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AUGUST – 2023

FIRST IN NEWS

1. India's first **3D-printed Human cornea** has been developed by IIT-Hyderabad, and Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology.
2. **Goa** has released India's **first village atlas** named the **Biodiversity atlas of Mayem village** of Goa.
3. India's first **National Highway Steel Slag Road** section on **NH-66**, connecting Mumbai to Goa was inaugurated.
4. Tribal-dominated **Mandla** district of **Madhya Pradesh** has become the first completely "**functionally literate**" district in India.
5. India's **first 3D-printed post office** was inaugurated in Cambridge Layout area of **Bengaluru** city.
6. **Goa** became the 1st state in India to provide **free IVF treatment** along with **Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART)** and **intrauterine insemination (IUI)**.
7. **AgniKul Cosmos** (A space tech start-up based in Chennai) is set to launch **Agnibaan SubOrbital Technological Demonstrator (SOrTeD)**, the world's first **3D-printed rocket** into space.
8. Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute of Delhi gets first indigenously developed **Surgical Robotic System** named **SSI-Mantra**.
9. Kerala introduced India's 1st ever **Artificial Intelligence school** in **Thiruvananthapuram**.

POLITY

1. **Sachin Tendulkar** has been appointed as the National Icon for voter awareness and education under the **Election Commission of India** for a period of 3 years.
2. **National Health Authority** has launched India's 1st **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) microsite** in **Aizawl**, Mizoram.
3. The Parliament passed the **Mediation Bill 2023** seeking to promote mediation as a preferred mode of **Alternative dispute resolution (ADR)** in India.

4. **Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act 2023** was passed in the parliament. It aims to regulate the processing of **digital personal data** while ensuring individuals' right to protect their data and the need to process it for lawful purposes.
5. The Centre has introduced a bill to include 4 communities from **Jammu and Kashmir** in the ST list - **Paddari Tribe, Gadda Brahmin, Koli, and Pahari** Ethnic Group.
6. The Government introduced three bills in the Lok Sabha to replace the existing criminal laws in India. They are:

Present Criminal Law	New Proposal
Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860	Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023
Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973	Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023
Indian Evidence Act, 1872	Bharatiya Sakshya Bill 2023

SCHEMES IN NEWS

Scheme Name	Launched by	Objective
Paalan 1000 (Journey of the First 1000 Days)	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	To encourage the cognitive development of children in the first 2 years of its life.
SMILE-75 Initiative	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	To implement the Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise
Vatsalya Scheme	State of Sikkim	For increasing the fertility rate of women by providing them financial assistance of Rs 3 lakhs to undergo Invitro Fertilization (IVF) treatment

ECONOMY

1. **Navi Nifty India Manufacturing Index Fund** is the India's first open-ended index fund launched by **Navi Mutual Fund** to track the **performance of manufacturers** among the **top 300 companies** in India.
2. Asia's largest **Compressed Biogas (CBG)** plant was inaugurated in **Sangrur** district of **Punjab**.
3. **Razorpay** (India's leading full-stack Payments and Banking Platform for Businesses) has become the 1st Indian company to be named in the 2022 **Forbes Cloud 100** List at **49th position**.
4. The **Super Vasuki freight train** is the longest and heaviest freight train that the Railways have ever operated which is **3.5 km long**
5. **Power Finance Corporation** has become **1st member** from India to join "Asia Transition Finance Study Group" (ATFSG).
6. **Reserve Bank of India** has approved the scheme of amalgamation of **Navanirman Co-op Urban Bank** with **Rajadhani Co-op Urban Bank**.
7. **Ministry of Finance** has launched the scheme **Vivad se Vishwa-2** to effectively settle the **pending contractual disputes** of **government** and **government undertakings**.

ENVIRONMENT

1. **Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve** has become the 5th elephant reserve of Tamil Nadu.
2. National Tiger Conservation Authority has approved the **Karauli-Sarmathura-Dholpur** sanctuary in Rajasthan as **Dholpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve of India** under **Project Tiger**.
3. **Global Environment Facility** has launched the **Global Biodiversity Framework Fund** (GBFF) during **7th Assembly of the Global Environment Facility** (GEF) in **Vancouver**.
4. The **State of India's Birds Partnership** published the **State of India's Birds 2023 Report** which shows that there is a general decline in numbers in most bird species in the country.
5. The 1st instance of captive breeding of **Himalayan vulture** was recorded in India at the **Assam State Zoo, Guwahati**.

Himalayan vulture (<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>)	
IUCN	IUCN
CITES	CITES

6. **The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** has imposed a ban on the manufacturing, sale, and distribution of **ketoprofen** and **aceclofenac** under the **Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940** to protect vultures in the country
7. **Gabon** announced a **\$500 million debt for nature swap** which is the world's **2nd largest** debt-for-nature swap. In May 2023, the **world's 1st and largest debt swap** to conserve oceans was signed by **Ecuador**.
8. **Synchronized Elephant Census report 2023 : Karnataka** leads the country in total number of elephants.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. A new zoonotic virus named **Henipavirus** was identified in China which is also known as '**Langya' henipavirus (LayV)**. It has been classified among **Biosafety Level 4 (BSL4) Pathogens**.
2. India's **1st saline water lantern** named **Roshini** was launched by **NIOT**. It uses **sea water** to power the **LED lamps**.
3. **Arunachal Pradesh** has launched pilot project drone service – '**Medicine from The Sky**'.
4. According to a new analysis of seismic data from NASA's **Mars InSight** mission, **Martian equator does not contain any ice**.
5. **UK** has become the **1st country** to authorise a Covid-19 vaccine against the Omicron variant, i.e., '**Bivalent' vaccine** developed by Moderna.
6. Chennai-based drone startup **Garuda Aerospace** has partnered with Harare Institute of Technology and Nyangani Virtual University to offer **drones-as-a-service** to the **agriculture** sector in **Zimbabwe**.
7. India's **1st indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit** for testing **monkeypox** in has developed by Transasia Biomedicals in **Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone (AMTZ)**.
8. A lotus variety named '**Namoh 108**' was unveiled in CSIR – National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow under **One Week One Lab (OWOL)** initiative of the CSIR.

9. The **1st ever low-pungent mustard** that is pest and disease-resistant has been developed based on **CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing**. It is **non-GM** and **transgene-free**.
10. **China** has launched a new Earth observation satellite named **Gaofen-12 (04)**, atop a **Long March-4C carrier rocket**, from the **Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center** in Northwest China.
11. Ministry of Science & Technology has launched **CSIR Prima ET11**, India's **1st indigenous e-Tractor** to promote sustainability and innovation in the agricultural sector.
12. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has launched the world's 1st **prototype of BS-VI Stage II** compliant "**Electrified Flex Fuel vehicle**", developed by Toyota Innova Hycross.
13. Prime Minister announced that the touchdown point of **Chandrayaan 3** will be called '**Shiv Shakti**'. The site where **Chandrayaan 2** left its footprints will be called '**Tiranga**'.
14. **UNFPA** has launched a chatbot in India called '**Just Ask!**' aimed to help the **adolescents and young adults** learn about their sexual and reproductive health and rights.
15. **Voyager Space** and **Airbus** have announced Joint Venture to Build and Operate **world's 1st commercial space station 'Starlab'**.
16. Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology has launched the **Indian Web Browser Development Challenge (IWBCD)** at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
17. **Russia** has launched its 1st lunar landing spacecraft, **Luna-25**.
18. As per the Ministry of commerce and Industry, **India** is the **largest source of Human Hair (raw material)** in the world
19. **SeamlessM4T** is the first all-in-one **multilingual multimodal** AI translation and transcription model. It is developed by **META**.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. **China** and **Nepal** have agreed to build the **Trans-Himalayan Multi-Dimensional Connectivity Network**.
2. **Iraq** has been officially recognized by the **WHO** as the **18th** country to successfully **eliminate trachoma** as a public health concern.

3. India has pledged to support **USD 700,000** from the India-**United Nations Development Partnership Fund** to support clean water project at school in **Tuvalu**, a Pacific Island nation.
4. **8 South American countries** that are members of Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization have signed the **Belem Declaration** during the **Amazon Summit**.

Belem Declaration

It is an agreement signed by **Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO)** countries to tackle threats to the **Amazon rainforest** and its importance in the climate crisis.

TAMILNADU NEWS

1. India's **1st Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drone) Common Testing Centre** will be set up in Tamil Nadu at an outlay of Rs 45 crore.
2. Dravidar Kazhagam president **K. Veeramani** will receive the '**Thagaisal Thamizhar' Award** that was instituted by the Tamil Nadu government to honour a distinguished Tamil personality every year.
3. The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has announced a renaming of the women's **farefree bus travel** scheme into '**Vidiyal Payanam**'.
4. Tamil Nadu government has granted a **tax exemption for Tamil movie, Kakkan**, which is based on the life of freedom fighter and former state Home Minister P. Kakkan.
5. Tamilnadu Government has constituted **Puthirai Vannar Welfare Board** under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble **Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare**
6. Tamil Nadu's Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment has started **Thozhi** (translates to a female friend) **hostels for working women** in **Nine** districts. It will be operated under the aegis of the **Tamil Nadu Working Women's Hostel Corporation Ltd.**
7. Logo for **Tamil Nadu Global Investors' Meet 2024**: The logo symbolizes the Tamil word '**Tha**' (**த**) exudes the spirit of progress, prosperity, and boundless potential under the theme, Leadership, Sustainability and Inclusivity.
8. Tamil Nadu's **First honey bee park** is set to be establish in **Athipattu** hamlet, **Jawadhu** Hills in **Tiruvannamalai**.

9. At **Keeladi**, archaeologists have unearthed **a crystal quartz of 175 cm** weighing unit from the Sangam era. It is the **first of its kind** since excavations began in Keeladi in 2014.
10. **Bellie**, of “The Elephant Whisperers” fame appointed 1st women elephant caretaker of **Theppakadu camp**.
11. Tamilnadu Government announces that **October 7th** will be celebrated as **Nilgiri Tahr Day** in honour of **Dr E.R.C. Davidar**.
12. Chief Minister honoured Tamil scholar **M Nannan** by presenting a royalty of Rs 10 lakh to his family following the **nationalisation of his literary work**.
13. **TN CM’s Independence Day Award**

Awards	Recipient
Thagaisal Tamil Award	Dr. K. Veeramani
APJ Abdul Kalam Award	Dr. W.B. Vasantha Gandaswamy
Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Adventure	Na. Muthuselvi
CM’s Good Governance Award	TNeGA
Best Corporation	Tiruchirappalli Tambaram
Best Municipal Corporation	Rameswaram Thiruthuraipoondi
Best Municipalities	Vikravandi (Villupuram) Alangudi (Pudukottai) Veerakalputur (Salem)

CULTURE

1. **August 15** marks the **150th Birth Anniversary of Shri Aurobindo**
2. The **South London home** of **Dadabhai Naoroji** (Indian freedom fighter and Britain’s first Indian parliamentarian) has been honoured with a **commemorative Blue Plaque**.
3. The **President of India** has inaugurated the following at **Bhopal**, Madhya Pradesh.

Event		Organised by
Unmesha	International Literature Festival	Sahitya Akademi
Utkarsh	Festival of Folk and Tribal Performing Arts	Sangeet Natak Akademi

4. The **2nd edition** of the **Tamil Nadu International Kite Festival** (TNIKF) - commenced at the TTDC Ocean View, **Mahabalipuram StartupTN**, the State's nodal agency for Startup and Innovation, is set to organize the '**TamilNadu Startup Thiruvizha 2023**' event in Coimbatore.
5. **Nathdwara Pichhwai craft** of Rajsamand in **Rajasthan** has received the **GI tag**.

Pichhwai Paintings portray **Lord Krishna**

AWARDS/PRIZE

Award	Awarded by	Awarded to	Known for
Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (France's highest civilian award)	President of France	MP Shashi Tharoor	-
Udyog Ratna Award	-	Ratan Tata	For his outstanding contribution to Maharashtra's industrial development
Greece's Grand Cross of the Order of Honour	President of Greece	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the promotion of bilateral relations between Greece and India

Lokmanya Tilak National Award	Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust	PM Narendra Modi	-
Chief Minister's State Youth Award	Tamilnadu (3 Men- 3 women)	S. Dhusthageer	
		R. Dinesh Kumar	
		G. Gopi	
		M. Vijayalakshmi	
		S. Chandiralekha	
National Science and Technology (NSTF) award	56 prizes includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Vigyan Ratna • 25 Vigyan Shri • 25 Vigyan Yuva–Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, • 3 Vigyan Team <p>➤ The awards will be announced annually on May 11 (National Technology Day)</p> <p>➤ It will be awarded on August 23 (National Space Day)</p>		

India Smart Cities Award Contest – 2022

National Smart City Award	Indore
	Surat
	Agra
State Award	Madhya Pradesh
	Tamil Nadu
	Rajasthan
Union Territory (UT) Award	Chandigarh
Top spot for built environment	Coimbatore
Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) category	Ahmedabad

PERSONS IN NEWS

Person	Why in news?
Ashish Kumar Chauhan	MD and CEO of National Stock Exchange.
Faiz Ahmed Kidwai	CEO of the National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA)
Ruth John Koyyala	First in India to qualify for a PG degree in medicine under transgender category.
Srettha Thavisin	Prime Minister of Thailand
Neelkanth Mishra	Part-time chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India.
Justice Prakash Shrivastava	Appointed as the chairperson of the National Green Tribunal .
Geetika Srivastava	1st woman Charge d'Affaires in the Indian high commission in Islamabad
Jim Skea	Elected Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).
Ignatius Delos Flora (who hails from Kanyakumari district)	1 st woman to reach the rank of Major General in the Military Nursing Service .
Prof Ganesan Kannabiran	Appointed as the Director of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)
Sanjay Kumar Agarwal	Appointed as the Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
Vijay Kumar Sarawat	Appointed as the Chairman of Quantum Ecosystems Technology Council of India
Raman Sukumar	Appointed as the Vice Chair of Working Group II (WGII) of the IPCC bureau for the 7th Assessment Report (AR7) cycle 2022
Veeramuthuvel (From Tamilnadu)	Project Director for the Chandrayaan-3 mission

IMPORTANT DAYS

Day	Date	Theme
World Fintech Day	August 1	Theme: ‘Global collaboration for a responsible financial ecosystem – Inclusive, Resilient & Sustainable’
World Wide Web Day	August 1	-
World Lung Cancer Day	August 1	-
Muslim Women’s Rights Day	August 1	The day marks the enactment of the law against Triple Talaq , which came into effect on August 1, 2019
Earth Overshoot Day	August 2	EOD (2022): 28 th July. 1 st EOD: December 25, 1971.
Hiroshima Day	August 6	Anniversary of the bomb attack of USA on Hiroshima during World War II
National Handloom Day	August 7	Theme - “Handlooms for Sustainable Fashion”
Javelin Throw Day	August 7	On this day, Neeraj Chopra made gold in the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.
Quit India Movement Day	August 8	Other Names: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August Movement • Bharat Chodo Andolan
World Tribal Day/ International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples	August 9	“Indigenous Youth as Agents of Change for Self-determination”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worldwide: 6% • India: 8.6% (2011 Census) • Tamilnadu: 1.1% (2011 Census)
World Biofuel Day	August 10	-
World Lion Day	August 10	-
World Elephant Day	August 12	Ending the Illegal Wildlife Trade
International Youth Day [Note: National Youth Day: January-12]	August 12	“Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World”

World Organ Donation Day	August 13	Step up to volunteer; need more organ donors to fill the lacunae
National Mourning Day in Bangladesh	August 15	-
World Humanitarian Day	August 19	#NoMatterWhat
World Photography Day	August 19	Theme: LANDSCAPES
World Mosquito Day	August 20	Fighting the World's Deadliest Killer - the Mosquito
World Senior Citizen's Day	August 21	Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World
Madras Day	August 22	
International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	August 23	Fighting slavery's legacy of racism through transformative education
National Space Day	August 23	To mark Chandrayaan-3's Landing.
National Sports Day	August 29	Sports are an enabler to an inclusive and fit society
International Day against Nuclear Tests	August 29	-
National Small Industry Day 2023	August 30	-

DEFENCE IN NEWS

1. India has delivered **Donier-228 maritime surveillance** aircraft to the navy of **Sri Lanka**.
2. India's Tejas, Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) LSP-7 aircraft has successfully test fired the ASTRA indigenous state-of-the-art Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air-to-air missile, off the coast of Goa
3. India will get its 1st **Integrated Theatre Command (ITC)**.

4. Lok Sabha passed the **Inter-Services Organisation (Command, Control and Discipline) Bill, 2023**. It seeks to empower **Commander-in-Chief** and **Officer-in Command** of Inter-Services Organisations with all disciplinary and administrative powers in respect of the personnel serving in or attached to such organisations.
5. Ministry of defence has adopted **'Maya' OS** (Replacing Microsoft OS) for enhanced cyber security.

Exercise	Parties involved	Exercise type
Udarashakti	India and Malaysia	Air (Note: Harimau Shakti: India & Malasia: Army)
Tarang Shakti (Note: • Vayu Shakti-Demostration in Thar • Gagan Shakti: All the potent weapon systems put to test)	India with Friendly Countries (US, Germany, France, Australia and neighbouring and others)	Indian Air Force (largest air exercise ever conducted in India)
Zayed Talwar	India and UAE	Naval
BRIGHT STAR-23	Largest exercise in Middle East & North Africa region.	Biennial multilateral tri-service exercise
Falcon Shield	China and UAE (1 st Joint training)	Air force
Ocean Shield-2023	Russia (At Baltic Sea)	Naval
Passage Exercise (PASSEX)	India with friendly foreign (US, Oman)	Naval

COMMITTEE IN NEWS

Committee	Purpose of the committee
Prof K VijayRaghavan	To review and redefine the role of DRDO .
Justice G. Rohini Commission	Submits report on Sub-categorisation of OBCs after 6 years.
Justice K. Chandru committee (In the wake of the recent incident at Nanguneri, Tirunelveli)	To recommend measures to eliminate caste and racial differences among students in educational institutions

INDICES

Report	Released by	Note
9th Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic	WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MPOWER measure - a set of strategies developed by WHO Only 4 countries (Brazil, Turkiye, Netherlands & Mauritius) have implemented all measures. India is ranked among the highest achievers in tobacco dependence.
Heat Index	India Meteorological Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced on an experimental basis. 4 Color Codes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Green : (<35°C) ✓ Yellow: (36-45°C) ✓ Orange: (46-55°C) ✓ Red: (>55°C)
World Trade Statistical Review (WTSR) 2023	WTO	India's Rank: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18th - Merchandise exports 7th - Services exports 9th - Largest goods importer 9th - Services imports

SUMMITS

Summit Name	Hosted in	Purpose of Summit
11th edition of Asian Textiles Conference (ATEXCON)	Coimbatore	Theme: 2025 and beyond – Asia, The global hub for textile manufacturing & Consumers
First-ever WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine	Gandhinagar, Gujarat.	Global Centre on Traditional Medicines established by the WHO in Gujarat.
G20-Digital Innovation Alliance (G20-DIA) Summit	Bengaluru	Theme: 'Driving Digital Innovation for World Economies'
15th BRICS Summit	Johannesburg, South Africa	Newly inducted members: (Egypt, Iran, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Ethiopia, and Argentina) Effect on: Jan 1, 2024
9th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association	India Regional Conference: Udaipur, Rajasthan.	Theme: 'Strengthening democracy and good governance in the digital age' . Chair: Om Birla (Speaker of LS)
9th International Military-Technical Forum	Russia	India, China and Iran have set up pavilions at the event

PLACES IN NEWS

Place Name	State/country	Known for
Arash-Dorra gas field	Disputed area between Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iran	Resource-rich offshore area known for Natural Gas field.
Parkachik Glacier	Ladakh	Accelerated melting of the Himalayan Parkachik Glacier could give rise to three glacial lakes.

PORTAL IN NEWS

Portal	Purpose	Launched by
Manthan platform	India's platform for research and innovation	Office of Principal Scientific Adviser
FloodWatch	Forecast the chances of floods a day in advance	Chairman of Central Water Commission
UDGAM (Unclaimed Deposits – Gateway to Access information)	For the public to search for their unclaimed deposits across multiple banks at one place.	Reserve Bank of India
'MASI' - Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection	It aims to real time monitoring of the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and their inspection mechanism across the country	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
e-CARe (e-clearance for after life remains) Portal	To facilitate fast transfer of mortal remains of Indian National who die abroad.	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Study in India (SII) portal	For international students Commitment to make India a global hub of education	Ministry of Education
Rajmargyatra	To improve user experience on highways	NHAI
e-CARe (e-clearance for after life remains) portal	To facilitate fast transfer of mortal remains of Indian nationals who die abroad.	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
'SuSwagatam'	Generate entry passes for those visiting supreme court premises	CJI D Y Chandrachud
NIDAAN	First-of-its kind database of arrested narcotics offenders	Narcotics Control Bureau
Bhu-Vision	IOT-based Automated Soil Testing and Advisory Platform	ICAR- Indian Institute of Rice Research of Hyderabad

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book Name	Author Name	Note
“India’s Vaccine Growth Story”	Sajjan Singh Yadav (Additional Secretary in Expenditure Department of the Ministry)	It elaborates on India’s impressive achievement in developing, producing and distributing COVID-19 vaccines.
‘Heritage Trees of Goa’, ‘When Parallel Lines Meet’, ‘Ente Priya Kavithakal (My Dream Poems)’	PS Sreedharan Pillai (Governor of Goa)	
“Monsoon: A Poem of Love and Longing”	Abhay Kumar, (Deputy Director General of ICCR)	A love poem that connects India and Madagascar.

SPORTS IN NEWS

1. **Khelo India Women’s League** has been renamed as “**Asmita** Women’s League” (**A**chieving **S**ports **M**ilestone by **I**nspiring **W**omen **T**hrough **A**ction)
2. **Commonwealth Youth Games 2023**: Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. India finished 17th in the medals table.

Shoan Ganguly	Swimming	Men's (400m individual)	Silver
Asha Kiran Barla	Athletics	Women's 800m	Silver
Anupriya Valliyot Sasi	Athletics	Women's shot put	Bronze
Pooja	Athletics	Women's high jump	Bronze
Arjun	Athletics	Men's javelin throw	Bronze

3. **Gymnast Dipa Karmakar** has been excluded from the Indian squad for the Asian Games.
4. India has withdrawn its 8-athlete ‘**Wushu**’ (**martial arts**) athletes contingent from the **Summer World University Games** in Chengdu, China.
5. **Gukesh**, has dethroned **Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand** as India’s top-ranked chess player in the live world rankings.

6. Hockey: **7th Men's Asian Champions Trophy** to begin in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. It's official mascot was **BOMMAN**. (Inspiration from **The Elephant Whisperers**)
7. **Gymnast Dipa Karmakar** has been excluded from the Indian squad for the **Hangzhou Asian Games**.
8. Tamil Nadu Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Udhayanidhi Stalin launched the **Chennai Formula Racing Circuit**
9. **International Surf Open** competition held in **Mamallapuram, Tamilnadu**.

Event/Cups	Sports	Category	Won By
45th World Under-20 Wrestling Championships 2023 (Amman, Jordan)	Wrestling	Individual	India has won 14 medals
World Para Powerlifting Championships, (Dubai, UAE)		Senior	Parmjeet Kumar
International Chess Federation (FIDE) World Cup title (Azerbaijan)	Chess		Carlsen
World Archery Championships (Berlin)	Archery	Gold	Aditi Swami
		Bronze	Jyothi Surekha Vennam
Australia Open Super 500 badminton tournament		Men's singles	WengHongyang (China)
		Women's Single	Beiwen Zhang (USA)
World Police and Fire Games (Winnipeg, Canada)		3 medals	Leelashri Murali (Tamilnadu Constable)
8th World Dwarf Games (Germany)		Gold (From Tamilnadu)	Ganesan Selvaraj Manoj Balasubramanian

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