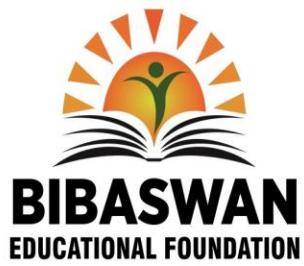


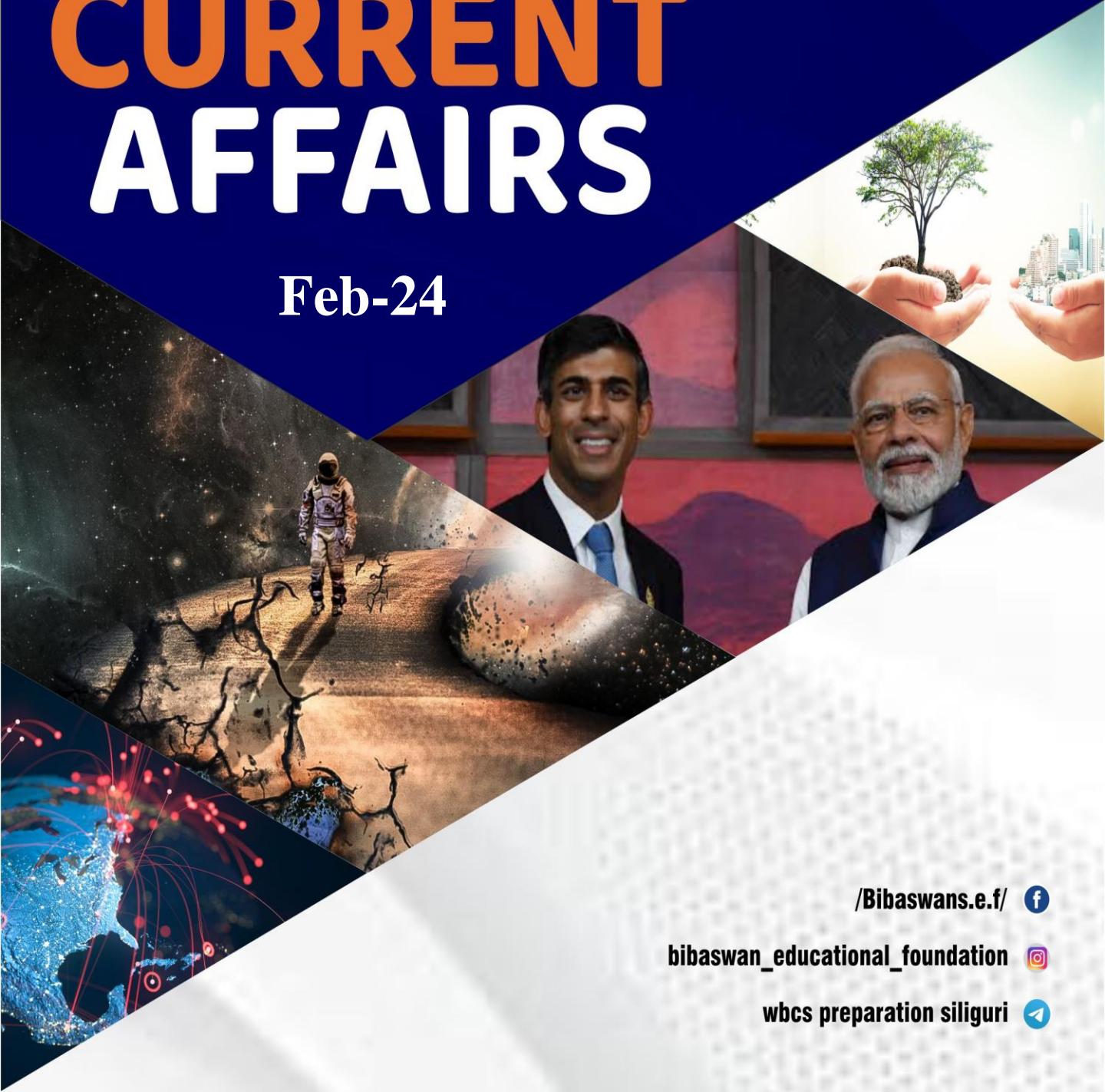
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## Important Personalities

- Who has been appointed as the new Indian high commissioner to Sri Lanka? **Santosh Jha**
- Who has become the first Indian to join ITTF foundation's governing board? **Vita Dani**
- Bengaluru's Slice-backed North East Small Finance Bank has appointed whom as interim MD and CEO? **Satish Kumar Kalra**
- Sony Sports has roped in whom as brand ambassador for football? **Kartik Aaryan**

**01 FEB**

**INDIAN COAST GUARD DAY**

**Importance**  
To mark the inception of interim Indian Coast guard on 1 February 1977 to prevent sea-borne smuggling of goods.

This day is an opportune moment to reaffirm their resolute commitment and selfless service for safeguarding maritime interests of our nation.  
The ICG in its present shape was formally inaugurated on 18th August 1978.

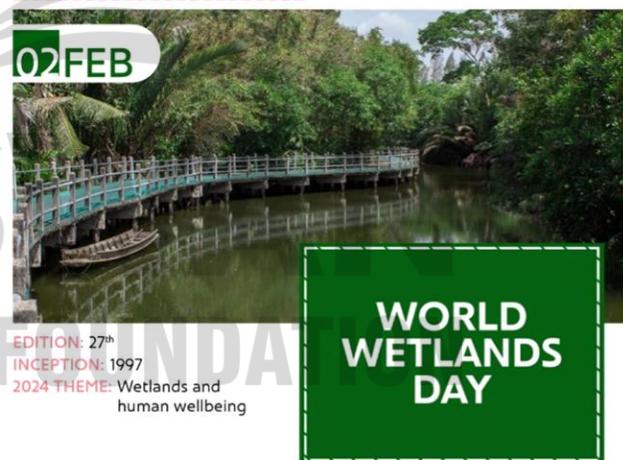
**Fact**  
India's 7516.60 kilometer coastline encompasses various states and some of the busiest trade routes kilometer coastline.

**Note**  
• There are 9 Indian states and 4 Union Territories situated on the coast.  
• These include Gujarat, Daman and Diu, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Lakshadweep, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal.

- Who has chaired the third National Conference of Chief Secretaries in Delhi on 28th and 29th December 2023? **Prime Minister of India**
- Who has been named as International Event Ambassador for Mumbai Marathon? **Katie Moon**
- B P Gopalika has recently taken over as new chief secretary of which state? **West Bengal**
- Life Insurance Corporation of India has appointed whom as the new Chief Risk Officer? **S Sunder Krishnan**

- Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Police for West Bengal? **Rajeev Kumar**
- Who has been appointed to Central Board of Film Certification Panel? **Akkala Sudhakar**
- The Centre appointed who as the first woman Director General of Central Industrial Security Force? **Nina Singh**
- The sixth Central Advisory Board meeting on Disability (DAIC) was held under whose leadership? **Dr Virendra Kumar**
- Who has assumed charge as Director General of fire service & civil defence? **Vivek Srivastava**
- Who has been appointed as the ex-officio Chancellor of Pondicherry University after modification in Pondicherry University Act 1985? **Jagdeep Dhankhar**
- IPS Utkal Ranjan Sahoo has recently taken additional charge as Director General of Police of which state? **Rajasthan**
- Felix Tshisekedi has been elected as President of which country? **Congo**
- Who has been appointed as Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission by the Centre? **Dr Arvind Panagariya**
- RK Tyagi has recently assumed the role of Chief Managing Director of Power Grid by succeeding whom? **K Sreekant**
- Who has been taken charge as 34th General Officer Commanding of Chetak Corps? **Nagendra Singh**
- Which country has recently taken over the chairmanship of BRICS 2024? **Russia**
- Who has been nominated as the Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee? **Justice BR Gavai**
- Who has taken charge of Western Naval Command? **Sanjay Jasjit Singh**
- IFS Randhir Jaiswal has assumed the position of Spokesperson for which ministry? **Ministry of External Affairs**
- Who will co-chair 7th meeting of India-Nepal Joint Commission? **S Jaishankar**
- Who has been appointed as the first woman Director General of Police in Maharashtra? **Rashmi Shukla**
- Govindayapalli Ram Mohan Rao has recently assumed the role of Executive Director of which government entity? **SEBI**
- Who has been appointed as CEO of Indian Olympic Association? **Raghuram Iyer**

- What is Vikas Sheel's current role before becoming the Executive Director at ADB? **Additional Secretary and Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission**
- Indra Mani Pandey has succeeded whom as the Secretary General of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation? **Tenzin Lekphell**
- Recently appointed "Class C" director on board of Federal Reserve Rajiv Shah is the current president of which company? **Rockefeller Foundation**
- Who has been elected as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh in January 2024? **Sheikh Hasina**
- Which country will chair the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in July this year? **India**
- Who has recently assumed role of Secretary of Railway Board? **Aruna Nayar**
- Emmanuel Macron has recently been named as the new Prime Minister of which country? **France**
- Who has been appointed by the Central Government as Additional Secretary and Director General (Acquisition) in the Defense Ministry? **Sameer Kumar Sinha**
- Credit bureau Experian appointed whom as Managing Director for India? **Manish Jain**
- Who has been appointed as managing director of Bangalore Metro? **Maheshwar Rao**
- Who was appointed as the 'Director General of Naval Operations' in the Indian Navy? **Vice Admiral AN Pramod**
- Who will be the next director of Engineering Projects (India) Limited? **Sunil Dahiya**
- Who has recently assumed the position of Controller Personnel Services (CPS) in January 2024? **Vice Admiral Gurcharan Singh**
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Staff Officer (Operations) of Eastern Naval Command? **Shantanu Jha**
- Who has been named as Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal? **Daljit Singh Chaudhary**
- Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for RuPay Prime Volleyball League (PVL) Season 3? **Hrithik Roshan**
- Pandit Hariram Dwivedi, who has passed away recently, was litterateur of which language? **Hindi**
- Women's rights champion Dr Mohini Giri has passed away at 86. In context to the same tell us, in which year she was awarded by Padma Bhushan? **2007**
- Who was the founder of 'Desia Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam' (DMDK) who passed away recently? **N Vijayakanth**
- Footballer Franz Beckenbauer has passed away, he was a legendary footballer of which country? **Germany**
- Ajit Singh Gill was the Olympian of which country, who has passed away recently? **Singapore**

**Importance**

To mark the date of the adoption of Ramsar Convention on wetland on February 02, 1971, in the city of Ramsar, Iran.

It aims at drawing attention to the relevance of promoting biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in such an important ecosystem.

**Fact**

India currently has 27 sites designated as Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites), with a surface area of 1,056,871 hectares.

**Note**

Vembanad Lake also known as Verbanad Kayal or Vembanad Kol wetland is the largest wetland in India.

## National & International News

- Recently, who has launched National Anganwadi-cum-Crèches program? **Smriti Irani**
- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda has inaugurated which tribal orientation programme for two days? **Adi Vyakhyan**
- VGGS 2024 Pre-Summit Seminar on chemicals has been held in which state? **Gujarat**
- Which zone of the Indian Railways has launched safety 'panic button' feature for the security of women passengers? **Central Railway**



Recognizing the significance of the discovery in the field of Physics and the contribution of C.V. Raman.

### Importance

To mark the discovery of the Raman scattering by the Indian physicist Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman on February 28 in 1928. The Raman Effect names inelastic scattering of a photon. For the first proof of that effect C.V.Raman got the Nobel Prize in 1930.

### Awards won by C.V. Raman

- Fellow of the Royal Society (1924)
- Knight Bachelor (1929)
- Nobel Prize in Physics (1930)
- Bharat Ratna (1954)
- Lenin Peace Prize (1957)
- Fellow of the Royal Society (1924)



### Note

The day is also observed to recall and celebrate the contribution of all the great scientists of India who made fundamental discoveries and advanced human knowledge.

- Which state government has initiated tab distribution to class 8 students? **Andhra Pradesh**
- UP CM Yogi Adityanath has unveiled Chaudhary Charan Singh's statue in which city? **Moradabad**
- In which state was the intra-district helicopter service inaugurated recently? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Which state government has recently introduced Rs 5 lakh accident insurance for Gig Workers? **Telangana**

- Recently the Manipur health minister Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh has launched the "SAANS" Campaign. Which disease does it want to eradicate? **Pneumonia**
- Which company has donated 4.30 crore to CM relief fund for flood relief in Tamil Nadu? **NLC India Limited**
- Which city is being developed as India's first 'AI City'? **Lucknow**
- What has the Indian Railway Conference Association changed the name of the railway station "Ayodhya Junction"? **Ayodhya Dham Railway Station**
- Who has launched the new CA India logo at the Global Professional Accountants Convention (GloPAC)? **Jagdeep Dhankhar**
- Which state government has recently ban agri land purchase by 'outsiders'? **Uttarakhand**
- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has inaugurated Startup Expo in which city? **Kathua**
- Recently PM Modi has inaugurated a submarine optical fiber connection, it connects Kochi to which city? **Kavaratti**
- All India Conference of Director Generals and Inspector Generals of Police 2023 concluded in which city? **Jaipur**
- Name the Prime Minister of Czech Republic who will be chief guest at Vibrant Gujarat summit? **Petr Fiala**
- Chandubi Mahotsav has recently celebrated in which state? **Assam**
- Yogyasree scheme for SC/ST students has been launched in which state? **West Bengal**
- Which wildlife sanctuary was recently included in the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme? **Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary**
- In which city did the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh inaugurate the five-day winter carnival? **Manali**
- Dongaria Kondh shawl of which state has recently got Geographical Indication tag? **Odisha**
- Which three State/Union Territories have achieved 100 percent coverage under the Jal Jeevan Mission according to the Ministry of Jal Shakti? **Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Puducherry**
- Where is the Regional Conference on the theme "e-Governance" being inaugurated? **Guwahati**
- In which city is a two-day regional conference on e-governance being organized? **Guwahati**
- In which state 'College Phagthansi Mission' was started recently? **Manipur**

- Who was the chief guest of 10th edition of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, inaugurated recently? **Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**
- In which city has the 27th National Youth Festival be organized? **Nashik**
- In which neighbouring country will the new campus of IIT Madras be opened? **Sri Lanka**
- Indian Army has declared 2024 as - **Year of Technology Absorption**
- Which Tiger Reserve has got the title of India's first 'Dark Sky Park'? **Pench Tiger Reserve**
- The recently inaugurated India's longest bridge built on the sea in Mumbai has been named after whom? **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**
- In which city did PM Modi inaugurate the 27th National Youth Festival? **Nashik**
- Where is the 12th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace being held? **New Delhi**
- In which state of India will the "World Economic Forum" establish a center based on "Health Care and Life Sciences"? **Telangana**
- India's first solar powered boat will be operated in which river? **Ghaghra River(Sarayu)**
- Who launched a series of commemorative postage stamps dedicated to the Ram temple of Ayodhya? **Narendra Modi**
- 9th edition of Tamil Nadu International Balloon Festival has been kicked off in which city? **Pollachi**
- In which state was the 125 feet high bronze statue of Dr. BR Ambedkar inaugurated? **Andhra Pradesh**
- Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has laid the foundation stone for cancer hospital in which city? **Rajkot**
- Amrit Dharohar Capacity Building Scheme has been launched by which ministry? **Ministry of Environment**
- What is Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana related to? **Rooftop Solar Panels**
- In which state did the Union Health Minister recently lay the foundation stone of 'Khodaldham Trust Cancer' Hospital? **Gujarat**
- Kachchhi Kharek, which has recently been awarded the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag, is a variety of which fruit? **Dates**
- United Nations has recently declared the year 2024 as International year of which? **Camelids**
- India has surpassed which in MSCI EM Index to get second spot? **Taiwan**
- Which country will host the 'Global Peace Summit' on Ukraine? **Switzerland**
- A special postal cover will be released on late Justice Madhava Reddy, who was the former Governor of which state? **Maharashtra**
- What is the primary purpose of China's Mengxiang deep-sea mining ship? **Deep-sea mining and resource exploration**
- Which country has become first European Union country to issue Digital Schengen Visas? **France**
- Which country has recently declared Snow Leopard as National symbol? **Kyrgyzstan**
- The 19th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit will take place in which country from January 15-20, 2024? **Uganda**
- Elizabeth Bourne was the Prime Minister of which country who has recently resigned? **France**
- Who is the President of the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly who is currently on a visit to India? **Dennis Francis**

**06 FEB**



**International Day of ZERO TOLERANCE for FEMALE GENITAL**

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE TO FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION**

EDITION: 21<sup>st</sup>  
INCEPTION: 2003  
2024 THEME:  
Partnership with men & boys to transform social and gender norms to end FGM.

**What is Female genital mutilation (FGM)?**  
It comprises all procedures that involve altering or injuring the female genitalia for non-medical reasons and is recognized internationally as a violation of the human rights, the health and the integrity of girls and women.

**Importance**  
On February 6, 2003, Stella Obasanjo, the First Lady of Nigeria and spokesperson for the Campaign Against Female Genital Mutilation, made the official declaration on "Zero Tolerance to FGM" in Africa.

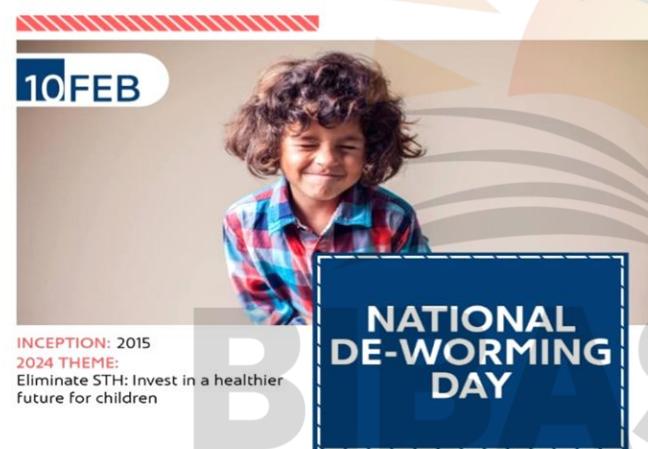
**Motto**  
To amplify and direct the efforts on the elimination of female genital mutilation.

**Organisation Involved**  
UNGA

**Note**  
In 2012, the UN General Assembly designated February 6th as the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation.

## Banking & Economy

- How many dollars has the World Bank recently provided assistance to Ukraine? **1.34 billion**
- Uttar Pradesh has got how much investment in 2023? **Rs 40 lakh crore**
- Central government and ADB secured a \$100m loan aimed at upgrading urban services and tourism in which state? **Tripura**
- Which bank has recently approved the proposal to raise capital worth 7500 crores through QIP or FPO? **Punjab National Bank**
- What was the year-on-year growth in UPI transaction value in December 2023? **42%**
- Khanij Bidesh India Limited to invest Rs 211 Crore for Lithium exploration in which country? **Argentina**
- India has announced how much financial package for Nepal's earthquake? **\$75 Million**



National Deworming Day is a groundbreaking initiative focused on reducing the threat of parasitic worm infections, a widespread health issue affecting over 241 million children in India alone.

### Motto

The objective of National Deworming Day is to deworm all preschool and school-age children (enrolled and non-enrolled) between the ages of 1-19 years through the platform of schools and Anganwadi Centers in order to improve their overall health, nutritional status, access to education and quality of life.

### Ministry Involved

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

### Note

India has the highest burden of soil-transmitted helminths--parasitic worms--in the world.

According to the 2012 report 'Children in India', published by MOSPI 48% of children under the age of five years are stunted and 19.8% are wasted.

- What is the projected growth rate of the Indian economy for the Financial Year 2023-24, as per the advance estimate of the National Statistical Office (NSO)? **7.3%**
- Which bank has raised \$250 million through green bonds? **State Bank of India**

- Which bank has introduced the "Samman RuPay Credit Card"? **IndusInd Bank**
- Which stock exchange has retained its position as the world's largest exchange in 2023? **National Stock Exchange**
- Which Indian company has ranked second in world's most valuable IT services brands? **TCS**
- With which company did the Ministry of Rural Development has signed an agreement to increase the reach of products of 'Self Help Groups'? **Jio Mart**
- Bharat Electronics Limited has recently signed a contract worth Rs 678 crore with which state government? **Uttar Pradesh**
- India has signed a protocol on consultations with which country for next four years? **Russia**
- Which state government has collaborated with Adani Group for Data Centre and Aerospace Park? **Telangana**
- Which company has signed an agreement with RVNL to finance multi-modal? **REC limited**
- Defence Ministry has inked contracts with which company worth 802 crores for procurement of 697 Bogie Open Military Wagons? **Jupiter Wagons**
- With whom has the Maharashtra government signed an agreement for the state's first green ammonia plant? **Inox Air Products**
- What is the primary objective of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and USAID/India? **Achieving net-zero carbon emissions in the railway sector by 2030**
- RECPDCL has signed a MoU with which state for a smart metering project valued at Rs 2,094.28 crores? **Gujarat**
- AI Odyssey is an initiative of which company, launched recently to skill 100,000 developers in India? **Microsoft**
- With whom has the International Hockey Federation signed an agreement for broadcasting hockey tournaments? **Viacom 18**
- IIT Madras has partnered with Hyundai Motor India Ltd to create a 'Hydrogen Innovation Valley' in which state? **Tamil Nadu**
- Indian Coast Guard has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with which company to enhance Indigenous Content in shipbuilding? **Steel Authority of India**
- With which country has India signed an agreement for exploration and mining of Lithium? **Argentina**

## Awards & Recognitions

- Who has won the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year award? **Savita Punia**
- Who has won the 6th Rabindranath Tagore literary prize? **Sukrita Paul Kumar**
- Who has been honored with the "Man of the Year-2023" award by India's Home Minister? **Mr L P Hemanth K Srinivasulu**
- P Indira Devi has been conferred with the title of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE) fellow in 2023. why? **Her outstanding achievements in agricultural economics and rural development**
- Recently, who has been awarded the Guard of Honor on concluding his tenure as Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff? **Sanjay Jasjit Singh**
- Vice Chancellor of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Prof. B R Kamboj has received the prestigious MS Swaminathan Award for his contributions in which field? **Agronomy**
- Actress Rupika Grover, who has crowned Mrs India 2023, hails from which state/UT? **Jammu & Kashmir**
- Wancho Wooden Craft of which state has recently awarded Geographical Indication tag? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- Who will be awarded the highest honor of Assam state 'Assam Vaibhav'? **Ranjan Gogoi**
- Who has been awarded with the Best FIFA Men's Player Award? **Lionel Messi**
- Who has set a new world record for singing in the most languages during a single concert? **Suchetha Satish**
- How many players including Mohammed Shami were awarded the Arjuna Award? **26**
- Who received the cleanest city award in the category of population more than one lakh in the Swachhta Survekshan-2023? **Indore and Surat**
- Which two cities have received the 'Cleanest Ganga City' award in the 'Clean Survey-2023'? **Varanasi and Prayagraj**
- Which drama has been bestowed with the title of 'Best Drama Series' at the 75th Emmy Awards? **Succession**
- Who has been awarded by the 'Player of the Month' award for the month of December 2023? **Pat Cummins**
- Pendyala Lakshmi Priya, who has been awarded with the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2024, is related to which dance form? **Kuchipudi**
- Who was awarded the Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award-2024 in the 'Institutional Category'? **60 Parachute Field Hospital (UP)**
- From ISRO, who has been honored with "Uttar Pradesh Gaurav Samman" by the Uttar Pradesh government? **Ritu Karidhal Srivastava**
- Which former Bihar chief minister will be awarded by Bharat Ratna posthumously? **Kарpoori Thakur**

**11 FEB**

**THEME:**  
Investment in Women and Girls in Science for Inclusive Green Growth.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE**

**Importance**  
On 22 December 2015, the UN General Assembly decided to establish an annual International Day to recognize the critical role women and girls play in science and technology & marks 11 Feb as the same.

**Motto**  
To ensure full and equal access to and participation in science for women and girls.

**Note**

- According to UNESCO data (2014 - 2016), only around 30 per cent of all female students select STEM-related fields in higher education.
- The International Day of Women and Girls in Science, is implemented by UNESCO and UN-Women in collaboration institutions and civil society partners.
- This Day is an opportunity to promote full and equal access to and participation in science for women and girls.

**13 FEB**

**SAROJINI NAIDU**

**NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

**Importance**  
To mark the birth anniversary of India's first women governor Sarojini Naidu. This day has been selected to observe as a National Woman Day in recognition of the works done by her for upliftment and development of women in India. Her name and birth date was proposed to celebrate as the National Women's Day in India by members of Bhartiya Mahila Sangh and Akhil Bhartiya Mahila Sammelan.

**Sarojini Naidu**  
(13 Feb 1879 to 2 Mar 1949)  
**The Nightingale of India**

- She was a child prodigy, a poet and an activist during the independence of India
- From 1947 to 1949, she served as the first woman to become the governor of an Indian state of United Provinces of Agra and Oudh
- In 1925, she served as second woman to become President of the Indian National Congress and the first Indian woman to do so
- Naidu joined the Indian national movement after the partition of Bengal in 1905
- In 1928, the British Government awarded her with the medal Naidu Kaiser-i-Hind for her work during the plague epidemic in India.

# Sports

- Who won the women's singles title at the National Badminton Championships 2023? **Anmol Kharb**
- Who won the title of Chennai Grand Masters 2023? **Dommaraju Gukesh**
- Who has clinched the Miss Maharashtra 2023 title? **Ketki Raut**
- Beatrice Chebet, who has set a new women's world record in the 5km race in Barcelona, hails from which country? **Kenya**
- Which country has named Pubity Athlete of the Year 2023? **Virat Kohli**
- Which country has clinched United Cup title 2024? **Germany**
- Who has won the gold medal in 57 kg category in the Zagreb Open 2024 wrestling tournament? Aman **Sehrawat**
- Which of the following player is the winner of Men's Singles India Open 2024? **Shi Yu Qi**
- Who has clinched "Asian Marathon Championship"? **Man Singh**
- Who has become the first Indian woman to receive the prestigious Arjuna Award in Equestrian? **Divyakriti Singh**
- Who has become the fastest bowler to take 7 wickets in an ODI International match? **Wanindu Hasaranga**
- Harith Noah, who has become first Indian to win the prestigious Dakar Rally, hail from which state? **Kerala**
- Who has become India's number one chess player, leaving behind Vishwanathan Anand? **R Praggnanandhaa**
- Which batsman made the record of scoring most centuries in T20 International? **Rohit Sharma**
- Name the first impartial woman umpire appointed by the ICC for a bilateral series? **Sue Redfern**
- Which state is hosting the "Khelo India Youth Games" between January 19-31? **Tamil Nadu**
- Who has been named as Balkan athlete of the year for a record eighth time? **Novak Djokovic**

**13 FEB**

**WORLD RADIO DAY**

**INCEPTION:** 2012  
**2024 THEME:**  
Radio: A century informing, entertaining and educating

**Importance**

To mark the inception of United Nations Radio in 1946.

**Motto**

To elaborate the role of radio as a way of educating people, providing information, and promoting freedom of expression across cultures.

**Organisation Involved**

UNESCO

**Background**

- In 2011, the Spanish Radio Academy proposed to UNESCO that there be a "World Radio Day".
- Radio is more than a century old now and has become entrenched in many cultures as a traditional means of social interaction and of education.
- It has also long played an important role in disaster relief and emergency response.

**20 FEB**

**WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**1ST OBSERVANCE:** 2009

**Motto**

To contribute to the efforts of the international community in poverty eradication, promotion of full employment and decent work, gender equity and justice for all.

**Need**

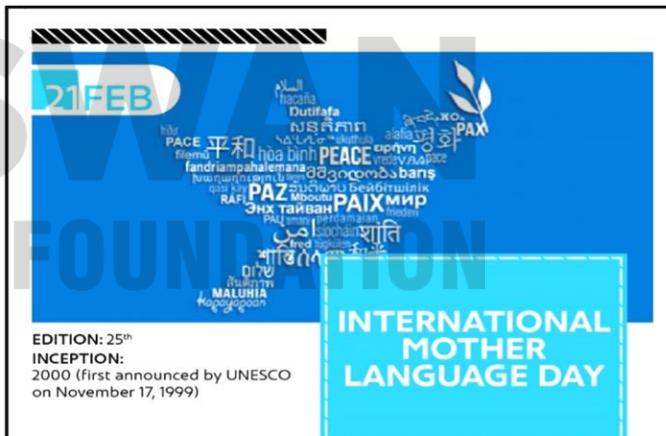
- To promote efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion and unemployment. Social justice is an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations.
- It upholds the principles of social justice when we promote gender equality or the rights of indigenous peoples and migrants.
- It advances social justice when we remove barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability.

**Note**

The United Nations General Assembly has decided to observe 20 February annually, approved on 26 November 2007 and starting in 2009, as the World Day of Social Justice.

## Science & Technology

- In which water area has the Indian Navy recently deployed indigenous guided missiles? **Gulf of Aden**
- Which company has introduced "Paat-Mitro" app for farmers? **Jute Corporation of India**
- Which space agency has recently tested innovative 3D-printed rotating detonation rocket engine? **NASA**
- Central Government has officially designated which airport as an authorized Immigration Check Post for entry and exit? **Raja Bhoj Airport**
- Which company will implement integrated tunnel communication system along the new Bhairabi-Sairang single line section? **RailTel**
- Which state has decided to use drone technology for land mapping? **Haryana**
- Which stealth guided-missile destroyer was recently inducted into the Indian Navy? **INS 'Imphal'**
- United States has launched Operation Prosperity Guardian to secure - **Red Sea**
- Which space agency has launched OSIRIS-APEX mission to study 'God of Chaos' asteroid? **NASA**
- Which company has built Missile Cum Ammunition Barges "LSAM 10", inducted recently in Indian Navy? **SECON Private Limited**
- Paramilitary Forces has launched which app for secure official Commute? **Sandes App**
- Which space agency will launch military's X-37B robot spaceplane? **SpaceX**
- What is the primary goal of ISRO's plan to launch 50 satellites in the next five years? **Strengthening national security through geo-intelligence gathering**
- What is the name of 7th 250 Men Ferrycraft delivered recently to Indian Navy? **Manjula**
- Recently, where has the new advanced design and test facility of HAL's Aero Engine Research & Development center has been inaugurated? **Bengaluru**
- Indian Space Research Organisation has recently launched maiden X-ray Polarimeter Satellite to probe - **Black Holes**
- Which company has become first EV Company in India to get Production Linked Incentive approval? **Ola Electric**
- What is the name of the lunar lander deployed by Astrobotic Technology for a lunar mission in 2024? **Peregrine Lander**
- Which neighbouring country will sell 10,000 MW electricity to India for next 10 years? **Nepal**
- NHPC Limited will built Kuppa Hydro Storage Project in which state? **Gujarat**
- Who has received "Order Of The British Empire" for space science leadership? **Adrian Cruise**
- DRDO has recently launched which indigenous assault rifle for armed forces? **Ugram**
- Which country has initiated the Green Fuels Alliance with India for sustainable energy solutions? **Denmark**
- Which ship of the Indian Navy has recently decommissioned in January 2024? **INS Cheetah**
- Oxford Scientists has launched first human vaccine trials for which virus? **Nipah virus**
- Which company has demonstrated zero emission 'hydrogen cooking'? **NTPC**
- Where has the Asia's largest aviation expo "Wings India 2024" organised? **Hyderabad**
- British Petroleum will set up technical centre in which city? **Pune**
- Where has the first pilot project to make jet fuel from alcohol launched by Hardeep Singh Puri? **Pune**
- In January 2024, which country has become fifth country to land on "The Moon" successfully? **Japan**



**EDITION:** 25<sup>th</sup>  
**INCEPTION:** 2000 (first announced by UNESCO on November 17, 1999)

**Importance**  
To mark the killing of four students on February 21, 1952, because they campaigned to officially use their mother language, Bengali, in Bangladesh.

**Motto**  
To promote the awareness of language and cultural diversity all across the world.

**Organisation Involved**  
UNESCO

**Note**  
• In Bangladesh, 21st February marks the anniversary of the day when Bengalis fought for the recognition of Bangla language.  
• SANSKRIT is one of the official languages of India, and is popularly known as a classical language of the country.  
• Chinese is the single most spoken language in the world today with around 1.2 billion people who consider it their first language.

## Miscellaneous

- When has the National Mathematics Day celebrated recently? **22 December**
- Good Governance Day 2023 has been observed on which day of December? **25 December**
- The recently launched book "Breaking the Mould: Reimagining India's Economic Future" is authored by whom? **Raghuram Rajan**
- Where did the 8th edition of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Conclave of Chiefs (CoC) take place? **Bangkok, Thailand**
- On which day the state of Madhya Pradesh has recently celebrated "Tabla Divas" as per the announcement made by Chief Minister Mohan Yadav? **December 25**
- On which day, Indian National Congress has celebrated its 139th Foundation Day? **28th December**
- Which armed force has unveiled new Admirals' Epaulettes design inspired by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's Rajmudra? **Indian Navy**
- The recently launched book "The Babri Masjid Ram Mandir Dilemma" has been authored by whom? **Madhav Godbole**
- India has conducted "Desert Cyclone 2024" military exercise with UAE in which state? **Rajasthan**
- Rani Velu Nachiyar, whose 294th birth anniversary has been observed on 3rd January 2024, belongs to which present Indian state? **Tamil Nadu**
- What role does Canara Bank's Cybersecurity Wing aim to play in combating online threats? **Enhancing customer trust**
- What is the theme of World Braille Day 2024? **Empowering Through Inclusion and Diversity**
- Which city has topped in "Top Cities for Women in India 2023" index? **Chennai**
- Which country has registered second highest cancer deaths in Asia, 9.3 lakh? **India**
- Who has claimed the fastest solo ski across Antarctica recently? **Harpreet Chandi**
- Recently, former President Ram Nath Kovind launched a book titled 'Naye Bharat Ka Samveda' focusing on the impactful speeches of which prominent Indian leader? **Narendra Modi**
- When has the "Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas" celebrated recently? **09 January**
- When has World Hindi Day celebrated recently? **10 January**
- Where will the Indian Navy's multinational exercise 'MILAN'-24 be organised? **Visakhapatnam**
- Who has become Asia's wealthiest man by surpassing \$100 billion? **Mukesh Ambani**
- What is the theme of National Youth Day 2024? **Arise, Awake, and Realise the Power You Hold**
- What is the position of India in 2024 Henley Passport Index? **80th**
- Maritime exercise 'Ayutthaya' is conducted between the navies of India and which country? **Thailand**
- What is India's rank among the world's most powerful armies in the Global Firepower Ranking? **4th**
- What is the projected global unemployment rate in 2024, as per the ILO's 2024 'World Employment and Social Outlook' report? **5.2%**
- Where has the 12th edition of the MILAN 2024 naval exercise scheduled to be held? **Visakhapatnam**
- Which operation has been launched by Indian Army to eradicate terrorists in Rajouri and Poonch areas? **Operation Sarvashakti**
- India has secured which spot in Global Firepower Rankings 2024? **Fourth**
- Who is the chief architect of the construction of Ayodhya Ram temple, inaugurated recently? **Chandrakant Sompura**
- On which date did Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya celebrate their statehood day under the North Eastern Region Act 1971? **January 21**
- India will send an industry delegation for copper mining in which country? **Zambia**
- When is 'Parakram Diwas' celebrated every year in India? **23 January**
- Sri Ram Mahotsav and Khadi Samvad has been organized in which village of Haryana? **Jhumpa**
- Who has recently launched a book titled "Assam's Braveheart Lachit Barphukan" in Guwahati, Assam? **Amit Shah**

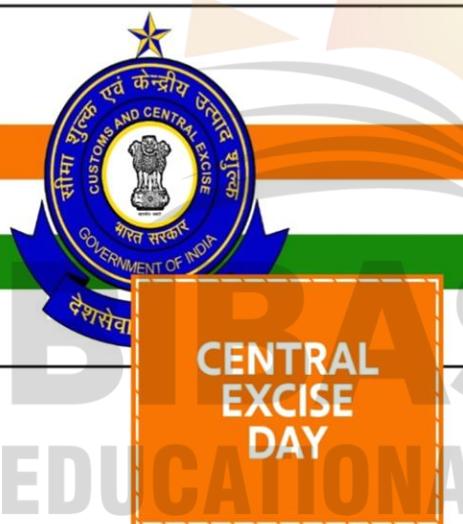
## Important Days

<b>Day</b>	<b>Observed/Celebrated As</b>	<b>Theme/Importance</b>
01-Feb	Indian Coast Guard Day	To mark the inception of interim Indian Coast guard on 1 February 1977
02-Feb	World Wetlands Day	Wetlands Restoration
04-Feb	World Cancer Day	Uniting our voices and taking action
06-Feb	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation	Accelerating Investment to End FGM
10-Feb	National De-worming Day	Krimi se chhutkara, sehatmand bhavishya hamara
11-Feb	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	To recognize the critical role women and girls play in science and technology
13-Feb	National Women's Day	To mark the birth anniversary of India's first women governor Sarojini Naidu.
13-Feb	World Radio Day	Radio and Peace
20-Feb	World Day of Social Justice	To promote efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion and unemployment
21-Feb	International Mother Language Day	To promote the awareness of language and cultural diversity all across the world
24-Feb	Central Excise Day	To mark the establishment of the Central Excise and Salt Act on 24th of February in the year 1944.
27-Feb	World NGO Day	To celebrate, commemorate and collaborate with the various NGOs around the world.
28-Feb	National Science Day	Global Science for Global Wellbeing

## Let's Recap

- Assam has celebrated the 401 birth anniversary of which Ahom General on 24th of November? **Lachit Borphukan**
- Which company has received the "Best Employer for Policies in Diversity & Inclusion"? **REC Limited**
- UP government has decided to transform which expressway into the state's first solar expressway? **Bundelkhand Expressway**
- Global Professional Accountants Convention inaugurated in which city? **Gandhinagar**
- Who has become the fourth Indian to be honored with Pakistan's highest civilian award? **Dr Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin**
- Which state government has recently launched "Mission Daksh"? **Bihar**

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### Importance

To mark the establishment of the Central Excise and Salt Act on 24th of February in the year 1944.

### Motto

To encourage the equality among the officers of the Central Board of Excise and Customs Department as well as assist them to ensure better tax observance.

### Why Celebrated?

The celebration of the day means to collect tax over the goods and by the people earning over the limit which has been decided according to the terms of Central Excise Act in the year 1944.

The tax payable rate has been set under Schedule I and II according to the Central Excise Tariff Act in the year 1985.

### Note

- Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) is a part of the Department of Revenue under the Union Ministry of Finance.
- The CBEC deals with policy formulation concerning levy and collection of Customs and central excise duties and service tax.

- The Diamond Jubilee of India's first sounding rocket launch was commemorated in which state? **Kerala**
- Recently, RBI has slapped penalties on Citibank, Bank of Baroda, and Indian Overseas Bank due to which reason? **Non-Compliance**
- Who has been awarded by the ISB Research Catalyst Award? **Kris Gopalakrishnan**
- What is the main focus of the recent memorandum of understanding signed between India and the European Union? **To develop semiconductor ecosystem and enhance resilience in the semiconductor supply chain**
- What percentage reduction in emissions has the IEA propose by 2030 for a 1.5 degrees Celsius scenario? **60% reduction in emissions by 2030**
- Which company has won the second prize in the "Annual Report" category at the "PRSI National Awards" 2023? **NHPC Limited**
- India's largest tiger reserve will set up in which district of Madhya Pradesh? **Damoh**
- Who has become first Indian shooter to win a medal in 25m Rapid Fire at ISSF World Cup Final? **Anish Bhanwala**
- Recently, Uttar Pradesh government has declared which day as "no non-veg day"? **November 25**
- Who has clinched the World 6 Red Women Championships title at Doha? **Vidya Pillai**
- Which ministry has been awarded by the Special Appreciation Medal for Excellence in Display, at India International Trade Fair 2023? **Ministry of Power**
- NASSCOM has signed an MoU with NRW.Global Business to promote innovation and technological exchange between India and which country? **Germany**
- Veteran Gujarati photo journalist Zaverilal Mehta, who has passed away recently, was awarded by Padma Sri Civilian in which year? **2018**
- Indian Immunologicals has launched which Measles and Rubella Vaccine for children? **Mabellla**
- International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people has been observed on which day? **29 November**
- Who has been appointed as the new chief secretary of Jammu and Kashmir? **Atal Dulloo**
- Which English language word has been chosen as "word of the year" by Merriam-Webster? **Authentic**
- Cabinet has approved the extension of "Garib Kalyan" food grain programme for how many years? **5 years**

- Which country has named the cyclone 'Michaung' formed in the Bay of Bengal? **Myanmar**
- Who has been re-appointed as the CEO of OpenAI? **Sam Altman**
- Where is the 40th Coast Guard Commanders' Conference being held? **New Delhi**
- Rural Marketing Association of India has appointed whom as its president for 2023-2025? **Puneet Vidyarthi**
- International Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare has been observed of which day? **30 November**
- Which state hockey team has won the 13th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2023? **Punjab**
- Where is the COP-28 summit being organized? **Dubai**
- Where has the India International Trade Fair organized? **New Delhi**
- Name the author and translator, who has recently conferred with French Honour? **Arshia Sattar**
- Which state has recently celebrated its 61st Statehood Day on December 1st? **Nagaland**
- Who has taken over the position of Director General (Inspection and Safety) of Indian Air Force? **Makarand Ranade**
- What is the name of the first X-Ray Polarimeter Satellite, launched recently by ISRO? **XPoSat**
- Which state government has launched "Mission Daksh" to minimise school dropout? **Bihar**
- FITEXPO INDIA 2023 has begun in which city? **Kolkata**
- Who has topped in The Hurun's list of 200 self-made entrepreneurs? **Radhakishan Damani**
- What is the mascot of Khelo India Para Games 2023? **'Ujjwala'**
- Where has the world's first portable hospital inaugurated? **Gurugram**
- In December 2023, India has been re-elected to which international organisation? **International Maritime Organization**
- Who has presented The National Awards for empowerment of Divyangjan on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities? **Droupadi Murmu**
- Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2023 is being organized in which city? **New Delhi**
- Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Indian Council of Forestry Research Education? **Kanchan Devi**
- Who has been named as Telangana's new Chief Minister? **Revanth Reddy**
- Which company has released first-ever 1000-Qubit Quantum Chip? **IBM**
- Captain Geetika Koul has been deployed at which location, marking a significant stride towards gender inclusivity in India's armed forces? **Siachen**
- What award did ISRO and the Chandrayaan-3 team receive recently? **Outstanding Contribution to Brand India**
- Which English word has been chosen as the Oxford Word of the Year 2023? "**Rizz**"
- Which ministry has launched Geographic Information System application "Gram Manchitra"? **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**
- Who has become the new Vice Chief of Naval Staff? **Dinesh Tripathi**
- Who has taken charge as executive director of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India? **Jithesh John**
- Which Indian-origin novelist was honored with Singapore's highest art honour? **Meera Chand**
- Who has become the first Indian to operate Mars rover? **Akshata Krishnamurthy**
- Who has been named Time Magazine's Athlete of the Year for 2023? **Lionel Messi**

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**WORLD NGO DAY**

**Motto**  
To celebrate, commemorate and collaborate with the various NGOs around the world.

**Founded by**  
Marcis Litors Skadmanis

**Year 2010**  
1st time marked by the UN, EU leaders and international organizations  
The term "non-governmental organization" was created in Article 71 of the Charter of the newly formed United Nations in 1945.  
An NGO can be any kind of organization provided that it is independent from government influence and is not-for-profit.

**Facts**  
World NGO Day was officially recognised and declared by the 12 member countries (Belarus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Norway and Sweden).

- Who has been selected as the new BBC chairman? **Dr Samir Shah**
- Recently, USD 175 million loan agreement have been signed with Asian Development Bank for road improvement in which state? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Who has been named 'Person of the Year' by Time Magazine? **Taylor Swift**
- Marapi' volcano has recently erupted, in which country is it located? **Indonesia**
- Who inaugurated the Uttarakhand Global Investors Summit? **Narendra Modi**
- In December 2023, whose statue has unveiled in Jaipur Wax Museum? **Dr BR Ambedkar**
- The successful training launch of which short-range ballistic missile carried out in December 2023? **Agni-1**
- Maharashtra government has joined hands with which organization for natural farming? **Art of Living**
- Name the veteran actor who has passed away recently, also known as Junior Mehmood? **Naeem Sayyed**



**2024 THEME:** Close the Care Gap  
The theme seeks to counter the negative attitude and fatalistic belief that nothing can be done about cancer, and instead promotes how our personal actions can be powerful and impactful.

#### Importance

To mark the establishment of World Cancer Day on 4 February 2000 at the World Cancer Summit in Paris.

#### Motto

To raise awareness of cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment.

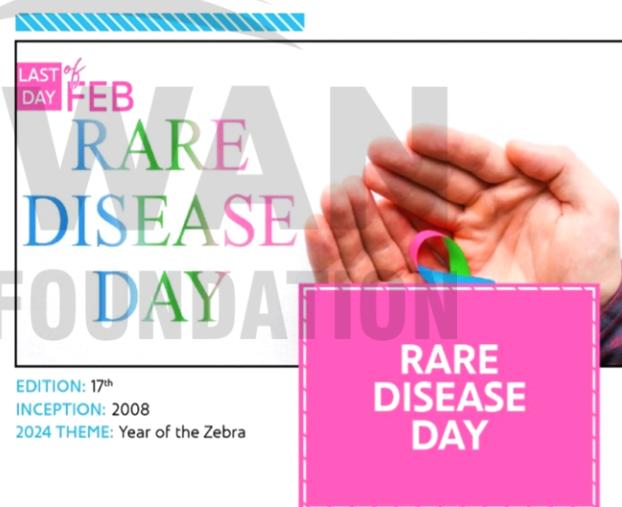
#### Organisation Involved

Union for International Cancer Control (UICC).

- Recently, Reserve Bank of India has raised the UPI limit for healthcare and education to how much? **Rs 5 Lakh**
- Which country has become pioneer lead country for International Maritime Organisation's GreenVoyage2050 Project? **India**

- The Ministry of Defence has partnered with which company for the Indian Coast Guard's Digital Coast Guard (DCG) project? **TCIL**
- Who has been chosen as the new chief minister of Chhattisgarh? **Vishnu Deo Sai**
- What is the theme of International Mountain Day 2023? **Restoring Mountain Ecosystems**
- Lakadong turmeric, which has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag recently, produced in which state? **Meghalaya**
- Which country has started world's first fourth-generation nuclear reactor? **China**
- Madhya Pradesh's newly elected Chief Minister Mohan Yadav hails from which assembly constituency? **Ujjain South**
- Which armed force has recently concluded bi-annual exercise named "Prasthan"? **Indian Navy**
- What is the theme of United Nations Human Rights Day 2023? **Freedom, Equality and Justice for All**
- In which state is the annual "Shar Amartala Torgya" festival has recently celebrated? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- What is the depth of the recently launched underground lab by China in Sichuan Province? **2400-metre**
- Whose memoir "Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein" has been selected for 33rd Vyas Samman award 2023? **Pushpa Bharati**
- Which country has emerged as world's largest source of opium in the year 2023? **Myanmar**
- Which bank has recently launched "Nari Shakti Savings Account For Women"? **Bank of India**
- Which armed force has organised 15th Capacity Building Senior Officers' Meet? **Indian Coast Guard**
- Who has become the first woman medical officer to be posted at the 'operational post' of Siachen Glacier? **Fatima Wasim**
- Who has been awarded the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for November 2023? **Nahida Akhtar**
- How much US dollars will IMF provide to Sri Lanka to improve its economy? **337 million**
- In December 2023, BCCI has recommended Arjuna Award which Indian Cricketer? **Mohammed Shami**
- In December 2023, who has been suspended from Rajya Sabha for remaining session over "ignoble misconduct" and "gross defiance" of Chair's directions? **Derek O'Brien**
- Reserve Bank of India has authorised which bank to disburse pension to railway employee? **Bandhan Bank**
- Bipin Chandra, who has bagged champion of change award is the founder and CEO of which company? **Esyssoft**

- State Bank of India has signed 70 million euro Line of Credit with which bank for promoting solar project in the country? **German Development Bank**
- Which Naval Ship has recently arrived at Manila, Philippines for long range op deployment? **INS Kadmat**
- Who has topped in UK list of the "Top 50 Asian Celebrities in the World"? **Shah Rukh Khan**
- Who has been selected by the London-based Royal Society of Chemistry to receive its Nyholm Prize for Education? **Savita Ladage**
- Who has won Gold medal in Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 event at Khelo India Para Games 2023? **Manish Narwal**
- Tamil Nadu's Kasthuri Rajamani has won Gold in which category at Khelo India Para Games 2023? **67kg**
- Who won the title of Miss India USA 2023? **Rijul Maini**
- Indian Navy has signed MoU with which Indian Institute of Technology for innovation and research? **IIT Kanpur**
- Norovirus, which has recently rises in UK, causes which disease? **Diarrhea**
- Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University will built in which state following the Central Universities (Amendment), Bill, 2023? **Telangana**
- Which ministry has recently launched LEADS 2023 Report? **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**
- Which country decided Social Media limits for Under-16 year old child? **United Kingdom**
- Who has won his maiden Senior National 15-Red snooker title? **Sourav Kothari**
- Which film has won Best film award at Kolkata International Film Festival? **Children of Nobody**
- Which state has recorded highest number of deaths in 2022 from Tiger attacks? **Maharashtra**
- Who has been appointed by the Israeli government as the new Ambassador to India? **Reuven Azar**
- In December 2023, which missile has made record by hitting four targets at once at 25km? **Akash**
- Recently, which entertainment company has clinched 13 trophies at the Promax Global Awards 2023? **Shemaroo Entertainment**
- Who was recently elected the President of Indian Wrestling Federation? **Sanjay Singh**
- In December 2023, World Health Organization officially acknowledged which disease as a Neglected Tropical Disease? **Noma**
- Ministry of Defence has signed Rs 1,614.89 crore contract with which shipbuilding company for procurement of six Offshore Patrol Vessels? **Mazagon Dockyard Shipbuilders Ltd**
- National Skill Development Corporation has signed MoU with which country to protect rights of skilled labourers? **Saudi Arabia**
- Who has been elected Speaker of Chhattisgarh State Assembly? **Raman Singh**
- Goa Liberation Day has recently been observed on which day of December? **19 December**
- Recently, India has started its first winter scientific expedition in which area? **Arctic region**
- When has the International Human Solidarity Day celebrated? **20 December**
- How many people will be honored with the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2023? **02**
- Who has recently taken over as The Director General of Prisons? **Maheshwar Dayal**
- Which state government has approved the proposal to build first Advanced Pediatric Center in the state? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Who has been honoured with the "CMD of the Year" award at the 13th PSE Excellence Awards? **Pradip Kumar Das**
- Which company has received the 11th edition of the FICCI Water Award 2023 under the "Industrial Water Use Efficiency" category? **NTPC Kanti**
- Bhoomi Rashi Portal' is an initiative of which ministry? **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways**

**Motto**

To raise awareness amongst the general public and decision-makers about rare diseases and their impact on patients' lives.

**Fact**

Rare diseases currently affect 3.5% - 5.9% of the worldwide population.

**Note**

\* Rare Disease Day was first launched by EURORDIS and its Council of National Alliances in 2008.

\* The campaign started as a European event and has progressively become a world phenomenon, with the USA joining in 2009 and participation in over 100 countries all over the world in past year.

## Quick Bytes

- Union Ayush Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal Lays Foundation Stone For Groundbreaking ‘Ayush Diksha’ Centre In Bhubaneswar
- Indian Army Launches Operation Sarvashakti To Eliminate Terrorists
- RBI Approves Praveen Achuthan Kutty As DCB Bank MD & CEO
- Sony Terminates \$10 Billion Merger Deal With Zee Entertainment
- Wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya Claims Bronze At France’s Grand Prix
- SpaceX Launches Ax-3 Mission To ISS With First Turkish Astronaut Onboard
- Central Government Launches ‘Anuvadini’ App For Multilingual Education
- Cabo Verde Achieves Malaria-Free Certification By WHO
- Switzerland-India Free Trade Agreement Concluded After 16-Year Negotiation Saga
- YES BANK Achieves Milestone As First Indian Bank On RXIL’s ITFS Platform
- AIIB Invests \$58.4 Million In India’s Largest Renewable Energy InvIT
- PM Modi Launches Sunrise Scheme To Install Solar Panels In 10 Million Households
- BCCI Awards 2023, Shubman Gill & Ravi Shastri To Be Honoured
- Amit Shah Unveils ‘Assam’s Braveheart Lachit Barphukan’ Book In Delhi
- Kachchhi Kharek Gem From Kutch Receives GI Tag
- Carlos Sainz makes history at 61: wins fourth Dakar Rally Title.
- V Muraleedharan represent India at G-77 third summit in Uganda.
- India secures first vice chair position in FAO COFI Sub-Committee.
- Jharkhand inaugurated centralised Akshayapatra Kitchen for midday meals
- Hrithik Roshan: brand ambassador for RuPay prime volleyball league 3.
- PM Launches Khelo India Youth Games 2023 In Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- PM Initiates 8 AMRUT Projects Worth Rs. 2,000 Crores In Solapur, Maharashtra
- UNDP And EU Allocate \$420,000+ For Deforestation, Food Security, Climate Change To Papua New Guinea
- Himachal Pradesh Launches ‘My School-My Pride’ For Education Transformation
- India Launches “Alliance For Global Good-Gender Equity And Equality” At World Economic Forum
- Bengaluru, Delhi Airports Get Best Airport Award At Wings India
- Skyways Air Services Wins Best Cargo Services Award At Wings India Awards
- PepsiCo India Appoints Marketing Chief Jagrut Kotecha As New CEO
- National Farmers Society, IndiaAI, Wadhwanai Foundation Signs MoU For AI-Driven Agriculture
- “Conversations With Aurangzeb”: A Novel By Charu Nivedita
- Google Pay India inks MoU with NPCI to expand UPI.
- SCOPE Award 2024: SJVN, PFC, BHEL, NLC, REC, and RailTel won award.
- Adani's Rs 62,400 Cr investment for Data Centres and Renewable Energy.
- Real Madrid's dominant 4-1 victory over Barcelona in Spanish Super Cup
- Djokovic named Balkan athlete of the year for a record eighth time.
- NSE retains position as the world's largest exchange in 2023.
- Padmanabhaswamy to gift traditional Onavillu Bow to Ayodhya Ram Temple
- The Government of India includes Farsi (Persian) as one of the nine classical languages under the New Education Policy.
- Global Firepower Rankings 2024: India secured 4th strongest military.
- TCS ranked 2nd in world's most valuable IT services brands.
- MeitY Secretary Launches India's First Graphene Centre And IoT CoE In Kerala
- Tallest Ambedkar Statue Unveiled In Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
- ICICI Bank Canada Launches ‘Money2India (Canada)’ Mobile Banking App
- Indian Army, MeitY Collaborate For Enhanced Defense Technology
- Apple Surpasses Samsung As Top Smartphone Maker For The First Time Since 2010
- Adani Group Announces Rs 50,000 Crore Investment For 1 GW Data Centre In Maharashtra
- Assam Govt Unveils Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan
- Senior IPS Officer Daljit Singh Chaudhary Appointed Director General Of Sashastra Seema Bal

- Assam Govt To Honor Ex-CJI Ranjan Gogoi With 'Assam Baibhav' Award
- Gianni Infantino Honored With Sports Personality Award In Dubai
- Foxconn And HCL Group Forge Partnership For Chip Packaging Unit In India
- L&T Secures 'Mega Order' For Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Electrification Project
- TCS Ranked Second Most Valuable IT Brand In Global List
- Chhattisgarh Launches Mahtari Vandana Yojana 2024
- Rohit Sharma Tops List Of Batters With Most Hundreds In T20
- Asian Shooting Championship 2024, Jakarta: Yogesh Bags Dual Gold, Lakshay Takes Bronze
- Indian Space Research Organisation's development, the second-generation 'Distress Alert Transmitter' (DAT-SG), is a remarkable advancement in satellite communication and navigation capabilities.
- IIT Madras and Altair Collaborate to Launch eMobility Simulation Lab
- Varanasi: first city in India to develop 3D urban spatial digital twin
- Maharashtra inks MoUs worth Rs 4 lakh crore at World Economic Forum.
- Jagdeep Dhankhar unveils 'Fertilising the Future': Bharat's Fertilizer
- KVIC launched 'Sanatan Khadi Vastra' for "Republic Day".
- Shantanu Jha assumed as chief staff officer at eastern naval command.
- MeitY Secretary, Shri S Krishnan, inaugurates "Centre of Excellence in Intelligent IoT Sensors" and "India Innovation Centre for Graphene" in Kochi
- Janhavi Hirudkar triumphs in U-16 National Cross Country Championship
- The Ministry of Home Affairs in India has revoked the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Act, 2020, registration of the Centre for Policy Research (CPR) in New Delhi, alleging violations.
- India To Host Year-Long 'Ramayan' Festival From Delhi
- Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty Assumes Role As Commandant, Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala
- LIC Overtakes SBI To Become The Most Valuable PSU
- The startup ecosystem in India witnessed a significant boost as Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu emerged as the best-performing states in the Startup Ranking for 2022.
- In a historic move, the Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy (RTN) joined forces for the maiden bilateral exercise named 'Ex-Ayutthaya'
- US Leads 2024 Military Rankings, India Fourth, Bhutan Ranks Lowest
- World Economic Forum And Telangana Government Collaborate To Establish C4IR In Hyderabad
- IndoSpace Signs Rs 2000 Cr Deal With Tamil Nadu Govt
- The Book "An Uncommon Love: The Early Life Of Sudha And Narayana Murthy" Released
- Praggnanandhaa Surpasses Viswanathan Anand To Become India's No.1 Chess Player
- INOX inks MoU with Maharashtra for \$3 Billion Green Ammonia Plant.
- Yes Bank partners with Veefin to launch SmartFin for digital supply.
- REC Limited received prestigious ICAI award for financial reporting.
- Malayalam Music director K J Joy passed away at 77.
- CDS Gen Anil Chauhan inaugurates CAPSTER – 09: Focus on AI in warfare.
- Oldest Olympian and Former Hockey Player, Ajit Singh Gill, dies at 95.
- PM Modi To Inaugurate NACIN Campus In Andhra Pradesh
- Reformist Arevalo Sworn In As Guatemala President
- Switzerland To Host Ukraine Peace Summit On Zelenskiy's Request
- Kerala Launches Operation AMRITH To Combat AMR
- Yes Bank Introduces Veefin's SmartFin For Digital Supply Chain Finance
- India Secures Lithium Blocks In Argentina To Address ₹24,000 Crore Import Dependency
- VICE ADMIRAL AN PRAMOD APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL NAVAL OPERATIONS
- US Air Force Officer Madison Marsh Becomes First Active-Duty Winner Of Miss America 2024
- Deepa Bhandare Makes History As First Female To Receive VSI Award
- ICC Players Of The Month For December 2023, Pat Cummins And Deepti Sharma
- Malayalam Music Director K J Joy Passes Away
- Sunil Dahiya as next director of Engineering Projects (India) Limited.
- NHAI implements 'One Vehicle, One FASTag' initiative for seamless toll
- M.J. Akbar and Natwar Singh launch "Gandhi: A Life in Three Campaign".
- Harith Noah creates history as the first Indian to secure a stage victory at the prestigious Dakar Rally.
- Sharmistha Mukherjee presents 'Pranab My Father' book to PM Modi.
- Indian Army launched Operation Sarvashakti in Jammu and Kashmir.

- Army signed agreement for cancer treatment to ECHS beneficiaries.
- Ajay Bhatt flags off indigenous Astra Missile for IAF delivery.
- 'Bhishm,' a 25T Bollard Pull Tug, launched in 'Make in India' triumph
- Central Government approves Ritu Goswami as Director (Technical) at Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers (RCF) Limited.
- Manoj Kumar, CMD & Executive Director of Western Coalfields Limited (Vekoli), received the prestigious "IMMA Lifetime Achievement Award."
- Himalayan Wolf has been assessed for the first time on the IUCN Red List, categorizing it as "Vulnerable."
- J P Nadda, the President of BJP, inaugurates the Namo NavMatdatta registration portal in New Delhi.
- The World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos, under the theme 'Rebuilding Trust,' to be attended by Smriti Irani, Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Hardeep Puri.
- Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu formally asks India to withdraw military personnel by March 15.
- Dr. V.K. Saraswat inaugurated the first National Highway Steel Slag Road section on NH-66 Mumbai-Goa.
- Shaun Marsh, the Australian cricketer, officially retires from professional cricket.
- Denmark's King Frederik X Ascends As Queen Margrethe II Steps Down After 52 Years
- Taiwan Elects Pro-Sovereignty William Lai In Historic Election, Further Straining China Ties
- Maharashtra's Pench Tiger Reserve Achieves Milestone As India's First Dark Sky Park
- Union Minister of State for Defence, Ajay Bhatt, marked a historic moment on January 14, by flagging off the indigenously developed Astra air-to-air missiles.
- India's Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh, has recently approved a groundbreaking scheme aimed at providing insurance cover to casual workers employed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to release ₹540 crore, the inaugural tranche of funding, for pucca homes under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) on January 15.
- A Book Named "Gandhi A Life In Three Campaigns" Launched By M.J. Akbar
- Madhya Pradesh Clinches Overall Championship In Inaugural Diu Beach Games 2024
- In a significant step towards modernization and operational efficiency, the Indian Army has declared 2024 as the "Year of Technology Absorption."
- Classical Singer Prabha Atre Passes Away At 91
- Renowned Urdu Poet Munawwar Rana Passes Away At 71
- Denmark's Crown Prince Frederik to become the New King
- Indra Mani Pandey assumed role of BIMSTEC Secretary General
- WHO launched medicine codes for Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani Systems
- Security agreement signed between Ukraine and Britain
- State of Emergency declared in Papua New Guinea
- South Korea passed bill prohibiting Dog meat consumption and sale
- SBI unveils green rupee term deposit to boost eco-friendly initiatives
- PM Modi and President Al Nahyan sealed deals with strategic MoUs
- Denmark announced alliance on green fuels in India
- Eros Investments unveiled plans for INR 16,000 Cr 'Immerso AI Park'
- Sheetal Devi, the world's first armless woman archer won Arjuna Award
- Shirshendu Mukyopadhyaya honored with Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar 2023
- Fresh Oil Discovery In Krishna-Godavari Basin By ONGC
- Maharashtra Government Declares New Atpadi Conservation Reserve In Sangli District
- Shanghai's NDB Commits \$500 Million Loan For Gujarat's Infrastructure Development
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) achieved a significant milestone with the successful flight test of the New Generation AKASH (AKASH-NG) missile.
- Joint Exercise 'Sahyog Kaijin' Between Indian And Japanese Coast Guards
- NPCI Launches UPI-PayNow Linkage For Cross-Border Remittances Between India And Singapore
- Government Approves 1-Year Extension For RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra
- Tata Consumer Products Acquires 100% Stake In Capital Foods For ₹5,100 Crore
- 'Yuva Nidhi' Scheme Launched For Jobless Youth In Shivamogga, Karnataka
- NICMAR Hyderabad Achieves Platinum Certification Under IGBC Green Campus Rating
- Savita Kanswal Posthumously Honored With Tenzing Norgay Award
- Manish Jain's Appointment As Country Managing Director For Experian India
- IIT Madras To Establish New Campus In Kandy, Sri Lanka

- Security Agreement Signed Between Ukraine And Britain In Kyiv
- New Zealand's veteran pace bowler Tim Southee has created history by becoming the first bowler to take 150 wickets in T20 Internationals.
- Mitsubishi Heavy Launches H-IIA Rocket Carrying Japan's Spy Satellite
- Meghalaya's Byrnihat India's most polluted city In 2023
- Singapore's airport earns the title Of world's best airport in 2023.
- IMF approved \$700 million loan as part of Pakistan bailout.
- Rural Ministry partners with SBI for SHG loans.
- Upal Kundu takes charge as chief of staff, southern naval command
- Varanasi and Prayagraj, clinch top positions as the Cleanest Ganga Towns in the Swachh Survekshan 2023 Awards organized by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry.
- Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia announces the inauguration of five new airports in Uttar Pradesh within a month, boosting the state's total to 19.
- Sarbananda Sonowal to lay the foundation stone of the permanent campus for the Regional Research Institute for Homoeopathy and Integrated Ayush Wellness Centre at Azara, Guwahati
- IIT Delhi develops 'Work4Food,' ensuring government-mandated minimum wage compensations for delivery workers.
- Maheshwar Rao appointed as managing director of Bangalore Metro.
- Hyundai and IIT Madras to establish a 'Hydrogen Innovation Valley'.
- Naveen Patnaik Inaugurates Malkangiri Airport In Odisha
- Simmtech To Set Up Semiconductor Plant In Sanand, Gujarat
- Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023: Indore And Surat Share Cleanest City Title
- Rear Admiral Upal Kundu Takes Charge As Chief Of Staff, Southern Naval Command
- Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav Launched A Book Titled 'Modi: Energising A Green Future'
- Aman Sherawat Secures 57kg Gold In 2024 Zagreb Open Singles
- Rhythm Sangwan Clinches 16th Olympic Quota For 2024 Paris Games
- China Deploys 'Einstein Probe,' A Lotus-Shaped Satellite, To Monitor Cosmic Turbulence
- India to chair, host UNESCO's World Heritage Committee in 2024
- Global unemployment set to reach 5.2% in 2024: ILO reports
- SBI, DAY-NRLM to facilitate Enterprise Financing for rural SHG women
- PM to inaugurate 27th National Youth Festival in Nashik, Maharashtra
- CNN-News18 Indian of The Year 2023: Shah Rukh Khan won the award.
- Begumpet airport in Hyderabad is gearing up for Wings India 2024, scheduled from January 18-21, 2024.
- The International Hockey Federation (FIH) signed a four-year media rights agreement with Viacom18, spanning from 2023 to 2027.
- Experian, the credit bureau, has appointed Manish Jain as its new Managing Director for India.
- In the latest ICC Men's Test rankings, India's Virat Kohli climbed 3 spots to secure the 6th rank in batting.
- New Republic Day Pact Allows States One Tableau Every Three Years
- Chhattisgarh Launches "Ramlala Darshan" Scheme: Free Pilgrimage To Ayodhya Dham
- Maharashtra Creates New Safe Haven For Endangered Canids And Diverse Wildlife
- Indian Navy Gets First India-Made Long Endurance Drishti 10 Starliner Drone
- Street Vendors Get A Boost: PAiSA Dashboard & PM SVANidhi Portal Launched
- Maldives And China Sign 20 Agreements For Diverse Cooperation
- Scientists From Mauritius And Bangladesh Join India's 43rd Antarctic Expedition
- Senthil Pandian C Appointed As India's WTO Ambassador
- Tshering Tobgay Re-Elected As Bhutan's Prime Minister
- Divyakriti Singh Becomes 1st Indian Woman Arjuna Awardee For Equestrian Sports
- India surpassed Taiwan in MSCI EM Index, ranks second after China.
- U.P. govt to install solar rooftops on 25000 Varanasi households.
- Mamata Banerjee launched Gangasagar Mela at Outram Ghat.
- Obama, Mulaney, Burnett Triumph at 75th Creative Arts Emmy Awards.
- DRDO launched 'Ugram' - indigenous assault rifle for armed forces.
- Microsoft launched AI Odyssey to skill 100,000 developers in India.
- INS Kabra arrived in Colombo, Sri Lanka, strengthening bilateral ties.

- Ujjain Unveils India's First Hygienic Food Street 'Prasadam'
- Gabriel Attal Becomes France's Youngest-Ever Prime Minister At 34
- U.S. Designates Countries Including China, North Korea, Pakistan For Religious Freedom Violations
- Indian Navy's P-8I Aircraft Reaches Guam For Exercise Sea Dragon 24
- IndusInd Bank Introduces 'Samman RuPay Credit Card' For Government Employees
- LIC Approves Acquisition Of 10% Stake In NHB-Promoted Company
- PFC Secures RBI Approval For IFSC Finance Company In GIFT City
- India To Chair UNESCO's World Heritage Committee And Host 46th Session In 2024
- Piyush Goyal Inaugurates Indus Food 2024 In Greater Noida
- PM Modi Inaugurates Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show In Gandhinagar
- Gensol Engineering Allocates Rs 2,000 Crore For Gujarat EV Plant
- Singapore's Changi Airport Earns The Title Of World's Best Airport For 2023
- Samir Kumar Sinha Assumes Role As DG (Acquisition) In Defence Ministry
- Alexander Zverev-Led Germany Defeats Swiatek's Poland In United Cup
- German Actor Christian Oliver Dies In Plane Crash
- Maestro Ustad Rashid Khan Passes Away At 55
- Red Ant Chutney Of Odisha Receives Geographical Indication (GI) Tag
- First Meeting Of Inland Waterways Development Council Held In Kolkata
- Mamata Banerjee Launches 'Yogyasree' For SC/ST Students In West Bengal
- Government To Invest 60,000 Cr In River Cruise Tourism And Green Vessels
- Microsoft's 'AI Odyssey' To Upskill 100,000 Indian Developers: Boosting AI Talent In India
- Denmark Launches Green Fuels Alliance India To Drive Sustainable Energy Collaboration At GIM 2024
- PhonePe Appoints Ritesh Pai As CEO For International Payments Division
- Franz Beckenbauer, World Cup-Winning German And Bayern Munich Great, Dies Aged 78
- U.S. Launches Peregrine-1 Lander To Moon In Historic Lunar Mission
- PM Modi launched 'Swachh Mandir' campaign for clean pilgrimage sites
- India to host the 'Voice of the Global South Summit'
- India and Saudi Arabia strengthen ties with bilateral haj agreement.
- IITs collaborated with NSDC to offer degrees to tier-2&3 students
- India launched 'Heal in India, Heal by India' initiative.
- Aruna Nayar, a 1987 IRPS officer, assumes role of Secretary of Railway Board.
- Adani Group committed Rs 42,700 crore investment in Tamil Nadu
- Mohammed Shami set to receive prestigious Arjuna Award 2023.
- Tamil Nadu inks \$4.4 billion investment deals with Tata, Pegatron.
- Bangladesh Election 2024: Sheikh Hasina Secures Fifth Term Amid Opposition Boycott
- Vietnam Invests \$2 Billion In Tamil Nadu EV Facility
- Chennai Tops As Best City For Indian Women
- Cabinet Greenlights India-Guyana MoU For Hydrocarbon Sector Collaboration
- Ashwani Gupta Appointed As CEO Of Adani Ports And Special Economic Zone
- India and Mauritius collaborate on Rs 20 crore small satellite project
- Rajiv Shah appointed as 'Class C' director on board of Federal Reserve
- MV Vasilii begins 43rd Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica.
- External Affairs Minister to attend 19th NAM Summit in Uganda.
- Ministry Of Youth Affairs & Sports Declares 'Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar' 2023
- ICC Rule Changes In Cricket: Stumping Replays Limited; Concussion Substitute And BCCI's Decision
- Indian Army Chief Gen MM Naravane's Book "Four Stars Of Destiny" launched
- Eros Investments unveiled plans for INR 16,000 Cr 'Immerso AI Park'.
- Swedish Scientists Create 'E-Soil' That Accelerates Plant Growth
- Indra Mani Pandey assumed role of BIMSTEC Secretary General.
- Germany clinched United Cup title after Zverev's Epic comeback.
- Suchetha Satish set world record for singing in most languages.
- British Sikh 'Polar Preet' claimed fastest Solo Ski across Antarctica.
- Bureau of Indian Standards commemorates its 76th Foundation Day with door-to-door campaign "Quality Connect".
- India's real GDP is expected to grow 7% in 2022-23, as per the First Advance Estimates of National Income released by National Statistical Office (NSO).

- Rashmi Shukla, an IPS officer from the 1988 batch, has been appointed as the first woman Director General of Police in Maharashtra, succeeding Rajnish Seth.
- ISRO to launch Space Kidz India satellite made by 750 school girls studying in government schools.
- Presidents of Guyana and Suriname will attend Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention.
- PM Narendra Modi will flag off the world's longest river cruise, 'Ganga Vilas', from Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi to Dibrugarh via Bangladesh.
- Reserve Bank of India has selected six entities for 'Test Phase' under regulatory sandbox for theme 'Prevention and Mitigation of Financial Frauds'.
- SEBI allows Government to re-classify its IDBI Bank stake as 'public' for ease of divestment
- SEBI imposes ₹2 lakh fine on MCX for violating norms in awarding software deal to London firm
- Taliban announced to sign oil extraction deal at Amu Darya basin, with a Chinese firm.
- Jio Platforms signs agreement to Be Manchester City's Network Partner in India
- Ayodhya Airport Renamed As 'Maharishi Valmiki International Airport'; Gains International Status
- Assam Government Initiates 'Gunotsav 2024'
- India Plans 'Bharat Park' Trade Zone In UAE For Global Showcase
- The National Statistical Office (NSO) has released its first advance estimates projecting a robust 7.3% growth for India's GDP in the fiscal year 2023-24.
- The United States of America declares January 5 as National Bird Day to raise awareness of the significance of birds to our ecosystem.
- On January 6, 2024, the world will observe the World Day of War Orphans, a day dedicated to highlighting the struggles and needs of the most vulnerable victims of war – the children.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its approval for the MoU signed between India and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).
- The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL) has welcomed Sanjiv Aggarwal as its new Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director.
- Senior IAS Officer Vikas Sheel Appointed Executive Director, Asian Development Bank
- Raghuram Iyer Appointed As CEO Of Indian Olympic Association
- SEBI Names G Ram Mohan Rao As Executive Director For 3 Years
- 68 Rajya Sabha Members, Including Notables Like Manmohan Singh And Jaya Bachchan, Set To Retire In 2024
- Punjab has become the first in India to meticulously map all 784 accident black spots using the Mapples App, a cutting-edge navigation system developed by MapMyIndia.
- Adidas To Set Up Its First Asia GCC Outside China In Tamil Nadu
- The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, proudly presents Prerana: An Experiential Learning program.
- PM Modi Launched PRITHVI VIGYAN Scheme Worth Nearly 4,800 Crore Rupees
- Anurag Thakur Attends Youth Dialogue Program On Theme 'My Bharat Mera Yuva Bharat'
- India and Nepal solidified their commitment to a long-term energy partnership with the signing of an agreement for the export of 10,000 MW of power to India over the next 10 years.
- REC Invests Rs. 35,000 Cr In Multi-Modal Projects With Rail Vikas Nigam For 5 Years
- Shashi Singh Appointed As New President Of All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA).
- P Santhosh, Chief General Manager at Canara Bank, has been appointed as the Managing Director of National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) with effect from January 5, succeeding Natarajan Sundar, who resigned from the post.
- Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, AVSM, NM, officially took over as the Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, succeeding in a distinguished naval career.
- Bengali Writer Shirshendu Mukhopadhyaya Receives 2023 Kuvempu Award
- Hero MotoCorp's Facility Wins CII National Award For Water Management
- Prof. Adrian Cruise Receives 'Order Of The British Empire' For Space Science Leadership
- 10th Century Kadamba Inscription Written In Kannada, Sanskrit Found In Goa
- Union Cabinet approves National Green Hydrogen Mission with an initial outlay of ₹19,744 crore.
- Union Cabinet approves naming of Greenfield International Airport at Goa's Mopa after Manohar Parrikar.
- Cabinet approves Rs 2,500-cr scheme to raise infrastructure of DoorDarshan and All India Radio.
- The Government approves Rs 28.11 crore to extend the interest-free loan to tobacco farmers of Andhra Pradesh.
- PM Narendra Modi will chair the second National Conference of Chief Secretaries in Delhi.
- India-France will discuss bilateral and global issues at the 36th India-France strategic dialogue.

- U.S. FDA approves Aurobindo subsidiary's cancer drug copy
- Ireland hits Facebook parent Meta with €390 million in fines for online privacy violations.
- Britain's power grid hits record 88% zero-carbon power generation, delivers the cleanest energy on record to households and businesses.
- Lionel Messi was chosen as the best player for 2022 by International Football Federation History and Statistics (IFFHS)
- Cape Verde becomes first country to name stadium after Pele
- West Bengal achieved Geographical Indication (GI) tags for various products in the National GI Drive Mission.
- Government Readies 15,000 Crore Plan for Greener Ferries and Boats
- Andhra Pradesh extended enrollment in Pravasandhra Bharosa Bima Scheme
- Kyrgyzstan declared Snow Leopard as National symbol.
- Sukhvinder Singh inaugurated the Nation's first-ever Report and Meeting Management Portal in Himachal Pradesh.
- REC limited and RVNL sign MoU to finance multimodal.
- NHAI and NRSC, under ISRO, sign a 3-year MoU to create and report a "Green Cover Index" for the extensive National Highways network.
- CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy distributes enhanced YSR Pension Kanuka of Rs 3,000 per month.
- KABIL to invest ₹211 Crore for Lithium exploration in Argentina.
- J&K Government approved the formation of a draft committee to propose the establishment of a madrasa board.
- LEAP-TD mission, launched on January 1 via ISRO's PSLV-C58, integrated a derivative of Dhruva Space's P-30 nanosatellite platform for in-orbit scientific experiments.
- Denmark's Queen Margrethe II To Step Down After 52 Years On Throne
- France Takes Digital Leap With Online Schengen Visas For Paris Olympics
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Rs 400 crore Demonstration Fast Reactor Fuel Reprocessing Plant (DFRP) at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam, to the nation.
- Gujarat Government Inks Agreements Worth \$86 Billion Ahead Of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit
- Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh Assumes Command Of Western Naval Command
- Ind-Ra Raises India's FY'24 Growth Forecast To 6.7%: Factors And Challenges
- PNB Housing Finance's NCD Ratings Upgraded By India Ratings To IND AA+ With Stable Outlook
- Vodafone Idea Director P Balaji Moves To Air India
- World Braille Day, annually observed on January 4, is a profound tribute to Louis Braille, the visionary mind behind the transformative braille system.
- Czech PM To Be Chief Guest At Vibrant Gujarat Summit. The 10th edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit (VGGS) is set to take place in Gandhinagar from January 10 to 12, 2024. The theme for this edition is "Gateway to the Future."
- Nadia Calvino Appointed As New President Of The European Investment Bank
- Puneet Chhatwal Appointed Chairman Of Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH)
- Randhir Jaiswal Takes Over As MEA Spokesperson From Arindam Bagchi
- Adani Ports Elevates Karan Adani To MD, Appoints Ashwani Gupta As CEO
- Justice Sanjiv Khanna Appointed As National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) Executive Chairperson.
- Prof. B.R. Kamboj, the Vice Chancellor of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, has been bestowed with the prestigious M.S. Swaminathan Award.
- Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Launches Book On "Ram Mandir Rashtra Mandir Ak Sajhi Virast"
- ISRO's Satellite Set For Launch Aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 Rocket
- Pradip Kumar Das, CMD of IREDA, has declared 2024 as the 'Year of Human Resource Development and Discipline'.
- Guyana's President Mohamed Irfaan Ali, US-based businessman Darshan Singh Dhaliwal, and DSB Group CEO Piyush Gupta are among 21 recipients of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the 108th Indian Science Congress (ISC).
- RBI announced that SBI, ICICI and HDFC Bank continue to be Systemically Important.
- Google challenges CCI ruling in Android case before National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).
- Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has been sworn in as the 39th president of Brazil.
- Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan announces parallel government with full Cabinet.
- Vaidehi Chaudhari wins ITF women's tournament singles in Gwalior after beating top seed Ksenia Laskutova.

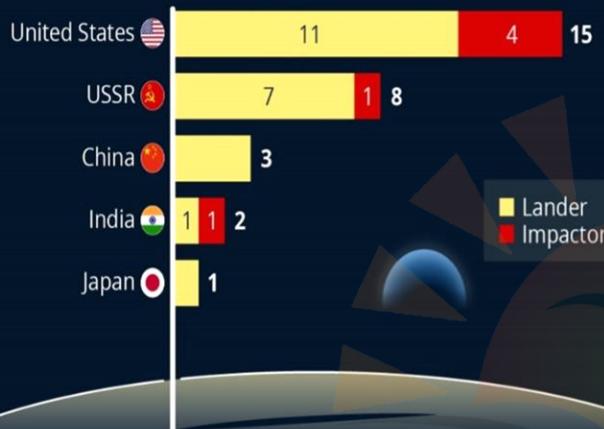
- L'Oreal heiress Francoise Bettencourt Meyers becomes the world's first woman to hold a \$100 billion fortune.
- Reliance industries first in India to receive ISCC-Plus certification.
- Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated five-day winter carnival in Manali
- Pinki named ambassador for 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign.
- Binny Bansal, the co-founder of Flipkart, has announced the launch of his new startup called 'OppDoor'
- National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) nominated Justice BR Gavai as the Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin officially marked the commencement of Russia's 2024 BRICS Chairmanship.
- IMF To Release \$700 Million Bailout Tranche To Pakistan In January
- CM Yogi Adityanath Inaugurates UP's First Floating Restaurant In Prayagraj
- Jharkhand Reduces Age Limit For Old-Age Pensions To 50
- Tata Pay Secures RBI Payment Aggregator License For E-Commerce Transactions
- Ola Electric Becomes First Indian EV Company To Get PLI Nod
- India Unveils 'National Single Window System' By TCS To Simplify Medical Device Imports
- Rajasthan Seeks Integration Of Chiranjeevi Scheme With Ayushman Bharat
- Hyderabad, Bengaluru Airports Score High In Global On-Time Ranking
- France And Germany To Provide 100 Million Euros For AMRUT Mission Financing
- Kia India Appoints Gwanggu Lee As New MD And CEO
- NIVEA India Appoints Geetika Mehta As New Managing Director
- Chadian Opposition Leader Succes Masra Appointed Transitional PM
- Padma Bhushan Awardee Prof Ved Prakash Nanda Passes Away
- Jammu And Kashmir Becomes First UT To Implement PM Vishwakarma Yojana
- India will sign a "Comprehensive Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement" (MMPA) with Austria.
- ISRO successfully launched X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat) aboard PSLV-C58 from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- Anil Kumar Lahoti takes over charge of new Chairman & CEO of Railway Board
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Amazon collaborate for future engineer program.
- Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das launched central bank's medium-term strategy framework titled 'Utkarsh 2.0'.
- CMIE Report: Unemployment rate rises to 8.3% in Dec., highest in 16 months.
- India's forex reserves dropped by USD 691 million to USD 562.808 billion: RBI Data.
- Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva took office for a third term as President of Brazil
- Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal inaugurates Pokhara Regional International Airport
- BCCI has re-introduced Yo-Yo test and Dexa scan results as criteria for selection of players.
- UP Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra granted an unprecedented third service extension until June 2024.
- Kerala launched K-Smart: local bodies go digital, service at fingertip
- Dr. Arvind Panagariya was appointed as Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission by the Centre.
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik initiated the Bhubaneswar metro rail, a ₹6,255 crore project linking Bhubaneswar and Cuttack in 4 years.
- Gujarat achieved Guinness Record with mass Surya Namaskar at 108 locations simultaneously on New Year's Day.
- Union Health Secretary Sudhansh Pant Appointed Rajasthan Chief Secretary.
- Vice Admiral SJ Singh received Guard of Honour in Delhi as he concludes his tenure as Vice Chief of Naval Staff.
- RK Tyagi takes charge as Chairman & Managing Director of Power Grid Corporation of India.
- India and UAE set to conduct 'Desert Cyclone 2024' military exercise.
- Centre designates 'Tehreek-e-Hurriyat, J&K (TeH)' as an 'Unlawful Association' under the UAPA.
- Felix Tshisekedi Named President Of The Democratic Republic Of Congo
- BRICS Group To Double In 2024 After Saudi, Iran, UAE, Egypt, Ethiopia Join Rank
- RBI Significantly Raises Bulk Deposit Limit For Large UCBs To ₹1 Crore And Above
- ITC Collaborates With Microsoft And Skymet To Shield Tobacco Farmers From Climate Challenges
- Vivek Srivastava Named DG Of Fire Service, Civil Defence & Home Guards
- Rashmi Govil To Be Next Director (HR) Of IOC

- David Warner Retires From One-Day Cricket Ahead Of Test Farewell
- World Rapid Chess C'ship: Koneru Humpy Wins Silver In Women's Event
- Indian Teenager Anahat Singh Bags Girls' U-19 2023 Scottish Junior Open Title At Edinburgh
- President Draupadi Murmu Gives Assent To Three Criminal Code
- Angola Announces Departure From OPEC
- In a groundbreaking move, Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state, is set to establish the country's first AI city in Lucknow.
- The Bihar Police has announced the implementation of 'Mission Investigation@75 Days,' aiming to streamline and expedite the criminal justice process in the state.
- Vasudev Devnani Elected As The Speaker Of Rajasthan Assembly
- RBI Grants Approval For Satish Kumar Kalra As MD & CEO Of Slice-Backed North East SFB
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has given its nod to the appointment of Pramod Agrawal, the former Chief of Coal India, as the Chairman of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
- South Africa's Dean Elgar Announces Retirement From International Cricket
- Raghuram Rajan's New Book 'Breaking The Mould: Reimagining India's Economic Future,' Released
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Releases Collected Works Of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya
- Gwalior Achieves Guinness Record With 'Largest Tabla Ensemble' At Tansen Festival
- Health Minister Launched 'MedTech Mitra' To Advance Health Solution.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has cemented his dominance in the digital realm, becoming the first world leader to surpass the 2 crore subscriber mark on YouTube.
- Minister for Transport for Karnataka, Ramalinga Reddy inaugurated the initiative under the brand name "Namma Cargo," introducing cargo services on KSRTC route buses.
- Coca-Cola Scores A Victory Lap: Secures 8-Year Partnership With ICC As Global Cricket Partner
- Santosh Jha Assumes Role As India's New Envoy To Sri Lanka
- Vita Dani Makes History As First Indian On ITTF Governing Board
- Sony Sports Ropes In Kartik Aaryan As Brand Ambassador For Football
- Oxford Dictionary: Rising to the top spot for Oxford is "Rizz", a slang term referring to one's natural charm, charisma, and ability to attract romantic partners.
- isva-Bharati Researchers Discover Bacteria Named After Rabindranath Tagore
- RITES Ltd has signed a pact with NEEPCO to cooperate on consultancy services aimed at strengthening logistical infrastructure at North East hydropower stations.
- The operational ban on Tokyo Electric Power's Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant, the world's largest atomic power station, has been lifted by Japan's nuclear power regulator.
- Yogesh Choudhary and Deepankar Mech were declared Female and Male Champions, respectively, at the Shillong Armfight-All India Championship 2023.
- Central government and ADB secured a \$100m loan aimed at upgrading urban services and tourism in Tripura.
- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) received a contract worth Rs 678 crore from the Uttar Pradesh Government for UP Dial 112 project.
- Sarbananda Sonowal and CM Pema Khandu laid foundation for capacity development at the North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Folk Medicine Research (NEIAFMR).
- MHA Declares Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam Faction) Unlawful Under UAPA
- China successfully launched the Long March-11 carrier rocket into space, placing three satellites in the planned orbit.
- Pakistan Successfully Tests Advanced Rocket System Fatah-II
- CEBR Forecasts India As Third-Largest Economy By 2032, Global Economic Leader By Century's End
- RBI Unveils Forex Correspondent Scheme To Enhance Foreign Exchange Services
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted approval for the reverse merger of IDFC Ltd with its banking subsidiary, IDFC First Bank.
- Bank of Baroda disclosed its intention to divest its entire 100 percent stake in Bank of Baroda (New Zealand).
- Israel Grants Intel \$3.2 Billion For \$25 Billion Chip Plant Amid Ongoing Conflict
- India, Russia Sign Deals For Kudankulam Nuclear Plant Units
- RBI Approves CS Rajan As The Chairman Of Kotak Mahindra Bank
- Indian Wrestler Pooja Dhanda Suspended For One Year Due To Whereabouts Failures
- Reliance Jio And IIT Bombay Collaborate For Bharat GPT Program And Smart TV Operating System
- Tamil Superstar And Politician Vijayakanth Passes Away At 71
- Parasite Actor Lee Sun-Kyun Passed Away At 48

## Info-graphics

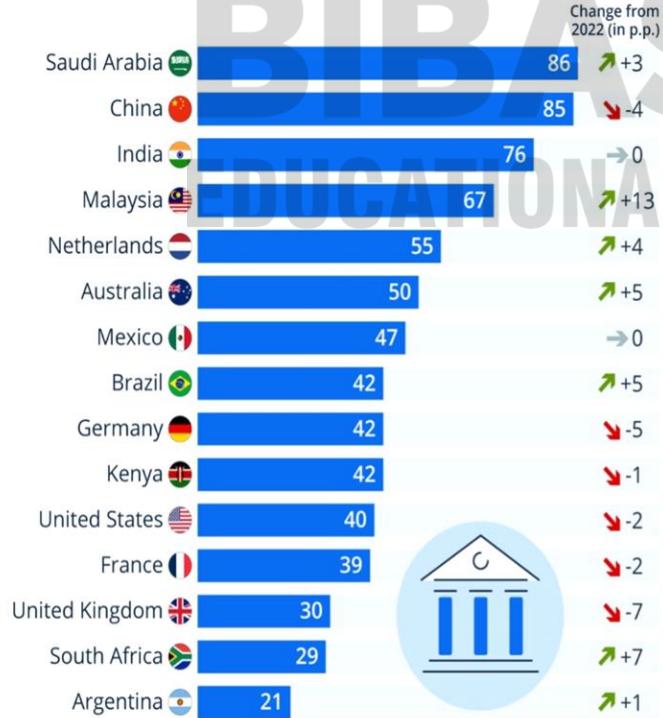
### Landing on the Moon

Successful Moon lander and impactor missions, by country\*



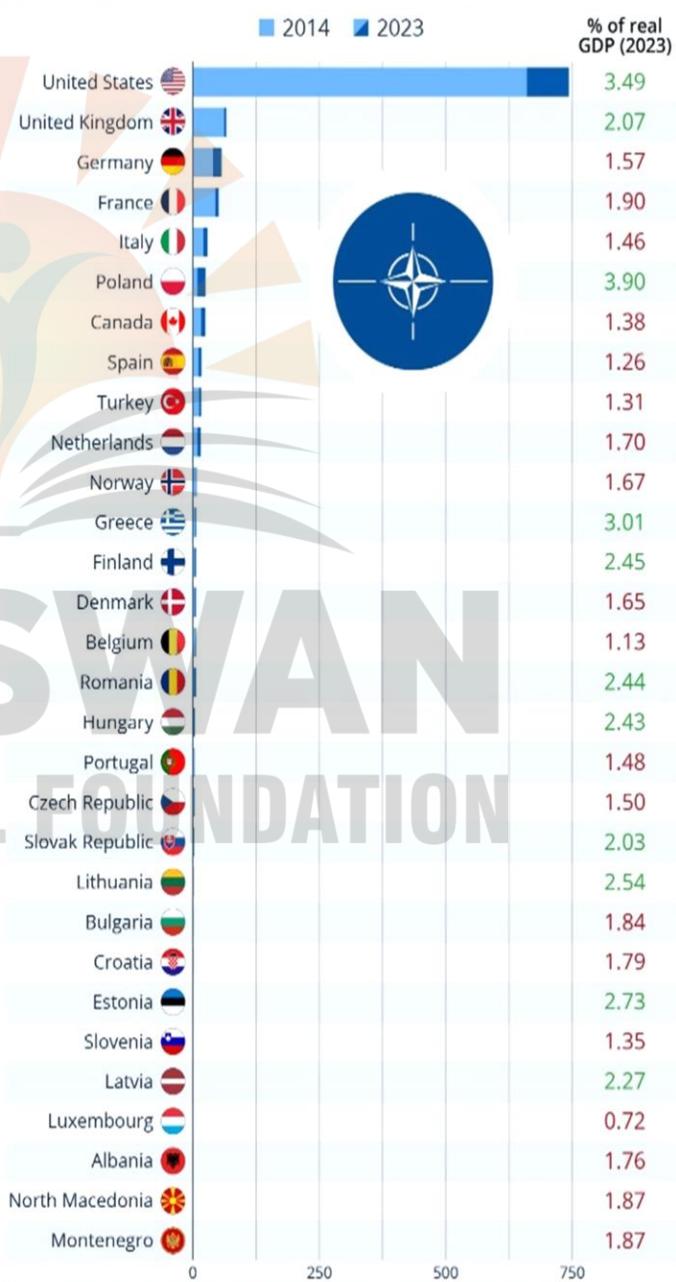
### The Countries Trusting the Government Most and Least

Share of people in selected countries who said they trusted their national government in 2023 (in percent)



### Where NATO Defense Expenditure Stands

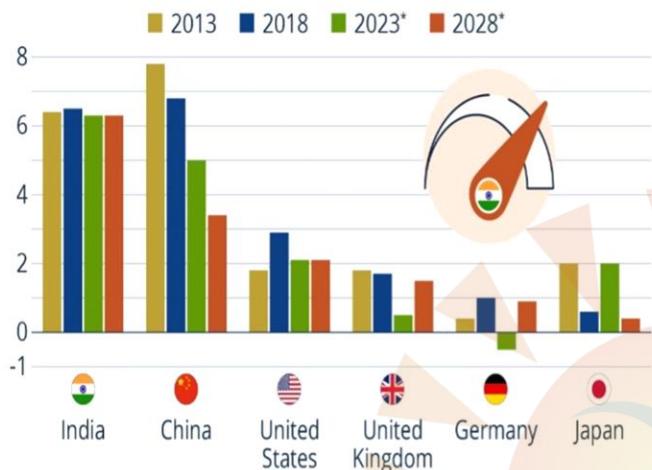
Estimated military spending of NATO countries in 2014 and 2023 (in billion constant 2015 U.S. dollars) and share of GDP



NATO member Iceland has no armed forces. Estimates as of mid-year  
Source: NATO

## India Set to Cement Role as New GDP Growth Champion

Estimated real GDP growth of the world's largest economies in selected years (in percent)



\* Projections for 2023 and 2028 as of Oct. 2023

Source: IMF World Economic Outlook

## The Cities With the Slowest Traffic

Average travel time per 10 km in 2023, by city\*



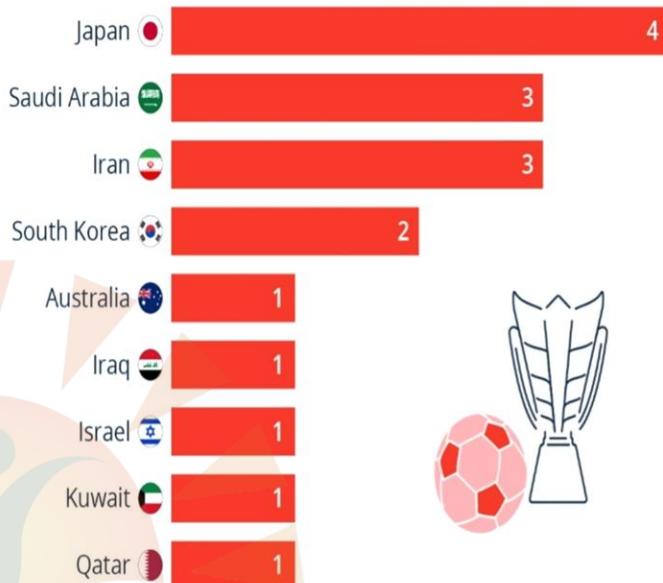
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Bengaluru 🇮🇳	28 minutes, 10 seconds
Pune 🇮🇳	27 minutes, 50 seconds
Bucharest 🇷🇴	27 minutes, 40 seconds

\* Based on trip data from drivers within a 5-km radius from the city center in 387 cities across 55 countries

Source: TomTom Traffic Index

## Who Has Won the Asian Cup?

Number of title wins at the AFC Asian Cup since 1956

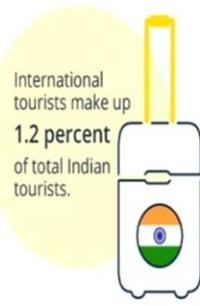
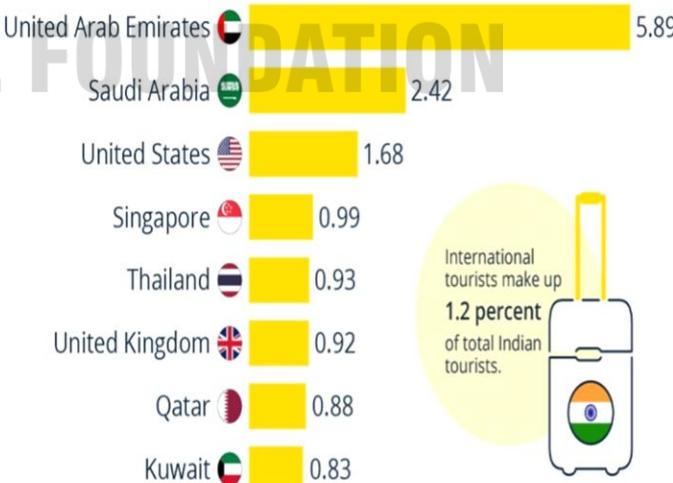


Source: Asian Football Confederation



## The Top Destinations of Indian Tourists

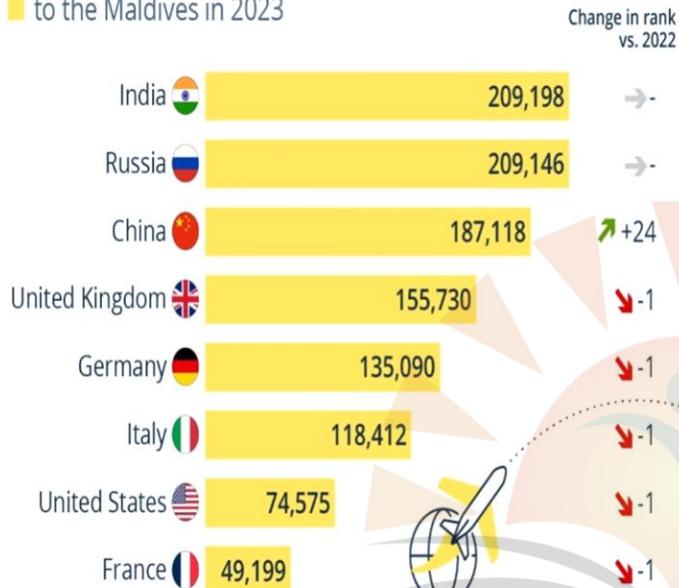
Countries with the highest number of inbound tourists from India in 2022 (in million)



Sources: Bureau of Immigration, Government of India

## The Most Important Markets for the Maldives Tourism Industry

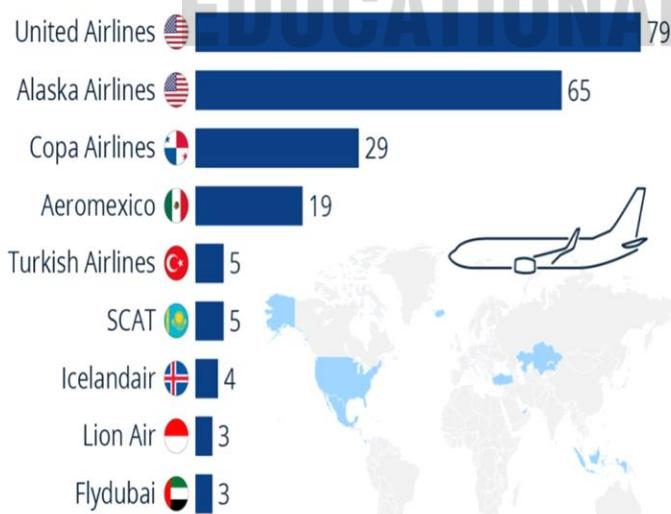
Countries with the most tourists traveling to the Maldives in 2023



Source: Maldives Ministry of Tourism

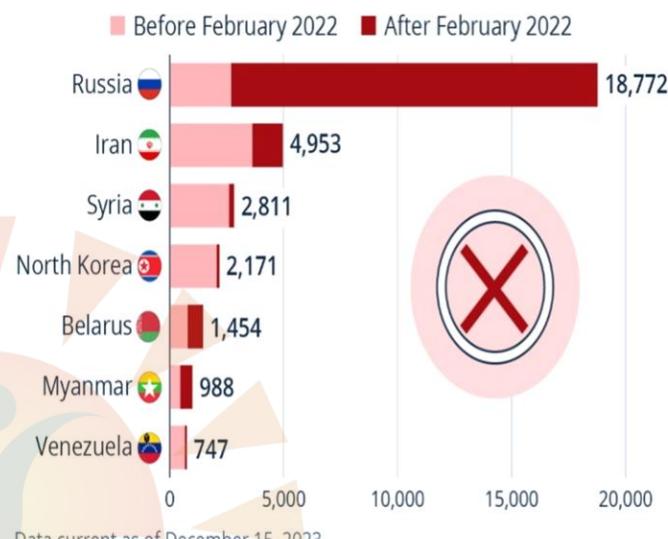
## Where Boeing's 737 Max 9 Is in Operation

Number of Boeing 737 Max 9 aircraft in operation as of January 2024, by airline



## The World's Most-Sanctioned Countries

Number of currently active sanctions by target country



## The World's Highest-Paid Female Athletes

Female athletes with the highest total earnings in 2023\*

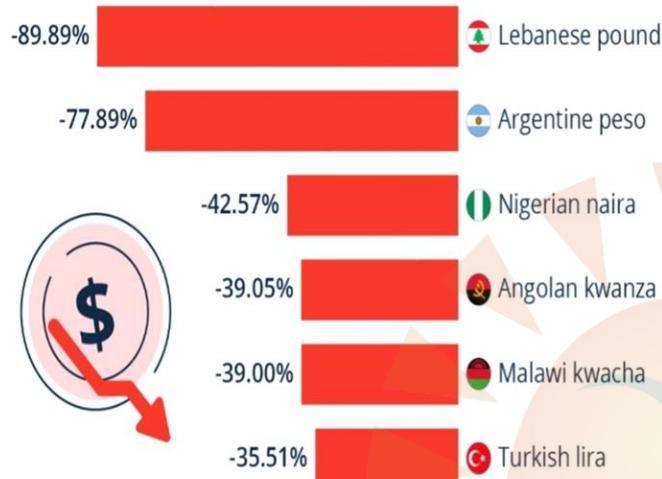


\* Includes estimates of on-the-field earnings (e.g. salaries, prize money) as well as off-the-field earnings (e.g. endorsements, licensing)

Source: Forbes

## The Most Devalued Currencies of 2023

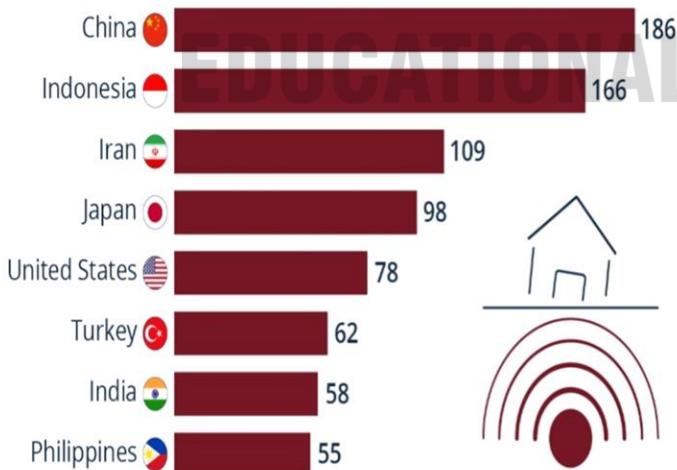
Percentage change against the U.S. dollar of the most devaluated currencies in 2023



Source: Bloomberg

## The Countries Hit by the Most Earthquakes

Countries with the highest number of major earthquakes between 1990 and 2024

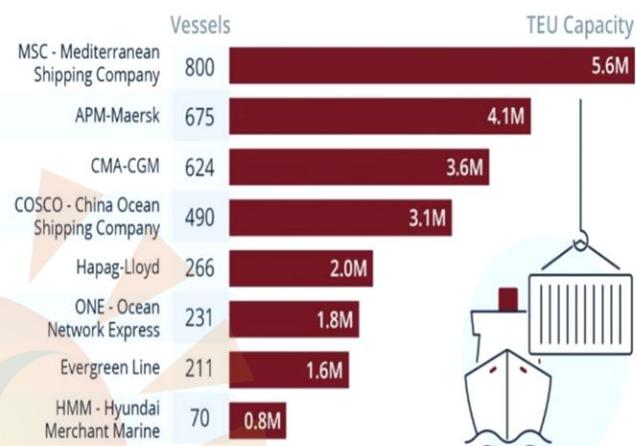


As of Jan. 2, 2024. Earthquakes with at least \$1M in damages, 10 deaths, a magnitude of 7.5 or a tsunami (one criteria min.)

Source: NOAA

## The World's Largest Container Shipping Companies

Container shipping companies by fleet size and TEU capacity (as of Jan. 3, 2024)\*



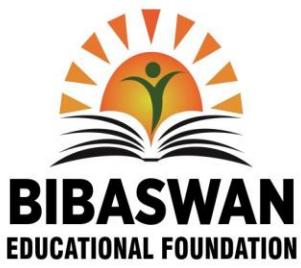
\* TEU - Twenty-foot equivalent unit or standard 6.1 meter long shipping container  
Source: Alphaliner

## 2023 in Google Searches

Search terms with the biggest worldwide volume increases on Google in 2023 compared to 2022

News	People
1 War in Israel and Gaza	1 Damar Hamlin
2 Titanic submarine	2 Jeremy Renner
3 Turkey earthquake	3 Andrew Tate
Musicians	Movies
1 Shakira	1 Barbie
2 Jason Aldean	2 Oppenheimer
3 Joe Jonas	3 Jawan
Athletes	Passings
1 Damar Hamlin	1 Matthew Perry
2 Kylian Mbappé	2 Tina Turner
3 Travis Kelce	3 Sinéad O'Connor

Source: Google Trends



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