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Appointments

- ▶ **Girish Chandra Murmu** (Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India), has been elected as **vice-chair of UN Panel of External Auditors**.
 - ▶ The independent body is composed of representatives from 12 countries, to conduct financial, performance, and compliance audits of UN entities, ensuring transparency and accountability.
- ▶ **Javier Milei** has been elected as new president of **Argentina** (South America).
- ▶ **Luc Frieden** has been named new Prime Minister of **Luxembourg** (Western Europe).
- ▶ **Pedro Sánchez** has been re-elected as Prime Minister of **Spain**, for his 3rd term.
- ▶ Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) named **Anish Shah** (Mahindra Group CEO) as its President, for term 2023-24.
- ▶ Govt named **Saurabh Kumar** as next Ambassador of India to **Belgium**. He will also be accredited as Ambassador of India to the **European Union**.
- ▶ Govt named **Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana** as **Surveyor General of India**.
 - ▶ Surveyor General of India is Head of Department of Survey of India, under Ministry of Science and Technology.
- ▶ Govt named **Vinay M. Tonse** as a Managing Director of State Bank of India (**SBI**).
 - ▶ SBI board has 4 MDs (others being C S Setty, Ashwini Kumar Tewari & Alok Kumar Choudhary) & Chairman (Dinesh Kumar Khara).
- ▶ Misc. Appointments (Nov 2023) -
 - ▶ RBI appointed **Manoranjan Mishra** as an Executive Director (ED).
 - ▶ PM Narendra Modi has been elected as chairman of Shree Somnath Trust (SST) for 5 year term, marking a significant departure from traditional 1-year tenure for the trust's chairman.
 - ▶ Bangladesh's Saima Wazed (daughter of PM Sheikh Hasina) has been elected as World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for South-East Asia.
 - ▶ Santosh Kumar Jha has been named new CMD of Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL).
 - ▶ Koppu Sadashiv Murthy has been named CMD at Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL).
 - ▶ Notable New Indian Ambassadors -
 - ▶ Rajesh Uike - Tajikistan.
 - ▶ Former UK PM David Cameron has been named new Foreign Secretary of UK.
 - ▶ **Alok Sharma** has been appointed as new director of Special Protection Group (SPG), the elite security unit responsible for safeguarding the Prime Minister.
 - ▶ Bandhan Bank approved re-appointment of Chandra Shekhar Ghosh as its MD & CEO.
- ▶ NITI Aayog named 4 four Distinguished Fellows for a period of one year -
 - ▶ Anoop Singh (Member of 15th Finance Commission).
 - ▶ O P Agarwal (Expert in urban transport).
 - ▶ Ajai Chowdhry (Co-founder of HCL).
 - ▶ V Lakshmikumaran (Legal Expert).

11. ▶ President Draupadi Murmu appointed **Heeralal Samariya** as **Chief Information Commissioner** in Central Information Commission (CIC).
 - ▶ Also, *Anandi Ramalingam* and *Vinod Kumar Tiwari* have been named as *Information Commissioners*.
 - ▶ CIC includes 1 chief information commissioner and upto 10 information commissioners, who are appointed by President on recommendation of a committee headed by Prime Minister.
12. ▶ Recently named **new chief justices** in various high courts -
 - ▶ Allahabad HC - Manoj Kumar Gupta (Acting)
 - ▶ Delhi HC - Manmohan (Acting)
 - ▶ Gauhati HC - Lanusungkum Jamir (Acting)
 - ▶ Rajasthan HC - Manindra Mohan Shrivastava (Acting)
 - ▶ Meghalaya HC - Hamarsan Singh Thangkhiew (Acting)
 - ▶ Uttarakhand HC - Manoj Kumar Tiwari (Acting)
 - ▶ Manipur HC - Siddharth Mridul
 - ▶ Punjab and Haryana HC - Ritu Bahri (Acting)
 - ▶ Orissa HC - Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi (Acting)

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Awards

1. ▶ 2nd *Rohini Nayar Prize for outstanding contribution to rural development* has been presented to **Deenanath Rajput**, for his work on empowering tribal women in Bastar, Chhattisgarh.
 - ▶ The prize was presented in memory of late economist-administrator Dr Rohini Nayar. It comes with cash prize of Rs 10 lakh.
2. ▶ **54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) held in Goa -**
 - ▶ British film *Catching Dust* by Stuart Gatt was Opening feature film, and American film *The Featherweight* by Robert Kolodny was Closing feature film.
 - ▶ Awards -
 - ▶ Best Film (Golden Peacock Award) - Iranian Film *Endless Borders*, by *Abbas Amini*.
 - ▶ Award carries cash prize of ₹40 lakh (US\$50,000), shared equally between the director and producer.
 - ▶ Silver Peacock -
 - ▶ Best Director: *Stephan Komandarev* (for *Blaga's Lessons*) (Bulgaria). Comprises cash prize of ₹15 lakh (US\$19,000).
 - ▶ Other awards -
 - ▶ Best Actor: *Pouria Rahimi Sam* (for *Endless Borders*) (Iran). Comprises cash prize of ₹10 lakh (US\$13,000).
 - ▶ Best Actress: *Mélanie Thierry* (for *Party of Fools*) (France). Comprises cash prize of ₹10 lakh (US\$13,000).
 - ▶ Special Jury Award - *Rishab Shetty* (for *Kantara*). Comprises cash prize of ₹15 lakh (US\$19,000).
 - ▶ Best Debut Director: *Rêger Azad Kaya* (for *When The Seedlings Grow*) (Turkey). Comprises cash prize of ₹10 lakh (US\$13,000).
 - ▶ Best Web Series Award (**NEWLY INTRODUCED**)- *Panchayat Season 2*
 - ▶ ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Medal - *Drift* (Directed by *Anthony Chen*)
 - ▶ Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award - *Michael Douglas* (US)
 - ▶ Special Recognition for Contribution to Bharatiya Cinema Award (Earlier called *Indian Film Personality of the Year*) - *Madhuri Dixit*
 - ▶ Jury -
 - ▶ International Jury headed by *Shekhar Kapur*.
 - ▶ Feature Film Jury headed by *T S Nagabharana*
 - ▶ Non-feature film Jury headed by *Arvind Sinha*
 - ▶ Notably -
 - ▶ *Odh*, a short film about receding beach lines of Goa, won best film award in *75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow* initiative. It included creating a short film in 48 hours on theme *Mission Life*.
 - 3. ▶ **Deepti Babuta** became first woman to win **Dhahan Prize**, the largest international literary award for fiction in Punjabi language.

- ✍ She won the award for her short story collection *Bhukh Eon Sah Laindi Hai*.
 - ✍ Conferred by Canada-India education society, the award carries cash prize of \$25000 CAD.
4. ▶ **Sister Zeph**, Pakistani teacher who as a teenager founded a school for underprivileged children, won **Global Teacher Prize 2023**, carrying **\$1 million**.
- ✍ Notably, India's Deep Narayan Nayak (from West Bengal) was also among top 10 finalists for the Prize.
 - ✍ *Global Teacher Prize* is an annual US \$1 million award by *Varkey Foundation*, to honor a teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession.
5. ▶ India-born British author **Nandini Das** won *2023 British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding*, for her book *Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire*. Award carries cash prize of £25,000.
6. ▶ Irish novelist **Paul Lynch** won **2023 Booker Prize** for his novel **Prophet Song**.
- ✍ About -
 - ✍ Earlier, the prize was called Booker–McConnell Prize (1969–2001) and the Man Booker Prize (2002–2019).
 - ✍ It is a literary prize awarded each year for best novel written in English and published in the United Kingdom or Ireland. It includes monetary award of £50,000.
 - ✍ Notably -
 - ✍ *Booker Prize* is different from Similar sounding *International Booker Prize*.
 - ✍ *International Booker Prize* was announced in 2004, as International version of *Booker Prize*. Between 2005 - 2015, the award was given every two years to a living author of any nationality for work published in English or generally available in English translation.
 - ✍ Since 2016, the award has been given annually to a single book translated into English and published in UK/Ireland, with £50,000 prize for winning title, shared equally between author and translator.
 - ✍ Bulgarian author *Georgi Gospodinov* had won *International Booker Prize 2023*, for his Novel *Time Shelter*.
7. ▶ Maharashtra govt honored noted singer **Suresh Wadkar** with **Lata Mangeshkar Award 2023**.
8. ▶ Misc. / Industrial Awards (Nov 2023) -
- ✍ 10-year-old *Vihaan Talya Vikas* from Bengaluru won top prize in his age category at *Wildlife Photographer of the Year* competition 2023, organized by Natural History Museum.
 - ✍ *Kalakar Puraskar 2023* (conferred by Carvalho Household of Kundapura) has been awarded to *Apolinaris D'Souza* (prominent Konkani singer and composer).
 - ✍ Pakistan-based startup She-Guard won *ClimateLaunchpad Asia-Pacific' finals* climate innovation initiative award, showcasing its innovative biodegradable and plastic-free sanitary products.
 - ✍ It works to transform banana crop waste into affordable, eco-friendly sanitary napkins, addressing challenges of climate change, public health and solid waste management.
 - ✍ ClimateLaunch Pad, organized by Europe's leading climate innovation initiative, EIT Climate-KIC, stands as world's largest green business competitive for climate innovators.
 - ✍ Noted Indian Origin author *Salman Rushdie* received first *Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award*, by *Vaclav Havel Center* (US).
 - ✍ Indian Actor *Ishwak Singh* won *Best Actor* award at Stars Asian International Film Festival 2023 (*SAIFF*) in Los Angeles (USA), for his performance in film *Berlin* (directed by Atul Sabharwal).
9. ▶ Tamil Writer **Perumal Murugan** won **JCB Award for Literature 2023** for his novel **Fire Bird**, which was translated into English by *Janani Kannan*. **Perumal Murugan** received award trophy and cash prize of 25 lakh rupees, while *Janani Kannan* received award money of 10 lakh rupees.
- ✍ About -
 - ✍ JCB Prize for Literature was established in 2018, given to a distinguished work of fiction by an Indian writer working in English or translated fiction by an Indian writer.
 - ✍ It includes cash prize of 25 lakh, funded by English construction manufacturing group JCB. Additional 10 lakh prize money is given to the translator.
10. ▶ United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) announced **Champions of the Earth Awards 2023** -
- ✍ Policy Leadership -
 - ✍ Mayor Josefina Belmonte of Quezon City (Philippines) .
 - ✍ Inspiration and Action -
 - ✍ Ellen MacArthur Foundation (UK)

🔗 Entrepreneurial Vision -

- 🔗 Blue Circle (China) - Uses blockchain / internet of things technology to monitor full lifecycle of plastic pollution. It has collected over 10700 tonnes of marine debris, making it China's largest marine plastic waste programme.
- 🔗 Jose Manuel Moller (Chile) - Founder of Algramo, a social enterprise dedicated to providing refill services that reduce plastic pollution and lower the costs of everyday essentials.

🔗 Science and Innovation -

- 🔗 Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (South Africa) - Uses cutting-edge technology and multidisciplinary research to develop innovations to tackle plastic pollution and other issues.

11. ▶ Winners of **Infosys Prize 2023** announced by Infosys Science Foundation (ISF) -

- 🔗 Engineering & Computer Sciences - **Sachchida Nand Tripathi (IIT Kanpur)**, for deployment of large-scale sensor-based air quality network and mobile laboratory for hyper local measurements of pollution, data generation and analysis using AI+ML.
- 🔗 Humanities - **Jahnvi Phalkey** (Science Gallery Bengaluru), for her insights into individual, institutional, and material histories of scientific research in modern India.
- 🔗 Life Sciences - **Arun Kumar Shukla** (IIT Kanpur), for his contributions to biology of G-protein coupled receptors (GPCRs), a key component of cell function..
- 🔗 Mathematical Sciences - **Bhargav Bhatt** (University of Michigan, USA), for his contributions to arithmetic geometry and commutative algebra.
- 🔗 Physical Sciences - **Mukund Thattai** (NCBS Bengaluru), for his contributions to evolutionary cell biology.
- 🔗 Social Science - **Karuna Mantena** (Columbia University, USA) for her research on theory of imperial rule.
- 🔗 Infosys Prize is an annual award given by the Infosys Science Foundation, being conferred since 2008. Prize includes prize money of \$100,000.

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Books

- ▶ Book *Do Palkon Ki Chhavn Main* by Hema Joshi has been released.
- ▶ Book *Pranab, My Father: A Daughter Remembers* authored by **Sharmishtha Mukherjee** (Former President Pranab Mukherjee's daughter) has been released.
- ▶ Book *Thread by Thread: The S.Kumar's Story*, by *Sathya Saran* has been released.
- ▶ Book **India's Moment: Changing Power Equations around the World**, by **Mohan Kumar** (O P Jindal Global University) has been released, in London.
- ▶ ISRO Chairman S Somanath withdrew publication his autobiography *Nilavu Kudicha Simhangal* (translated as *Lions that drank the moonlight*).

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Days

- ▶ Indian Army observes Nov 18 as *Corps of Engineers Day*.
 - 🔗 The Corps officially recognises its raising year as 1780, when senior-most of the Corps, *The Madras Sappers*, were raised.
 - 🔗 Subsequently, Groups of *Bengal Sappers* and *Bombay Sappers* were formed. 3 Engineer Groups were later merged to form *The Corps of Engineers*, on 18th November 1932, observed as *The Corps of Engineers Day*.
- ▶ Nov 01 is formation day of States of Andhra Pradesh (in 1956), Karnataka (in 1956), Kerala (in 1956), Tamil Nadu (in 1956), Madhya Pradesh (in 1956), Punjab (in 1966), Haryana (in 1966), Chhattisgarh (in 2000).
 - 🔗 On this occasion -
 - 🔗 Kerala Govt -
 - 🔗 Chosen Noted Malayalam writer **S K Vasanthan** for **Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2023**.
 - 🔗 Instituted in 1993, it is highest literary honour given by Kerala Govt's Kerala Sahitya Akademi, named after *Thunchaththu Ezhuthachan*, the father of Malayalam language. It consists of cash prize of 5 Lakh.
 - 🔗 Conferred **Kerala Awards 2023**, which were instituted in 2021 by Kerala Govt as highest state-level civilian awards. Winners are honored annually on Nov 1 (Formation day of Kerala). Awards are -
 - 🔗 Kerala Jyothi - *T. Padmanabhan*.

✎ Kerala Prabha (conferred on upto 3 individuals).

✎ Justice (Retired) *M. Fathima Beevi*

✎ *Nataraja Krishnamurthy*

✎ Kerala Sree (conferred on up to 6 persons).

✎ Punalur Somarajan (social service)

✎ V. P. Gangadharan (health)

✎ Ravi D. C. (industry and commerce)

✎ K. M. Chandrasekhar (civil service)

✎ Pandit Ramesh Narayan (art, music)

✎ Nov 1 is also observed as -

✎ World Vegan Day. It was established in 1994 by Louise Wallis, then Chair of Vegan Society in UK.

✎ Zojila Day, to celebrate action by Indian troops in 'Operation Bison' in 1948, which was launched on icy heights of Zojila pass, the gateway to Ladakh, for liberating Zojila pass from Pakistani intruders.

✎ Notably -

✎ For first time since its formation in 1956, Tamil Nadu state government celebrated 'Tamil Nadu Day' on November 1, 2019.

3. ▶ Nov 03 is observed by UNESCO as **International Day for Biosphere Reserves**. It was first observed in 2022.

4. ▶ Nov 13 is observed annually as *World Kindness Day*.

5. ▶ Nov 14 is observed as *Children's Day* in India. It commemorates Birth Anniversary of India's First Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

6. ▶ Nov 14 is observed as **World Diabetes Day**, with 2021-2023 theme *Access to Diabetes Care – If Not Now, When?*.

7. ▶ Nov 15 is statehood day of Jharkhand. It was created on 15 November 2000, carved out of Bihar. Nov 15 also marks Birth Anniversary of Birsa Munda, a noted Indian tribal freedom fighter who belonged to the Munda tribe.

✎ In 2021, Govt declared November 15 as **Janjatiya Gaurav Divas**, to mark birth anniversary of Sri Birsa Munda who is revered by tribal communities across country.

✎ On this occasion, PM Narendra Modi launched several initiatives from *Khunti (Jharkhand)* -

✎ Launched **Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Adivasi Nyaya Mahabhiyaan** (*PM Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) Development Mission*), as a 24000 crore rupees scheme that aims to benefit and saturate families and habitations with basic facilities.

✎ There are 75 PVTGs in 18 States & UTs living in 22544 villages (220 districts), having population of around 28 lakhs.

✎ Launched **Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra**, as a 72-day nationwide outreach and awareness campaign aimed at promoting government schemes and reaching vulnerable sections of society. Yatra will start from districts with significant tribal population initially, and will culminate on 26th January 2024, covering all districts.

8. ▶ Nov 16 is observed by UN as **International Day of Tolerance**.

✎ In 1995, to mark UN Year for Tolerance and 125th birth anniversary of M K Gandhi, UNESCO instituted **UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence**, awarded every 2 years on International Day for Tolerance (16 November).

✎ Last Time (in 2022), **Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong** from **Cameroon** was named as winner of the prize.

✎ Next Awardee will be announced in 2024.

✎ Nov 16 is also observed as -

✎ **National Press Day in India**. On this day, Press Council of India started functioning, to ensure that press maintains high standards.

✎ *Audit Diwas* in India, observed since 2021.

✎ Nov 16, 2023 was also observed as *World Philosophy Day*, observed annually on third Thursday of November. 2023 theme is *Philosophical Reflection in a Multicultural World*.

9. ▶ Nov 17 is observed as *International Students' Day*, commemorating Czech universities which were stormed by Nazis in 1939 and students who were subsequently killed and sent to concentration camps.

✎ Note that Oct 15, Birth Anniversary of Former (11th) President of India A P J Abdul Kalam, is observed by United Nations as *World Students' Day*.

10. ▶ Nov 19 - 25 is observed as *Qaumi Ekta Week* In India, to foster spirit of Communal Harmony -

- 📅 November 19 - National Integration Day (Birth Anniversary of Indira Gandhi)
 - 📅 November 20 - Welfare of Minorities Day
 - 📅 November 21 - Linguistic Harmony Day.
 - 📅 November 22 - Weaker Sections Day
 - 📅 November 23 - Cultural Unity Day
 - 📅 November 24 - Women's Day.
 - 📅 November 25 - Conservation Day.
 - 📅 Also, *UNESCO World Heritage Week* is observed annually between November 19 - 25.
11. ▶ Nov 19 is Birth Anniversary of Former (3rd) Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Her Birthday is observed as *National Integration day* in India.
- 📅 Notably, Similar sounding *National Unity Day* is observed annually on Oct 31 (Sardar Shri Vallabh Bhai Patel's Birth Anniversary).
 - 📅 On this occasion -
 - 📅 *Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2022* (also called *Indira Peace Prize* or *Indira Gandhi Prize*), was conferred jointly on *Indian Medical Association* and *Trained Nurses Association of India*, as representatives of COVID-19 warriors in country.
12. ▶ Nov 19 is observed by UN as **World Toilet Day**. 2023 theme is *Accelerating Change*.
- 📅 Other Observations on Nov 19 -
 - 📅 Women's Entrepreneurship Day.
 - 📅 International Men's Day.
 - 📅 World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (UN).
13. ▶ Nov 2 is Observed by UN as International Day to **End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists**.
14. ▶ Nov 20 is observed by UN as **World Children's Day**, with 2023 theme *For every child, every right*.
- 📅 Nov 20 is also observed by UN as *Africa Industrialization Day*.
15. ▶ Nov 21 is observed as **World Fisheries Day**.
- 📅 On this occasion -
 - 📅 Department of Fisheries organized *Global Fisheries Conference India 2023*, at Gujarat Science City in Ahmedabad.
 - 📅 Best States (fisheries production) were honored -
 - 📅 Inland - Uttar Pradesh
 - 📅 Marine - Andhra Pradesh
 - 📅 Himalayan and North Eastern - Assam
 - 📅 Nov 21 is also observed by UN as **World Television Day**.
16. ▶ Nov 24 is observed as *Martyrdom Day* of 9th Guru of Sikhs, Guru Teg Bahadur. He was executed on November 24, 1675, on orders of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb.
- 📅 Also, World Health Organization observes *Global Antimicrobial Awareness Week* between November 18 - 24.
 - 📅 Also, Nov 24 is observed as Lachit Divas in several parts of India, Mainly in Assam.
 - 📅 It marks birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan, a commander in Ahom kingdom. He was known for his leadership in 1671 Battle of Saraighat, when Ahom Kingdom defeated Mughal forces led by Ram Singh I.
17. ▶ Nov 25 is Marked by UN as **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**. 2023 Theme is *UNiTE! Activism to End Violence against Women & Girls!*.
- 📅 On November 25 in 1960, three Mirabal sisters were assassinated upon orders from Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo. In 1981, activists from Caribbean Feminist Encuentros marked November 25 as day to raise awareness of violence against women. In 1999, this date received official UN adaption.
 - 📅 Also, Uttar Pradesh govt declared to observe November 25 as *no non-veg day*, in commemoration of birth anniversary of vegetarian lifestyle activist *Sadhu TL Vaswani*.
18. ▶ Nov 26 is observed as **Constitution Day in India (Samvidhan Divas)**. It commemorates adoption of the Constitution of India on 26 November 1949 by Indian Constituent Assembly. However, the Indian Constitution came into force on 26 January 1950.
- 📅 Government declared observing 26 November as Constitution Day in 2015, as 2015 represented 125th birth anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar, who had chaired the drafting committee of Constituent Assembly. Previously, Nov 26 was celebrated as National Law Day.

- ✎ On this occasion, President Droupadi Murmu revealed a statue of Dr B R Ambedkar within Supreme Court premises.
- 19. ▶ Nov 26 is observed as **National Milk Day In India**, to commemorate birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, father of India's White Revolution.
 - ✎ First National Milk Day was celebrated on 26 November 2014, marked by Indian Dairy Association (IDA).
 - ✎ Dr. Kurien is also famous for his 'Operation Flood', world's largest agricultural development program. He established 30 institutions which are run by various farmers and workers and played a key role in establishment and success of Amul brand.
 - ✎ India is world's largest milk producer, with 24 percent of global production, followed by USA, Pakistan, China and Brazil.
- 20. ▶ Nov 26, 2023 has been observed as first-ever **World Sustainable Transport Day** by UN.
- 21. ▶ Nov 26, 2023 observed as NCC Day, marking 75th edition in 2023.
 - ✎ NCC (National Cadet Corps) was formed on 15th July 1948. However, NCC day is observed on 4th Sunday of November, as it was on that day in 1948 that first NCC units were raised in Delhi.
- 22. ▶ Nov 27 is observed as *National Organ Donation Day* in India.
- 23. ▶ Nov 28 is observed globally as Red Planet day, Commemorating Nov 28, 1964 when USA launched space probe *Mariner 4* towards Mars.
- 24. ▶ Nov 29 is observed by UN as *International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People*.
 - ✎ Nov 29 is also observed as *International Jaguar Day*.
- 25. ▶ Nov 30 is observed by UN as *Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare*.
- 26. ▶ Nov 5 is observed by UN as **World Tsunami Awareness Day**.
- 27. ▶ Nov 6 is observed by UN as *International Day for preventing environmental exploitation during war and armed conflict*.
- 28. ▶ Nov 7 is observed as *National Cancer Awareness Day in India*, along with Infant Protection day.
- 29. ▶ Nov 8 is observed as **International Day of Radiology**. It coincides with day of discovery of X-rays (on November 8, 1895), by German scientist Wilhelm Röntgen.
 - ✎ Nov 8 is also observed as *World Urbanism Day*, also known as *Town Planning Day*.
- 30. ▶ Nov 9 is observed as **National Legal Services Day** In India, to commemorate enactment of Indian Legal Services Authorities Act 1987.
 - ✎ On 11 October 1987, Legal Services Authorities Act 1987 was enacted. It took effect on 9 November 1995.
 - ✎ Notably, Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Program (LLLAP) of Department of Justice (under DISHA scheme) is being implemented nationwide through 14 agencies.
- 31. ▶ Nov 9 is statehood day of *Uttarakhand*.
 - ✎ On 9 November 2000, Uttarakhand became 27th state of India, being carved from Himalayan districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- 32. ▶ November 11 is celebrated as **National Education Day in India**, to commemorate birth anniversary of Maulana Abdul Azad, the first Education Minister of India. He is accredited for establishment of several premier institutes of country. It is being celebrated since 2008.
- 33. ▶ November 12 is observed as Public Service Broadcasting in India. It commemorates visit of M K Gandhi to studio of All India Radio in Delhi in 1947.
 - ✎ Nov 12 is also observed as *World Pneumonia Day*, marked in 2009.
- 34. ▶ November 18 is observed as *National Naturopathy Day* by AYUSH Ministry. It was first observed in 2018.
 - ✎ Nov 18 is also observed by UN as *World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Violence*. It was first observed in 2022.

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Defence

1. ▶ 4th edition of Bilateral Exercise between Indian and **Bangladesh** Navies, **BONGOSAGAR-23**, and 5th edition of joint Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) conducted in Northern Bay of Bengal.
2. ▶ 9th edition of Joint **India-Sri Lanka** military exercise **MITRA SHAKTI 2023** held in Aundh (Pune), with participation of Army and Air Force from both nations.
3. ▶ Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) conducted simultaneous launch of **Mahe, Malvan and Mangrol**, as first 3 of 8 ships being built for Indian Navy, by CSL under Project **ASW Shallow Water Craft**.
 - ✎ Under this project, 8 ships are being made by each of Cochin Shipyard (CSL) and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE). Ships under this project will have over 80% indigenous content.
 - ✎ Ships being made under the project -

- ✍ By Cochin Shipyard (CSL) -
 - ✍ Launched - Mahe, Malwan, Mangrol
 - ✍ Under Construction - Malpe, Mulki
 - ✍ Other 3 ships are yet to be named.
 - ✍ By GRSE -
 - ✍ Launched - *Arnala, Anjadip, Amini, Androth*
 - ✍ Other 4 ships are yet to be named.
 - ✍ Notably -
 - ✍ *Androth* has been claimed to be *most silent ship* in Indian Navy.
 - ✍ *Amini* was launched recently in Nov 2023.
4. ▶ Defence Acquisition Council (chaired by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh) approved Acceptance of Necessity (AoNs) for various Capital Acquisition Proposals amounting to **2.23 lakh crore**, with acquisition worth 98% of total AoN amount to be sourced from domestic industries. Notable approvals include -
- ✍ Towed Gun System (TGS) for Army, to replace Indian Field Gun (IFG) that has completed service life.
 - ✍ Surface-to-Surface Missile *Medium Range Anti-Ship Missiles (MRAShM)*, for surface platform of Indian Navy.
 - ✍ *Light Combat Helicopter (LCH)* for Indian Air Force (IAF) & Indian Army and *Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mk 1A* for IAF, from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). Su-30 MKI Aircraft will also be upgraded indigenously by HAL.
 - ✍ Also, to maximise indigenisation, DAC has approved an amendment in Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 -
 - ✍ Henceforth, in all categories of procurement cases, minimum 50% of indigenous content shall be in the form of material, components & software that are manufactured in India.
 - ✍ For all procurement cases with AoN cost upto 300 crore, registered MSMEs / start-ups will be considered for issue of Request for Proposal (RFP) without any stipulation of financial parameters (relaxable for AoN upto 500 crores on case-to-case basis).
5. ▶ Indian Army hosted *Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2023* (1st edition) at Manekshaw Centre (New Delhi), organised in partnership with Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS).
6. ▶ Indian Army and Indian Air Force participated in **Exercise KAZIND 2023**, with Kazakhstan Army and Air Force.
 - ✍ Joint Exercise between India and Kazakhstan was instituted as *PRABAL DOSTYK* in 2016. After 2nd edition, it was upgraded to a company-level exercise and renamed as *KAZIND*.
 - ✍ The Exercise has been further upgraded as a *Bi-service* Exercise from 2023 onwards, by including *Air Force* component.
7. ▶ Joint bilateral Army exercise **Harimau Shakti 2023** between Indian & **Malaysian** Armies, held at Umroi Cantonment (Maghalaya).
8. ▶ Misc. Defence News /Events (Nov 2023) -
 - ✍ Indian Navy's *Gunnery Symposium 2023* conducted at INS Dronacharya, the Navy's Center for Excellence in Gunnery and Missile Warfare under Southern Naval Command.
 - ✍ Swedish defence firm *Saab* became first foreign company to secure 100 % Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) approval for a defence project in India.
 - ✍ Saab will establish a new manufacturing facility in India, which will focus on producing shoulder-fired rockets.
 - ✍ Notably, India allows up to 74 % FDI in defence sector under automatic route, with additional clearance available on a case-by-case basis.
 - ✍ *Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2023 (IPRD)* held in New Delhi, as Indian Navy's annual apex-level international conference.
 - ✍ Indian Coast Guard conducted *National Level Pollution Response Exercise 2023 (NATPOLREX-IX)* at Vadinar (Gujarat).

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1. ▶ 1st flagship publication of Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning (CAFRAL), titled **India Finance Report 2023 (IFR 2023)** has been released by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.
 - ✍ IFR 2023, with *Connecting the Last Mile* as its theme, provides an in-depth assessment of non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) in India.
 - ✍ CAFRAL was set up in 2011 as an independent body by RBI, to promote research and learning in banking and finance.
2. ▶ *Zurich Insurance* invested 4501 crores in India's *Kotak General Insurance*, to acquire 51% stake.

Further, Zurich Insurance will acquire an additional stake of 19 % within 3 years. Kotak Mahindra Bank will retain management control of the general insurance arm until Zurich increases its stake to 70%.

3. ▶ **IndusInd Bank** became first bank to go live as a *Financial Information Provider* under new *Account Aggregator Framework* of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

As an FIP, IndusInd Bank will facilitate customers to share their financial information with Financial Information Users (FIUs) on Account Aggregator Ecosystem. Once other financial institutions go live on AA framework, it will eliminate need for collecting/submitting physical documents for getting loans or accessing other financial products / services.

Earlier, to promote open banking in India, RBI announced Account Aggregator (AA) framework in June 2016, to enable individuals / businesses to avail services that will help them fulfil their financial requirements in a seamless way.

4. ▶ **Inflation and Trade Data for October 2023 -**

Wholesale price Index Based (WPI) -

WPI based inflation stayed at - **0.52 % (negative) in October 2023.**

WPI Inflation in last 12 months -

- September 2023 - (-) 0.26 % (**Negative**)
- August 2023 - (-) 0.52 % (**Negative**)
- July 2023 - (-) 1.36 % (**Negative**)
- June 2023 - (-) 4.12 % (**Negative**) (*lowest in 8 years*)
- May 2023 - (-) 3.48 % (**Negative**)
- April 2023 - (-) 0.92 % (**Negative**)
- March 2023 - 1.34 %
- February 2023 - 3.85 %
- January 2023 - 4.73 %
- December 2022 - 4.95 %
- November 2022 - 5.85 %
- October 2022 - 8.39 %

Consumer Price Index (CPI) Based (retail inflation) -

CPI-based inflation rate for **October 2023** fell to **4.87 %**.

CPI Inflation in Last 12 Months -

- September 2023 - 5.02 %
- August 2023 - 6.83 %
- July 2023 - 7.44 % (**15 Month High**)
- June 2023 - 4.81 %
- May 2023 - 4.25 % (**25 Month Low**)
- April 2023 - 4.7 %
- March 2023 - 5.66 %
- February 2023 - 6.44 %
- January 2023 - 6.52 %
- December 2022 - 5.72 %
- November 2022 - 5.88 %
- October 2022 - 6.77 %

Trade -

Overall Trade **October 2023** (Merchandise + Services) -

- Overall Imports - 79.35
- Overall Exports - 62.26
- Overall Trade Deficit - **17.08 Billion USD**

Compared to Last Month (September 2023)

- Overall Imports - 68.75
- Overall Exports - 63.84
- Overall Trade Deficit - 4.92 **Billion USD**

Notably, India's Overall Trade Deficit stood at 21 month low of 1.38 **Billion USD**, in April 2023.

Notable facts about *India's Trade during Previous Financial Year* (FY 23 (2022-23)) -

- ✎ Exports stood at highest ever USD **770.18 billion** during FY 2022-23, growing 13.84 % over FY 2021-22.
 - ✎ Out of this, Merchandise exports stood at USD 447.46 billion & Services exports at USD 322.72 billion, both a new annual record.
 - ✎ US and UAE retained first and second places respectively as India's largest export destinations, during FY 2022-23. Netherlands rose to third place, replacing China.
 - ✎ In terms of overall trade too (exports + imports), US remained India's top partner in 2022-23, with \$128.55 Billion Trade (Exports \$78.31 billion & imports \$50.24 billion).
- 5. ▶ As per research by *Journalistic.Org* -
 - ✎ India ranks 3rd in terms of number of unicorn companies (over 1 Billion USD), after US (1) & China (2).
 - ✎ India has 72 unicorns, with total valuation of \$195.75 billion, making 5 % contribution to global unicorn valuation.
- 6. ▶ Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba group's investment arm *Alipay* exited India's *Zomato*, by selling its 3.44 % stake at an average price of ₹112.70 per share (Approx 3337 crores).
 - ✎ However, Alibaba Group still owns 6.39 % stake in Zomato, through *Antfin Singapore Holding Pte. Ltd.*
- 7. ▶ GST revenue collected in October 2023 stood at 172003 crores (out of which 30062 crore CGST, 38171 crore SGST, 91315 crore IGST and 12456 crore cess).
 - ✎ Notably, GST revenue collection for October 2023 is 2nd highest ever, 2nd only to April 2023 (1.87 lakh crores).
- 8. ▶ Loans Approved by **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** for India (In Nov 2023) -
 - ✎ **\$400 million** - To support India's **urban reform agenda** for creating high quality urban infrastructure, improving service delivery, and promoting efficient governance systems.
 - ✎ **\$250 million** - To strengthen India's power sector by improving financial sustainability and facilitating the shift to renewable energy.
 - ✎ **\$125 million** - With **L&T Finance**, to support financing in rural and peri-urban areas in India, particularly for women borrowers.
 - ✎ **\$170 million** - To support modernization of water supply services in city of **Kochi** in Kerala, helping improve quality of urban life and build climate resilience.
 - ✎ **\$500 million** - To improve access to quality and affordable tertiary health care and medical education in **Maharashtra**.
 - ✎ **\$6.5 million** - With *Greenway Grameen Infra Private Limited*,; to produce and distribute 1 million improved cookstoves to rural households in India's *Madhya Pradesh* and *Odisha* states.
 - ✎ The financing also includes a \$3.25 million first-loss liquidity reserve from the Climate Innovation and Development Fund (CIDF).
 - ✎ **\$100 million** -To improve urban services and tourism facilities in **Tripura**.
- 9. ▶ Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation's National Statistical Office released Estimates of GDP growth for Quarter Jul-Sep 2023-24 (**Q2 FY24**) -
 - ✎ Real GDP or GDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices -
 - ✎ GDP estimated at **41.74** lakh crores in Q2 FY24 (2023-24), as against 38.78 lakh crore in Q2FY 23 (2022-23), showing growth of **7.6 %**.
 - ✎ GDP Growth for last 5 Quarters -
 - ✎ Q1 FY 24 (2023-24) - 7.8 %
 - ✎ Q4 FY 23 (2022-23) - 6.1 %
 - ✎ Q3 FY 23 (2022-23) - 4.4 %
 - ✎ Q2 FY 23 (2022-23) - 6.3 %
 - ✎ Q1 FY 23 (2022-23) - 13.5 %
 - ✎ Nominal GDP or GDP at Current Prices -
 - ✎ GDP Growth in Q2 FY24 (2023-24) came to be 9.1 %.
- 10. ▶ Misc. Economy / Financial News (Nov 2023) -
 - ✎ Life insurer *IndiaFirst Life* became first life insurance company to secure registration within Gujarat-based GIFT City International Financial Services Centre (IFSC). It will enable IndiaFirst Life to expand its services beyond India.
 - ✎ Indian GDP Growth Forecasts (Nov 2023) -
 - ✎ UBS - 6.3% for FY 24 (2023-24).
 - ✎ Morgan Stanley - 6.5% for FY2024 (2023-24) and FY2025 (2024-25).
 - ✎ Notable penalties imposed by RBI -

- ✍ Indian Overseas Bank - 1 Crore
- ✍ Citibank - 5 crore
- ✍ Bank of Baroda - 4.34 crore
- ✍ *Svatantra Microfin* acquired *Chaitanya India Fin Credit Private Limited* (subsidiary of Sachin Bansal's Navi Group), for \$178.5 Million. It will position Svatantra as 2nd largest microfinance company in India.
- ✍ Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) launched a new non-linked, non-participating individual savings whole life insurance product called *Jeevan Utsav*.
 - ✍ Minimum sum assured under the policy is Rs 5 lakh, with premium paying terms ranging 5-16 years and entry age 8-65 years.
- 11. ▶ Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched **AMA Bank** scheme, for providing banking services through CSP Plus banking outlets in all unbanked Gram Panchayats in state, in collaboration with 6 public sector banks.
 - ✍ Ama Bank is a low cost brick and mortar micro bank branch which sits between a BC (Banking Correspondent) and a small bank branch, and will provide all necessary banking services.
 - ✍ Under it, State government will provide rent free banking space for 5 years. It will also bear one-time expenses for Fixed Cost & Recurring expenses for 3 years.
 - ✍ Provision of 500 Crore has been made for this scheme.
- 12. ▶ RBI extended **Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF)** scheme by 2 years, till December 31, 2025.
 - ✍ It will now also include beneficiaries of **PM Vishwakarma** scheme.
 - ✍ PIDF Scheme was operationalised in January 2021 for 3 years, to incentivise deployment of payment acceptance infrastructure in tier-3 to tier-6 cities, NE states and UTs of J&K and Ladakh.
 - ✍ Beneficiaries of PM SVANidhi Scheme in Tier-1 and 2 centres were later included in scheme.
 - ✍ As of now, over 2.7 crore new touch-points have been deployed under the Scheme.
- 13. ▶ SIDBI launched one-of-its kind *MSME Economic Activity Index Sumpoorn*, in association with digital lending transformation platform *Jocata*.
 - ✍ MSME specific high-frequency indicator will capture state of MSMEs in India, that contribute more than a quarter of country's overall Gross Value Added (GVA) and over 40 % of exports.
- 14. ▶ Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) announced relaxing fundraising norms for Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) on social stock exchanges -
 - ✍ Reduced minimum issue size of Zero Coupon Zero Principal Instruments from one crore rupees to 50 lakh rupees.
 - ✍ Minimum investment amount for investors has also been reduced from 2 lakh rupees to 10 thousand rupees.
 - ✍ SEBI also approved amendments to SEBI (Real Estate Investment Trusts) Regulations 2014 (REIT Regulations) to create a new regulatory framework for small and medium REITs.
 - ✍ These REITs can have an asset value of at least Rs **50 crore**, versus current minimum asset value of **500 crore** for existing REITs.
- 15. ▶ Warren Buffett-led **Berkshire Hathaway** divested its entire **2.46%** stake in India's One 97 Communications (Paytm parent).
 - ✍ Selling at average price of Rs 877.2 per share, the transaction resulted in Rs 507 crores loss for Berkshire Hathaway.
- 16. ▶ World Bank approved **\$200 million** loan for India, to fund a project that will facilitate power sector reforms in **Himachal Pradesh** and add 10000 megawatts to state's renewable energy portfolio.

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International

1. ▶ *Afghanistan* announced permanent closure of its embassy in New Delhi, citing *persistent challenges from Indian government*.
2. ▶ *Russia* officially pulled out of *Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE)*, that restricts use of conventional weapons, stating NATO's expansion as reason for the same.
3. ▶ **Angkor Wat** (Cambodia) has been named *8th Wonder of the World*, leaving behind Pompeii (Italy).
 - ✍ Built in 12th century by Hindu King Suryavarman II, Angkor Wat was originally dedicated to the Hindu deity Vishnu. However, overtime, it transformed into a Buddhist temple. Guinness World Records considers it as *largest religious structure in the world*.
4. ▶ As per *QS World University Rankings: Asia 2024* -
 - ✍ Top 5 -
 - ✍ Peking University (China)

- ✍ University of Hong Kong
- ✍ National University of Singapore
- ✍ Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)
- ✍ Tsinghua University (China)
- ✍ Top 5 Indian Universities in List -
 - ✍ Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (40)
 - ✍ Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (46)
 - ✍ Indian Institute of Technology Madras (53)
 - ✍ Indian Institute of Science Bangalore (58)
 - ✍ Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (59)
- 5. ▶ As per WIPO's World Intellectual Property Indicators Report 2023 -
 - ✍ Number of Patent Applications Filed Worldwide in 2022 stood at record 3.46 million.
 - ✍ Top 3 - China (16.2 Lakh), US (5.94 Lakh), Japan (2.9 Lakh).
 - ✍ Patent applications by residents of India grew by **25.2 %** in 2022 (approx 77000 applications). South Africa saw most increase in Patent applications (27.6 %), followed by India.
- 6. ▶ As per *Times Global Employability University Rankings 2023* -
 - ✍ Top 5 universities globally -
 - ✍ California Institute of Technology (US)
 - ✍ Massachusetts Institute of Technology (US)
 - ✍ Stanford University (US)
 - ✍ University of Cambridge (UK)
 - ✍ Harvard University (US)
 - ✍ Indian Universities in List -
 - ✍ IIT Delhi is top ranked Indian University in List (placed 27th globally), followed by IISc (55), IIT Bombay (62). 9 Indian universities have been named in top 250.
- 7. ▶ As per **Global TB Report 2023** released by WHO (World Health Organization) -
 - ✍ 28 Lakh TB cases notified in India in 2022, 33% higher than 2021.
 - ✍ India carries highest TB burden globally, with 27 % of global TB cases reported from India. Indonesia ranks 2nd (10 %), China 3rd (7.1 %).
 - ✍ India's TB incidence for 2022 is 215 per 100000 population, compared to baseline year of 2015 (when it was 256 per lakh population).
 - ✍ Notably, Under recently launched *Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan* initiative, India aims to eliminate TB by 2025, as against global target of 2030.
- 8. ▶ IIT Madras' Zanzibar (Tanzania) campus has been inaugurated, as first offshore campus of any IIT (Indian Institute of Technology).
 - ✍ Total 45 students have been admitted for a four-year Bachelor of Science degree in Data Science and AI and a two-year Master of Technology degree in Data Science and AI.
- 9. ▶ India raised concerns at WTO on EU's climate and environment related policies – particularly *Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)* and regulation on deforestation, acting as non-tariff barriers and not meeting multilateral trade rules.
 - ✍ CBAM is a carbon tariff on carbon intensive products imported by European Union. As part of European Green Deal, it takes effect in 2026, with reporting starting in 2023.
- 10. ▶ India's *Ayush Ministry* and *World Health Organization (WHO)* signed *Traditional and Complementary Medicine Project Collaboration Agreement*, in Geneva (Switzerland).
 - ✍ It aims to standardize Traditional and Complementary Medical Systems, integrate their quality and safety aspects into National Health System, and disseminate them at international level.
 - ✍ To fulfil this, Traditional Medicine Global Strategy 2025-34 will be prepared by WHO, with support of Ministry of Ayush.
 - ✍ Earlier, 2 *Project Collaboration Agreements* were signed by Ministry of Ayush with WHO - first in 2016 to *take Traditional Medical systems like Yoga, Ayurveda, Unani, and Panchakarma to the global level* and 2nd was signed in 2017 to *strengthen system of Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha medical systems*.
- 11. ▶ Indian PM Narendra Modi and Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina virtually inaugurated 3 Indian assisted development projects in Bangladesh -

- ✍ Akhaura - Agartala Cross-Border Rail Link -
 - ✍ It has been executed Indian grant assistance of 393 crores. Length of rail link is 12.24 km, with a 6.78 km Dual Gauge rail line in Bangladesh and 5.46 km in Tripura.
- ✍ Khulna - Mongla Port Rail Line -
 - ✍ It has been implemented under Indian Line of Credit with total project cost of USD 389 million.
 - ✍ It includes construction of 65 kms of broad gauge rail route between Mongla Port and existing rail network in Khulna.
 - ✍ With this, Mongla, the second largest port of Bangladesh, gets connected with broad-gauge railway network.
- ✍ Unit – II of *Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant* () -
 - ✍ Maitree STPP under Indian Concessional Financing Scheme loan of USD 1.6 billion, is a 1320 MW (2x660) Super Thermal Power Plant (MSTPP) located in Rampal in Khulna Division of Bangladesh.
 - ✍ It has been implemented by Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company (Private) Limited (BIFPCL), which is a 50:50 Joint Venture company between India's NTPC Ltd and Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB).
 - ✍ Unit I was unveiled jointly by both Prime Ministers in September 2022, and Unit 2 has now been inaugurated.
- 12. ▶ London-based *International Sugar Organisation* named **India** as its Chair for 2024.
 - ✍ Notably -
 - ✍ India is world's largest producer and consumer of sugar, and 2nd largest exporter of sugar.
 - ✍ India is also 3rd largest in terms of ethanol production (after USA and Brazil). Ethanol blending percentage in India has increased from 5% in 2019-20 to 12% in 2022-23.
- 13. ▶ UK govt proposed expanding list of safe states, by including India and Georgia in List.
 - ✍ It will speed up process of returning Indians who travel to UK illegally, and rule out their chance of seeking asylum in Britain.
 - ✍ It aims to strengthen UK's immigration system and help prevent abuse by people making unfounded protection claims.
- 14. ▶ US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) announced to invest *USD 553 million* in Sri Lanka's *Colombo West International Terminal Pvt. Ltd* - a consortium of India's Adani Group, Sri Lanka's John Keells Holdings (JKH) & Sri Lanka Ports Authority. Adani Group holds 51 % stake in the venture.
- 15. ▶ World's largest single-site solar power plant has been launched in United Arab Emirates, as *2-gigawatt Al Dhafra Solar Photovoltaic Independent Power Project (IPP)*.
 - ✍ It will generate enough electricity to power 200000 homes, and will displace 2.4 million tonnes of carbon emissions annually.

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Meetings

1. ▶ 2nd edition of *World Food India 2023* organised by Ministry of Food Processing Industries at Pragati Maidan (New Delhi), to showcase Indian Food Processing Sector seeking collaborations and investments from global Stakeholders.
 - ✍ It was organized as part of *International Year of Millets 2023* activities.
 - ✍ Ministry of Food Processing Industries had launched 1st edition of *World Food India* in 2017.
2. ▶ India hosted **Virtual G20 Leaders' Summit**, as part of its 2023 G20 Presidency.
 - ✍ On this occasion -
 - ✍ PM Narendra Modi launched 2 India-led initiatives - **Global Digital Public Infrastructure Repository** and a **Social Impact Fund (SIF)**.
 - ✍ Global Digital Public Infrastructure Repository (GDPIR) -
 - ✍ G20 Digital Economy Working Group's efforts culminated in first-ever multilateral consensus on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), endorsing 3 DPI deliverables -
 - ✍ Framework for building DPI.
 - ✍ Mobilizing finances for DPI development in Low-and Middle-Income Countries.
 - ✍ Creation of GDPIR, for exchange of information and best practices.
 - ✍ Under this, India's MeitY has developed GDPIR, as a resource hub, to bridge knowledge gap in choices / methodologies required for design, construction, deployment, and governance of DPIs.
 - ✍ Social Impact Fund (SIF) -
 - ✍ India has pledged an initial commitment of 25 million USD to SIF, which is a govt led initiative to fast-track DPI implementation in global south.

- ✎ This fund will offer financial support to provide upstream technical and non-technical assistance to countries in developing DPI systems.

✎ Notably -

- ✎ Under India's G20 Presidency in 2023, India had hosted G20 Summit 2023, at newly built *Bharat Mandapam International Exhibition-Convention Centre* (Pragati Maidan) in New Delhi.
 - ✎ During New Delhi G20 Summit 2023, PM Narendra Modi had announced that India would also be hosting a virtual G20 Leaders' Summit prior to conclusion of India's G20 Presidency (on 30 Nov 2023).
- ▶ India will host *World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly (WTSA)* in 2025.
 - ✎ Held every 4 years, WTSA is governing conference of ITU Standardisation Sector (ITU-T), one of the three world conferences of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
 - ▶ India-Australia **2+2 Dialogue** held in new Delhi.
 - ✎ India was represented by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. While Australia was represented by visiting Defence Minister Richard Marles and Foreign Minister Penny Wong.

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- ▶ Assam govt approved merger of Secondary Education Board of Assam (*SEBA*) and Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (*AHSEC*), to now be known as *Assam State School Education Board (ASSEB)*.
 - ✎ SEBA (which has been responsible for conducting Class 10 exams), and AHSEC (entrusted with overseeing Class 12 board exams), will now function as a unified board under banner of *ASSEB*.
- ▶ **IIT Kanpur** established a Center of Excellence (CoE) named **ATMAN (Advanced Technologies for Monitoring Air-quality iNdicators)**, focusing on building indigenous low-cost sensor manufacturing and Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML) capabilities to enhance air quality across urban and rural areas of India.
- ▶ As per UN's *Asia-Pacific Regional Human Development Report 2024* -
 - ✎ India has emerged among top countries in terms of income and wealth inequality.
 - ✎ Between 2015 and 2021, Share of population living in multidimensional poverty in India fell from 25 to 15 %.
 - ✎ Between 2000 and 2022, per capita income in India increased from \$442 to \$2389.
 - ✎ Between 2004 and 2019, poverty rates (based on international poverty measure of \$2.15 per day) came down from 40 to 10 %.
- ▶ As per data released under **2022 Bihar caste-based survey** -
 - ✎ Survey was conducted in 2 phases - house listing and caste and economic enumeration.
 - ✎ Results -
 - ✎ Total population of State is 1.3 crores.
 - ✎ Top 3 Religions - Hinduism (81.99%), Islam (17.70%), Buddhism (0.08%).
 - ✎ Community wise -
 - ✎ Other Backward Classes (63.14%)
 - ✎ Scheduled Castes (19.65%)
 - ✎ General (15.52%)
 - ✎ Scheduled Tribes (1.68%)
 - ✎ Income Data -
 - ✎ 34.13 % of all families in Bihar survive on less than ₹ 6000 per month.
 - ✎ 1.5% of state's population is employed in government jobs, while 95.49% of state's population do not possess any vehicles.
 - ✎ Notably -
 - ✎ CM Nitish Kumar announced a one-time benefit of Rs 2 lakh to 94 lakh families that earn less than Rs 6000 a month.
 - ✎ 2 days after releasing final caste survey data, Bihar Assembly passed a Bill to hike overall quota in educational institutions and government jobs for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) from **50% to 65%**. With existing 10% quota for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), the effective quota will be 75%.
 - ✎ Changes -

Commission are valid upto FY 26 (2025-26).

Article 280(1) of Constitutions lays down modalities for setting up of a Finance Commission.

7. ▶ Central Council for Research in Ayurveda Sciences (CCRAS) launched **Ayurveda Gyan Naipunya Initiative (AGNI)**, for physicians practicing in field of Ayurveda, to promote research for mainstreaming pragmatic Ayurveda practices through scientific validation and evidence-based appraisal.
 - ▶ AGNI aims to provide a platform to Ayurveda practitioners for reporting their innovative practices & and experiences in various disease conditions.
 - ▶ CCRAS will document and publish reported medical practices and therapeutic regimens for academic purposes, in consultation with NCISM(National Commission for Indian System of Medicine).
8. ▶ Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) has developed **Krishi 24/7** in collaboration with *Wadhvani Institute for Artificial Intelligence*, as first AI-powered solution for automated agricultural news monitoring and analysis, with support from Google.org.
 - ▶ Krishi 24/7 will aid in identifying relevant news, generate timely alerts, and take prompt action to protect farmers' interests and promote sustainable agricultural growth.
9. ▶ Election Commission of India (ECI) deployed software solution named *ENCORE (Enabling Communications on Real-time Environment)*, to simplify election management process.
 - ▶ ENCORE is an end-to-end counting application for returning officers to digitize votes polled, tabulate round-wise data and take out various statutory reports of counting.
10. ▶ General News / Events (Nov 1-10, 2023) -
 - ▶ Cyclone *Midhili* struck Bangladesh and Indian State of West Bengal.
 - ▶ 5th *India - US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue* held in New Delhi, attended by Raksha Mantri *Rajnath Singh* and External Affairs Minister *S Jaishankar* on India's behalf. US side was represented by visiting US Secretary of State *Antony J Blinken* and Secretary of Defence *Lloyd J. Austin III*.
 - ▶ Kerala Tourism launched a series of microsites, to promote pilgrimage tourism. These microsites have been designed to showcase state's rich heritage, and profound significance of its key religious sites.
 - ▶ Iconic *Throne Room* at Raj Bhavan (Kolkata), which stands as a testament to the British era's grandeur, has been renamed after *Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel*, the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of Independent India.
 - ▶ NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) opened applications for ATL Marathon 2023-24, a flagship innovation challenge organised in collaboration with Ministry of Education, YuWaah and UNICEF.
 - ▶ Ministry of Tourism (India) participated in World Travel Mart 2023 (London).
 - ▶ 2nd World Local Production Forum (WLPF) held in Hague (The Netherlands). India was represented by Bhagwant Khuba (Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers).
 - ▶ WLPF is a platform created at the initiative of WHO, with aim of increasing access to medicines and other health technologies.
 - ▶ During the visit, India and Netherlands signed Memorandum of Intent (MoI) to cooperate on medical product regulation and enhance quality of medical products and healthcare services.
 - ▶ Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), under the aegis of India's G20 presidency, hosted *G20 Standards Dialogue 2023* at Bharat Mandapam (New Delhi).
 - ▶ Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ministry launched sale of wheat flour (Atta) under *Bharat* brand, to be available at an MRP not exceeding ₹ 27.50/Kg.
 - ▶ 7th edition of Ganga Utsav organized by National Mission for Clean Ganga in New Delhi.
 - ▶ NTPC subsidiary *NTPC Renewable Energy Limited* began commercial operations of its first project, as 50 MW wind project at Dayapar in Kachch (Gujarat).
 - ▶ With this, installed capacity of NTPC Group reached 73874 MW, out of which 3364 MW is Renewable sources based.
 - ▶ *India Manufacturing Show 2023* organized in Bengaluru (Karnataka), jointly by Laghu Udhog Bharti & IMS Foundation and supported by Department of Defence Production.
 - ▶ Quality Council of India (QCI) hosted *International Convention on Sustainable Trade and Standards 2023 (ICSTS)* in New Delhi.
 - ▶ Collins Dictionary named *AI* as Word of the Year for 2023, reflecting increasing prominence of Artificial Intelligence.
11. ▶ General News / Events (Nov 21-30, 2023) -
 - ▶ *Hamfest (Amateur radio) India 2023* held at Science City, Ahmedabad (Gujarat).

- ✎ Education and Skill Development Minister Dharmendra Pradhan laid foundation stone for *National Skill Training Institutes (NSTI) Plus* at Jatni (Odisha).
- ✎ *ASEAN-India Millet Festival 2023* held in South Jakarta (Indonesia).
- ✎ India Water Impact Summit 2023 (IWIS) held at Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.
- ✎ Meghalaya Govt launched *Water Smart Kid Campaign* under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), to create awareness about water conservation amongst children.
- ✎ Tripartite peace agreement has been signed between Central govt, Manipur govt and United National Liberation Front (UNLF), the oldest valley-based armed group of Manipur.
- ✎ To boost local economy, Jammu and Kashmir administration approved establishment of 4 new industrial estates - Budhi (Kathua), Chandgam (Pulwama), Lelhar (Pulwama) & Medicity Jammu (Jammu).
- ✎ Nepal became first South Asian country to formally register a case of same-sex marriage.
 - ✎ In 2007, Nepal's Supreme Court allowed same-sex marriage, which was followed by a Constitution amendment in 2015, that prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- ✎ Govt launched first-ever tranche auction of critical and strategic minerals, including 20 blocks of critical and strategic minerals across country to be auctioned.
 - ✎ Mines Ministry had recently released first ever report on Critical Minerals for India, which identified 30 critical minerals, taking into account requirements of various key sectors such as renewable energy, defence, agriculture, pharmaceutical, high-tech electronics, telecommunications and transport.
- ✎ Maharashtra govt announced to name a street in Andheri West (Mumbai) after *Vikram Chandrakant Gokhale*, as a tribute to late National Award-winning actor-director.

12. ▶ General News /Events (Nov 11-20, 2023) -

- ✎ Joint *Arab-Islamic Extraordinary Summit* held in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia), to discuss cessation possibilities of ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict.
- ✎ International Conference on Plant Health Management (ICPHM) 2023 held in Hyderabad, organized by Plant Protection Association of India (PPAI).
- ✎ India hosted 2nd *Voice of Global South Summit* in virtual format, connecting 125 countries of Global South to share their perspectives and priorities on a common platform.
 - ✎ India had earlier hosted inaugural *Voice of Global South Summit* in January 2023, in virtual format.
- ✎ Kochi (Kerala) named only Indian city in *Condé Nast Traveller's* list of 11 best destinations in Asia for 2024.
- ✎ As a boost for India's wildlife and ecosystem conservation efforts, India has been removed from *Review of Significant Trade (RST) for Red Sanders tree*, During Standing Committee meet in Geneva of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). This will help in motivating farmers to grow more red sanders trees as a source of sustainable income.
- ✎ 6th High-Level Meeting of India-OPEC Energy Dialogue held at OPEC Secretariat in Vienna (Austria), attended by Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister *Hardeep Singh Puri* on India's behalf.
- ✎ 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) held in Indonesian capital Jakarta, attended by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh on India's behalf.
- ✎ India hosted 33rd Conference of *World Organisation for Animal Health Representation (WOAH) Regional Commission for Asia and the Pacific*, at New Delhi.
- ✎ President Droupadi Murmu launched *National Education Campaign – New Education for New India*, organized by Brahma Kumaris, at Sambalpur (Odisha).
- ✎ Ministry of Tourism organized 11th edition of International Tourism Mart 2023 (ITM) in Shillong (Meghalaya).
- ✎ J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched *Gyanodaya Express – College on Wheels* train at Katra Railway Station, as a mobile educational initiative that aims to empower female students from universities across UT.
- ✎ New Delhi-based India's oldest think-tank United Service Institution of India (*established - 1870*), organized its Annual *UN Forum 2023* in New Delhi, with theme *International Humanitarian Law and Peacekeeping*.
- ✎ Inaugural *State Educational Achievement Survey (SEAS) 2023* conducted by *Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development (PARAKH)*, the national assessment regulator.
 - ✎ The survey aimed to identify areas for improvement in student learning across various grades.

13. ▶ Govt announced phased introduction of blending compressed biogas with natural gas, to boost domestic demand and cut dependence on natural gas imports.

- ✎ Mandatory introduction will start at 1% for use in automobiles and households from April 2025, to be increased to 5% by 2028.
- 14. ▶ Govt rebranded *Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs)* as *Ayushman Arogya Mandir*, with tagline *Arogyam Parmam Dhanam*.
- 15. ▶ Indian Railways developed AI-based software called **Gajraj**, to prevent collisions between trains and elephants.
 - ✎ The indigenous software uses optical fiber cable (OFC) to detect and alert the locomotive pilot of any suspicious activity near or on the rail tracks.
- 16. ▶ Jio MAMI *Mumbai Film Festival 2023* organized at *Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre* in Mumbai, after a 4 year gap.
 - ✎ Notable Awards -
 - ✎ Noted directors *Mani Ratnam* and *Luca Guadagnino* (Italy) were presented with *Excellence in Cinema* award.
 - ✎ Noted critic *Aruna Vasudev*, author *Nasreen Munnir Kabir*, and casting director *Uma Da Cunha* received *lifetime achievement* awards.
- 17. ▶ Kerala's *Responsible Tourism Mission & Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve* (Maharashtra) have been included in United Nations World Tourism Organisation's (UNWTO) list of case studies, emphasizing innovative approach to grassroots development, and aligning tourism with UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- 18. ▶ Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) launched **LEAP AHEAD** initiative, as a joint collaboration of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE). It aims to support and accelerate success of tech startups across India.
 - ✎ This will enable tech startups to access funding support of up to ₹ 1 Crore and a 3 month mentorship program.
- 19. ▶ Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched *AAINA Dashboard for Cities* portal (www.aaina.gov.in), where Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across country can participate voluntarily, and submit their key data on a regular basis.
 - ✎ It aims to help cities to see how they are faring compared to other cities, and inspire them by pointing to possibilities and areas of improvement.
- 20. ▶ Ministry of Information and Broadcasting approved *Digital Advertisement Policy 2023*. It will -
 - ✎ Enable *Central Bureau of Communication* to Empanel organisations in new age spaces of OTT, Video on Demand, Podcasts and Digital Audio platforms.
 - ✎ Empowers CBC to on board Innovative Communication Platforms in Digital Space. It introduces competitive bidding for rate discovery, ensuring transparency and efficiency. Rates will remain valid for 3 years and will be applicable to all eligible agencies.
- 21. ▶ Ministry of Information and broadcasting published draft *Broadcasting Services (Regulation) Bill 2023*, to replace ageing *Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act 1995*. Key Highlights -
 - ✎ It addresses need of consolidating / updating regulatory provisions for various broadcasting services under a single framework. It extends regulatory purview to encompass broadcasting over-the-top (OTT) content and digital news, currently regulated through IT Act 2000.
 - ✎ To keep pace with evolving technologies, bill introduces comprehensive definitions for contemporary broadcasting terms and incorporates provisions for emerging broadcasting technologies.
 - ✎ It enhances self-regulation with introduction of *Content evaluation committees*, and evolves existing Inter-Departmental Committee into a more participative *Broadcast Advisory Council*.
 - ✎ It allows for a differentiated approach to Programme and Advertisement Codes across various services and require self-classification by broadcasters and robust access control measures for restricted content.
 - ✎ Bill addresses specific needs of persons with disabilities by providing for enabling provisions for issue of comprehensive accessibility guidelines.
 - ✎ Bill introduces statutory penalties such as *advisory, warning, censure, or monetary penalties, for operators and broadcasters*. Provision for imprisonment and/or fines remains, but only for very serious offenses, ensuring a balanced approach to regulation.
 - ✎ Bill also includes provisions for infrastructure sharing among broadcasting network operators and carriage of platform services. It also streamlines Right of Way section to address relocation and alterations more efficiently, and establishes a structured dispute resolution mechanism.
- 22. ▶ Misc. Infra Projects (Nov 2023) -
 - ✎ *JSW Infrastructure* received contract for developing an all-weather, deep-water, greenfield port at Keni Port in Karnataka, on a public private partnership basis, at cost 4119 crores.

23. ▶ Misc. MOUs (Nov 2023) -

- ▶ Between Ministry of Rural Development 's *Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM)* and *Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)*, to establish a reliable and sensitive support structure for capacity enhancement of women entrepreneurs in India.
- ▶ Between Election Commission of India (ECI) and Ministry of Education, to enhance electoral literacy among School / College students.
- ▶ Letter of Intent signed Between India & France, for Cooperation in field of Public Administration and Administrative Reforms, for 3 years.
- ▶ Between *Axis Bank* and *Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA)*, to establish *Axis Bank Chair for financial inclusion* at IRMA, to advance financial inclusion and financial literacy in India.
- ▶ Between IT firm *IBM* and *Amazon Web Services*, to launch an Innovation Lab at IBM Client Experience Center in Bengaluru, to expand their services to facilitate mutual clients operations and derive value from generative artificial intelligence (AI).
- ▶ Between Technology Development Board (*TDB*) and Small Industries Development Bank of India (*SIDBI*), to boost MSME sector by facilitating easier access to credit for enterprises engaged in development and commercial application of indigenous or imported technology.
- ▶ Between Geospatial solutions provider *Genesys International* and *Survey of India*, to create *digital twins* of major Indian cities and towns, under *India Map Stack initiative*.
- ▶ Between India and European Union (EU), for co-operation in semiconductors ecosystem, to help build a robust supply chain and support innovation.
- ▶ Between Payments firm *Mastercard* and MSME Financing NBFC *UGRO Capital*, to provide financial solutions to small businesses in India.
- ▶ Between National Geospatial Programme (DST), National Institute of Geo-informatics Science & Technology (NIGST) and IIT Tirupati Navishkār I-Hub Foundation, for setting up a Centre of excellence (Pilot) to foster Geospatial Technology, Innovation and Solutions.

24. ▶ NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) launched new accelerator called **Rapid Innovation and Startup Expansion (RISE)**, to support Australian and Indian circular economy startups.

- ▶ It has been delivered in partnership between CSIRO, Australia's national science agency.

25. ▶ National Medical Commission (NMC) announced to launch *one nation, one registration* platform for doctors across country, to eliminate duplication and allow public to access information on any physician working in India.

26. ▶ Notable data from RBI's Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2022-23 -

- ▶ Top 3 states / UTs in terms of -
 - ▶ Sex ratio (2011) - Kerala (1084), Puducherry (1037), Tamil Nadu (996)
 - ▶ Literacy Rate (2011) - Kerala (94), Lakshadweep (91.85), Mizoram (91.33)
 - ▶ Maternal Mortality Ratio (2018-20) - Kerala (19), Maharashtra (33), Telangana (43)
 - ▶ Forest Cover (2021) - Madhya Pradesh (77493 sq km), Arunachal Pradesh (66431), Chhattisgarh (55717)
 - ▶ Tree Cover -Maharashtra (12108 sq km), Rajasthan (8733), Karnataka (7494)
 - ▶ Installed Capacity of Power (2022-23) - Gujarat (45913), Maharashtra (45546 MW), Rajasthan (38999)
 - ▶ Total installed capacity of grid-interactive renewable power (2022) - Rajasthan (17041 MW), Gujarat (16588 MW), Tamil Nadu (16099 MW)

27. ▶ Nov 10 is observed by UN as **World Science Day for Peace and Development**, marked by UNESCO. 2023 Theme is *Building Trust In Science*.

- ▶ Also, *International Week of Science and Peace* is observed annually Between November 9-15.
- ▶ Nov 10, 2023 was also observed as *National Ayurveda Day* in India. It is observed every year from 2016 on day of Dhanwantri Jayanti (Dhanteras).

28. ▶ PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated **10000th** Jan Aushadhi Kendra, at **AIIMS Deoghar**. He also launched -

- ▶ Program to increase number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras in country from 10000 to **25000**.
- ▶ Pradhan Mantri Mahila Kisan Drone Kendra, under *Drone Didi* Scheme.
 - ▶ Under it, Drones will be provided to 15000 Women Self Help Groups (SHGs), with outlay of 1261 Crores, between 2024-25 to 2025-26.

29. ▶ Ports, Shipping & Waterways Minister *Sarbananda Sonowal* flagged off domestic sailing of the first International Cruise Liner **Costa Serena** in India at Mumbai.
- ✍ Notably, India aims to have 50 million cruise passengers by 2047.
30. ▶ Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister *R K Singh* launched Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)'s *National Efficient Cooking Programme (NECP)* and *Energy Efficient Fans Programme (EEFP)*. These initiatives are aimed at optimizing cooking practices in India and emphasizing on importance and urgency of energy efficient fans.
- ✍ *NECP* introduces induction-based cook-stoves, offering a cost advantage of 25-30% over traditional cooking methods. By deploying 20 Lakh Induction cook-stoves across India, EESL seeks to reduce environmental impact of cooking methods, ensuring cleaner air and improved health for citizens.
 - ✍ *EEFP* focuses on deploying energy-efficient BLDC fans, with goal of distributing 1 crore ceiling fans.
31. ▶ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) announced addition of **55** new cities to its **Creative Cities Network (UCCN)**.
- ✍ It includes 2 Indian cities - **Kozhikode** (Kerala) as *City of Literature*, and **Gwalior** (Madhya Pradesh) as *City of Music*.
32. ▶ Uttar Pradesh Govt approved setting up of *India's first Telecom Center of Excellence*, at IIT Roorkee (Saharanpur Campus).
- ✍ The center will focus on intersection of 5G technology and artificial intelligence (AI) and will lay groundwork for launch of 6G technology.
33. ▶ Uttar Pradesh govt imposed ban on production, storage, distribution and sale of halal certified products within state. It encompasses a wide range of edible and external use items.
- ✍ Halal / Haram - In Islam, products are certified as Halal, marking them usable by muslims. The marking isn't based on quality / safety standards, but is solely determined by islamic traditional beliefs. This leads to confusion about food quality, and potentially violates government rules.
 - ✍ The ban aims to address these concerns and ensure that certification is done exclusively by authorized bodies only, like Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
34. ▶ Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Zubin Irani launched -
- ✍ *Guide on Gender-Inclusive Communication*, prepared by LBSNAA in collaboration with UN WOMEN and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
 - ✍ The Guide provides recommendations on use of Gender-Inclusive language that avoids bias towards a particular sex or social gender, to convey or amplify gender stereotypes.
 - ✍ *Anganwadi Protocol for Divyang Children*, under *Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi* program of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0.
 - ✍ Through this protocol, every district administration will be guided in addressing special needs for education and nutrition, providing Swavlamban Cards for empowerment of divyang children and their families.

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Persons

1. ▶ Visits to India (Nov 2023) -
 - ✍ Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck - Bhutan's King.
 - ✍ Sylvestre Radegonde - Minister of Foreign Affairs and Tourism of *Seychelles*.
 - ✍ Zambry Abdul Kadir - Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.
 - ✍ Jason Clare - Australian Education Minister.
2. ▶ 3 Indian Businesswomen have been named on Forbes 2023 Asia's Power Businesswomen list -
 - ✍ Mahima Datla (Biological E)
 - ✍ M R Jyothy (Jyothy Labs)
 - ✍ Rashmi Verma (C E Info Systems)
3. ▶ 4 Indian women have been named in British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) **100 Women list** 2023, including Actress Dia Mirza, Cricketer Harmanpreet Kaur, Photographer Arati KumarRao, and Tibetan Buddhist nun Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo.
4. ▶ **Sheynnis Palacios (Nicaragua)** won **Miss Universe 2023** pageant, hosted in *El Salvador*.
 - ✍ Notably, India was represented by *Shweta Sharda (Miss Diva 2023 winner)*.
5. ▶ As per *EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023*, Top Philanthropists during FY 2022-23 (donations in Crores) -
 - ✍ Shiv Nadar (2042)
 - ✍ Azim Premji (1774)

- ✍ Mukesh Ambani (376)
- ✍ Kumar Mangalam Birla (287)
- ✍ Gautam Adani (285)

6. ▶ Obituaries (Nov 2023) -

- ✍ D B Chandregowda - Former MP, MLA and Speaker of Karnataka Legislative Assembly.
- ✍ Gieve Patel - Noted Indian poet, playwright & painter.
- ✍ Leela Omchery - Noted Padma shri awardee classical singer and musicologist from Tamil Nadu.
- ✍ Chandra Mohan - Noted Telugu actor.
- ✍ P B Acharya - Former governor of Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh & Tripura.
- ✍ N Sankaraiah - Former MLA and Independence Activist from Tamil Nadu.
- ✍ Brijinder Nath Goswamy - Noted Padma Bhushan awardee Art Historian.
- ✍ A S Byatt - Noted Booker awardee british novelist.
- ✍ S Venkitaramanan - Former RBI Governor.
- ✍ Sanjay Gadhvi - Noted Filmmaker, prominently known for directing first two instalments of Dhoom series.
- ✍ P Vatsala - Noted Malayalam writer, and a recipient of Ezhuthachan Puraskaram, highest literary honour by Kerala govt.
- ✍ M Fathima Beevi - Former Supreme Court Judge (first female judge of supreme court of India), and Governor of Tamil Nadu.
- ✍ Zaverilal Dalpatram Mehta - Noted Padma Sri Awardee Indian photographer.

7. ▶ Time Magazine Featured Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina on its cover, for being longest-tenured female non-hereditary head of government and longest-serving female leader of any country.

- ✍ She has also been acknowledged for driving Bangladesh's economy to a path of growth in the last two decades.

8. ▶ Visits from India (Nov 2023) -

- ✍ Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal visited USA -
 - ✍ During the visit, an MOU was signed Between India and US, on *Enhancing Innovation Ecosystems through an Innovation Handshake* under framework of *India – U.S. Commercial Dialogue*.
 - ✍ *Innovation Handshake* was established during state visit of PM Narendra Modi to US in June 2023.
 - ✍ MoU aims to connect the two sides' dynamic startup ecosystems and share best practices, particularly in critical and emerging technologies (CET) as identified under *India US initiative for Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET)*.
- ✍ Attended 3rd Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Ministerial Meeting in San Francisco (California).
 - ✍ At the Meeting, IPEF member nations signed *IPEF Supply Chain Agreement*.
 - ✍ About -
 - ✍ IPEF was launched in May 2022 at Tokyo, with 14 partner countries. It seeks to strengthen economic engagement among partner countries, to advance growth, peace and prosperity in the region.
 - ✍ The framework is structured around 4 pillars relating to Trade (Pillar I); Supply Chains (Pillar II); Clean Economy (Pillar III); and Fair Economy (Pillar IV). India had joined Pillars II to IV of IPEF, while it has an observer status in Pillar-I.
- ✍ Education and Skill Development Minister Dharmendra Pradhan visited UAE. During the visit -
 - ✍ Agreement signed between India's *NSDC International* and We One (DP World subsidiary), for long term recruitment of skilled manpower.
 - ✍ Announced to open CBSE India's regional office in Dubai, to benefit Indian diaspora.
- ✍ During External Affairs minister S Jaishankar's visit to Italy, 2 Agreements were signed - on *Migration and Mobility Partnership*, and *Executive Programme on Cultural Cooperation for period 2023-27*.

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Science

1. ▶ As per World Meteorological Organization (WMO) **Greenhouse Gas Bulletin 2023** -

- ✍ Global averaged concentrations of CO₂ (the most important greenhouse gas) in 2022 were 50% above pre-industrial era for the first time. They continued to grow in 2023.

- ✎ Other 2 greenhouse gases (Methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O)) also saw highest year-on-year increase on record, from 2021 to 2022.
 - ✎ Global mean temperature in 2022 was 1.15C above the 1850-1900 average.
 - ✎ Report indicated that efforts for emission control have been off track and current level of greenhouse gas concentrations will cause an increase in temperatures well above Paris Agreement targets by the end of this century (limit temp rise to 1.5°C). This will be accompanied by more extreme weather, including intense heat and rainfall, ice melt, sea-level rise and ocean heat and acidification.
2. ▶ Misc. Science News (Nov 2023) -
- ✎ *Tata Play Fiber* partnered with Nokia, to launch India's first WiFi6-ready broadband network, using Nokia's fiber optical line terminal (OLT) technology.
 - ✎ In a global first, Polish Rum company *Dictador* appointed a robotic AI *Mika* as CEO, in collaboration with Hong Kong-based Hanson Robotics.
 - ✎ Samsung Electronics introduced its new generative artificial intelligence model called *Samsung Gauss*, designed for AI applications on devices.
 - ✎ It has been named after noted German mathematician *Carl Friedrich Gauss*, who established normal distribution theory, the backbone of machine learning and AI.
 - ✎ Researchers discovered *oldest black hole* known yet, formed 470 million years after the Big Bang.
 - ✎ It has been discovered based on observations made by NASA's James Webb Space Telescope and Chandra X-Ray Observatory.
 - ✎ Given the universe is 13.7 billion years old, that puts the age of this black hole at 13.2 billion years.
 - ✎ *Association of Asia-Pacific Airlines (AAPA)* has set a target for its 14 member airlines (including newly inducted Air India), to achieve 5% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) usage by 2030. It aims to address aviation industry's carbon emissions challenges.
 - ✎ IIT Madras based Centre for Research on Start-ups and Risk Financing (CREST) developed India's first information platform on incubators and accelerators.
 - ✎ The platform, developed in partnership with IIT Madras-incubated YNOS, contains comprehensive information on incubators and accelerators.
 - ✎ OneWeb India (part of Bharti Group and subsidiary of France's Eutelsat Group) became first organisation to receive approval from India's space regulator IN-SPACe, to commence Eutelsat OneWeb's commercial satellite broadband services in India.
3. ▶ NASA launched new sounding rocket mission named **Integral Field Ultraviolet Spectroscope Experiment (INFUSE)**, to study a stellar event in Cygnus Loop, which is a supernova remnant that took place 20000 years ago.
 - ✎ Cygnus is about 2600 light years away from Earth. The INFUSE mission will study the Cygnus Loop and try to understand the life cycle of stars.
4. ▶ World's first *3D printed temple* has been set up at Burugupally in Siddipet dsitric (Telangana).
 - ✎ It has been built by Hyderabad-based Apsuja Infratech in collaboration with additive manufacturing solutions provider Simpliforge Creations.

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Sports

1. ▶ **2023 ATP Finals** Men's tennis (Turin, Italy) -
- ✎ About - It was season-ending event for highest-ranked singles players and doubles teams on 2023 ATP Tour.
 - ✎ Winners -
 - ✎ Singles - **Novak Djokovic** (Serbia).
 - ✎ He defeated Jannik Sinner (Italy). With this win, Djokovic went past Roger Federer's record of Most ATP Singles Titles, as his 7th title.
 - ✎ Doubles - **Rajeev Ram** (Indian Origin American) / Joe Salisbury (UK)
2. ▶ **2023 Asian Archery Championships** (Bangkok, Thailand) -
- ✎ Medal Table -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	South Korea	6	2	3	11
2	India	3	1	3	7
3	Kazakhstan	1	2	0	3
4	China	0	2	1	3
	Chinese Taipei	0	2	1	3
6	Thailand	0	1	0	1
7	Indonesia	0	0	1	1
	Japan	0	0	1	1

Indian Medalists -

Gold -

- Parneet Kaur (Women's individual compound)
- Women's Team Compound (Aditi Swami, Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur)
- Mixed Team Compound (Aditi Swami, Priyansh)

Silver -

- Jyothi Surekha Vennam (Women's individual compound)

Notably, *Asian Para Archery Championships 2023* were also held alongside (in Bangkok), in which India won 9 medals (4 Gold, 4 Silver, 1 Bronze).

- Rakesh Sharma won 3 Gold (Compound Men Open, Compound Men Open Team & Compound Mixed Open Team).

3. ▶ **2023 Asian Shooting Championships** (Changwon, South Korea) -

Medal Table -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	14	9	10	33
2	South Korea	9	9	6	24
3	India	6	8	5	19
4	Kazakhstan	4	4	6	14
5	Qatar	3	1	1	5

Indian Gold Medalists -

Men -

- 50 m rifle 3 positions - Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar**
- Skeet team - Angad Vir Singh Bajwa, Gurjoat Singh Khangura, Anantjeet Singh Naruka
- 10m aier Rifle team - Arjun Babuta, Hriday Hazarika, Divyansh Singh Panwar

Women -

- 50 m rifle 3 positions team - Ashi Chouksey, Ayushi Podder, Shriyanka Sadangi

Mixed -

- Trap team - Prithviraj Tondaiman, Manisha Keer
- Skeet team - Anantjeet Singh Naruka, Darshna Rathore

4. ▶ **2023 Asian Table Tennis Championships** (Hosted in South Korea) -

Men's -

- Gold - Ma Long (China)
- Silver - Fan Zhendong (China)

Women's -

- Gold - Wang Manyu (China)
- Silver - Sun Yingsha (China)

Medal Table -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	7	5	3	15

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
2	South Korea	0	1	5	6
3	Chinese Taipei	0	1	2	3
4	Japan	0	0	2	2
5	Hong Kong	0	0	1	1
	India	0	0	1	1

India's only medal was a Bronze, won by *Sathiyam Gnanasekaran*, in Men's team event.

5. ▶ **2023 ICC Cricket World Cup** (13th edition, Hosted in **India**) -

Australia won the title (their **6th**), defeating **India** in the final match played at Narendra Modi Stadium (Ahmedabad).

Notable Players -

Player of the series - India's Virat Kohli

Most runs - India's Virat Kohli (765)

Most wickets - India's Mohammed Shami (24)

Notably -

Records -

2 records made by Indian Players during India's World Cup semifinal match against New Zealand -

Mohammed Shami became first Indian bowler to pick 7 wickets in a One Day International (ODI).

Mohammad Shami also became India's highest wicket-taker in ODI World Cups.

Virat Kohli became first batter to score 50 One Day International (ODI) centuries, surpassing Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 centuries.

During World Cup 2023 match between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka player Angelo Mathews became first player to be timed out in an international cricket match.

India's Shubman Gill become fastest player to reach 2000 ODI runs, during World Cup match against New Zealand. He reached 2000-run milestone in 38 innings.

Australia's David Warner became fastest batter to complete 1000 runs in ODI World Cup.

India's Rohit Sharma became first player to hit 50 sixes in the ODI World Cup.

Appointments -

ICC had named India's *Sachin Tendulkar* as *Global Ambassador* for Cricket World Cup 2023.

Former Indian Cricketer *Ajay Jadeja* was named Afghanistan's team mentor for World Cup 2023.

6. ▶ **2023 Sultan of Johor Cup** (Annual men's under- 21 field hockey tournament held in Malaysia) -

Germany won the title (their 2nd), defeating *Australia* in Final. *India* was placed 3rd.

Notably, 2023 edition featured 8 teams, expanding from 6 teams earlier.

7. ▶ **2023 U23 World Wrestling Championships** (Tirana, Albania) -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
-	Individual Neutral Athletes	11	4	8	23
1	Japan	5	3	4	12
2	United States	5	2	2	9
3	Turkey	3	4	5	12
4	Moldova	2	3	1	6
5	Ukraine	1	3	5	9
6	United World Wrestling	1	2	6	9

As a result of sanctions by UWW imposed on **Wrestling Federation of India** for not conducting its elections on time, wrestlers from India participated under name and flag of *United World Wrestling (UWW)*.


Indian Wrestlers won 9 medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver & 6 Bronze).

Gold -

Reetika Hooda (76 kg Women's freestyle)

Silver -

Neha Sharma (55 kg Women's freestyle)


 Jyoti Berwal (72 kg Women's freestyle)

8. ▶ **37th National Games** hosted in Goa, featuring record **43** sporting disciplines.

 Notably -

 This was also 1st time that Goa hosted National Games.


 37th National Games marked debut of several new sports disciplines -

 Medal stage - *Beach football, roll ball, golf, sepaktakraw, sqay martial arts, kallyarapattu, pencak silat & Mini Golf.*

 Demonstration sports - *lagori and gatka.*

 Official Signs -

 Motto - Get Set Goa.

 Mascot - Moga (an Indian bison).

 Fintech firm Paytm was named official sponsor of 37th National Games.

 Medal Table -

Rank	State	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Maharashtra	80	69	79	228
2	Services	66	27	33	126
3	Haryana	62	55	75	192
4	Madhya Pradesh	37	36	39	112
5	Kerala	36	24	27	87

 **Maharashtra** topped the medal table, winning the *Raja Bhalindra Trophy (for overall championship)*, for the first time since 1994.

9. ▶ *Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey 2023* (Ranchi, Jharkhand) -

 **India** won the title (their 2nd), defeating Japan in Final.

10. ▶ **2023 Rolex Paris Masters** Men's Tennis -


 Singles - Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

 Doubles - Santiago González (Mexico) & Édouard Roger-Vasselin (France)


11. ▶ **2023 World Wushu Championships** (Fort Worth, Texas, USA) -

 Medal Table -


Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	15	0	0	15
2	Vietnam	5	3	3	11
3	Macau	5	2	4	11
4	Hong Kong	3	2	3	8
5	Singapore	2	4	2	8

 With 3 Medals (1 Silver, 2 Bronze), India ranked 18th.

 Silver - Roshibina Devi Naorem (60 kg women's sanda)

 Bronze - Kushal Kumar (48 kg men's sanda), Chhavi (48 kg women's sanda)

12. ▶ **ISSF World Cup 2023** Finals (Held in Doha (Qatar)) -

 Calendar for 2023 ISSF World Cup included 12 stages, followed by Finals held in Doha (Qatar).

 Overall Medal Table -

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	18	13	12	43
2	United States	10	7	3	20
3	Hungary	9	7	1	17
4	India	8	5	12	25
5	Italy	8	5	8	21

🇮🇳 Indian Gold Medalists during ISSF World Cup 2023 -

🇮🇳 Rifle Events -

- 🇮🇳 Rudrankksh Patil - Men's 10m Air Rifle (Cairo)
- 🇮🇳 Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar -Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (Cairo)
- 🇮🇳 Elavenil Valarivan - Women's 10m Air Rifle (Rio de Janeiro)
- 🇮🇳 Narmada Nitin Raju & Rudrankksh Patil - Mixed team 10m Air Rifle (Cairo)

🇮🇳 Pistol Events -

- 🇮🇳 Sarabjot Singh - Men's 10m Air Pistol (Bhopal)
- 🇮🇳 Rhythm Sangwan & Varun Tomar - Mixed team 10m Air Pistol (Cairo)
- 🇮🇳 Sarabjot Singh & Divya Thadigol Subbaraju - Mixed team 10m Air Pistol (Baku)

🇮🇳 Shotgun Events -

- 🇮🇳 Mairaj Ahmad Khan & Ganemat Sekhon - Mixed Team Skeet (Cairo)
- 🇮🇳 Notably, *Anish Bhanwala* won bronze medal in men's 25m rapid fire pistol event at ISSF World Cup Final 2023 in Doha (Qatar). This was India's first medal in 25m rapid fire pistol event in history of ISSF World Cup, and only Indian individual medal at the Doha meet.

13. ▶ **Italy** won **Davis Cup 2023** Tennis title, after Jannik Sinner (Italy) defeated Australia's Alex de Minaur in finals.

🇮🇳 This is Italy's first Davis Cup title since 1976.

🇮🇳 Davis Cup is premier international team event in men's tennis, contested annually between teams from competing countries in a knock-out format, touted as *World Cup of Tennis*.

14. ▶ All India Football Federation (**AIFF**) has been honoured with **AFC President's** Recognition Bronze medal, for its efforts in grassroots-level development of Football in India.

15. ▶ **FIDE Grand Swiss Tournament 2023** (Isle of Man, UK) -

🇮🇳 Men -

🇮🇳 India's **Vidit Gujrathi** won the title, followed by Hikaru Nakamura (US).

🇮🇳 Women -

🇮🇳 India's **R Vaishali** won the title, followed by Anna Muzychuk (Ukraine) and Tan Zhongyi (China).

🇮🇳 Top 2 finishers have qualified for participating in *Candidates Tournament 2024 (Men & Women)*, which is part of *World Chess Championship 2024 (Men & Women)*.

🇮🇳 *World Chess Championship 2024* will be a chess match to determine *World Chess Champion (Men & Women)*.

🇮🇳 For men, It will be played between defending champion Ding Liren (China), and a challenger (winner of *Candidates Tournament 2024*).

🇮🇳 For Women, It will be played between defending women's champion Ju Wenjun (China), and a challenger (winner of *Women's Candidates Tournament 2024*).

🇮🇳 Challenger will qualify by winning *Candidates Tournament 2024 (Men & Women)*, which will be an eight-player double round-robin tournament, to be held in 2024 in Toronto (Canada).

🇮🇳 Notably -

🇮🇳 2 Indian Players have qualified for *Candidates Tournament 2024* so far -

🇮🇳 R Praggnanandhaa (As runner-up in Chess World Cup 2023)

🇮🇳 Vidit Gujrathi (As winner of FIDE Grand Swiss Tournament 2023)

🇮🇳 For women's *Candidates Tournament 2024*, R Vaishali is only Indian qualifier so far.

16. ▶ International Cricket Council (ICC) inducted 3 former cricketers into ICC Cricket Hall of Fame, including **Virender Sehwag** (India), **Diana Edulji** (India), and **Aravinda de Silva** (Sri Lanka).

17. ▶ International Cricket Council (ICC) suspended membership of **Sri Lanka Cricket**, citing *government interference* in administration of cricket in Sri Lanka.

🇮🇳 Due to this suspension, ICC moved *U-19 World Cup 2024* to *South Africa*, which was earlier to be hosted by Sri Lanka.

18. ▶ Misc. Sports News /Events (Nov 2023) -

🇮🇳 England cricketer David Willey declared his retirement from international cricket.

🇮🇳 Australian Female cricketer Meg Lanning announced her retirement from international cricket.

🇮🇳 Indian Army Medical Corps officer Sanjeev Malik won 5 Gold Medals at *World Medicine and Health Games 2023*, hosted in Colombia.

🇮🇳 *Saudi Arabia* will host *2034 FIFA World Cup*, as it remain only nation to submit a bid for hosting the same.

- ✍️ Australia called off its bid just before last date of Oct 30, 2023.
- ✍️ FIFA had restricted hosting eligibility to Asia or Oceania only.
- ✍️ Indian skydiver *Shital Mahajan* became first woman globally, to complete a skydive from height of 21500 feet in front of Mt Everest. She landed at Kalapatthar peak (17444 feet).
- ✍️ Traditional folk sport *Kambala* buffalo racing contest has been hosted in Bengaluru. It was earlier native to coastal Karnataka region.
- ✍️ West Indies cricketer *Marlon Samuels* has been banned from all forms of International cricket by ICC for 6 years, amid anti-corruption code violations.
- ✍️ Pakistani Cricketer Imad Wasim announced retirement from all forms of international cricket.

19. ▶ Red Bull's Dutch-Belgian F1 Racer **Max Verstappen** won season ending **Abu Dhabi (UAE) Grand Prix 2023**.

✍️ Notably -

✍️ It is Max Verstappen's record extending 19th victory of 2023 F1 Season.

✍️ Also, Max Verstappen has already won 2023 F1 Season title (his 3rd F1 title).

✍️ F1 Season 2023 -

Grand Prix	Winner	Race date
Bahrain Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	5 March
Saudi Arabian Grand Prix	Sergio Pérez (Mexico)	19 March
Australian Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	2 April
Azerbaijan Grand Prix	Sergio Pérez (Mexico)	30 April
Miami Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	7 May
Monaco Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	28 May
Spanish Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	4 June
Canadian Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	18 June
Austrian Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	2 July
British Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	9 July
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Dutch Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	27 August
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Qatar Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	8 October
United States Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	22 October
Mexico City Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	29 October
São Paulo Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	5 November
Las Vegas Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	18 November
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	26 November

20. ▶ Red Bull's Dutch-Belgian F1 Racer **Max Verstappen** won **Las Vegas (US) Grand Prix 2023**.

✍️ Notably -

✍️ It is Max Verstappen's record extending 18th victory of 2023 F1 Season.

✍️ Also, Max Verstappen has already won 2023 F1 Season title (his 3rd F1 title).

✍️ F1 Season 2023 -

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São Paulo Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	5 November
Las Vegas Grand Prix	Max Verstappen (Dutch-Belgian)	18 November
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix		26 November

21. ▶ Red Bull's Dutch-Belgian F1 Racer **Max Verstappen** won **São Paulo (Brazil) Grand Prix 2023**.

✎ Notably -

✎ It is Max Verstappen's record extending 17th victory of 2023 F1 Season.

✎ Also, Max Verstappen has already won 2023 F1 Season title (his 3rd F1 title).

✎ F1 Season 2023 -

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