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Chapter 3

Important Bullet Points for TISSNET 2023

- **PM Narendra Modi attends first virtual I2U2 summit**
Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the first virtual I2U2 Summit. The I2U2 is a four-nation grouping, where “I” stands for India and Israel, and “U” for the US and the UAE. PM Modi was joined by United States President Joe Biden, Israeli PM Yair Lapid and UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.
The main focus of the virtual meeting was on the food security crisis and clean energy.
- **Ahmedabad & Kerala features in TIME Magazine’s The World’s Greatest Places of 2022**
Two locations from India have been named among “50 extraordinary destinations to explore” this year by TIME Magazine. The southern state of Kerala and Ahmedabad, the capital city of Gujarat were the two Indian entries into the list of the world’s greatest places of 2022.
- **India Innovation Index 2021: Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh topped**
Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh topped the third edition of NITI Aayog’s India Innovation Index, which ranks the states and the union territories on their innovation performance. NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery released the India Innovation Index 2021 in presence of apex public policy think tank member Dr VK Saraswat, CEO Parameswaran Iyer and senior adviser Neeraj Sinha.
Karnataka topped in the ‘Major States’ category and Manipur emerged as a winner in the ‘North East and Hill States’ category. Chandigarh was the top performer in the ‘Union Territories and City States’ category.
- **Henley Passport Index 2022: India ranks 87th**
The Henley Passport Index has recently released the list of the World’s Most Powerful Passports for the year 2022. Three Asian nations Japan, Singapore and South Korea bagged the top three positions on the list, reversing pre-pandemic rankings that were dominated by European nations. India is ranked 87th on the list of the world’s most powerful passports in 2022, according to the latest Henley Passport Index from Henley & Partners, an immigration consultancy.
- **India sign an agreement with Namibia to reintroduce cheetah**
A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Namibia aims to bring back cheetahs to the country after nearly seven decades. The first eight cheetahs are expected to arrive in Madhya Pradesh’s Kuno National Park by August 15. Separately, India is anticipated to receive 12 cheetahs from South Africa; a draught deal has already been signed, and a final one is forthcoming, according to authorities with knowledge of the situation.
- **England all-rounder Ben Stokes announces ODI retirement**
England all-rounder Ben Stokes has made a surprise announcement to retire from ODI cricket. “Three formats are just unsustainable for me now,” he said. The 31-year-old will play

his last ODI against South Africa at his home ground in Durham. Stokes' ODI career will forever be remembered for his Player-of-the-Match performance in the 2019 World Cup final against New Zealand at Lord's.

- **Rajasthan introduces the first digital Lok Adalat in India**

During the 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' convention, which was held here, National Legal Services Authority Chairman Uday Umesh Lalit unveiled the first digital Lok Adalat driven by artificial intelligence. Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority's (RSLSA) digital Lok Adalat was created by Jupitice Justice Technologies, the organization's technological partner.

N V Ramana, the Chief Justice of India, opened the two-day event in the presence of Kiren Rijiju, the Union Minister of Law and Justice, and Ashok Gehlot, the Chief Minister of Rajasthan.

- **2025 World Athletics Championships: Tokyo's Olympic Stadium to host event**

The World Athletics Council has selected Tokyo (Japan) to host the 2025 World Athletics Championships. At the World Athletics Council Meeting in Oregon, USA, the Council also announced that the 2024 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Medulin and Pula in Croatia and the 2026 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Tallahassee, Florida.

- **Ashish Kumar Chauhan named as the next MD & CEO of NSE**

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has announced the appointment of Ashish Kumar Chauhan as its new managing director and CEO. He will succeed Vikram Limaye whose 5-year term ended on 16 July 2022. He was one of the founders of NSE where he worked from 1992 to 2000. He is best known as the father of modern financial derivatives in India due to his work at NSE.

- **Varanasi named 1st cultural and tourism capital of SCO**

The holy city of Varanasi showcasing India's culture and traditions over the ages will be declared the first "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. Varanasi will become the "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the SCO for 2022-23 under a new rotating initiative by the eight-member organisation to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states.

- **INS Vikrant: Navy receives India's first indigenous aircraft carrier**

The indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant, which was created by the Navy's own Directorate of Naval Design and will likely be commissioned on Independence Day, was delivered to the Navy by the Cochin Shipyard. It bears the name of the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant, India's first aircraft carrier, which was an important participant in the war of 1971. The 262-meter-long carrier is significantly larger and more modern than her predecessor, with a full displacement of around 45,000 tonnes. The aircraft carrier has a top speed of 28 knots and is propelled by four gas turbines with a combined 88 MW of power.

- **Roshni Nadar retained as India's richest woman for 2nd year in a row**

HCL Technologies' Chairperson, Roshni Nadar Malhotra has retained her position as the richest woman in India, for the second year in a row according to the third edition of 'Kotak Private Banking Hurun – Leading Wealthy Women List'. The total net worth of Roshni Nadar stood at Rs 84,330 crore. Roshni Nadar was followed by Nykaa-owner Falguni Nayar, overtaking Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw of Biocon, with a total wealth of Rs 57,520 crore. Falguni

Nayar is the world's tenth richest self-made woman.

- **Netanyahu's Autobiography 'Bibi: My Story' Due Out In November**

Former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has a memoir coming out this fall. "Bibi: My Story" will be published November 22, in Israel. Born a year after the founding of the Jewish state, I have dedicated my life to combat the forces that seek its destruction and make peace with those that do not," . My story is one of tragedy and triumph, setbacks and successes, lessons learned and loved ones cherished. It is woven with that of Israel, which has proven that faith and resolve can overcome insurmountable odds to forge a brilliant future, Netanyahu, 72, said in a statement.

- **Scotland becomes first nation to make period products available to everyone**

Local governments of Scotland are now required by law of Scotland to offer free sanitary products (Period Products) like tampons and pads to anyone who needs them. As the Period Products Act takes effect in Scotland, goods will be supplied through councils and educational institutions. The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill was unanimously approved by MSPs in November 2020. Labour MSP Monica Lennon, who has been working to eradicate period poverty since 2016, introduced the bill.

- **Royal Enfield tie-up with UNESCO to promote cultural heritage of India**

Royal Enfield has partnered with UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) to promote and safeguard the 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of India, beginning with the Himalayas. The programme is curated as an experiential and creative showcase of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) practices in the Western Himalayas and the North Eastern region.

- **Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi govt to set up country's first night safari in Lucknow**

The cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the proposal of the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department to start the country's first night safari in the capital Lucknow. Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh said that on the lines of Singapore's world's first night safari, this night safari in Lucknow will be developed on 350 acres in the Kukrail forest area spread over an area of 2027.46 hectares and a zoological park will be built in 150 acres.

- **67th Filmfare Awards 2022 Winner**

Best Film: Shershaah (Dharma Productions)

Best Director: Vishnuvardhan (Shershaah)

Best Actor: Ranveer Singh's (83) as Kapil Dev

Best Actress: Kriti Sanon, Mimi as Mimi Rathore

- **Virat Kohli becomes 1st Indian to play 100 Matches in each format**

Cricket Legend Virat Kohli has become the first Indian and just the second player overall in international cricket history to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game.

Kohli has now 100 T20Is to his name in addition to 102 Tests and 262 ODIs since making his international debut in August 2008.

- **National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas 2022: 29th August**

The National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas is celebrated on 29th August in India as a tribute to hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand who was born on this date in 1905.

Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award will be renamed as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.

- The government has decided to rename the historic Rajpath and Central Vista lawns in the national capital as "**Kartavya Path**". Rajpath was known as Kingsway during British Rule.
- **King Charles names William and Kate as the Prince and Princess of Wales.**
Britain's King Charles has bestowed the titles of Prince and Princess of Wales on his eldest son William and daughter-in-law Kate, passing on the titles that he and his late wife Diana previously held. Charles, who became Prince of Wales in 1958, automatically became king on the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth.
- **Assam** has become the 36th State to implement the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme. With this, the ONORC plan is successfully implemented in all 36 states, and Union Territories, making food security portable throughout the country.
- **Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2022** ranks India at the bottom position among 180 countries.
With a rank of 180 and a score of 18.9, India has fallen from rank 168 and a score of 27.6 in 2020. Denmark tops the list with a score of 77.9.
- **World Ozone Day**, also known as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, is observed annually on September 16 to bring attention to the ozone layer and the dangers of ozone depletion.
- India's maiden human space-flight mission **Gaganyaan** is expected to be launched in 2024
- **India** will be the president of the G20 meetings for one year beginning from December 1, 2022, to November 20, 2023.
- **Neeraj Chopra** became the first Indian to win a Diamond League title after winning the Men's Javelin event at the Zurich Diamond League Final 2022 with a best throw of 88.44m.
- **Queen Elizabeth II**, the UK's longest-serving monarch, has died at Balmoral aged 96. She reigned for 70 years.
The Queen came to the throne in 1952 and witnessed enormous social change.
- India's first intranasal Covid vaccine by **Bharat Biotech** received DCGI approval for primary immunization against the infection for people above the age of 18.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina jointly unveiled Unit-I of the **Maitres Super Thermal Power Project** following bilateral and delegation level talks in Delhi.
- **Uttarakhand** recently received the first prize in two categories - the best adventure tourism destination and all-round development of tourism - from the Union tourism ministry.
- Indian badminton player **Anupama Upadhyaya** moved two spots to become the new world No. 1 in the latest BWF world junior women's rankings.
Overall, Anupama is the sixth Indian shuttler to top the junior world badminton rankings.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the **Pradhan Mantri Schools For Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana** under which 14,500 schools from across the country will be upgraded as PM-SHRI schools.
- **Chandigarh Airport** was renamed Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport on his 115th birth anniversary.
- **Indian scientist Samir V Kamat appointed as DRDO Chairman**
According to a Personnel Ministry order, Distinguished scientist Samir V Kamat was appointed as Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development and Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Kamat, who is Director General, Naval Systems & Materials, at the DRDO will succeed G Satheesh Reddy who has been named as scientific adviser to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- **Former German chancellor Angela Merkel has been awarded the UNESCO Peace Prize 2022** for “her efforts to welcome refugees”. In the summer of 2015, as refugees were streaming into Europe, Merkel opened her country’s borders and famously declared to Germans “Wir schaffen das”, “We can do this.”



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