

Snippets

State Issues

- According to Reserve Bank of India's August 2023 bulletin, **Karnataka secured 5th place among Indian States in attracting multi-State projects** financed by select banks and financial institutions (FIs) during 2022-23 and prime destination for corporate investment
- Karnataka's **first and only skin bank is established in the government-run Victoria Hospital** in Bengaluru in association with Rotary Ashirvad
- The **Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)** has secured Asia's business quality awards in four categories. The award has been instituted by Vconnect India Media and Research. According to a KSRTC release, it won awards in branding and marketing, transport and safety, employee welfare and IT initiatives categories.
- **Asha Kirana initiative** for door-to-door eye screening launched in Chikkaballapura Karnataka
- The Karnataka State Health Department, in association with NIMHANS and Dementia India Alliance (DIA), is set to launch a '**Karnataka State Dementia Action Plan**'.
- First-of-its-kind in India, Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (**Bescom**) and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (**BBMP**) have installed a 500 KV underground distribution transformer in **Malleswaram, Bengaluru**
- The EdTech India - Feed Geo Report noted that EdTech start-ups in Bengaluru raised a total of over \$8 billion as of August 7, 2023, followed by Mumbai (\$2.5 billion) and Gurgaon (\$497 million).
- PM praises ex-BMTC driver **K Dhanapal** in the latest episode of his radio show 'Mann Ki Baat' for **discovery of inscription stones** and present their findings at yearly conferences organised by Karnataka Itihasa Academy.
- **Narayana Bhagwat of Sirsi and Sapna shrishail Anigol of Bagalkot** have been chosen for the prestigious award for National teachers day 2023 from Karnataka
- Dinesh Babu J., Associate Professor at the International Institute of Information Technology in Bengaluru, was awarded for developing an innovative UPSC virtual reality interviewing platform.
- **Karnataka's first elephant care facility opened in Malur** in 2022
- Recently, 10th year anniversary celebrations of **Ksheera Bhagya Yojana** was organised by Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers Federation and District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union in Madhugiri
- The presence of a leucistic sambar has been documented in the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary
- Karnataka government cancels services of Karmika Bandhus

- **NIMHANS initiates Suicide Loss Survivors forum**, for those who lost their lives to suicide and to decrease stigma and provide postvention care and support to the families
- **Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL)** proposes setting up **500 MW solar park at Aurad in Bidar district**. The proposed 500 MW capacity park will be set up along with the Pavagada Solar Park (in Tumakuru district) model. The project is expected to be commissioned by December 2025.
- Bengaluru city police switch to Kannada commands for march past events from Hindi and English . It was done after recommendation of a committee was formed headed by a senior IPS officer, S. Parashivamurthy, to study the Belagavi experiment.
- **Cartoonist Ajit Ninan** passed away in Mysuru. He was best known for the 'Centrestage' series in India Today magazine and 'Ninan's World' in Times of India. One of his popular cartoon characters was 'Detective Moochhwala' in Target. Indian Institute of Cartoonists felicitated Mr. Ninan with the Barton Life-time achievement award at Indian Cartoon Gallery in 2022.
- **Project Madhunetri'** was inaugurated in Bengaluru
- Vinayaka Gokak Vangmaya Trust has chosen **former IAS officer Chiranjiv Singh** for the **Vi Kru Gokak Award 2023**.
- '**Sasya Shyamala**' scheme was launched by **Department of school education** and literacy, in association with **department of forest and environment**
- DULT and GUMI-LL are collaborating closely with the Malleshwaram community to introduce a PBS system featuring pedal-assisted bicycles (e-bicycles). The objective of the project is to promote cycling for first and last mile trips within the neighborhood by providing shared electric bicycles
- As the Kambala (slush track buffalo race) season begins on November, for the first ever time, the event typical of coastal Karnataka is set to be hosted in Bengaluru
- **Chennakeshava Temple, Belur, Hoysaleswara Temple, Halebidu and Somanatha Temple are inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites**
- The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation's (**KSRTC**) electric bus 'EV Power Plus' has won the **Electric Bus of the Year** award during the 10th edition of the National Award for Leadership and Excellence in Electric Vehicles event, organised by World Manufacturing Congress in Bengaluru.
- **KSRTC** has earned **recognition for its innovative HR practices** at the 22nd Asia Pacific HRM Congress and received two awards Best in Class Employer and Best in Class Safety Initiative at the 15th Express Logistics and Supply Chain Leadership Awards.
- Karnataka State government launched Shuchi Nanna Maithri programme after a gap of three year with Saptami Gowda as grand ambassador
- The **International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIIT-Bangalore)** has been awarded the '**Green University Award 2023**' during the seventh NYC Green School Conference held in New York.

- The **KSRTC bagged nine awards and BMTC four awards** during the 17th global communication conclave and award felicitation function organised by the Public Relations Council of India in New Delhi. The awards include customer friendly company of the year diamond award and best innovative service of the year for KSRTC; corporate brochure diamond award and best use of technology in customer service - gold award for BMTC.
- **Namma BMTC Mobile app launched.** The app was launched by BMTC as part of its silver jubilee celebrations. BMTC has received funds from the Government of India under Nirbhaya Scheme for implementing BMTC Mobile App for women safety
- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurated “**Our Monument: Our Heritage, Our Identity, Our Pride**” campaign.
- Mahatma Gandhi Seva Award 2023 was awarded to Garag flag-making unit
- In commemoration of **World Tourism Day**, Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Postal Circle, S. Rajendra Kumar released AR (augmented reality) picture postcards on the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of ‘**The Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas**’ with special cancellation. These picture postcards contain the pictures of the Chennakeshava temple at Belur, Hoysaleswara temple at Halebid, and Keshava temple at Somanathapur.
- Bangalore University has decided to confer honorary doctorates on former prime minister H D Deve Gowda and ISRO chairperson S Somanath during its 58th annual convocation.
- **Ramesh Chandra Lahoti** has taken charge as president of Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) for the year 2023-24.
- Karnataka government compensation scheme for lynching victims comes into effect after five years of Tehseen Poonawala case, when Supreme Court directed all state governments to do so
- **Kagga rice** that can tolerate brackish water is on the brink of extinction.
- **Chincholi Wildlife Sanctuary** often called as an oasis in arid Kalyana Karnataka can be a potential tourist destination in the state

National Issues

- India maintains **40th rank in the Global Innovation Index 2023**
- **Toto Shabda Sangraha** is a dictionary that will help revive Toto language, spoken by around 1,600 people in parts of West Bengal bordering Bhutan. Toto is a Sino-Tibetan language spoken by the tribal Toto people and is written in the Bengali script.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a large-scale drone exhibition called “**Bharat Drone Shakti 2023**” at the Hindon airbase in **Uttar Pradesh’s Ghaziabad**.
- Global health specialists have issued a warning, suggesting Disease X could become next Pandemic
- **Angel tax** came into being after a **financial amendment was introduced in 2012** in the form Income Tax Act to plug money laundering practices. It is essentially the

tax that unlisted companies (read-startups) are liable to pay on the capital they raise through issue of shares at a price higher than its fair market value.

- Drone technology and manufacturing company ideaForge has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GalaxEye, a spacetech start-up to jointly develop UAV FOPEN (Foliage Penetration) Radar. UAV FOPEN Radar will be customised for the security forces for enhanced aerial surveillance and mapping capabilities.
- The Indian Army and the United States Army will co-hosted 13th Indo Pacific Armies chief conference (IPACC), 47th Indo Pacific armies management seminar (IPAMS) and 9th Senior enlisted leader forum (SELF), a three-day conference of Chiefs of Armies and delegates of 35 countries in New Delhi
- Intelligent automation services provider Automation Anywhere has expanded its platform to include a new 'Responsible AI Layer' and added features from generative AI (GenAI). The 'Responsible AI Layer' includes custom GenAI automation models developed based on Large Language Models, which were trained from anonymised metadata from millions of automations. Major LLM-based GenAI providers include OpenAI, Google's Palm, Microsoft's Azure AI and Amazon's Bedrock.
- Department of Fisheries has sanctioned 732 artificial reef units for 10 coastal states
- Rare metal vanadium was found at off coast of Gujarat
- Team from Buddhavanam project visits Buddhist rock caves in Sri Lanka. It is a tourism project in Nagarjuna Sagar, Telangana created by the Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has recently recognised **mithun**, a semi-domesticated bovine animal, as a **food animal**
- India showcased **Konark Wheel of Odisha** at welcome handshake for world leaders at G-20 Summit
- India's first lighthouse festival commenced in Goa
- National Symposium on Facets of Biochemistry organized at M. S. University of Baroda, Gujarat
- PM to inaugurate 'International Lawyers' Conference 2023' in New Delhi. Conference is being organised for the first time in the country. Theme of the conference: 'Emerging Challenges in Justice Delivery System'
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India is organizing the India Smart Cities Conclave 2023 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh **The 108-foot-tall statue of Shankaracharya** was unveiled on the Mandhata mountain in Omkareshwar at Khandwa district, Madhya Pradesh. The statue is called as '**Ekatmata Ki Pratima**' or the '**Statue of Oneness**'.
- Indian Council for Agricultural Research-National Research Centre on Yak has established a first-of-its-kind parlour for Yak milk in Nyukmadung village, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Santiniketan, a town in Bengal made it to the UNESCO's World Heritage List

- In commemoration of 'Vishwakarma Jayanti', Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme for the benefit of traditional artisans.
- Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar presented the one-time Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit awards to 84 artists from varied fields of performing arts.
- The **Assam government** mobilised public support to attempt nine world records during a drive to increase the State's green cover with the saplings of mostly commercial trees. The drive, called **Amrit Brikshya Andolan**, saw thousands of people across the State taking part in a drive to attain the target of planting one crore saplings.
- **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority** of India has set up a committee to oversee the creation and development of its **Bima Sugam**
- Indian government launched the **Kisan Rin Portal with the weather portal WIND**
- Lok Sabha and Rajyasabha passed **128th Constitutional Amendment Bill 2023**, or the **Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam**
- **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** establishes **Standard Clubs** for students across nation
- National Highways Logistics Management Ltd (NHLML), a 100% owned company of NHAI signed an agreement for the development of Multi Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) at Bengaluru proposed to be developed under the Public Private Partnership (DBFOT) model
- Global Stainless Steel Expo 2023 to be held in Mumbai
- **Divya Kala Mela** begins at Town Hall, **Maidagin, Varanasi**
- Government of India and World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) Collaborate to Strengthen One Health Approach for Pandemic Preparedness
- International Conference on Dam Safety to be held at Jaipur, Rajasthan. Ministry of Jal Shakti Organising International Conference on the Theme "Safe & Secure Dams Ensure Nation's Prosperity"
- Government launched Skill India Digital platform for transforming India's skill, education, entrepreneurship landscape by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in collaboration with multiple industry players
- Supreme Court joins National Judicial Data Grid
- **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (SSB) prize** winners for 2022 were recently announced in CSIR-NIScPR's **One Week One Lab Programme**.
- Ministry of Earth Sciences, recently revealed '**MATSYA 6000**'. It is an Indian crewed deep-submergence vehicle intended to be utilised for deep-sea exploration of rare minerals under the Deep Ocean mission.
- Government helpline **Tele MANAS** records **highest number of calls** seeking **assistance with sleep disturbance**
- **Nipah** breaks out **again in Kerala**. Cases of the virus transmitted from animals, such as bats or pigs, to humans and from human to human have been confirmed.
- **iGOT Karmayogi Bharat**, the capacity development ecosystem for government officials, managed by Karmayogi Bharat SPV, in partnership with **NITI Aayog**, has

launched a new curated collection dedicated to the **Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP)**.

- The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) will hold a festival of democracy in Nalanda University, Bihar. The 'Vaishali' festival of democracy will be held and the festival of democracy exhibition titled "Bharat: mother of democracy", organised by the Union Culture Ministry in 'Bharat Mandapam' as part of the side events of the G-20 Summit. The exhibition was aimed at highlighting the democratic ethos of India.
- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated a global seminar organised by the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the Food and Agriculture Organisation on farmers' rights
- **Ayushman Bhav campaign**, inaugurated by President virtually aims to provide **healthcare services to every village** and town in the country. The campaign, initiated by the Health Ministry, is aimed at providing a comprehensive nationwide healthcare initiative to saturate coverage of healthcare services, reaching every village and town.
- The Health Ministry will also launch **Ayushman Apke Dwar 3.0 programme**, which will allow eligible beneficiaries enrolled under the PM-JAY scheme to download their health card on their own.
- **NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL)**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of India's leading integrated power producer NTPC Limited, and Nayara Energy, a new-age international downstream energy company of international scale, have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today to explore opportunities in the Green Hydrogen
- National payment corporation of India has launched new initiatives at the Global Fintech Festival .
- Indian Navy, Uber sign MoU to offer mobility solutions to naval personnel, families.
- **Tribes India' pavilion exhibition** is being hosted at the **Crafts Bazaar**, as part of the G-20 Leaders' Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The early **Pandya-era** rock-cut cave temple at **Paraikulam in Virudhunagar district** has been declared a protected monument of Kerala
- Malappuram Municipality of Kerala opens its first '**Badai Bazaar**', a free-of-cost centre for the elderly. Each centre will be managed by a committee of members, medical check-ups and excursions to be introduced shortly
- India proposed to launch a G-20 Satellite Mission for Environment and Climate Observation, with an aim to help the countries of the Global South.
- PM Narendra Modi and the President of USA,. Joe Biden co-chaired a Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) and India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), held on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in New Delhi.
- The **Phanigiri artefacts**, belonging to 200 BCE-400 CE was discovered in 1942, are on display at **New York Metropolitan Museum of Art**
- RBI to discontinue Incremental Cash Reserve Ratio in a phased manner
- India launched the Global Biofuels Alliance on the G-20 Summit

- **Himachal Pradesh government taking steps to legalise cannabis (hemp)** cultivation in the State and recommended cultivation of cannabis for “non-narcotic use of cannabis for medicinal, industrial, and scientific use
- **Kamaicha**, used by the **Manganar community of Rajasthan, Naltarang**, created by **Baba Allaiddin Khan of Maihar**, Madhya Pradesh and Rudra Veena, considered one of the most ancient instruments were played at concert **Bharat-Vadya-Darshanam’ (Musical Journey of India)**, being organised by the Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous body under the Union Culture Ministry
- The West Bengal Legislative Assembly passed a resolution declaring **Poila Baisakh**, the first day of the Bengali calendar, as **Bangla Dibas**, or West Bengal Foundation Day.
- President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the **biennial conference** of the **National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) of Asia Pacific in New Delhi** .The conference is being organised by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India, in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Forum
- With an aim to create 15,000 job opportunities for Indian students and strengthen the country’s aviation sector, **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV), Vadodara**, of the Indian Railways signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the European aviation major Airbus.
- **INS Sumedha** arrived at Port Alexandria, Egypt to participate in ‘**Exercise BRIGHT STAR- 23**’. This edition of the multinational Tri-Services military exercise will see participation from 34 countries including India . It is the largest ever joint military exercise in Middle East & North Africa region. This is the maiden participation of Indian Navy in Ex Bright Star
- **The Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Education (SIE) designed** a first-of-its-kind **dialects dictionary** containing 76,000 words in regional dialects/languages of the State such as Bhojpuri, Awadhi, Braj and Bundelkhandi aimed at conserving regional dialects of the State and also promoting and helping in removing linguistic barriers. The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), the nodal agency, will release the volumes, the initiative is in line with the new National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which calls for conserving and promoting regional dialects.
- IBM renews collaboration with IIT-B and IISc to drive hybrid cloud and AI innovation
- Global Summit 2023 released ‘**Gujarat Declaration**’ underlining outcome of the first **WHO Traditional Medicine**
- Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has set up the G20 Tourism and SDGs Dashboard in partnership with United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) for sustainable tourism
- **As part of** Global Fintech Fest 2023, the UIDAI also facilitated an industry meet-up under the theme “**reimagine Aadhaar #together**” with executives of various fintech firms and associated ecosystem partners, with the intent to explore opportunities to collaborate, co-innovate and enable wider adoption of Aadhaar.

- The Union Education Ministry signed an agreement with global software major Adobe to help children develop creative expression in classrooms using the application Adobe Express with free of cost
- **Amul** will be the official sponsor of the Indian contingent for the **Hangzhou Asian Games**
- The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) launched a revamped version of the 'Adopt a Heritage' programme
- **IREDA** signs MoUs with **Union Bank of India** and **Bank of Baroda** to co-finance Renewable Energy projects
- '**Green Hydrogen Pilots in India**' Conference held in the run-up to G20 Summit at New Delhi
- Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the **Malaviya Mission - Teachers Training Programme** by University Grants Commission in association with the Ministry of Education
- International Cruise Terminal inaugurated at Visakhapatnam Port
- NCERT gets deemed university status
- ISRO Launched **Aditya L-1** onboard the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota
- **Koraput Kalajeera Rice** from Odisha gets GI Tag
- **The National e-Governance Division (NeGD)** is set to integrate Personalised Adaptive Learning (PAL) into its existing Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) platform.
- The seventh and last stealth frigate of **Project 17A, Mahendragiri**, was launched
- Union government has formed the committee under former President of India **Ram Nath Kovind**, to look into the feasibility of simultaneous elections to State Assemblies and the Lok Sabha.
- **India's First AI School was launched in Kerala.** The school predominantly teaches its students deep on Artificial Intelligence and other advanced technologies to boost the learning experiences of students and includes the integration of AI technologies like machine learning, natural language processing and data analysis, into several aspects of education such as the school curriculum design, personalised assessment, learning and student support.

International Affairs

- **Philippines removes barrier in disputed Scarborough shoal**, as china has installed 300-metre-long barrier at the entrance to the lagoon
- **Black comedy 'Poor Things' wins Golden Lion at Venice** directed by Yorgos Lanthimos and stared by Emma Stone
- **Hong Kong's top court** ruled in favour of **recognising same-sex partnerships** and gave the government two years to come up with a legal framework, but stopped short of granting full marriage rights to the city's LGBTQ community.

- Cuba has identified an alleged human trafficking ring aimed at recruiting its citizens to fight in Russia's war in Ukraine
- **Iran recorded a heat index of 70 degrees Celsius (°C)** in the coastal part of the country
- **18th East Asia Summit held in Jakarta**
- Morocco sees its strongest earthquake in 120 years, the vast majority in Al-Haouz, the epicentre, and Taroudant provinces.
- India and Saudi Arabia sign Agreement on Cooperation Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Hydrogen, Electricity and Grid Interconnection between the two countries, Petroleum, Natural Gas, Strategic Petroleum Reserves and Energy Security.
- UN warned that thousands of children are feared to be dying in **Sudan** as part of **violence, disease and severe malnutrition** rip through the conflict-torn country,. The **UN refugee agency** said more than 1,200 children in refugee camps had died since May due in part to a measles outbreak.
- **Azerbaijan** launched a **military operation** against the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region, warning it would "continue until the end" in the territory, over which it has fought two wars with neighbouring Armenia.
- **Iran** passed the **strict dress code bill** , mandating head coverings and modest clothing if not would face up to 10 years' prison
- U.S. offers temporary work permits to nearly 500,000 Venezuelans
- **London's India Club**, a meeting place for Indians **in the United Kingdom** during the independence movement, is set to close down permanently
- Military leaders of **Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso sign mutual defence pact**. Its aim is to "establish an architecture of collective defence and mutual assistance for the benefit of our populations"
- A Pakistan court raised an objection on a plea to reopen the case of Independence war hero Bhagat Singh's sentencing in 1931 and to set it aside by exercising the principles of review and honour him with posthumous state awards. The Lahore High Court also turned down the constitution of a larger Bench to listen to the petition.
- US envoy to Canada said that the Trudeau administration's claim of a link between the Indian government in killing of separatist Sikh leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar was based on "shared intelligence among Five Eyes partners"
- **Iran's Revolutionary Guards** "successfully" launched a new military imaging satellite "**The Nour-3**" placed in orbit 450 kilometres above earth
- **OSIRIS-REx** that carried sample from asteroid Bennu, made a successful return to Earth after seven years it was launched.
- **Saudi Aramco** announced its first global investment in liquefied natural gas, part of a broader bid by the energy giant to expand beyond oil. The company would acquire a minority stake worth \$500 million in MidOcean Energy, which is managed by the U.S. investment firm EIG.

- Taiwan's President launched the **"Hai Kun"** first domestically made submarine for testing at a port in Kaohsiung. The submarine, if successful in its tests, will be a major breakthrough for Taiwan in shipbuilding and design.

Environment

- In certain parts of Maharashtra, ephemerals wait for the monsoon season to bloom. They are any short-lived life cycle plant, usually one that has one or more generations per year.
- Researchers have recently investigated a nearly 520 million-year-old fossil of **Kylinxia zhangi** with a CT scanner and redescribed the animal.
- Maya Train project, connecting Caribbean with Maya sites been described as a "megaproject of death" causing "crimes of ecocide and ethnocide"
- The patent office of the Government of India has granted a patent to the Botanical Survey of India for **'reusable straw and its manufacturing'**. The straw is developed from a species of endemic bamboo plant which is found on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The bamboo species **Schizostachyum andamanicum** was discovered on the island about three decades ago and now its economic potential has got a new boost with this patent
- India celebrated its first anniversary of the arrival of eight African cheetahs from Namibia in Kuno National Park (KNP), Madhya Pradesh.
- According to a paper published in Nature, More than 75% of European bumblebee species may be threatened in the next 40-60 years
- **Tamil Nadu, Kerala** may join hands to **count endangered Nilgiri tahr**. For the first time, drones may be incorporated in the census, as the Nilgiri tahr prefers montane grasslands, with steep and rocky terrains at an altitude between 300 and 2,600 metres above sea level.
- **Kole wetlands of Kerala** face threat of alien plants. Cabomba furcata, popularly called as Pink Bloom due its massive flowering, has been a new threat in addition to water hyacinth and Salvinia molesta

Sports

- Olympian Elavenil Valarivan won air rifle gold in Rio World Cup
- Hockey captain **Harmanpreet Singh** and Olympic medallist boxer **Lovlina Borgohain** will be the flag-bearers of the Indian contingent during the opening ceremony of the **Asian Games**
- The ICC confirmed that Broward County (Florida), Grand Prairie (Dallas) and Eisenhower Park (New York) will host matches in the USA-leg of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup next year. This is the first time the tournament will be played in USA and it will co-host it with the West Indies.

- **Indian women's blind cricket team** defeated Australia in the finals and won gold medal at the IBSA World Games in Birmingham, United Kingdom. **India became the first ever cricket winners at the IBSA World Games.**
- **India beats Pakistan** in penalty shootout, wins **Men's Hockey 5s Asia Cup 2023** held at **Salalah, Oman**
- **Coco Gauff clinched her first US Grand Slam title** with a battling win over Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus.
- **India's U-16 team won the SAFF U-16 Championship 2023**, defeating Bangladesh at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan.
- **FIBA Basketball World Cup** for the first time won by **Germany** against Serbia
- **Madhya Pradesh to defeat Delhi** and win the **All India Buchi Babu tournament** at Coimbatore
- Novak Djokovic won 24th grand slam after defeating Daniil Medvedev at the US Open
- The draw ceremony for the Davis Cup World Group-2 tennis tie between India and Morocco will be held at Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath's residence in Lucknow
- **Buddh International Circuit** in **Greater Noida**, Uttar Pradesh to host MotoGP Bharat
- Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar and Divyansh Singh Panwar won **India's first gold medal of the 19th Asian Games at Shooting event**
- **Philippines removes barrier in disputed Scarborough shoal**, as china has installed 300-metre-long barrier at the entrance to the lagoon
- **The Indian women's cricket team beat Sri Lanka women and won the gold medal** at the Asian Games 2023.
- Guyana Amazon Warriors emerged champion of the 2023 edition of the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) against Trinbago Knight Riders at Providence
- India's Hriday Chheda, Anush Agarwalla, Divyakriti Singh and Sudipti Hajela won gold medal at the equestrian team dressage in the Asian Games 2023, Hangzhou
- Thirteen-year-old Cui Chenxi became China's youngest gold medallist at the Asian Games when she won the women's street skateboarding
- Vishnu Saravanan secures bronze to Indian sailing at Asian game

Person in news

- **Swati Nayak, scientist**, International Rice Research Institute South Asia Regional Centre (ISARC), known for her research on climate-resilient and nutritious rice varieties, recently won the **Norman Borlaug Field Award** given by the **World Food Prize** in honour of the agricultural scientist and Nobel laureate.
- **Veteran actor Michael Gambon**, known to many for his portrayal of Hogwarts headmaster Albus Dumbledore in "Harry Potter" films, has passed away
- Veteran Malayalam filmmaker **K.G. George** passed away
- **Saroja Vaidyanathan, Bharatanatyam** dancer, passed away
- Philippine Nobel winner **Maria Ressa** acquitted of tax evasion

- Noted **Rudra veena exponent Ustad Ali Zaki Hader** passed away. He was the last exponent of the Khandarbani (Khandaharbani) style of the Jaipur Beenkar gharana of Dhrupad
- Indian-origin **Tharman Shanmugaratnam** wins Singapore's presidential election
- Shri **Manish Desai** assumes charge as Principal Director General, Press Information Bureau.
- Actor **Madhavan to head Film & Television Institute of India**
- Oncologist **R Ravi Kannan** wins **Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023** along with Korvi Rakshand (Bangladesh), Miriam Coronel-Ferrer (Philippines)
- American singer-songwriter **Jimmy Buffett**, best known for his 1977 hit **Margaritaville**, has passed away
- Noted wildlife photographer and conservationist **Adiya 'Dicky' Singh**, known for developing a forest reserve on the outskirts of the Ranthambore National Park in Rajasthan's Sawai Madhopur district passed away
- **Cartoonist Ajit Ninan** passed away in Mysuru. He was best known for the 'Centrestage' series in India Today magazine and 'Ninan's World' in Times of India. One of his popular cartoon characters was 'Detective Moochhwala' in Target. Indian Institute of Cartoonists felicitated Mr. Ninan with the Barton Life-time achievement award at Indian Cartoon Gallery in 2022.
- Gita Mehta writer, journalist and 1971 war correspondent passed away
- Veteran Bollywood actor **Waheeda Rehman would be given the Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award** for 2021, honouring her stellar contribution to Indian cinema.
- **Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan**, popularly known as M.S. Swaminathan, the legendary agricultural scientist and a key architect of the country's Green Revolution, passed away

Important Dates

- National Nutrition Week is an annual event commemorated every year from September 1 to 7
- The International Day of Clean Air for blue skies is commemorated annually on **7 September** every year. Theme for 2023 is **"Together for Clean Air"**
- The **International literacy day** is commemorated annually on **8th September** every year. Theme 2023 'Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies'
- **National Engineers' Day** is observed annually on **September 15** in **India, Sri Lanka, and Tanzania**.
- **World Bamboo Day** is marked annually on September 18.
- **World Ozone Day** is observed annually on September 16. Theme for 2023 is **"Montreal Protocol: Fixing the Ozone Layer and Reducing Climate Change"**
- 'Swachhata Hi Seva' is organized from 15th September to 2nd October, 2023, in collaboration with other Ministries, to celebrate 9 years of Swachh Bharat Mission

- International Day of Peace or **World Peace Day** is celebrated on **21 September**. Theme 2023 "**Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals.**"
- International Day of Democracy is observed annually on September 15 across the world. Theme for 2023 "**Empowering the next generation.**"
- The **International Day of Sign Languages** will be celebrated globally on **September 23**. Theme for 2023 is "A World Where Deaf People Everywhere Can Sign Anywhere!"
- **World Pharmacist Day** is observed on **September 25** every year. Theme for 2023 is Pharmacy strengthening health systems."
- Every year, **World Environmental Health Day** is celebrated on **September 26**. Theme for 2023 Global Environmental Public Health: Standing up to protect everyone's Health each and every day.
- Every year, **World Tourism Day** is celebrated on **September 27**. Theme for 2023 'Tourism and green investment'
- Every year, **World Maritime Day** is celebrated on **September 28**. Theme 2023 is "MARPOL at 50 - Our commitment continues"
- **World Rabies Day** is celebrated globally **September 28**. Theme 2023 is "All for 1, One Health for All".

Places in News

- City of **Derna** is located **at Libya** encountered massive flash floods
- European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen visited the **Italian island of Lampedusa**, which is struggling with a surge in migrant arrivals, and promised a 10-point EU action plan to help Italy deal with the situation
- The **Liptako-Gourma region** is where the **Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger borders** meet has been ravaged by jihadism in recent years.