

## APRIL – 2023

### **FIRST IN NEWS**

1. **Haryana** becomes 1<sup>st</sup> state in India to have **100% electrified railway network**.
2. India's 1<sup>st</sup> solar-powered **tourist boat** called **Sooryamshu**. It was launched by **Kerala State Inland Navigation Corporation (KSINC)**.
3. India's 1<sup>st</sup> **3D-printed post office** to come up in **Bengaluru**.
4. India's 1<sup>st</sup> **Semi-High Speed Regional Rail Service** named '**RAPIDX**' by National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC).
5. **Ghana** becomes 1<sup>st</sup> country to approve **Oxford malaria vaccine** for children.
6. **Kolkata Metro** becomes India's 1<sup>st</sup> **underwater metro train** to run under **Hooghly river**.
7. **Kerala** became the 1<sup>st</sup> state to adopt **Water Budget** to tackle **problem of summer water shortage**.
8. **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** is to open **1<sup>st</sup> overseas office** in **Abu Dhabi**.
9. **Uttar Pradesh** is on track to be 1<sup>st</sup> Indian state with **100% EVs in government department**.
10. **Himachal Pradesh** has become the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian state to develop a **DNA database** for **unidentified bodies**.
11. India's 1<sup>st</sup> **water metro** will be launched in **Kochi**, Kerala.
12. India's 1<sup>st</sup> **Digital Science Park** in **Thiruvananthapuram**, Kerala.
13. **IIT Madras** to set up its **1<sup>st</sup> international campus** in **Tanzania**.
14. India's 1<sup>st</sup> **cable stayed rail bridge** **Anji Khad bridge** has been installed in **Jammu and Kashmir**.
15. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and **NAFED** launched the 1<sup>st</sup> of its kind **Millet Experience Centre** in **New Delhi**.
16. Dubai-based airline **Emirates** has unveiled the world's 1<sup>st</sup> **robotic check-in assistant** named **Sara**.
17. World's 1<sup>st</sup> **Asian King Vulture conservation and breeding center** named **Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre (JCBC)** is said to be inaugurated in **Uttar Pradesh**.

## **POLITY**

1. The **Competition Amendment Bill, 2023** was passed in the Parliament which replaces the **Competition Act, 2002**.
2. According to the **United Nations** data, **India surpasses China** to become **world's most populous** nation with **142.86 crore** people.
3. Central Government notified the **Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023**.
4. Under **MGNREGA**, **Rajasthan** tops in **person-days** generation for 4<sup>th</sup> year. It is followed by **Tamil Nadu**.
5. **National Health Authority** is set to introduce **face authentication feature** for **Ayushman Bharat** App.
6. **Mana village** in **Uttarkhand** will be called as the **first village of the country** instead of the last village of India.
7. **NAMO Medical Education and Research Institute** was inaugurated in **Silvassa**, (Union Territory of **Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu**).
8. Election Commission has granted national party status to the **Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)**.

## **SCHEMES**

Scheme	Launched by	Components
<b>Captive Employer scheme under DDU-GKY</b>	Ministry of Rural Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aims to train and provide employment opportunities for rural youth through <b>19 captive employers</b></li> <li>• Offer captive (in-house) placement to all the trained candidates</li> <li>• <b>RTD (Recruit, Train and Deploy)</b> model</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu Regional Aerial Connectivity through Helicopters (TN REACH)</b>	TIDCO	Aims to utilize over <b>80 unused helipads</b> across the state to provide intercity and town connectivity.
<b>Promotion of Tribal Products from North-Eastern Region (PTP-NER) scheme</b>	Ministry of Tribal affairs	To increase <b>efficiency in procurement, logistics and marketing</b> of <b>tribal products</b> from North Eastern States

<b>Mission 50K-EV4ECO</b>	SIDBI	To fund the <b>purchase of 50,000 EVs</b>
<b>SWAGAT initiative (State Wide Attention on Grievances by Application of Technology)</b>	<b>Gujarat</b> (20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)	To act as a bridge between citizens and the government by solving their grievances.
<b>Support for Up-gradation Preventive Repair and Maintenance of Equipment (SUPREME)</b>	Ministry of Science and Technology	To provide financial support for the upgradation and maintenance of analytical instrumentation facilities
<b>Anaivarukum IITM under Thiranari Thervu Thittam</b>	Government of Tamil nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1,000 students</b> (500 boys and 500 girls) studying in <b>class X</b> will be chosen for this scheme.</li> <li>• A stipend of Rs 1,000 will be provided every month <b>until they finish Class-12</b></li> </ul>
<b>Global Engagement Scheme</b>	Ministry of Culture	To promotes <b>Indian folk arts</b> and culture abroad

### **ECONOMY**

1. Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched the **Foreign Trade Policy 2023**, which sets a **\$2 trillion** target for **exports of goods and services** by **2030**.
2. The **Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board** has implemented the **Unified Tariff**, to calculate the **price of transporting natural gas**.
3. India is expected to become world's **second-largest solar manufacturer** by **2026**.
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GI TAG	STATE
<b>Banarasi Paan</b>	Uttar Pradesh
<b>Marcha Rice</b>	Bihar
<b>Nagri Dubraj rice</b>	Chhattisgarh
<b>Basohli Painting</b>	Jammu Kashmir
<b>Gond Painting</b>	Madhya Pradesh

<b>Cumbum Panneer Thratchai or Cumbum grapes</b>	Tamilnadu
<b>Manamadurai pottery</b>	Tamilnadu

5. **Solar Energy Corporation of India** gets **'Miniratna Category-I'** status.
6. **NSE Indices Ltd**, (subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange) has launched India's first-ever **Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)** and **Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) Index**.
7. **U.S.** emerges as **India's biggest trading partner** in FY23 at USD 128.55 billion.
8. **Bhu-Aadhaar** ("bhu" meaning earth/land) or Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) is a **14-digit identification number** for every surveyed parcel of land in India.
9. UAE India's **2<sup>nd</sup> largest export** destination and **3<sup>rd</sup> largest source of imports**.
10. RBI allows **AU Small Finance Bank** to deal with **foreign exchange**.
11. **India** becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> country in the world to have **annual remittances** from abroad crossing the **USD 100-billion mark**.
12. **Jupiter** (Neo-banking startup) has obtained a **non-banking finance company license** from the Reserve Bank of India.
13. National Medical Devices Policy is proposed to establish 4 **Medical Devices Parks** in **Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh**.
14. **National Health Accounts Estimates for India (2019-20)**

Category	2014-15	2019-20
<b>Share of out-of-pocket expenditure</b>	62.6%	47.1% (declined)
<b>Government Health Expenditure</b>	1.13%	1.35%
<b>Total Health Expenditure</b>	29%	41.4%
<b>Social Security Expenditure</b>	5.7%	9.3%

15. **National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS)** is a cloud-based application developed by **National Informatics Centre** for registering **land documents and properties digitally**.
16. **Reliance General Insurance** has become the **1<sup>st</sup> general insurance** company to accept the **e-Rupee (₹)** of RBI for **premium payments**.

## **GEOGRAPHY**

1. **Bengaluru** is set to witness a unique celestial phenomenon called '**Zero Shadow Day**' on April 25

## **ENVIRONMENT**

1. **Eravikulam National Park** in **Kerala** becomes the first to house a **fernarium**.
2. '**Give Plastic and Take Gold**' is an initiative launched by **Sadiwara village**, Jammu Kashmir. It offer a **gold coin** as a reward to anyone who **collects 20 quintals of plastic waste**.
3. **Amrit Sarovar Mission** aimed to develop and rejuvenate **75 water bodies** in each district of the country, creating **50,000 water bodies** of a size of about **an Acre or more**.
4. The **Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative** (APPI) was initiated under One Health Approach to address the threat of diseases that can be **transmitted from animals to humans**. It is funded by **World Bank**.
5. NHAI enables **FASTag Based Payments at Forest Entry Points**.
6. **Safety Across Asia for the Global Environment** (SAFE) aims to focus on the connection between **wildlife trafficking** and **zoonotic disease transmission** with the aim to prevent future pandemics. (by UNODC + EU)
7. **Nepal** becomes founding member of **International Big Cats Alliance**.
8. The **International Atomic Energy Agency** and the **FAO** had sent two varieties of seeds, **arabidopsis and sorghum**, to space to make them **climate-tolerant** by exposing them to harsher surroundings.
9. Mining dispute between Vedanta Company and **Dongoria Kondhs** (to exploit the **Niyamgiri Hill** for **bauxite**). The Supreme Court ordered **India's first environmental referendum** to be held amongst the **affected Gram Sabhas** to obtain consent on the project.
10. The commemoration of **50 years of 'Project Tiger'** was inaugurated.
11. **NASA's** High-Resolution Air Quality Control Instrument launches **Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Pollution** (TEMPO)
12. The **Rajasthan government's** declared 3 areas as conservation reserves. **Sorsan** in Baran, **Khichan** in Jodhpur and **Hamirgarh** in Bhilwara.
13. **West Bengal** notified 4 more **biodiversity heritage sites** (BHS)



**Char Balidanga**

**State Horticulture Research and Development Station campus in Deypara**

**Namthing Pokhar in Darjeeling**

**Amkhoi Fossil Park in Birbhum**

### **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

1. World's **1<sup>st</sup> ferry** that runs on **MF Hydra liquid hydrogen** launched by **Norway**. It is a hybrid that uses both **batteries** and **liquid hydrogen fuel cells**
2. ISRO has conducted the **Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX)** at the Aeronautical Test Range in **Chitradurga, Karnataka**.
3. NASA's **Dragonfly mission** to explore **Titan** is scheduled for launch in **2027**.
4. A new shape with **13 sides** called an **einstein** have been discovered. It is hat-shaped tile can cover **an infinite plane with patterns** that **never repeat**.
5. **SNAPSHOT**: Space Nuclear Auxiliary Power Shot is the **first and only** known **space nuclear reactor** of **US**.
6. **Israel** launched a new **spy satellite**, named **Ofek-13**, into orbit.
7. **Skyroot Aerospace** test-fires advanced fully **3D-printed cryogenic engine**.
8. China launches **Tianlong-2 Rocket (Sky Dragon-2)** into Orbit.
9. Union govt approves **Indian Space Policy 2023** to enhance role of Department of Space.
10. The **LIGO-India Project** will establish a state of art **Gravitational wave observatory** in **Hingoli, Maharashtra**
11. WhatsApp launches '**Stay Safe**' campaign to educate on **online safety**.
12. India is set to launch **National Quantum Mission**.
13. **Kenya** launched its **1<sup>st</sup> Operational Earth Observation Satellite-Taifa-1**.
14. ISRO is to launch **Singapore's TeLEOS-2 satellite**.
15. China has launched **Fengyun-3 meteorological** satellite using the **Chang Zheng-4B carrier rocket**.

16. The **Preparedness and Resilience for Emerging Threats Initiative (PRET)** was launched by **WHO** to focus on **respiratory pathogen** pandemic preparedness.
17. The **Misinformation Combat Alliance (MCA)** is a group of **14 digital publishers** that have proposed forming a self-regulatory body to **provide fact-checking services** to social media platforms.
18. The **National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways & Coasts** is being set up under the **Sagarmala Programme** at the **IIT-Madras**.
19. **IIT Kanpur** has launched **Cybersecurity Skilling Programme** with support from the Department of Science and Technology, under the **National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems**.
20. **India and UK** is set to create **India-UK NET zero innovation virtual centre**.
21. **GlaxoSmithKline Pharma** has announced the launch of **Shingrix** vaccine in India for the prevention of shingles & post-herpetic neuralgia.

<b>Type of Disease</b>	Viral (varicella-zoster virus)
<b>Transmission</b>	Not contagious
<b>Affects</b>	Common among adults aged 50 years & above

22. The **Carbothermal Reduction Demonstration (CaRD)** team of **NASA** conducted a test in the **Dirty Thermal Vacuum Chamber** to extract **oxygen from simulated lunar soil**.
23. **National Action Plan for Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination (NAPRE)** from India **by 2030** was launched.
24. **IIT-Bombay** and **UIDAI** join hands to develop **touchless biometric system**.

### **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

1. **Finland** has becomes **31<sup>st</sup> NATO Member** after Turkey's Approval.
2. **China** published a list of standardized names for **11 locations** in **Arunachal Pradesh**, referring to it as **Zangnan**
3. **Italian government** has announced ban on **ChatGPT**.
4. **Georgia** becomes **1<sup>st</sup> American state** to pass resolution condemning **Hinduphobia**.

5. **Bahrain** launches '**Golden Licence**' initiative to attract large-scale investment projects.
6. **Japan** unveiled a new Plan for a **Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)**.
7. China's **Yuan** replaces Dollar as **Most Traded Currency** in **Russia**
8. The **Buzi Bridge** built by **India** was inaugurated in **Mozambique**.
9. **Commonwealth Call for Reform of the Global Financial Architecture**.
  - **Chair** of the Finance Ministers Working Group – **India**
  - **Deputy chair** of the Finance Ministers Working Group – **Nigeria**
10. **Zimbabwe** is set to introduce **gold-backed digital currency** to combat the falling value of the Zimbabwean currency.
11. **Japan** formally approved for the **1<sup>st</sup> time** the sale of an **oral abortion pill**.
12. US State **Pennsylvania** recognizes **Diwali** as an **Official State Holiday**.
13. **Pakistan** becomes **largest recipient** of **Asian Development Bank** funded programmes in 2022
14. India gives \$2 million to **African Union Transition Mission** in Somalia.

### **NATIONAL NEWS**

1. The **European Commission** has awarded **Protected Geographical Indication (PGI)** status to **Kangra tea**, Kangra district, **Himachal Pradesh**.
2. **Kerala** has secured the **highest number of Geographical Indication (GI)** tags for products among all states in India in FY23.
3. **India elected** as member of **UN Statistical Commission Narcotic Drugs** and the **Programme Coordinating Board** of the Joint UN Program.
4. **Odisha PVTG Nutritional Improvement Programme (OPNIP)** is a programme to improve the **nutritional status** of the **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal** in **Odisha**.
5. **Nagaland** gets approval from National Medical College for setting up **its first medical college**.
6. On the occasion of **100<sup>th</sup> episode of Mann Ki Baat**, **Rs 100 coin** is to be released.
7. **Operation Kaveri** launched **to evacuate Indians** from **Sudan**.



## **TAMILNADU NEWS**

1. **M K Stalin**, the Chief Minister of Tamilnadu will chair the 1st **National Conference of All India Federation for Social Justice**.
2. Tamil Nadu and Kerala are together celebrating 2024: **Centenary celebration of Vaikom Satyagraha** at Vaikom, Kerala. It was held from **30 March 1924 to 23 November 1925**.
3. **Olr**, a joint initiative by the **TIDCO** and **StartupTN** to encourage the youth of the state to consider **entrepreneurship** and set up new **startups** to make it a global **startup destination**
4. Tamil Nadu's 1<sup>st</sup> ever **International Medical Value Travel Summit** titled **Tamil Nadu - Where the world comes to heal** held in **Chennai**.
5. **Tamil Mozhi Karpom**, a **Tamil language learning** scheme initiative was launched to help **children of migrant workers** learn to fluently speak, read and write the language without any hassles
6. **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sri Ramakrishna Math** was celebrated and **'Book on Holy Trio'** was also released on the occasion.
7. Tamil Nadu government reconstituted the **Tamil Nadu Vanniyakula Kshatriya Public Charitable Trusts and Endowments Board**. It will be chaired by Retired IAS officer **M. Jayaraman**.
8. **Elayaperumal memorial hall** will be constructed at **Chidambaram** to mark the **birth centenary** of the leader.
9. More than a 100 rare copper plate manuscripts of an explication of the hymn **'Thevaram'**, have been unearthed near the Sattanathar temple in **Sirkazhi, Mayiladuthurai**.
10. **Selvamagal Saving Scheme:**

### **Highest number of accounts opened**

**1. Uttar Pradesh**

**2. Tamil Nadu**

### **CULTURE**

1. **'Nagaraja Thira'** (sub-division of Theyyam) was celebrated at the **Sree Muchilottu temple** at Kuthiravattom in **Kozhikode**.
2. A 125 feet tall **Ambedkar statue** was inaugurated in **Hyderabad**
3. The **Department of Tourism** and the **Department of Art and Culture** jointly organized the **Thawe Festival**, in **Bihar**
4. **Guinness World Record** has been awarded for the **largest Bihu dance** performance and **largest dhol recital** at a single venue in **Assam**
5. India releases **1<sup>st</sup> edition of Dogri version** of Indian Constitution. Dogri language is spoken in the state of **Jammu and Kashmir**

### **AWARDS/PRIZE**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Awarded by</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>	<b>Known for</b>
<b>Order of the White Eagle</b>	Poland's highest order	Ukraine's President <b>Volodymyr Zelensky</b>	-
<b>Femina Miss India World 2023</b>	-	<b>Nandini Gupta</b> (Rajasthan)	-
<b>National Award For Fasal Bima Yojana</b>	-	<b>Karnataka</b>	For successful implementation of crop insurance scheme
<b>Santokbaa Humanitarian Award</b>	SRK Knowledge Foundation	<b>Sonam Wangchuk</b>	Honouring the spirit of the selfless humanitarians
<b>1<sup>st</sup> IAF woman officer to receive gallantry award</b>	-	<b>Deepika Misra</b>	Wing Commander
<b>Award for Excellence in Public Administration</b>	-	<b>PM Gati Shakti National master plan</b>	-
<b>Ramon Magsaysay Award</b>	<b>Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation</b>	Dalai Lama	Tibetan spiritual leader

<b>Order of Australia</b>	Australian Government	Tata Sons' Chairman Ratan Tata	The award is highest civilian honour of Australia.
<b>Solar Decathlon Build Challenge</b>	<b>US department of Energy</b>	SHUNYA team of IIT Bombay	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
<b>Immigrant Achievement Award 2023</b>	-	<b>Neeli Bendapudi</b>	For her contributions to higher education in the US
<b>Best Transgender Award for the year 2023</b>	Government of Tamilnadu	<b>Aishwarya</b>	She has been raising awareness and rendering service for the progress of transgenders
<b>National Panchayat Awards-2023</b>	-	<b>Good Governance</b> category - <b>Pichanur</b> village panchayat in <b>Madukkarai</b> block	-
<b>Excellence Award for Best Production and Best Process Development</b>	World <b>Vaccine Congress</b> 2023 (Washington)	<b>Bharat Biotech</b>	-
<b>International Prize in Statistics 2023</b>	-	C.R. Rao	-

<b>Goldman Environment Prize (Green Nobel Prize) 2023</b>		
<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Category</b>
Alessandra Korap	Amazon, Brazil	Drilling and Mining
Tero Mustonen	Finland	Climate and Energy
Delima Silalahi	Indonesia	Forests
Chilekwa Mumba	Zambia	Environmental Justice
Zafer Kizilkaya	Turkey	Ocean and Coasts
Diane Wilson	USA	Pollution waste

### **PERSONS IN NEWS**

Person	Why in news?
<b>Amit Kshatriya</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Indian-American engineer.</li> <li>Appointed as the head of <b>NASA's</b> newly-established <b>Moon to Mars Programme</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Neeli Bendapudi</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indian origin.</li> <li>Has been selected as one of the five co-chairs of an <b>Association of American Universities (AAU)</b> task force to expand <b>US-India university</b> partnerships</li> </ul>
<b>Raj Subramaniam</b>	Honoured with <b>Pravasi Bharatiya Samman</b>
<b>Angela Merkel</b>	Awarded <b>Germany's highest order of merit</b>
<b>Utsa Patnaik</b>	Has been chosen for <b>the Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023</b>
<b>Arun Sinha</b>	Appointed as the <b>Chairman</b> of the <b>National Technical Research Organisation</b> .
<b>Udai Tambar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indian-origin CEO of New York Junior Tennis and Learning</li> <li>Appointed as a <b>member of racial justice advisory board</b> in <b>New York</b></li> </ul>
<b>Shahabuddin Chhuppu</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>President</b> of <b>Bangladesh</b>
<b>Anant Maheshwari</b>	Chairperson of <b>NASSCOM</b>
<b>Siddhartha Mohanty</b>	Chairman of <b>LIC</b>
<b>Indira</b>	Appointed as <b>Advocate on Record</b> to represent the <b>State of Tamil Nadu</b> before the Supreme Court of India
<b>Aparesh Kumar Singh</b>	Appointed as the <b>chief justice of Tripura HC</b> .

### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

Day	Date	Theme
<b>First-ever International Day of Zero Waste</b>	March 30	Theme: <b>“Achieving sustainable and environmentally sound practices of minimizing and managing waste.”</b>
<b>Odisha Day</b>	April 1	Formation of the state. Celebrated since 1936.
<b>World Autism Awareness Day</b>	April 2	Theme: <b>Contribution of Autistic Individuals at Home, at Work, in the Arts, and Policymaking</b>
<b>International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action</b>	April 4	-
<b>International Conscience Day</b>	April 5	-
<b>National Maritime Day</b>	April 5	Theme: <b>Amrit Kaal in shipping</b>
<b>International Day of Sport for Development and Peace</b>	April 6	Theme: <b>Scoring for People and the Planet</b>
<b>World Health Day 2023</b>	April 7	Theme: <b>Health for all</b>
<b>World Homeopathy Day</b>	April 10	‘One Health, One Family’
<b>National Safe Motherhood Day</b>	April 11	-
<b>International Day of Human Space Flight</b>	April 12	-
<b>Equality Day</b>	April 14	Birth anniversary of Annal Ambedkar
<b>World Chagas Disease Day</b>	April 14	Theme: <b>Time to integrate Chagas disease into primary health care</b>
<b>World Art Day</b>	April 15	To commemorate <b>Leonardo da Vinci’s</b> birthday
<b>Formation day of Himachal Pradesh</b>	April 15	celebrates its 75 <sup>th</sup> formation day
<b>Save the Elephant Day</b>	April 16	Theme: <b>Protecting Elephant Habitats for a Sustainable Tomorrow</b>



<b>World Hemophilia Day</b>	April 17	Theme: <b>Access for All: Partnership. Policy. Progress</b>
<b>National Panchayat Awards Week</b>	April 17-23	-
<b>World Liver Day</b>	April 19	Theme: <b>Be vigilant, do a regular liver check-up, fatty liver can affect anyone.</b>
<b>National Civil Service Day</b>	April 21	Theme: <b>‘Viksit Bharat: Empowering Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile’.</b>
<b>Earth Day</b>	April 22	Theme: <b>‘Invest in our Planet’</b>
<b>World Immunization Week 2023</b>	April – 24 to 30	-
<b>International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace</b>	April 24	-
<b>World Book and Copyright Day</b>	April 23	Theme: <b>‘Indigenous Languages’</b>
<b>World Day for Laboratory Animals</b>	April 24	Theme: <b>Compassion for Animals in Research</b>
<b>International Delegate’s Day</b>	April 25	-
<b>World Malaria Day</b>	April 25	Theme: <b>Time to deliver zero malaria: invest, innovate, implement</b>
<b>International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day</b>	April 26	-
<b>World Intellectual Property Day</b>	April 26	Theme: <b>Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity</b>
<b>World Day for Safety and Health at Work</b>	April 28	Theme: <b>Workplace Stress: a collective challenge</b>
<b>World Veterinary Day</b>	April 29	Theme: <b>Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness in the Veterinary Profession.</b>
<b>International Jazz Day</b>	April 30	Theme: <b>A Jazz Journey around the World</b>

### **DEFENCE IN NEWS**

Military Exercise	Parties involved	Exercise type
<b>SLINEX-2023</b>	Indian – Sri Lanka	Bilateral Maritime exercise
<b>Cope India</b>	US and Indian Air Force	Air Force
<b>EX KAVACH</b>	Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard	Joint Military exercise
<b>Multilateral exercise Orion</b>	Multinational defence exercise- Hosted by France	-
<b>Locked Shields (held in Tallinn, Estonia)</b>	by NATO	cyber-defense exercise
<b>INIOCHOS-23</b>	Multi-national air exercise. (hosted by <b>the Greece Air Force</b> )	Air force
<b>AJEYA WARRIOR</b>	Indo-UK	Military

1. **India and Romania sign 1<sup>st</sup> Defence Cooperation Agreement**
2. DRDO Industry Academia **Centre of Excellence** inaugurated at **IIT Hyderabad**
3. Indian Army and **Tezpur University** sign MoU on **Chinese language training for army personnel.**

### **COMMITTEE IN NEWS**

Committee	Purpose of the committee
<b>Kirit Parikh</b>	To review the existing pricing formula for <b>domestically produced natural gas</b> in India.
<b>Amitabh Kant</b>	To examine <b>stalled real estate projects</b>
<b>G. Thilakavathi (Former DGP)</b>	To Probe Incident of <b>IIT-Madras Scholar's Suicide</b>
<b>Justice K. Chandru</b>	To recommend measures for effective <b>administration of the homes</b> functioning as per the <b>Juvenile Justice Act, 2015</b>
<b>T V Somanathan</b>	Committee for <b>Pension reforms</b>

## INDICES

Report	Released by	Note
<b>India Justice Report 2022</b>	Tata Trusts	1. Karnataka 2. <b>Tamil Nadu</b> 3. Telangana Lowest Rank (18 <sup>th</sup> ) Uttar Pradesh
<b>World's 10 busiest airports by passengers handled</b>	Airports Council International (ACI)	Delhi's <b>Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport</b> – <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Trade and Development Report</b>	UNCTAD	India's economic growth is expected to slow down from <b>6.6%</b> in 2022 to <b>6%</b> in 2023
<b>Logistic Performance Index</b>	<b>World Bank</b>	India's Rank – <b>38 out of 139</b> Countries
<b>The State of the World's Children 2023: For Every Child, Vaccination</b>	<b>UNICEF</b>	Highlighting the <b>significance of childhood immunization.</b>
<b>Index of Economic Freedom</b>	The Heritage Foundation	Measures the <b>level of economic freedom</b> in countries around the world
<b>World Development Report 2023: Migrants, Refugees, and Societies'</b>	World Bank	-
<b>State Energy Efficiency Index 2021-22 report</b>	Ministry of Power	It assesses the annual progress of states and UTs in energy efficiency

1 <sup>st</sup> ever water bodies census (Ministry of Jal Shakti)	
Category	Highest
<b>Number of water bodies</b>	Highest - West Bengal Lowest - Sikkim
<b>Number of ponds and reservoirs</b>	Highest - West Bengal
<b>Number of tanks</b>	Highest - Andhra Pradesh
<b>Number of lakes</b>	Highest - Tamil Nadu
<b>Water conservation scheme/check dams</b>	Highest - Maharashtra

### **SUMMITS**

Summit Name	Hosted in	Purpose of Summit
<b>G20 Science Summit on Clean Energy for Greener Future</b>	Agartala, Tripura	-
<b>International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI)</b>	New Delhi	Theme: <b>'Delivering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure'</b>
<b>The United Nations 2023 Water Conference</b>	New York	Theme: <b>"Our watershed moment: uniting the world for water"</b>
<b>International Conference on Defence Finance and Economics</b>	New Delhi	-
<b>Global Buddhist Summit</b>	New Delhi	Theme: <b>'Responses to Contemporary Challenges from Philosophy to Praxis'</b> .
<b>G20 Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS)</b>	Varanasi	Theme: <b>"Sustainable Agriculture and Food System for Healthy People and Planet"</b>
<b>Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE) 2023</b>	-	organized by the <b>National Innovation Foundation</b>
<b>G7 Ministers' Meeting on Climate, Energy, and Environment</b>	Sapporo, Japan	To work towards ensuring carbon-free electricity production by 2035 and "accelerating" the phase-out of coal.
<b>Global Conference on Compressed Biogas</b>	New Delhi	Theme: <b>"Towards Progressive Policy Framework for a Robust CBG Foundation and Growth"</b>
<b>National conference on female infertility – 'Srijana'</b>	New Delhi	By <b>All India Institute of Ayurveda</b>
<b>India Pavilion At Global Education &amp; Training Exhibition (GETEX)</b>	Dubai	-
<b>Third In-Person Quad Summit</b>	Australia	-
<b>SCO Summit</b>	India	Theme: <b>'SECURE-SCO'</b>

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> North Sea Summit</b>	<b>Ostend</b> (Belgium)	To make the North Sea the “ <b>largest green energy centre in Europe</b> ”
<b>One World TB Summit</b>	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	-

### **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

Book Name	Author Name	Note
<b>Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire</b>	Nandini Das	-
<b>‘Sachin@50’- Celebrating A Maestro</b>	<b>Boria Majumdar</b>	-
<b>“Crosscourt”</b>	<b>Jaidip Mukerjea</b>	Autobiography
<b>Smoke and Ashes</b>	Amitav Ghosh	Explores the <b>impact of opium</b> on history and society.
<b>Reflections</b>	Narayanan Vaghul	Released by Finance Minister <b>Nirmala Sitharaman</b>
<b>Saurashtra Tamil Sangam Prashasti</b>	Somnath Sanskrit University	The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi launched at <b>Saurashtra Tamil Sangam event</b>
<b>Oru Panpatin Payanam - Sindhu mudal Vaigai varai</b>	Thiru R.Balakrishnan IAS., (Retd)	Released by Honble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

### **PLACES IN NEWS**

Place Name	State/country	Known for
<b>‘whistling village’</b>	<b>Kongthong</b> village in <b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>India’s only</b> whistling village due to its unique tradition of <b>‘Jingrwai Lawbei’</b> under which mothers create <b>a tune for their newborns.</b>



### **SPECIES IN NEWS**

Species	Why in News?
<b>Capulopsyche keralensis</b>	New bagworm moth species found in Kerala
<b>Chondrostereum purpureum (Fungus)</b>	It is known to cause <b>Silver leaf disease</b> in plants. Attacks most species of <b>rose families</b> . 1 <sup>st</sup> case in the world is reported in <b>Kolkata</b> .
<b>Prosopis chilensis</b>	An <b>alien invasive plant</b> is threatening to pulverise native vegetation across <b>Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve (GoMBR)</b>
<b>Mangrove Pitta bird</b>	Found in <b>Odisha</b> IUCN status : <b>Near Threatened</b>
<b>Toque macaque</b>	Sri Lanka is planning to export <b>1,00,000</b> toque macaques to China. IUCN status: <b>Endangered</b>

### **PORTAL IN NEWS**

App/Portal	Purpose	Launched by
<b>SAGAR-SETU mobile app</b>	National Logistics Portal Marine	Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways
<b>Pincode app</b>	e-commerce app	Launched by <b>Phonepe</b>
<b>PRAVAAH</b>	<b>Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And AuthOrisation</b>	RBI
<b>YUVA PORTAL</b>	Aims to connect and identify potential <b>young Start-Ups</b>	-
<b>SATHI (Seed Traceability, Authentication, and Holistic Inventory) App</b>	To address the issues of <b>seed production, quality identification, and certification</b>	Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
<b>PRAYAG (Platform for Real-time Analysis of Yamuna, Ganga and their Tributaries)</b>	A real-time monitoring centre for planning and monitoring of projects, river water quality, etc	-

<b>Voters Helpline app</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Electoral Search</b> by <b>Details</b> or by using <b>EPIC</b> Number</li> <li>• Register to Vote for New Voter Registration</li> </ul>	Election Commission of India
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### **SPORTS IN NEWS**

Event/Cups	Sports	Category		Won by
<b>Madrid Spain Masters 2023</b>	Badminton	Women's singles		<b>Gregoria Mariska Tunjung (Indonesia)</b>
<b>4th Asian Kho Kho Championship - Held in Tamulpur, Assam</b>	Kho Kho	Men's Category		Indian Team
		Women's Category		Indian Team
<b>Hyundai Archery World Cup (STAGE -1)</b>	Archery	Gold	Individual	<b>Jyothi Surekha Vennam</b>
			Compound Mixed team	<b>Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Ojas Pravin Deotale</b>
		Silver	Recurve Men Team	<b>Tarundeep Rai, Atanu Das Dhiraj Bommadevara</b>
		Bronze	Recurve Men	<b>Dhiraj Bommadevara</b>
<b>Asian Wrestling Championships in Astana</b>	Wrestling	Gold – <b>57kg</b>		<b>Aman Sehrawat</b>
		Silver	53kg	<b>Antim Panghal</b>
			55kg	<b>Rupin Gahlawat</b>
			68kg	<b>Nisha Dahiya</b>
<b>World Continental Tour athletics</b>		Gold	Men's triple jump	<b>Abdulla Aboobacker</b>
<b>World Chess Armageddon Asia &amp; Oceania</b>	Chess		<b>Grandmaster D. Gukesh</b>	

<b>Asian wrestling championships (Astana)</b>	Wrestling	Men's freestyle - Gold	<b>Aman Sehrawat (57kg)</b>	
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1. Commonwealth champion **weightlifter Sanjita Chanu** faces 4-year ban by NADA.
2. New Zealand's **Kim Cotton** becomes **1<sup>st</sup> female umpire** to officiate men's T20I match
3. FIFA announced that it had withdrawn **Peru's hosting rights to the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2023.**
4. FIFA: **Argentina** will host **under-20 World football Cup** replacing Indonesia.
5. **Odisha's Bhubaneswar** is to host **2023 Intercontinental football Cup.**
6. **Wisden Cricketer Award:**

<b>Leading T20 Cricketer of the Year</b>	<b>Suryakumar Yadav</b>
<b>Wisden Cricketer of the Year (Women)</b>	<b>Harmanpreet Kaur</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Indian woman to win)

7. The **largest multipurpose indoor stadium** of North East is being built in **Shillong.**
8. **Kerala** launches '**One Panchayat, One Playground**' to revive sports culture.
9. **Sharjah stadium** stand named after **Sachin Tendulkar** on his **50<sup>th</sup> birthday.**
10. Fit India Champion, **Arjun Vajpai** has becoming the first Indian man to reach the summit of **Mt. Annapurna.**
11. Chennai will host the second edition of the '**Street Child Cricket World Cup**'.

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