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FIRST IN NEWS

1. India's **1st carbon neutral village** is being developed in **Bhiwandi of Thane**, Maharashtra.
2. **MV Empress** is India's **1st International Cruise Vessel** is set to sail from **Chennai to Sri Lanka**.
3. North India's **1st skin bank** is established in **Delhi** (Safdarjung Hospital)
4. **Estonia's** parliament legalised **same-sex marriage**, becoming the 1st central European country to do so.

POLITY

1. Recently, new Parliament House was inaugurated.

Key facts:

- a) This project is known as **Central Vista redevelopment project**.
- b) It is a **Platinum-rated Green Building (Sansad Bhavan)**
- c) Piloted by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**
- d) The current Parliament building now falls within **Seismic Zone-IV** (While the Old parliament was in **Seismic Zone-II**)
- e) 3-km-long Rajpath (**Kartavya Path**) was constructed from **Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate**.

House	Seat Capacity	THEME
Lok Sabha	888	Peacock (National Bird)
Rajya Sabha	384	Lotus (National Flower)

2. **Justice clocks** is an electronic signage systems which have been installed across the court complexes of **High Courts**
3. **Ahmednagar** city would be renamed '**Ahilyanagar**' after the 18th century Maratha queen **Ahilyabai Holkar**.
4. **Blue Duke** declared as the **State Butterfly of Sikkim**

ECONOMY

1. SBI has launched **Project Kuber** in Bengaluru.
2. RBI launches Financial Inclusion Dashboard '**Antardrishti**'
3. The **Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways** has launched '**Sagar Samriddhi**,' an online dredging monitoring system.
4. The **Ministry of Power** and the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** have jointly launched **Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research (MAHIR)**
5. **India** emerged as the World's **2nd largest producer of crude steel** surpassing **Japan**.
6. **Farmers Fresh Zone** (FarmersFZ) has been selected for the "**Accelerator Program**" by the **FAO**.
7. The **Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME)** has received in-principal approval from **SIDBI** for designing and structuring **NBFC Growth Accelerator Program (NGAP)**.

Purpose of NGAP	To help small NBFCs that cater to MSEs in Tier 3 and 4 cities
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8. **Federal Bank** has launched the '**I am Adyar, Adyar is me**'. It is a first-of-its-kind **micro-marketing initiative** in the banking industry.
9. **SIDBI** has launched **Mission EVOLVE** (Electric Vehicle Operations and Lending for Vibrant Ecosystem) in association with **NITI Aayog, World Bank**, and Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund.
10. According to the DPIIT, **United Arab Emirates** has emerged as the **4th largest investor** in India during 2022-23.
11. **World Bank** launched its **1st dedicated road safety** project in South Asia by providing funding of USD 358 million to **Bangladesh**.
12. **Punjab National Bank** has become the 1st public sector bank to introduce an **IVR-based UPI** solution – **UPI 123PAY**

GEOGRAPHY

1. The **Minerals Security Partnership (critical minerals' alliance)** is a global initiative by the **US** to bolster critical mineral supply chains.

ENVIRONMENT

1. **UAE** will host the **World's Largest Conservation Conference** of **IUCN** in 2025.
2. Government of India launches two Schemes for namely **Amrit Dharohar Yojana** and **Mishti Yojana**.
3. **Los Angeles Zoo** has partnered with **Bihar** for the conservation of gharials in **Gandak River** in West Champaran district.
4. **China** has recently completed the construction of the most powerful **wind tunnel** named **JF- 22** in the world.
5. **NITI Aayog** and the **United Nations** in India signed the **India-United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027** in New Delhi.
6. **United Nations** has adopted the **Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Treaty** (BBNJ), also known as the **High Seas Treaty** after 15 years of discussions.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. India has joined the **Centralised Laboratory Network** (CLN), which has 15 partner facilities in 13 countries.
2. **Malviya National Institute of Technology** (MNIT), **Jaipur** has been identified as the National Centre for Earthquake Safety of Dams.
3. The **1st liquid mirror telescope** in the country and the largest in Asia – was commissioned atop **Devasthal**, a hill in **Uttarakhand**
4. India conducts Asia's 1st **Demonstration of Performance-Based Navigation for Helicopters**
5. **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** and **Google** have collaborated to amplify the Ministry's "**Stay Safe Online**" campaign
6. '**Women Involvement in Science and Engineering Research**' (WISER) programme was launched by **Indo-German Science & Technology Centre** for encouraging women researchers in joint R&D projects.
7. **Gabon's** (South Africa) 1st **Agri - SEZ** (special economic zone) project was flagged off from **New Delhi**.

8. Ministry of Science and Technology has launched **Vaishvik Bhartiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV)** fellowships programme to connect **Indian STEMM diaspora** with Indian Higher Educational Institutions.
9. **SpaceX** launched **Indonesian** telecommunications satellite named **SATRIA-1** on its **Falcon 9 rocket** from **Cape Canaveral Space Force Station** in Florida.
10. **IIT Kanpur** has conducted test flight for **cloud seeding**.
11. Pune's **Inter-University Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA)** has delivered the **Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (Suit)** to ISRO.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. UN approves Turkey's request to change name to **Turkiye**.
2. **United States** and the **United Kingdom** have adopted the **Atlantic Declaration** for promoting economic partnership between these two countries.
3. According to Ministry of External Affairs, **India** and **Serbia** aims for **£ 1 Billion** bilateral trade target by the end of the decade.
4. The **world's largest sand Island**, known as **Fraser Island**, is finally getting rid of its colonial title.
5. **United States** is planning to rejoin **UNESCO**.
6. **India** and **USA** have launched the **India-United States Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS X)**.
7. **Supreme Court of Nepal** orders government to register **same-sex marriages**.
8. **India** and **Egypt** have signed an agreement to elevate bilateral ties to 'Strategic Partnership'

NATIONAL NEWS

1. **City Investments To Innovate, Integrate And Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0)** is a program launched by **MoHUA**
2. **IIT Madras** remained the best educational institution in overall rankings of National Institutional Ranking Framework for the 5th consecutive term.

3. Ministry of Women and Child Development has plans to **merge** the **Childline 1098 service** with the **Emergency Response Support System (ERSS)** number **112**.
4. **Bureau of Indian Standards** has published **IS 18267: 2023** "Food Serving Utensils Made from Agri By-Products – Specification," aimed at **reducing plastic pollution** and promoting sustainability.

TAMILNADU NEWS

1. Tamil Nadu Govt signed MoU with **India Post Payment Bank** for **pensioner's digital life certificate**.
2. **Dr N Ezhilan** (MLA) is the newly appointed Part-time Member of State Planning Commission.
3. Grand Master **D Gukesh** was appreciated by the Chief Minister, who became the youngest player to reach a rating of **2750+** in the **chess world cup, 2023**.
4. **R. Rajagopal** IAS is the newly appointed **State Chief Information Commissioner**.
5. A **celt** belonging to the **neolithic period**, was discovered in **Poothinatham** village in **Dharmapuri**.
6. **Udaya Shankar** won **Bal Puraskar** awardee for his novel **Adhanin Bommai**.
7. **Vadakkupattu Excavation** is under progress near Oragadam in **Kancheepuram**.
8. **Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme** was launched for **SC/STs**.

CULTURE

Festival	Place
Wihu Kuh	Arunachal Pradesh (Tangsa tribe)
Dragon Boat festival	China (Yangtze River)

1. **Google** launched the '**Indian Languages Programme**' under its news initiative to support local news publishers in India.
2. The Construction of the **world's largest Ramayan temple** began in **Bihar's East Champaran district**.

AWARDS/PRIZE

Award	Awarded by	Awarded to	Known for
Suriname's highest civilian Award	President Chandrikapersad Santokhi	President Droupadi Murmu	-
Michel Batisse Award	UNESCO	Jagdish S Bakan (Director of Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park)	For his efforts in Biosphere Reserve Management
Eat Right Station certification	FSSAI	Guwahati railway station	For providing high-quality and nutritious food to passengers
Governor of the Year' for 2023	Central Banking in London	Shaktikanta Das (Chief of the Reserve Bank of India)	-
Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021	Ministry of Culture	Gita Press, Gorakhpur	A 100-year-old institution that publishes Hindu religious texts and promotes Gandhian ideals of peace and social harmony.
Prof. Kothapalli Jayashankar Award	Bharat Jagruthi (Cultural Organisation)	Acharya N. Gopi	Sahitya Akademi Award recipient
Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for 2023	-	Salman Rushdie	For his contribution to the literary world
45th European Essay Prize for lifetime achievement	-	Writer Arundhati Roy	For the French translation of her compilation of essays titled Azadi: Freedom, Fascism, Fiction
4th National Water Awards	Ministry of Jal Shakti	-	For 11 different categories.

2023 Iqbal Masih Award for the Elimination of Child Labour	USA	Lalitha Natarajan	Chennai-based lawyer-activist
Olympic Order	International Olympic Committee (IOC)	Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus (Director-General of WHO)	For his role in ensuring the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 took place despite the Covid-19 pandemic
Order of the Nile (Highest civilian award of Egypt)	Egypt	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	-

PERSONS IN NEWS

Person	Why in news?
Dr Abdulla Al Mandous (UAE)	President of the World Meteorological Organization.
Celeste Saulo of Argentina	1 st female Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization.
Dennis Francis	President of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly
Nitin Agarwal	Director-General of the Border Security Force
Janardan Prasad	Director-General of Geological Survey of India
Amit Agrawal	Chief Executive Officer of UIDAI
Subodh Kumar Singh	Director General of the National Testing Agency
Ravi Sinha	Extended as the chief of Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW)
John B. Goodenough	American co-inventor of Lithium-ion batteries and a co-winner of 2019 Nobel prize for Chemistry passed away.
MD Swaminathan Janakiraman	Appointed as the Deputy Governor in the Reserve Bank of India

IMPORTANT DAYS

Day	Date	Theme
Global Day of Parents	June 1	Theme: The power of parenting: raising happy, healthy and hopeful children
World Milk Day	June 1	-
Telangana Formation Day	June 2	-
World Bicycle Day	June 3	Theme: Riding Together for a Sustainable Future
International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	June 4	-
World Environment Day	June 5	Theme: Beat Plastic Pollution
International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing	June 5	-
International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	June 4	-
World Food Safety day	June 7	Theme: Food standards save lives
World Oceans Day	June 8	Theme: Planet Ocean: The Tides are Changing
World Accreditation Day	June 9	Theme: Accreditation: Supporting the Future of Global Trade
World Day Against Child Labour	June 12	Theme: Social Justice for All
International Albinism Awareness Day	June 13	Theme: Inclusion is Strength
World Blood Donor Day	June 14	Theme: Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	June 15	Theme: Closing the Circle: Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Older Age Policy, Law, and Evidence-based Responses.

ASEAN Dengue Day	June 15	Theme: ASEAN's Commitment to Fight Against Dengue
Global Wind Day	June 15	-
International Day of Family Remittances	June 16	Theme: Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction
International Day of Yoga	June 21	Theme: Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	June 17	Theme: Her land. Her rights
International Day for Countering Hate Speech	June 18	Theme: Hate speech: Turning the tide
World Sickle Cell Awareness Day	June 19	-
National Reading Day	June 19	To commemorate the death anniversary of PN Panicker , widely recognized as the " Father of the Library Movement " in Kerala
International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	June 19	Theme: Bridging the gender digital divide to prevent, address and respond to conflict-related sexual violence
World Refugee Day	June 20	Theme: Hope away from home
World Music Day	June 21	Theme: Music on the Intersections
World Hydrography Day	June 21	Theme: Hydrography – Underpinning the Digital; Twin of the Ocean
International Widows' Day	June 23	Theme: Invisible Women, Invisible Problems
International Olympics Day	June 23	Theme: Let's Move
United Nations Public Service Day	June 23	Theme: Innovating the Future Public Service: New Government Models for a New Era to Reach the SDGs
World Vitiligo Day	June 25	-

World Drug Day	June 26	Theme: People First: stop stigma and Discrimination, strengthen Prevention
MSME Day	June 27	Theme: Future-ready MSMEs for India@100
International Day of the Tropics	June 29	-
National Statistics Day	June 29	Theme: Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring Sustainable Development Goals
International Day of Parliamentarism	June 30	Theme: Parliaments for the Planet
World Asteroid Day	June 30	-

DEFENCE IN NEWS

Exercise	Parties involved	Exercise type
Air Defender 23 exercise	NATO's biggest ever air exercise	Air exercise
Ex Ekuverin	India & Maldives	Military
Ex Khaan Quest	Multinational Peacekeeping Joint Exercise (Held in Mongolia)	Military
Agneyastra 1	-	Indian Army

1. India, Vietnam hold **3rd Maritime Security Dialogue** in **New Delhi**.
2. **INS Trishul**, a frontline warship of the Indian Navy visited **Durban** to commemorate the 130th Anniversary of Satyagraha of Gandhi.
3. The indigenously designed and developed **Naval Airfield Integrated Security System** (NAISS) and the **Naval Anti-Drone System** (NADS) have been inaugurated at **INS Dega** in Visakhapatnam.
4. **Integrated Command and Control Centre** set up in **Srinagar** under Smart City Mission.

COMMITTEE IN NEWS

Committee	Purpose of the committee
Ajai Lamba (Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court)	To investigate the recent series of violent incidents in Manipur
T K Vishwanathan	To recommend reforms in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act with an aim to reduce the burden on courts

PLACES IN NEWS

Place Name	State/country	Known for
Mahakaleshwar temple	Ujjain city, Madhya Pradesh	Nepal's Prime Minister offered prayers at Mahakaleshwar temple. It is the only jyotirlinga temple facing the south , while all the others face east .
Nova Kakhovka Dam	Ukraine	(Hydro electric power plant station of Ukraine) It was destroyed in explosion that causes massive flooding in war torn region.
Kilauea volcano	Hawaii's Big Island	Youngest and most active Hawaiian shield volcano erupted recently.

INDICES

Report	Released by	Note
11th edition of the World of Work report	International Labour Organisation	
State Food Safety Index	FSSAI	Top performer
		Larger states Kerala

		Smaller states	Goa
		Union Territory	Jammu & Kashmir
Global Slavery Index	Walk Free Foundation	-	
Gender Social Norms Index 2023	UN Development Program	-	
Global Food Markets	FAO	-	
Grievance Redressal Assessment and Index (GRAI) 2022	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances	-	
Global Gender Gap Report 2023 (17th edition)	World Economic Forum	India Rank- 127th out of 146 countries	
Global Liveability Index 2023	Economist Intelligence Unit	New Delhi and Mumbai are at 141st position. Chennai at 144th	
World Competitiveness Index 2023	Institute of Management Development	India's Rank- 40th	
World Drug Report 2023	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	-	
Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2023	Startup Genome	Bengaluru's rise to the 20th spot	

SUMMITS

Summit Name	Hosted in	Note
National Education Ministers' Conference	Gujarat	-
3rd G20 Health Working Group Meeting	Hyderabad	-

National Conference on Recent Advances in School Education	Jalandhar	-
SAI20 Summit	Goa	Hosted by CAG
W20 summit	Mahabalipuram	Theme: ' Women-Led Development-Transform, Thrive and Transcend '
Miss World pageant (71st edition)	India (By December 2023)	-
111th International Labour Conference	Geneva	-
Ministerial Meeting of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)	Bangkok, Thailand	-
International Institute of Administrative Sciences Annual Conference	Kochi, Kerala (In 2025)	-
National Conference on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy	Pune	Theme: ' Capacity building and training of teachers in blended mode '
G-20 Labour Engagement summit	Will be held in Patna	-
3rd G-20 Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) meeting	Rishikesh, Uttarakhand	-
Summit for New Global Financing Pact	Paris	Aimed at addressing the financing needs of sustainable development and climate action
International Conference on Green Hydrogen	New Delhi	Aims to establish a Green Hydrogen ecosystem

PORTAL IN NEWS

Portal	Purpose	Launched by
Report Fish Disease	To strengthen the farmer-based disease reporting system	Developed by ICAR-NBFGR

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book Name	Author Name	Note
"A Life Well Spent"	Satish Chandra	Author is an Indian Foreign Service officer
India's Finance Ministers: From Independence to Emergency	A. K. Bhattacharya	-
Droupadi Murmu: From Tribal Hinterlands to Raisina Hills	Kasturi Ray	-
Warpath -Walking the Battlefields of Cholas	Thiru Ramesh Vangipuram	Released by Chief Minister Stalin

SPORTS IN NEWS

1. Sachin Tendulkar to continue as **UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador** for 20th year
2. **Max Verstappen** wins **Spanish Grand Prix 2023**
3. The inaugural edition of India's **1st ever Women's Kabaddi League (WKL)** commenced in **Dubai**.
4. **Uttar Pradesh** will host the world's fastest motorbike race '**Moto GP**' **2023**.

EVENT/CUPS	SPORTS	CATEGORY	WON BY
Asian U20 Athletics Championship		Gold	Sunil Kumar
Super 1000 title	Badminton (Held in Indonesia)	-	Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty (India). India's 1 st ever super 1000 title.
World Squash Championship	Squash (Held in Tamil Nadu)	-	Egypt
Asian fencing championship		Bronze	Bhavani Devi (India's 1 st ever Bronze)
2023 Taipei Open	Badminton	Men's Singles	Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo (Indonesia)
		Women' Singles	Tai Tzu-ying (Taiwan)
Czech Ladies Open	Golf	-	Diksha Dagar
WTT Contender Tunis 2023	Table Tennis	Women's doubles title	Sutirtha Mukherjee and Ayhika Mukherjee

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