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OCTOBER – 2023

FIRST IN NEWS

1. **India's first-ever Solar Roof Cycling Track** has been inaugurated in **Hyderabad**.
2. India is launching its 1st national-level **framework for climate services**, known as the **National Framework for Climate Services (NFCS)**, led by the **India Meteorological Department**.
3. **European Union** has approved **world's first green bond standard** to **avoid greenwashing**.
 - **Greenwashing is the process of conveying a false impression or providing misleading information about how a company's products are more environmentally sound.**
4. **Kasargod** district in **Kerala** has become 1st district in India to declare **official tree, flower, bird and turtle** as district species.
5. **Kerala** has become the first state in India **to have gold hallmarking centres** in all districts.
6. **Udaipur** is set to become **India's 1st wetland city**.
7. India's first dedicated **mass rapid transit system** for regional connectivity called as **Regional Rapid Transit System (Namo Bharat Train)** was launched.
8. **Jharkhand** is the 1st state which has taken steps towards bringing people working on contract or commission for companies like Swiggy-Zomato-Ola-Uber-Rapido under the **ambit of minimum wages**.

POLITY

1. **Baiga tribe** of **Chhattisgarh** gets **Habitat right** under **Forest Right Act, 2006**.

Only 3 PVTG have received Habitat rights	
Bharia tribe	Madhya Pradesh
Kamar tribe	Chhattisgarh
Baiga tribe	Chhattisgarh

- The Indian government has **notified** the establishment of **National Turmeric Board** with its headquarters in **Hyderabad**. It is **not a statutory body**. Nodal ministry: **Ministry of Commerce**
- The Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) in India has ruled that **Over the Top (OTT) streaming platforms**, like Disney+Hotstar, **do not fall** under the jurisdiction of the **TRAI**.
- A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court held that **only the legislature can recognise or regulate same-sex marriage**.
- Mahila Thana of Bhopal** (Madhya Pradesh) has become country's first women police station to get **ISO 9001:2015**
- Chief Justice of India **DY Chandrachud** has received the '**Award for Global Leadership**', the highest professional distinction handed out by **Harvard Law School**.

SCHEMES/INITIATIVES IN NEWS

Scheme Name	Launched by	Objective
Resilient and Inclusive Supply-chain Enhancement (RISE) in Morocco	World Bank and Japan	This initiative is designed to tackle the dual challenges of job creation and climate change by aiding emerging markets and developing countries in expanding their clean-energy product manufacturing and increasing their participation in the minerals industry .

UMMEED guidelines (Understand, Manage, Empower, Develop), Motivate, Empathise,	Ministry of Education	To address the critical issue of student suicides in schools
Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High School in Targeted Areas (SHRESTHA)	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	To ensure quality education to school students
Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative (LAccMI) scheme	Odisha Government	Establishing a seamless public transport network from Gram Panchayat level to state capital.
Ghar-Ghar KCC Abhiyan scheme	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying	It aims to achieve universal financial inclusion , ensuring that every farmer has unhindered access to credit facilities

ECONOMY

1. IRDAI issued guidelines on **Bima Vahaks**, a dedicated distribution channel to reach out to every **Gram Panchayat**. It is a core component of its **‘Insurance for all by 2047’** goal.
2. RBI has **revoked** the banking license of **Nashik Zilla Girna Sahakari Bank Limited** due to its **inability to maintain adequate capital** and sustain profitable operations.
3. **NABARD** announced the listing of its **‘Social Bonds’** on the **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)**.
4. The **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)**, has achieved an upgrade from ‘Schedule B’ to **‘Schedule A’ status** as a **Central Public Sector Enterprise**.

5. Geographical Indication Tag:

Product	State
Udangudi Panangkarupatti	Tamil Nadu
Basohli Pashmina	Jammu and kashmir
Udhampur's Kalari	Jammu and kashmir
Yak Churpi	Arunachal Pradesh
Khamti rice	Arunachal Pradesh
Tangsa textile	Arunachal Pradesh
Cashew industry	Goa

6. **Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL)** has set up **South Asia's first aircraft recovery training school** at **Bengaluru airport**.

7. **Foreign companies without PAN** can open bank account in **IFSC-Gift City**.

8. The Union Cabinet approved amendments to the **Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957**, specifying royalty rates for **3 critical and strategic minerals**:

Lithium	3 %
Niobium	3 %
Rare Earth Elements (REEs)	1 %

9. **Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047** , a long-term blueprint for the Indian maritime blue economy was formulated in **Global Maritime India Summit 2023** in **Mumbai**

10. **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)** has expanded the '**star rating**' scheme to **solar panels**

11. **IRCON International Limited (IRCON)** and **RITES Limited (RITES)** have been announced **15th** and **16th Navratna company** among CPSE.

12. **Sberbank of Russia** has become the **1st Russian bank** to register with the Indian markets regulator as a **Category I Foreign Portfolio Investor**.

ENVIRONMENT

1. **NIIF** has partnered with the **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)** to establish a **\$600 million India-Japan Fund (IJF)**, This fund is **NIIF's first bi-lateral fund** to address **climate and environmental** challenges and promote **green investments**
2. **Asian Development Bank** has approved a **\$200 million** loan to strengthen **flood and river bank erosion risk management** along the main stem of the **Brahmaputra River in Assam**.
3. The **Delhi government** has launched a '**green war room**' to combat air pollution in the city by implementing the Winter Action Plan and monitoring pollution 24×7.
4. **Operation Kachchhap** was conducted by **Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)** to thwart the **illegal trafficking and trading of Gangetic turtles**.
5. The **International Coral Reef Initiative** has launched the **Coral Reef Breakthrough**. It aims to safeguard at least **125,000 Km²** of shallow-water tropical coral reefs by **2030** through investments of at least **US\$12 billion**.
6. The **Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA)** is partnering with India (Ministry of Tourism) to expand the **Travel for LiFE (Lifestyle of the Planet, for the Planet, and by the Planet)** initiative across the **Asia-Pacific** region.
7. **Punjab** has announced a **ban** on the cultivation of the **PUSA-44 paddy variety**.
8. **Uttar Pradesh** has declared **Gangetic Dolphin** as **state aquatic animal**.
9. Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change has launched **Green Credit Program (GCP)** and **Ecomark Scheme** to encourage **environment friendly practices**.

10. **Saudia Arabia** has hosted **Middle East and North Africa Climate Week (MENACW)** in **Riyadh**, Saudi Arabia.
11. **Karnataka** has launched **Hostile Activity Watch Kernel (HAWK) system** to monitor all aspect of **forest and wildlife crime**.
12. **Union Finance Ministry** launches **phase IV of 'Operation Sesha'** to curb **the illegal trade of Timber**, including Red Sanders.
13. The **Dakar 2023 Joint Declaration on Climate Change** outlines the expectations and priorities of the **least developed countries** for the **COP28** to the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Name	Type	Country/ Institution	Purpose
Nour 3	Military imaging satellite	Iran	
CALIPSO (Cloud-Aerosol LIDAR and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observations)	Satellite based observatory - Equipped with a LIDAR	NASA and France's CNES	It is a mission dedicated to studying how clouds and aerosols impact the Earth's climate .

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India should aim to set up **Bhartiya Antriksha Station (Indian Space Station)** by **2035** and sending **first Indian to moon** by **2040**
2. The **World Organisation for Animal Health** has approved India's self-declaration of **freedom from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)** in specific poultry compartments.

3. The Indian government is moved for the **inclusion of Ayurveda and related traditional medicine** systems in the **11th revision of the World Health Organization's International Classification of Diseases (ICD)**.
4. India has reported the **presence of tilapia parvovirus (TiPV)** for the first time in **Tamil Nadu** affecting **farm-bred tilapia fish**.
5. **Lao PDR** has successfully **eliminated lymphatic filariasis (LF)**, a mosquito-borne infectious disease.
6. ICMR concluded its study on RISUG to be safe and effective.
 - Reversible Inhibition of sperm Guidance (RISUG) is a non-hormonal injectable male contraceptive that provides long lasting Sterility with complete reversibility.
7. Parents of children suffering from **Niemann-Pick disease** have insisted the government to include it in the **National Policy for Rare Diseases**.
 - It is a **rare genetic disorder** in which **involves dysfunctional metabolism of sphingolipids**.
8. **Sampurnanand Optical Telescope** completed **50 years** of operations which is **located in Manora Peak, Nainital**.
9. Rising Cases of **Thallium** poisoning reported in India particularly in **Maharashtra**. Thallium is also called the **poisoner's poison**.

NATIONAL NEWS

1. **Karnataka** to pay up to **₹7.5 lakh ex gratia** in cases of **unnatural death inside jails**.
2. **Kerala's first 3D-printed building** named **Amaze-28** has been inaugurated
3. Central Reserve Police Force and the **Ministry of Women and Child Development** launched a cross-country bike expedition Called **Yashaswini** with **women CRPF officers**.
4. **Tripura** launched an **e-cabinet system** at **Agartala** to promote **digital infrastructure** development and **digitisation of government services and information**.

5. **India** has been **re-elected** as the **President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development** for a third successive term.
6. **Operation Megh Chakra** conducted by **CBI** searches across States and UTs against the online circulation and sharing of **Child Sexual Abusive Material (CSAM)**.
7. The **15th Finance commission** for the 1st time made a **provision for recovery and reconstruction** in the national disaster management budget, which is at the core of the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA).
 - Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) was 1st adopted during the **Kerala floods of 2018** and again during the **cyclone in Odisha, 2019**.
8. The **FSSAI** has recommended the **use of QR codes on food products** to make information accessible to **visually impaired individuals**.
9. India has initiated **Operation Ajay** to evacuate its citizens from **conflict-stricken Israel**.

INDIA'S MISSION	
Operation	Purpose
Operation Indravati (2024)	To evacuate Indians from Haiti to Dominican Republic
Operation Ajay (2023)	To evacuate its citizens from conflict-stricken Israel .
Operation Kaveri (2023)	An Evacuation operation conducted by the Indian Armed Forces through INS Sumedha to evacuate Indian citizens and foreign nationals from Sudan during the conflict.
Operation Dost (2023)	It was the search and rescue operation initiated by the government to aid Syria and Turkey after the 2023 Turkey-Syria earthquake
Operation Ganga (2022)	An Evacuation operation carried out by India to rescue citizens stranded in neighboring countries during the 2022 Russia-Ukraine war .

Operation Devi Shakti (2021)	An operation of the IAF to evacuate Indian citizens and foreign nationals from Afghanistan after the collapse of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the fall of Kabul.
Vande Bharat (2020)	To bring back Indian citizens stranded in foreign countries in the multiple phases during the Covid-19 pandemic
Operation Samudra Setu (2020)	It was a naval operation as part of the national effort to bring home Indian citizens from overseas during the Covid-19 pandemic
Operation Insaniyat (2017)	To assist Bangladesh in overcoming the humanitarian crisis due to the large influx of Myanmar refugees into Bangladesh
Operation Nistar (2018)	It is an Indian Naval operation to evacuate 38 Indian nationals from Yemen's cyclone-ravaged Socotra island.
Operation Sankat Mochan (2016)	An operation of the Indian Air Force to evacuate Indian citizens and other foreign nationals during the South Sudanese Civil War.
Operation Maitri (2015)	A rescue and relief operation in Nepal by the government of India and Indian armed forces in the aftermath of the April 2015 Nepal earthquake
Operation Raahat (2015)	An operation of the Indian Armed Forces to evacuate Indian citizens and foreign nationals from Yemen during the 2015 military intervention by Saudi Arabia
Operation Safe Homecoming (2011)	To bring back Indian citizens stranded in conflict-torn Libya

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. **Sri Lanka** will take over the **Chair** and **India** as **Vice-Chair of Indian Ocean Rim Association** during **23rd Council of Ministers** for the period of **2023 to 2025**.

Indian Ocean Rim Association	
Established	1997
Type	Intergovernmental organisation of States on the rim of the Indian Ocean
Member countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23 member states (Includes India) 11 dialogue partners.
Secretariat	Mauritius
Purpose: (6 priority areas & 2 Focus Areas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade and Investment Maritime Safety and Security, Fisheries Management, Disaster Risk Management Blue Economy Tourism & cultural Exchange Women's Economic engagement Academic, science & Technology cooperation

2. **Dubai** becomes the world's **fastest-recovering destination** in the **services sector**.
3. **India and Argentina** have signed a '**Social Security Agreement**' for protecting the **rights of professionals and workers** in both countries, allowing for risk-free international mobility.
4. **Armenia's Parliament** voted to join the **International Criminal Court**.
5. **Financial Action Task Force** has removed **Cayman Island** from its grey list.
6. **Operation Iron Swords** launched by Israel Defense Forces.

7. White Phosphorous were alleged to be used on the **civilian population of Gaza**.

White Phosphorous
✓ It is used in incendiary weapons by militaries for illuminating targets at night or to inflicting damage on enemies.
✓ Under the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals, white phosphorus falls under Pyrophoric solids, category 1, which includes chemicals that catch fire spontaneously when exposed to air.

TAMILNADU NEWS

1. **Sagar Parikrama, Phase- IX** starts from **Thiruvandanai**, Tamil Nadu. It aims to **disseminate information about various fisheries** related schemes and programs.
2. Tamil Nadu announced a **Samadhan Scheme** to help traders settle their dues, penalty and interest.
3. A passenger ferry service named **Cheriyapani** from **Nagapattinam**, Tamil Nadu to Sri Lanka has been launched.
4. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has announced a cash reward of **₹25 lakh each for nine space scientists hailing from Tamil Nadu**, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the nation.

Space scientists	Contributions
K. Sivan	Former ISRO chairperson
Mylswamy Annadurai	Former Director of ISRO's Satellite Centre
V. Narayanan	Director of ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre
A. Rajarajan	Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR director
M. Sankaran	Director of U.R. Rao Satellite Centre

J. Asir Packiaraj	ISRO's Propulsion Complex Director
V. Vanitha	Project Director of the Chandrayaan-2 lunar mission
P. Veeramuthuvel	Chandrayaan-3 Project Director
Nigar Shaji	Project Director of the Aditya-L1 mission

5. **Guidance**, the nodal agency for investment promotion of Tamil Nadu, has received the **United Nations Promotion Award 2023**.
6. A committee assessed the progress of **Tamil Nadu's first tiger rewilding program** in the **Anamalai Tiger Reserve**.
7. Tamil Nadu's **Artificial Intelligence-Powered Elephant Protection System** aims to prevent Train Collisions. This innovative project is being implemented along the **Ettimadai-Walayar railway section**
8. **KET scheme (Kasanoi Erappila Thittam)** has successfully reduced **early tuberculosis (TB) death rate**

CULTURE

1. National Tribal Festival – '**Aadi Mahotsav**' has inaugurated in **Jamshedpur, Jharkhand**.
2. **8 foot statue** of **Mahatma Gandhi** was unveiled in **South Africa**.
3. The largest statue of **B R Ambedkar** outside India has been constructed in **Maryland, North America** on October 14.
4. The **1st ever Gandhi Museum** in **North America**, has been inaugurated in the **US city of Houston** in **Texas**.
5. A memorial to Durgavati has been built in **Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh** at the same place where the Rani had attained martyrdom marking the **500th Birth anniversary** celebrations of **Rani Durgavati**
6. **KatiBihu** is celebrated in **Assam** by lighting a lamp in front of **Tulsi tree/ plant**

AWARDS/PRIZE

Award	Awarded by	Awarded to	Known for
Nobel Prize in physics, 2023	Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pierre Agostini (France) Ferenc Krausz (Hungarian-Austrian) Anne L'Huillier (French-Swedish) 	For experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in matter.
Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 2023	Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexei Ekimov Louis Brus Moungi Bawendi 	For the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots
Nobel Prize in Economics, 2023	Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden	Claudia Goldin	For her contributions to understanding women's labour market outcomes
Nobel Prize in literature, 2023	The Swedish Academy	Jon Fosse (Norway)	-
Nobel Peace Prize, 2023	Norwegian Nobel Committee	Iranian activist Narges Mohammadi	In recognition of her tireless campaigning for women's rights and democracy.
Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 2023	Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute, Sweden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katalin Karikó Drew Weissman 	For their research enabling the development of mRNA vaccines against COVID-19.
Saraswati Samman 2022	K.K Birla Foundation	Tamil writer Sivasankari	For her book of memoirs Surya Vamsam

Dada Saheb Phalke Award	National Awards	Film	Waheeda Rehman	-
Golden Peacock Award in Risk Management	Institute of Directors	of	REC Limited	A Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Power
ISAR Honours 2023	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development		Institute of Chartered Accountant India (ICAI)	For its initiative Sustainability Reporting Standards Board (SRSB)
Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award	54 th International Film Festival of India, held in Goa.		Michael Douglas	-
Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice 2023	-		Narges Mohammadi	Imprisoned human rights activist & 2023 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
Business Line Changemakers Award in 2023	-		RBI	-
Best Tourism Village	United Nations World Tourism Organization		Dhordo village, Gujarat	-
Bal Sahitya Puraskar	Sahitya Akademi		Dilip Nongmaithem	-
Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award	TATA		Tamil writer Ambai	-

PERSONS IN NEWS

Person	Why in news?
Akash Tripathi	CEO of the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)
Sarah Sunny	India's 1st Deaf lawyer
Trinity Saioo (Padma Shri Awardee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known as the Turmeric Trinity • She was recognized for her work in promoting Lakadong turmeric cultivation in Meghalaya. • Now focused on promoting the unique Makhir ginger in Meghalaya
Kevin McCarthy (Speaker of the United States House of Representatives)	Became the 1st ever speaker to be ousted from the office of speaker in U.S. history .
Arindam Bagchi	Appointed as Permanent Representative of India to UN in Geneva

IMPORTANT DAYS

Day	Date	Theme
National Pension System Diwas	October 1	-
International Day of Older Persons	October 1	Fulfilling the Promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Older Persons: Across Generations.
International Day of Non-Violence	October 2	Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

Wildlife week	October 2-8	'Partnership for Wildlife Conservation'
World Space Week	October 4-10	Space and Entrepreneurship
World Cerebral Palsy Day	October 6	Together Stronger
World Cotton Day	October 7	Making cotton fair and sustainable for all: from farm to fashion
Indian Air Force Day	October 8	IAF-Airpower Beyond Boundaries
World Hydrogen and Fuel Day	October 8	–
World Post Day	October 9	Together for Trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future
Good Manufacturing Practice Day	October 10	–
World Mental Health Day	October 10	Mental health is a universal human right.
World Day Against the Death Penalty	October 10	The death penalty: An irreversible torture
International Day of Girl Child	October 11	Invest in Girls Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being.
World Students Day	October 15	To mark birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.
World Food Day	October 16	Water is life, water is food. Leave no one behind
World Migratory Bird Day	October 14	Water: Sustaining Bird Life

World Standards Day	October 14	Our shared vision for a better world
International Day of Rural Women	October 15	Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All
Global Handwashing Day	October 15	Clean hands are within reach
World Food Day	October 16	Water is life, water is food. Leave no one behind.
International Day for Eradication of Poverty	October 17	Decent Work and Social Protection: Putting dignity in practice for all
World Trauma Day	October 17	Embracing Resilience, Overcoming Trauma's Impact
World Iodine Deficiency Day	October 21	–
Police Commemoration Day	October 21	–
International Stuttering Awareness Day	October 22	One Size Does NOT Fit All
International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week	October 22-28	End Childhood Lead Poisoning
World Snow Leopard Day	October 23	–
UN Day	October 24	Equality, Freedom and Justice for all.
World Development Information Day	October 24	Harnessing the Power of Information and Communication Technologies to Build a Better World
UN Disarmament Week	October 24-31	Securing Humanity's Future

World Dwarfism Day	October 25	–
International Day of Care and Support	October 29	Care: Driving a Fair and Inclusive Recovery
World Stroke Day	October 29	–

DEFENCE IN NEWS

Exercise	Parties involved	Exercise type
Exercise SAMPRITI	India and Bangladesh	Military
Exercise CHAKRAVAT	–	Indian Navy
Bharat NCX 2023	National Security Council Secretariat	National Cyber Security Exercise for government, public and private sector organizations.
Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023	Indian & Malaysian	Army
Sagar Kavach	Indian Navy	Coastal security exercise
Exercise KAZIND	India and Kazakhstan	Army
Exercise Prasthan	India	Navy

1. **Swavalamban 2.0** is an updated **indigenization roadmap** aimed at fostering **self-reliance** in technological capabilities in the **Indian Navy**.
2. **Ministry of Defence** has launched **Indian Military Heritage Festival Project Udbhav** which aims to integrate ancient Indian strategic wisdom into modern military pedagogy.
3. **Indian Army** has established the first-ever **BSNL Base Transceiver Station (BTS)** on world's highest battlefield, **Siachen Glacier**.
4. **Yard 12706 (Imphal)** the third of **Project 15B stealth guided missile destroyer** has been delivered to the Indian Navy.
5. **Indian Army** has inaugurated its **1st Vertical Wind Tunnel (VWT)** at a training school in **Himachal Pradesh**.
6. India has successfully test-fired **indigenously-developed medium-range ballistic missile Agni Prime** from the Odisha coast.
7. **Japan** becomes 1st Country to launch an **Electromagnetic Railgun** from an offshore vessel.

TERMS/ CONCEPTS IN NEWS

Terms/Concepts	Related to
Yarkovsky effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a phenomenon in space where the way an asteroid absorbs and re-emits solar radiation can alter its trajectory over time. • Asteroid Apophis, which was expected to pass extremely close to Earth, may now hit the blue planet in 2068 due to Yarkovsky effect.
Marine Cloud brightening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It refers to the process of spraying Seawater droplets into low-level clouds over the oceans, acting as condensation nuclei and increasing the reflectivity and persistence of the clouds.

INDICES

Report	Released by	Note
Global Hunger Index 2023	Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe	India ranks 111 out of 125 Countries
Review of Maritime Transport 2023	UNCTAD	-
6th Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) of 2022-23	National Statistics Office	-
World Economic Outlook Report	International Monetary Fund	-
The Impact of Disasters on Agriculture and Food Security	UN & FAO	1 st ever Global estimation of the impact of disaster on Agriculture Production
International Migration Outlook: 2023	OECD	India saw the highest migration flows to OECD countries in 2021 and 2022.
Climate Transparency Report	Climate Transparency	It is the World's most comprehensive annual review of G20 countries' climate action and their transition to a net zero emissions economy.
Global Tax Evasion Report 2024	European Union Tax Observatory	-

SUMMITS

Summit Name	Hosted in	Purpose of Summit
50th India International Knit fair	Tiruppur	–
49th All India Police Science Congress	Dehradun	By Bureau of Police Research and Development
8th BRICS International Competition Conference	New Delhi	Theme: New Issues in Competition Law and Policy – Dimensions, Perspectives, Challenges
9th Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20 Summit)	India	Theme: Parliaments for One Earth, One Family, One Future.
16th Agricultural Science Congress	Kochi	Theme: Transformation of Agri-Food Systems for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals
78th session of UN General Assembly	New York	Theme: Rebuilding trust and reigniting global solidarity: Accelerating action on the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals towards peace, prosperity, progress and sustainability for all.
1st ever “Critical Minerals and Clean Energy Summit”	Paris	By International Energy Agency
2 day conference to mark 20th anniversary of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crimes (UNTOC)	Palermo in Italy	–

5th edition of India STEM Summit 2023	New Delhi	–
3rd edition of the Global Maritime India Summit 2023	Mumbai	–
16th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Exhibition 2023	New Delhi	Theme: Integrated & Resilient Urban Transport
First Global Conference on Cooperation in Enforcement Matters (GCCM)	New Delhi	Theme: It takes a Network to fight a Network

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book Name	Author Name	Note
‘Igniting Collective Goodness: MKB@100’	BlueKraft Digital Foundation	A book on Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s radio show ‘Mann ki Baat’.
‘The Reverse Swing: Colonialism to Cooperation’	Ashok Tandon	Released by Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri

SPECIES IN NEWS

Species	Why in News?
Badis limaakumi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discovered a new fish species called Badis limaakumi in the Milak River in Nagaland. It is unique in that it can change its colour similar to a chameleon
Watermeal (The world's smallest flowering plant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Known for its tiny size and floating habit on water bodies Scientists are conducting groundbreaking research into the potential of watermeal, as a source of nutrition and oxygen for astronauts.

SPORTS IN NEWS

- Sachin Tendulkar** was announced as the **Global Ambassador for the Men's Cricket World Cup 2023** by the International Cricket Council.
- 19th Asian Games** concludes in Hangzhou, China while India is ranked at **4th place**. For the first time in 60 years, India has won 107 medals in Asian Games, including **28 gold**.
- India's bid to host the **2036 Olympic and Paralympic** games.
- Satwik-Chirag** become India's first ever Asian **gold medallists** in **badminton**.
- International Olympic Committee approves **T20 cricket** for men and women, for 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.
- Jharkhand unveils Mascot **JUHI** (takes inspiration from the beloved **elephant** at **Betla National Park**) for **Asian Women's Hockey Championship**.
- 2026 Asian Games** will be hosted by **Japan** in **Aichi-Nagoya**.

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