sinha And Dipali Goenka	Independent Directors of NDTV
Salima Tete	The AHF Athletes Ambassador
Arnab Banerjee	MD & CEO Of CEAT
Manmeet K Nanda	MD & CEO Of Invest India
Anup Bagchi	MD & CEO, ICICI Prudential Life
G Krishnakumar	Bharat Petroleum Corporation's Chairman
Lalit Kumar Gupta	CMD Of Cotton Corporation Of India (CCI)
Ashwani Kumar	MD And CEO Of UCO Bank
Virat Kohli	Luxor Brand Ambassador
Deepak Mohanty	PFRDA Chairman
MS Dhoni	Viacom18 Brand Ambassador
K Krithivasan	CEO Designate Of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
Veteran Vimal Kapur	CEO of Honeywell
Shreya Ghodawat	She Changes Climate Campaign (Ambassador For India)
Amitava Mukherjee	NMDC CMD
Tablesh Pandey And M Jagannath	LIC New MDs
Tim Mayopoulos	CEO Of Silicon Valley Bank
Siddhartha Mohant	Interim Chairman Of LIC
Mohit Joshi	MD And CEO Of Tech Mahindra
Rohit Jawa	HUL's CEO
B Gopkumar	Axis Mutual Fund's MD And CEO
Arun Subramanian	1st Indian-American Judge At New York Court
Sachin Tendulkar	World's First 'Hand Ambassador' by Savlon
Tejal Mehta	Justice Of A District Court In US
S.S. Dubey	New Controller General Of Accounts
Pankaj Gupta	MD And CEO Of Pramerica Life Insurance
Jishnu Barua	New Chairperson Of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission
Rajesh Malhotra	Principal Director General Of PIB
Vishal Sharma	Godrej Industries CEO-Designate Of Its Chemicals

## Awards

1. Naveen Jindal honoured with 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by University of Texas
2. Tapoban NGO from Assam honoured with Children's Champion Award
3. Kashmir's Aliya Mir honoured with Wildlife Conservation Award 2023
4. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman honoured with literary award

5. MT Vasudevan Nair awarded Kerala's highest civilian honour
6. Luis Caffarelli won the 2023 Abel Prize
7. Nepali cricketer Asif Sheikh wins 2022 Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket Award
8. Bombay Jayashri chosen for Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2023 by Music Academy
9. Indian-American to receive National Humanities medal from Joe Biden
10. Ratan Tata has been named an Honorary Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO)
11. Sivasankari, the Renowned Tamil Writer, Honored with Saraswati Samman 2022
12. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das Named 'Governor of the Year' by Central Banking
13. Vyas Samman 2022: Gyan Chaturvedi to be awarded for 'Pagalkhana'
14. India received Golden & Silver Star at 'Golden City Gate Tourism Awards
15. Sir David Chipperfield Selected as the 2023 Laureate of the Pritzker Architecture Prize
16. Mirabai Chanu won BBC Indian Sportswoman of The Year for 2022
17. Writer Vinod Kumar Shukla wins 2023 PEN/Nabokov Lifetime Achievement Award

### **Banking and Economy News**

1. PFRDA Raises Ombudsman Age Limit To 70 Years From 65 Years
2. Axis Bank Launches 'MicroPay' Based On 'Pin On Mobile' Technology For Digital Payments
3. YES Bank Issues First Electronic Bank Guarantee With NeSL
4. First Citizens Bank Acquires Silicon Valley Bank
5. ICICI Lombard Becomes First To Offer 'Anywhere Cashless' Feature
6. RBI Allows India And Tanzania To Use National Currencies For Trading
7. Canara Bank Sells Stake In Russian Joint Venture To SBI For Rs 121 Crore
8. Canara Bank Introduces Rupay Credit Card On UPI
9. IDFC FIRST Bank Partners With Mumbai Indians As Official Banking Partner
10. Suryodaya Small Finance Bank Launched Blossom Women's Savings Account
11. SBI Raises Rs 3717cr From Its Third AT1 Bond Sale
12. RBI Accords 'Infra Finance Company' Status To IREDA
13. PNB Signs MoU With Central Warehousing Corporation To Facilitate Finance To Farmers
14. Kotak MF Launches 'DigitALL' Campaign To Celebrate International Women's Day
15. Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Launches ABSLI Nishchit Aayush Plan
16. RBI Imposes Restrictions On Musiri Urban Co-Operative Bank
17. SBI Announces Completion Of \$1 Billion Syndicated Social Loan Facility
18. RBI Launches Two Surveys To Gather 'Useful Inputs' For Monetary Policy
19. HDFC Bank, IRCTC Launch India's Most Rewarding Co-Branded Travel Credit Card
20. Axis Bank Completes Deal To Buy Citibank's India Consumer Business
21. Bank Credit Growth Slowed To 16.8% In Third Quarter: RBI



22. India's Overall Exports Cross All Time High Of 750 Billion US Dollars
23. EPFO Hikes Interest Rate On Employees' Provident Fund To 8.15% For 2022-23
24. S&P Keeps India's Economic Growth Forecast Unchanged At 6% For FY24
25. Cabinet Hikes Dearness Allowance (DA) By 4% For Central Government Employees, Pensioners
26. Income Tax Dept Launches Mobile App AIS For Taxpayers
27. OECD Raises FY24 India Growth Forecast To 5.9 Per Cent
28. India's Forex Reserves Fall \$2.40 Billion To 3-Month Low Of \$560 Billion
29. CRISIL Forecasts India's GDP Growth At 6% For Next FY Against NSO's Projection Of 7%
30. India's Retail Inflation Drops To 6.44% In February 2023
31. India's WPI Inflation Eases To 3.85 Per Cent In February
32. India's Per Capita Income Doubles Since 2014-15: NSO
33. India's Unemployment Rate Rose To 7.45% In Feb: CMIE
34. 1,49,577 Crore Gross GST Revenue Collected In February 2023
35. India's Manufacturing PMI Slips To 4-Month Low Of 55.3 In February
36. Moody's Expects India To Report Real GDP Growth Of 5.5 Percent In 2023
37. India's UPI Likely To Extend To UAE, Mauritius, Indonesia
38. India's GDP Growth Slows To 4.4% In October-December Quarter
39. BCCI Announces Herbalife As Its Official Partner For TATA IPL 2023.
40. Ashneer Grover Launched Cricket Fantasy Sports App 'CrickPe'
41. UBS Agrees To Buy Crisis-Hit Credit Suisse For \$3.2 Billion In Historic Deal
42. BIS Launches 'Learning Science Via Standards' Initiative To Benefit Students
43. Microsoft Inks Licensing Deal With Cloud Gaming Provider Boosteroid
44. IDFC Mutual Fund (MF) Has Rebranded Itself As Bandhan Mutual Fund
45. CCI Clears Reliance's 2850 Cr Buy Of Metro's Local Business
46. Pfizer Will Spend \$43 Billion To Acquire Seagen
47. PMLA, 2002 Amended To Include Cryptocurrency Trade
48. India's Digital Payments Market Will More Than Triple To \$10 Trillion By 2026
49. Singapore Airlines Receives 25.1% Stake In Air India Group After Investing \$267 Mn
50. Vistara Brand To Be Discontinued With Air India Merger

### **International News**

1. Humza Yousaf Elected Leader Of Scottish National Party
2. Former Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff Named New President Of BRICS New Development Bank
3. Egypt Joins BRICS Bank As New Member Weeks After President Sisi's India Visit
4. Ram Sahaya Prasad Yadav Becomes Nepal's Third Vice President

5. ICC Issues Arrest Warrant For Vladimir Putin Over Ukraine War Crimes
6. Eric Garcetti Appointed As US Ambassador To India
7. Denmark, The First Country To Import CO2 And Bury It Undersea
8. Indonesia's Mount Merapi Volcano Erupts, Covering Villages In Ash
9. Nepal Elects Ram Chandra Paudel As Its Next President
10. Xi Jinping Starts Third Term As China's President
11. Amir Tamim Appoints Sheikh Mohammed As Qatar's New Prime Minister
12. UN Inks First 'High Seas Treaty' In A Bid To Protect Ocean Bodies Of The World
13. Vietnam Parliament Elects Vo Van Thuong As New President
14. Bola Tinubu Elected As The New President Of Nigeria
15. Australia's Deakin University To Set Up Campus In GIFT City

### **National News**

1. PM Modi Inaugurated Whitefield (Kadugodi) For Krishnarajapura Metro Line
2. PM Modi Launched 'Call Before U Dig' App
3. Indian Government Launches DigiClaim Platform For Farmer Insurance Claims
4. India Aims At Becoming 'Global Hub For Green Ship' Building By 2030
5. PM Modi Inaugurates New ITU Area Office And Innovation Center In New Delhi
6. Govt Approves Installation Of 'Statue Of Knowledge' Dedicated To Ambedkar
7. Seven PM MITRA (Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region And Apparel) Park Sites Announced
8. Narender Singh Tomar Inaugurates "AgriUnifest" In Bengaluru
9. Indian Railways To Become Net Zero Carbon Emitter By 2030
10. Atal Innovation Mission Launches ATL Sarthi
11. Nitin Gadkari Unveiled First Methanol Run Buses In Bengaluru
12. PM Modi Inaugurates World's Longest Railway Platform In Hubballi, Karnataka
13. Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway National Highway, Background And Facts
14. Yuva Utsava-India@2047 Pan-India Launched By Anurag Singh Thakur
15. 'Catch The Rain 2023' Campaign To Be Launched By President Murmu
16. International Yoga Festival 2023 Held On Banks Of Ganges In Rishikesh
17. Reliance Jio Second-Strongest Telecom Brand In World, Says Report
18. Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela Organized By IARI In New Delhi

### **State News**

1. Kerala becomes the first State to use robotic scavengers to clean manholes
2. The 31st edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF) is being organised from 25th Feb, 2023 to 5th Mar, 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India. France has been designated

as the Guest of Honor country at the World Book Fair. Theme of the 'International Book Fair' is "Elixir of Freedom", to celebrate and remember 75 years of India and its glorious past in honour of the 75th anniversary of India's independence.

3. Karnataka Chief Minister Shri Basavaraj Bommai has confirmed the construction of India's first Marina which will be constructed at Byndoor in the Udupi district, Karnataka
4. In first, the Irinjadappilly Sri Krishna Temple in Kerala's Thrissur district used a mechanical, life-like elephant for performing rituals. The name of the elephant was Raman.
5. Uttarakhand will set up India's 1st government 'Mother Milk Bank' in the state
6. The Tamil Nadu (TN) government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for implementing Urban Cooling Programme in TN to meet the objectives under the Tamil Nadu State Action Plan on Climate Change.
7. Odisha Steel and Mines Minister Prafulla Mallick has informed that gold mines have been found at different places in 3 districts of Odisha- Deogarh, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj.
8. The Asia's longest-ever cycle race was flagged off from Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar (J&K) and will culminate at Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu (TN).
9. Madhya Pradesh govt launches Ladli Bahna scheme to make women financially independent
10. The Group 20 (G20) delegates visited the Sultanpur National Park, formerly known as Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary, located in the Gurgaon district in Haryana which is one of the 75 Ramsar sites in the country.
11. Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw and 4 Sikkim ministers released a unique cover of the Department of Posts, 'Go Green, Go Organic' for Sikkim
12. Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Shri Naveen Patnaik unveiled former CM Biju Patnaik's iconic "Dakota" DC3 (AT-AUI) aircraft for public display at Biju Patnaik International Airport Bhubaneswar.
13. Five-day Yaoshang festival begins in Manipur
14. Uttar Pradesh government exempts Electric Vehicles buyers in state from tax, registration fees
15. Attukal Pongala, largest festival for women commences in Kerala
16. 2 tigers 'reintroduced' in Madhya Pradesh's Madhav National Park after 27 years
17. In Maharashtra, a new initiative called 'beggar-free city' has been started in Nagpur.
18. Uttarakhand has become India's first state to launch the "Resham Keet Bima" scheme to protect its sericulturists.
19. The Odisha government has approved Rs 500 crore to launch a new scheme Livelihoods Cluster Development initiative for tribal people under the 'Mukhya Mantri Janajati Jeebika Mission.'
20. The Rajasthan government approved the setting up of India's first Behavioural lab at Jaipur, Rajasthan, India.



21. Bumchu Festival celebrated in Sikkim
22. The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) is organising a two-day Group-20 (G20)-themed flower festival at Central Park, Connaught Place, in the national capital, New Delhi, Delhi, India. The flower festival, themed 'Colour and Vibrancy', was inaugurated by Union Minister of Labour and Employment Shri Bhupender Yadav.
23. Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Shri Manohar Lal Khattar launched Deen Dayal Updadhay Antyodaya Parivar Suraksha Yojana (DAYALU) scheme for the poorest of the families in the event of a death or permanent disability of a kin.
24. India's first tribal carbon-free village will come up in Bhiwandi, Maharashtra
25. The Government of Tamil Nadu (TN) will notify Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, spread over 80,567 hectares in the forest areas of Anthiyur and Gobichettipalayam taluks in Erode district, as the 18th wildlife sanctuary in TN.
26. Tamil Nadu's 17th Wildlife Sanctuary : Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary
27. The Odisha government has declared the Gandhamardan hill (Gandhamardan Reserve Forest) as biodiversity heritage site
28. The 13-day tulip festival organised by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) was held in New delhi.
29. Tamil Nadu becomes 1st Indian state to launch PM MITRA mega textile park
30. The Indira Gandhi Tulip Garden, Asia's largest tulip garden, opened to the public, nestled between Dal Lake and the Zabarwan hills in Srinagar.
31. Quality Council of India & 'Uttar Pradesh Government Launches 'UP Gunvatta Sankalp' in Lucknow
32. Rajasthan becomes the first state in India to pass the 'Right to Health (RTH) Bill' in the Assembly

### **Obituaries**

1. Malayalam's Comedy King Innocent Passes Away At 75
2. Intel Cofounder Gordon Moore Passes Away At 94
3. Director Pradeep Sarkar Passes Away At 67
4. Actor Sameer Khakhar Who Played Role Of Khopdi In 'Nukkad' Passes Away
5. Veteran Actor-Director Satish Kaushik Passes Away At 67
6. Renowned Bengali Litterateur Sasthipada Chattopadhyay Passes Away
7. Former Chief Justice Of India AM Ahmadi Passes Away At 90
8. Former Diplomat, Padma Bhushan Awardee Chandrashekhar Dasgupta Passes Away

## Schemes

1. Government Of India Launched National Rabies Control Program (NRCP) For Prevention And Control Of Rabies
2. Government Increases Raw Jute MSP By Rs 300 To Rs 5,050 Per Quintal
3. Ministry Of Culture Administers 'Financial Assistance To Veteran Artists' Scheme
4. 'SWAYATT' Promoting Start-Ups On GeM, Turning To Be A Huge Success
5. Adani-Hindenburg Row: Supreme Court Forms Experts Committee To Look Into Hindenburg Report On Adani Group; Head AM Sapre

## Sports

1. Shakib Al Hasan Surpasses Southee To Become The Top T20I Wicket-Taker
2. Sir Alex Ferguson and Arsene Wenger inducted into Premier League Hall of Fame.
3. WPL 2023 Final: Mumbai Indians Defeated Delhi Capitals By Seven Wickets
4. Paralympic Committee Of India Signs MoU With Makers Hive And Vilay Sports
5. IPL India's First Unicorn With A \$1.1 Billion Valuation: D&P Report
6. Sergio Pérez Wins Saudi Arabia Grand Prix 2023
7. Stadium Named After Hockey Star Rani Rampal, First Woman To Get This Honour
8. Pankaj Advani Retains Asian Billiards Title Defeating Damani
9. Rohan Bopanna Becomes Oldest Tennis Player To Win ATP Masters 1000 Title
10. Former Australia Cricket Captain Tim Paine Announces Retirement From The Sport
11. Irani Cup 2022-23 Final: Rest Of India Crowned Champions
12. RCB Ropes In Equitas Small Finance Bank As Banking Partner For IPL 2023
13. FIFA President Gianni Infantino Re-Elected For Another Term
14. ICC Player Of The Month For February: Ashleigh Gardner & Harry Brook
15. Women's World Boxing Championships 2023: MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar Named Brand Ambassadors
16. Max Verstappen Wins Season-Opening Bahrain Grand Prix 2023
17. Karnataka End 54-Year Wait, Wins Santosh Trophy
18. Jeswin Aldrin Breaks National Record At AFI National Jumps Competition
19. India's Triple-Jumper Aishwarya Babu Banned By NADA For Four Years
20. Asian Chess Federation Confers D Gukesh With Player Of The Year Award
21. FIFA Awards 2022: Lionel Messi Wins 'Best FIFA Player Of 2022'

### ICC Player of the Month Award 2022

#### ICC Men's Player of the Month:

January 2023 - Shubman Gill (India)

February 2023- Harry Brook (England)

#### ICC Women's Player of the Month:

January 2023 - Grace Scrivens (England)



February 2023- Ashleigh Gardner (Australia)

**Upcoming ICC Tournament in:**

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 – Australia

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 – USA & West Indies

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 – India & Sri Lanka

ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025 – Pakistan

ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2029 – India

ICC Men's 50 over World Cup 2027 – South Africa, Zimbabwe & Namibia

ICC Men's 50 over World Cup 2031 – India & Bangladesh

ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 – Bangladesh

ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 – England

ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 – India

ICC Women's T20 Champions Trophy 2027 – Sri Lanka

**UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS:****1. Summer Olympic**

2024 - Paris, France

2028 - Los Angeles, United States

**2. Winter Olympics**

2022 - Beijing, China

2026 - Milan & Cortina, Italy

**3. Asian Games**

2023 - Hangzhou, China.

2026 - Nagoya, Japan.

2030 - Doha, Qatar

**4. Commonwealth Games**

2022 - Birmingham (England)

2026 - Victoria (Australia)

**5. FIFA World Cup**

2022 - Qatar

2026 - US, Canada, and Mexico.

**6. ICC Women's World Cup**

2022 - N.Zealand

2025 - India

**7. ICC Women's T20 World Cup**

2023 - South Africa

**8. ICC ODI World Cup****NBCC**

2023 – India

2027 - South Africa

### **9. National Games**

36th - Gujarat

37th - Goa

### **10. FIDE Chess Olympiad**

44th - Chennai , India

45th - Budapest , Hungary

46th - Tashkent , Uzbekistan

### **11. Khelo India Youth Games**

4th - Panchkula, Haryana

5th - Madhya Pradesh

### **12. World Athletics Championships**

2022 - Oregon (USA)

2025 - Tokyo (Japan)

## **Books & Authors**

1. A Book Titled “Phoolange” Penned By Darjeeling-Based Writer Lekhnath Chhetri
2. Tamil Writer Perumal Murugan’s Novel ‘Pyre’ Makes It To International Booker 2023 Longlist
3. Ghulam Nabi Azad’s Autobiography ‘Azaad’ Released Soon
4. Shrimant Kokate’s 1st Book In English “Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj” Released
5. Anurag Behar Authors The New Book “A Matter Of The Heart: Education In India”
6. Snakes In The Ganga: Breaking India 2.0 Authored By Shri Rajiv Malhotra And Mrs. Vijaya Viswanathan
7. “Bipin: The Man Behind The Uniform” Written By Rachna Biswat Rawat
8. A Book Titled “As Good As My Word” Wrote By KM Chandrasekhar
9. ‘Mundaka Upanishad: The Gateway To Eternity’, Written By Former MP Dr. Karan Singh, Is Released
10. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Unveils ‘India’s Vaccine Growth Story’ At World Book Fair 2023
11. Short Stories Collection “The Book Of Bihari Literature” By Abhay K
12. JP Nadda Launched Book ‘Modi: Shaping

## **Ranking & Index**

1. West Bengal maintained its lead while Uttar Pradesh stood at the bottom among large state categories on the second edition of the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Index 2022, an indicator of literacy among children below 10 years of age. Among smaller states, Punjab

- was at the top of the index while Telangana was at the bottom while Puducherry topped the index among union territories while Ladakh was the worst performer. Among north-eastern states, Sikkim was at the top while Meghalaya was at the bottom of the index.
2. Uttarakhand's Rudraprayag district, which houses the Kedarnath shrine, has "maximum exposure to landslide risk in the country". Another Uttarakhand district, Tehri is at the second spot in the list of landslide prone districts
  3. India remained the biggest arms importer between 2018-22 with an 11% share in total global arms imports. Russia remained the largest arms supplier to India from 2013 to 2022
  4. Delhi has been ranked fourth on the list of the world's 50 most polluted cities. According to the report, Lahore was the world's most polluted city
  5. Singapore Changi Airport Named World's Best Airport 2023 By Skytrax.
  6. Software major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has been named to the Forbes annual list of "America's Best Large Employers".
  7. Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport adjudged best airport in South Asia: Skytrax. In the list of the World's Top 100 Airports 2023, Delhi airport is placed on 36th
  8. Global Terrorism Index 2023: India ranked 13th on the index. Afghanistan Tops The List. Global Terrorism Index (GTI) is released by the Institute for Economics and Peace in Australia
  9. NTPC has been ranked as the top independent power producer and energy trader globally: S&P Platts
  10. India has emerged as one of the highest global importers of coking coal (and pulverised coal injection) in 2022
  11. World Happiness Report : India's ranking is 125. Finland (Top).
  12. And at present, the women's literacy rate has jumped to 77% while India's male literacy rate stands at 84.7%.
  13. As per the government's National Sample Survey report, Kerala is the most literate state in the country with 92.2%, followed by union territory Lakshadweep (91.85%). The third-most literate state in the country is Mizoram (91.33%). Whereas Bihar has the lowest literacy rate in India at 61.8%
  14. The literacy rate in rural India is 67.77% as compared to 84.11% in urban India.
  15. According to the report, titled "Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2022: Beyond the Mainstream" Actor
  16. Ranveer Singh has become the 'Most valued celebrity of 2022'. Kohli is in second position. Actor Akshay Kumar is in the third position. Alia Bhatt retained the fourth position and is the most valued female celebrity in India
  17. Karnataka and Gujarat are the top states in adopting clean energy transition.
  18. Reliance Jio second-strongest telecom brand in the world. Top: Swisscom
  19. India Ranks 108th on Electoral Democracy Index 2023



20. Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) has won the award for Air Service Quality (ASQ) best airport for 2022 in the category of more than 40 million passengers per annum (MPPA). Tiruchirappalli International Airport in Tamil Nadu has been adjudged as the best airport in Asia Pacific region by ACI in the category of 2 million passengers annually.

### **Mergers & Acquisitions**

1. Axis Bank completes acquisition of Citibank India's consumer business in Rs 11,603-cr
2. Canara Bank has sold its stake in Russian joint venture (JV) Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL) to the other venture partner State Bank of India (SBI) for about Rs 121.29 crore.
3. First Citizens Bank acquires Silicon Valley Bank's deposits & loans from FDIC

### **Mergers & Acquisitions**

1. 3rd edition of France-led Multinational Naval Exercise La Perouse 2023 Kicks Off in Indian Ocean.
2. Chief of Defence Staff : General Anil Chauhan
3. Chief of the Army Staff : General Manoj Pande
4. 13th edition of Indo-Singapore Bilateral Army Exercise Bold Kurukshetra held in Jodhpur
5. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract for refit of the INS Sindhukirti (S61) submarine at the Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP) at an overall cost of Rs 934 crore.
6. The Indian Navy's Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sumedha took part in two significant regional naval and defence exhibitions: the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) IDEX 23 (International Defense Exhibition) and NAVDEX 23 (Naval Defense Exhibition 23), both of which took place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)
7. IAF inducting 'Vayulink' system to identify friendly forces in combat
8. DRDO successfully conducts flight test of indigenous Power Take off Shaft on LCA Tejas in Bengaluru
9. The United States (US) based defence and aerospace giant, Lockheed Martin Corporation (LMT) and India's Tata Group, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to commence production of fighter wing shipsets at their joint venture (JV), Tata Lockheed Martin Aerostructures Limited (TLMAL), located in Hyderabad, Telangana, India.
10. The Indian Army is set to host the 2nd edition of the Africa-India field training exercise (AFINDEX23) which will take place at Aundh Military Station, Pune, Maharashtra from March 21 to 30,2023 (9 day military exercise).
11. Indian Navy's second anti-submarine warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) warship named Indian Naval Ship (INS) Androth has been launched in Kolkata, West Bengal.
12. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the first submarine base of Bangladesh 'BNS Sheikh Hasina' at Pekua in Cox's Bazar.

13. India & UK hold Bilateral maritime exercise 'Konkan' in Arabian Sea
14. Ministry of Defence signs Rs 3,000 crore contract with BEL for procurement of two Integrated Electronic Warfare Systems 'Project Himshakti'
15. Indian Air Force to participate in multinational exercise Cobra Warrior in UK
16. The Civil Aviation Research Organisation, (CARO), a facility with advanced simulators being established in Hyderabad, will become fully operational by the end of 2023.
17. The Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in Exercise Shinyuu Maitri with the Japan Air Self Defence Force (JASDF).
18. Colombia has allowed women to join the military for the first time in 25 years.
19. Indian Naval Ship (INS) Trikand is participating in the International Maritime Exercise/ Cutlass Express 2023 (IMX/CE-23) being held in the Gulf region
20. The maiden Joint Military Exercise FRINJEX-23 between Indian Army and French Army will be conducted at Pangode Military Station in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
21. The Indian Navy's Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sumedha took part in two significant regional naval and defence exhibitions: the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) IDEX 23 (International Defense Exhibition) and NAVDEX 23 (Naval Defense Exhibition 23), both of which took place in Abu Dhabi, UAE

### Important Dates

Date	Important days in March 2023	Theme
1st March	Zero Discrimination Day	Save lives: Decriminalise
1st March	World Seagrass Day 2023	-
1st March	World Civil Defence Day	Uniting the world's leading specialists for the safety and security of future generations
1st March	Self-Injury Awareness Day	-
3rd March	World Wildlife Day	"Partnerships for wildlife conservation."
3rd March	World Hearing Day	"Ear and hearing care for all! Let's make it a reality."
3rd March	Employee Appreciation Day	-
4th March	National Safety Day	"Our Aim – Zero Harm".
8th March	International Women's Day	DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality
8th March	National No Smoking Day	Quit and win
8th March	Holi Day	-

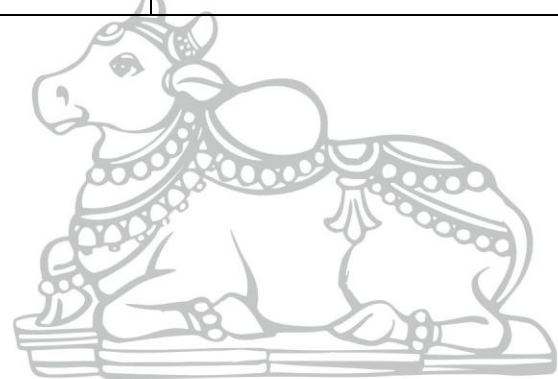


9th March (Second Thursday in March each year)	World Kidney Day 2023	Kidney Health for Everyone – Preparing for the Unexpected, Supporting the Vulnerable
10th March	CISF Raising Day	
10th March	International Day of Women Judges	Women in Justice, Women for Justice”
12th March	Mauritius Day	
14th March	International Day of Mathematics \ Pi Day	“Mathematics for Everyone,”
14th March	International Day of Action of Rivers 2023	“Rights of Rivers,”
15th March	World Consumer Rights Day	“Empowering Consumers Through Clean Energy Transitions.”
16th March	National Vaccination Day	
17th March	World Sleep Day	‘Sleep is Essential for Health’.
18th March	Ordnance Factories Day (India)	-
18th March	Global Recycling Day 2023	-
20th March	International Day of Happiness	Be Mindful, Be Grateful, Be Kind.”
20th March	World Oral Health Day	“Be Mindful, Be Grateful, Be Kind.”
20th March	World Sparrow Day	-
21st March	World Down Syndrome Day	‘With Us, Not For Us
21st March	World Forestry Day	“Forests and health”
21st March	World Poetry Day.	Always be a poet, even in prose.”
21st March	Human Rights Day(South Africa)	-
21st March	International Nowruz Day 2023	
22nd March	World Water Day	Accelerating the change to solve the water and sanitation crisis,’
23rd March	World Meteorological Day	” The Future of Weather, Climate, and Water Across Generations“.





23rd March	Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day 2023	This day marks the anniversary of the execution of three Indian freedom fighters- Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru in 1931.
24th March	World Tuberculosis (TB)Day	"Yes! We can end TB!"
25th March	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	
25th March	International Day of the Unborn Child	
25th March	International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members	-
26th March	Purple Day for epilepsy	
27th March	World Theatre Day	"Theatre and a Culture of Peace"
30th March	International Day of Zero Waste 2023	
31st March	International Day of Drug Checking 2023	
31st March	World Backup Day 2023	
31st March	International Transgender Day of Visibility 2023	



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