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SEPTEMBER – 2023

FIRST IN NEWS

1. First largest indigenous **700MWE Kakrapar Nuclear Power Plant** (KAPP3) in **Gujarat**, starts operating at full capacity.
2. **Sanchi** in **Madhya Pradesh** becomes the **India's first Solar City**.
3. **Hitachi Payment Services Private Ltd** has launched India's first-ever **UPI-ATM** in association with the **NPCI**.
4. India has built the **world's first portable disaster hospital**, called the **Aarogya Maitri Cube**. It has been developed indigenously under the **Project BHISHM**.
5. **NPCI** has launched a RuPay **ON-THE-GO (OTG) ring** named as **7 Ring**, the **1st contactless payment wearable ring** which was made in India.
6. **Samudra Prahari** is the **1st pollution control vessel** for **Indian Coast Guard** in Southeast Asia.
7. India's **First Lighthouse Festival** took place in **Goa**.
8. The shore temple, **Mammallapuram** is the India's **1st Green Energy Archaeological site**.

POLITY

1. The Supreme Court has ruled that children born from **void** or **voidable marriages** have the **right to claim a share of their parents' ancestral property** in a Hindu undivided family (HUF) governed by **Mitakshara law**.
2. **NCERT** has been granted the **deemed-to-be university status**.
3. The **Ministry of Women and Child Development** is celebrating the **6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah** throughout **September 2023**.
4. **National Medical Commission** achieves prestigious **World Federation for Medical Education (WFME)** recognition status for **10 Years**.

5. **Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam** or the **Women's Reservation Bill (128th bill)** was recently passed by the Parliament. It aims to reserve **one-third** of all seats for women in the **Lok Sabha** and the **State Legislatures**.

Constitutional changes made	Article 239AA(2)(b), Article 330A, Article 332A, Article 334A
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6. The **National Health Authority** is organising **Arogya Manthan** to celebrate 5 years of **Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY** and 2 years of **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission**.
7. **National Judicial Academy of India** has signed an MoU with the **Singapore Judicial College** of the Supreme Court of Singapore on advancing cooperation in judicial education and research.
8. The old Parliament building, previously known as Parliament House is renamed to '**Samvidhan Sadan.**'
9. The Supreme Court of India has decided to revisit the **1998 Constitution Bench judgment in the P V Narasimha Rao case**. It provided the legislators with **immunity from criminal prosecution on bribery charges** for their **speeches or votes** in Parliament.
10. Rajya Sabha Chairman reconstituted an **all-women panel of Vice-Chairpersons** in Rajya Sabha.

SCHEMES IN NEWS

Scheme Name	Launched by	Objective
Malaviya Mission	Ministry for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	It will capacitate 15 lakh teachers across India through 111 Malaviya Mission centres , formerly known as Human Resource Development Centers

One Week One Lab programme	CSIR	To showcase achievements of CSIR
CRIIO 4 GOOD initiative	Ministry of Education	It is a series of 8 cricket based animation films to promote gender parity, equip girls with life skills and encourage their participation in sports

ECONOMY

1. The **Competition Commission of India** approved the merger of **Vistara** with **Air India (AI)**.
2. Geographical Indication (GI) tag:

Bhaderwah Rajma and Sulai Honey	Jammu and Kashmir
Chokuwa Rice	Assam
Koraput Kalajeera Rice	Odisha
Sago (Javvarisi)	Salem

3. **State Bank of India** introduced 'Nation First Transit Card to facilitate easy digital ticketing- fare payments.
4. **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEE-EC)** is part of the **Partnership for Rail and Shipping Corridors Global Infrastructure Investment** (Initiative announced in **2021 G7 summit, UK**)

Countries Involved	India, Saudi Arabia, UAE, France, Germany, Italy, USA, EU
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5. G20 report recognized India's **33-billion-dollar savings** through **Direct Benefit Transfer system**.
6. The Governor of Reserve Bank of India **Shaktikanta Das** has been ranked as the **top central banker** globally by **US-based Global Finance magazine**.
7. The **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs** and **UNICEF** organized a workshop on Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) in collaboration with the **National Stock Exchange**.

Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting	Introduced by SEBI	It mandates the top 1000 listed companies in India to report their performance on various environmental, social, and governance (ESG) aspects.
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8. **Global Biofuel Alliance** is an **India-led Initiative** launched in the **G20 meeting in New Delhi** to develop an alliance of Governments, International organisations and Industry **to facilitate the adoption of biofuels**.
9. The India-Russia Workshop on Operationalisation of the **Eastern Maritime Corridor**, organized by the **Chennai Port Authority**.

Eastern Maritime Corridor is a proposed sea route between Chennai (India) and Vladivostok (Russia), passing through the Sea of Japan, the South China Sea, and the Malacca Strait

GEOGRAPHY

1. **Typhoon Haikui** causes destruction in coastal **Taitung, Taiwan**.
2. **Storm DANIEL** formed in **Greece**, is also responsible for causing floods in **Eastern Libya**. Before reaching Libya, **Daniel** transitioned into a **medicane** or **extra-tropical hurricanes observed over Mediterranean Sea**.

ENVIRONMENT

1. The **UN Biodiversity** has urged people globally to use the word '**funga**' whenever they say '**flora and fauna**', in order to highlight the **importance of fungi**
2. European Union Chief **Ursula von der Leyen** warns that **return of wolves** to Europe a '**real danger**' for **livestock** and also for **humans**.
3. India proposed to launch a **G-20 Satellite Mission for Environment and Climate Observation**.
4. The **1st Herpetofauna Survey** was conducted in **Kerala's South Wayanad Forest Division**.

Herpetofauna survey is done to identify and list all reptiles and amphibians such as frogs that can possibly be present within the proposed area

5. **Vijayawada Railway Station** in Andhra Pradesh has been certified as **Green Railway Station** with the highest rating of **Platinum** by **Indian Green Building Council**
6. **Ahmedabad** has become the **2nd City** in Gujarat and India to implement **Emission Trading Scheme** for **particulate matter** after **Surat**.
7. The **Botanical Survey of India** has obtained a patent for a **bamboo-based reusable straw**, developed from the bamboo species **Schizostachyum andamanicum** found in the **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**.
8. A **biodiversity knowledge centre** named **Neelakkurinji** was opened at **Adimaly**, Munnar hill station in **Kerala**.
9. India achieves sanitation milestone as **75% Villages** are now **ODF Plus** under **Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen**.
10. **Mithun or Gayal** (*Bos frontalis*) gets a **food animal** tag from **FSSAI**

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. **Jais**, the **World's Most Advanced Arabic Large Language Model**, has been released. It is a **bilingual Arabic-English model** that has been trained on a massive dataset of text and code.
2. India's **1st solar observatory mission-Aditya-L1**, was launched by the **ISRO**. **European Space Agency** will support Aditya-L1, providing **deep space communication services** to the mission.
3. **ISRO** in collaboration with the **Space Applications Centre (Ahmedabad)**, has developed a device named '**Nabhmitra**' to enhance the **safety of fishermen at sea**.
4. **India** and **US** have launched **Renewable Energy Technology Action Platform (RETAP)** under the **Strategic Clean Energy Partnership**.
5. **NPCI** has announced the launch of an open-source project named '**Flacon**' to simplify the **management and use of blockchain**.
6. After Chandrayaan-3's rover Pragyan, its lander- **Vikram**, has been put into sleep mode.
7. **United Kingdom** rejoins European Union's science research programme - Horizon Europe.
8. **Grene Robotics** in partnership with **BEL** has developed, **India's first indigenous drone defence dome** called **Indrajaal** to counter drone threats.
9. **X-ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission (XRISM)** and **Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM)** were successfully launched by **Japan**.
10. India has formally requested the acquisition of **MQ-9B Reaper or Predator-B drones (UAV)** from the **United States**.
11. Indian Council for Medical Research nods to conduct **Truenat test to detect Nipah**.
12. A first of its kind of **Parlour for Yak Milk** has been established in Nyukmadung village, **Arunachal Pradesh** by Indian council of Agricultural Research –National Research centre on Yak.
13. The "**safe harbour**" provision in the Section 79 of **IT Act** refers to **legal protection** for **Internet service providers (ISPs)** and other intermediaries that host or transmit third-party content online.

14. Scientists using the **James Webb Space Telescope** have discovered **methane** and **carbon dioxide** on the **exoplanet K2-18b**.
15. A new cybercrime investigation tool called **TTP (tactics, techniques, and procedures)** has been developed **to track cyberattacks** that target humans, such as insurance fraud and online matrimonial fraud.
16. **Vanadium**, a critical raw material has been found recently in sediment samples collected from the **Gulf of Khambhat in Gujarat**. Its symbol is "**V**" and **atomic number 23**.
17. **Nabhmitra** device is developed by ISRO-Space Applications Centre for the **safety of fishermen**.

NATIONAL NEWS

1. Over 260 individuals were detained in Tripura during a 12-hour state-wide strike aimed to **advocate for the adoption of the Roman script for Kokborok, the indigenous language of the Tirpura**.

Kokborok	Sino-Tibetan language One of the official language of Tirpura
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2. India becomes the **13th country** in world that can issue **Internationally Accepted** OIML (International Organization of Legal Metrology) Certificates.
3. **US Commission for International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** announced it will hold a hearing on religious freedom in India.
4. All **reported births, deaths** to be digitally registered on the Centre's portal from October 1. This initiative is through the **Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2023**, which introduces **digital birth certificates**.
5. The **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare** has launched an AI chatbot named **Kisan e-Mitra** for the **PM-KISAN scheme**.
6. Chief Election Commissioner of India **Rajiv Kumar** signed an MoU with the Electoral Commission Chairperson of Seychelles, **Danny Lucas** to enhance **electoral cooperation**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. China has recently unveiled the “**2023 edition of the standard map of China**,” reaffirming its territorial claims over disputed regions with India.
2. Southeast Asian leaders decided that **Myanmar** won't be allowed to **lead ASEAN in 2026**
3. Russian President **Vladimir Putin** refuses to restore the **Black Sea Grain deal**.
4. The **French** government announced that the ban on the **practice of wearing abaya** in state-run schools as it violated the **principle of Laïcité**.
5. **Supreme Court of Mexico decriminalizes abortion** across country.
6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented a **12-point proposal** to expand cooperation between **India and ASEAN**.
7. PM Modi handed over the **ceremonial transfer of G20 Presidency** to **Brazil's** President **Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva**. **Brazil** will chair the next G20 Meeting.
8. **Abraham Accord (2020)**: It is a normalization agreement between **Israel** and **several Arab nations**, including the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco, which is facilitated by USA.
9. **Five Eyes Alliance** refers to an **intelligence-sharing partnership** among five countries: **USA, UK, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand**.

TAMILNADU NEWS

1. **Tamil Nadu Public Health Act** has been invoked for dengue control.
2. **Krishnaveni, S Ramya, and N Ranjitha** became the **1st women priests** in Tamil Nadu.
3. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has announced that **funerals of brain-dead persons** whose organs are donated will be conducted with **State honours**.
4. Tamil Nadu released the **tourism policy**, envisaging **₹20,000-crore investments** in 5 years.

5. **T Godwin Vedanayagam Rajkumar** will become the **1st physical education teacher** from Tamil Nadu to have the **National Best Teacher award**
6. **Tamilnadu** released the **Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Policy – 2023**
7. Tamilnadu installed a statue of **Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore** on the campus of the **Queen Mary’s College**, Chennai.

CULTURE

1. ‘**Adopt a Heritage 2.0**’ programme is an initiative of the **Ministry of Tourism** in collaboration with the **Ministry of Culture** and the **Archaeological Survey of India**.
2. **The Indian Council for Cultural Relations** will hold ‘Vaishali Festival of Democracy’ at **Bihar’s Nalanda University**.
3. **UNESCO’s World Heritage List:**

Santiniketan	A town established by Rabindranath Tagore
Hoysala temples	Karnataka
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chennakesava temple • Halbeidu temple • Kesava temple 	

4. **UNESCO** has designated the **World Heritage Sites** in the **Ukrainian cities of Kyiv and Lviv** as “**in danger**” due to the ongoing conflict sparked by **Russia’s invasion**.
5. A **108-foot-tall ‘Statue of Oneness’** is dedicated to the Hindu saint **Adi Shankaracharya** in Omkareshwar (**Mandhata island**) **Madhya Pradesh**.
6. **Toto Shabda Sangraha**, a dictionary has been compiled to **save a language from extinction**. It is spoken by a **mere 1,600** people in parts of **West Bengal** bordering **Bhutan**.

7. 4th edition of **Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival** organised by **ICCR** held in **New Delhi**.
8. The state of **Georgia** in the United States has designated **October** as **Hindu Heritage Month**

AWARDS/PRIZE

Award	Awarded by	Awarded to	Known for
2023 Ramon Magsaysay award	Ramon Magsaysay award Foundation	Ravi Kannan (Assam)	Oncologist
World Innovation Award	World Organisation for Development at 1 st BRICS Innovation Forum, Moscow	Shanta Thoutam (Telangana's Chief Innovation Officer)	For outstanding contribution to the Sustainable Development Goal-4
Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar awards for 2022	CSIR	12 male scientists were awarded	–
Norman E. Borlaug Award for 2023	Rockefeller Foundation	Agriculture scientist Swati Nayak	3 rd Indian agriculture scientist to win Called as Bihana Didi (Seed Lady)
2023 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize	SASTRA University	Ruixiang Zhang	For his outstanding contributions in mathematics .
Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime	–	Waheeda Rehman	For her contributions to Indian cinema

Achievement Award			
Best Tourist Village of the Country	National Tourism Awards	Sarmoli (Uttarkhand)	–
Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Semmozhi Tamil Award	–	Tamil scholar K. Ramasamy	For the best contribution to classical Tamil studies

PERSONS IN NEWS

Person	Why in news?
Jaya Verma Sinha	Becomes the 1st woman Chairperson of the Railway Board
Tharman Shanmugaratnam	Elected as the President of Singapore.
NV Ramana (Former Chief Justice of India)	Appointed as a member of the International Mediation Panel of the Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC).
Sato Kilman	Prime Minister of Vanuatu for the 5th time.
Rahul Navin	Appointed in-charge Director of the Enforcement Directorate.
Sir Ian Wilmut	He created the Dolly Sheep. Recently, passed away

M. S Swaminathan	Father of Indian Green Revolution . Recently, passed away
Leander Paes	Becomes 1 st Asian man to be nominated for International Tennis Hall of Fame
K.N. Shanth Kumar	Elected Chairman of the Press Trust of India
Vivek Bhasin	14th Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

IMPORTANT DAYS

Day	Date	Theme
National Nutrition Week	September (1-7)	“Healthy Diet Going Affordable for All”
World Coconut Day	September 2	“Sustaining Coconut Sector for the Present and Future Generation”
International Literacy Week	September (1- 8)	“Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies”
National Teacher’s Day	September 5	“Teachers at the Heart of Education Recovery”
International Day of Charity	September 5	–
World Physiotherapy Day	September 8	“Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis”
National Forest Martyrs Day	September 11	–

International Day for South-South Cooperation	September 12	'Solidarity, Equity and Partnership: Unlocking South-South Cooperation to Achieve the SDGs'
National Engineer's Day	September 15	Engineering for a Sustainable Future.
International Day of Democracy	September 15	Empowering the next generation
International Red Panda Day	September 16	–
World Ozone Day	September 16	“Montreal Protocol: fixing the ozone layer and reducing climate change.”
Social Justice Day	September 17	–
World Bamboo Day	September 18	–
International Equal Pay Day	September 18	Equal pay for work of equal value.
World Water Monitoring Day	September 18	–
International Day of Peace	September 21	Actions for peace: Our ambition for the #GlobalGoals
World Alzheimer's Day	September 21	Campaign – Never too early, never too late
World Rhino Day	September 22	–
International Day of Sign Languages	September 23	A World Where Deaf People Can Sign Anywhere

Antyodaya Diwas	September 25	To mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya
World Lung Day	September 25	Access to prevention and treatment for all. Leave no one behind”
International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	September 26	–
World Contraception Day	September 26	The Power of Options
World Environmental Health Day	September 26	–
World Tourism Day	September 27	Tourism and green investment
World Rabies Day	September 28	All for 1, One Health for all
World Maritime Day	September 28	MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on
World Heart Day	September 29	Use Heart, Know Heart

DEFENCE IN NEWS

1. The seventh and last stealth frigate of **Project 17A, Mahendragiri**, was launched at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd in **Mumbai**.
2. The **2nd edition of Naval Commanders’ Conference**, 2023 has begun in **New Delhi**.
3. **North Korea** deploys a new '**Tactical Nuclear Attack Submarine**' Named **Hero Kim Kun Ok** to patrol the waters between the **Korean Peninsula** and **Japan**.

4. The Border Roads Organisation has announced plans to construct the **world's highest fighter airfield** in the **Nyoma** region of **Ladakh**.
5. Indian Army has inducted 600 indigenously manufactured self-neutralizing **anti-tank mines** known as **Vibhav**.
6. **Taiwan** unveiled its first domestically developed submarine named **Narwhal**.

Exercise	Parties involved	Exercise type
Trishul	Annual training exercise	Indian Air Force
Varuna-23	India and France	Navy
Passage Exercise (PASSEX)	India and Sri Lanka	Navy
IN-SLN Divex 23 exercise	India and Sri Lanka	Navy
Operation Sajag	Indian Coast Guard	coastal security drill
Yudh Abhyas	Indian and US	Army
SIMBEX	India and Singapore	Navy

COMMITTEE IN NEWS

Committee	Purpose of the committee
Former President Ram Nath Kovind	To look into the feasibility of simultaneous elections to State Assemblies and the Lok Sabha
Justice Amitava Roy Committee	To report on prison reforms has highlighted the dire conditions faced by women prisoners in India .
Arvind Subramanian	To study IGST settlement pattern (Formed by Tamilnadu Government)

S R Sinho commission	EWS reservation was granted based on the recommendations
J. Jeyaranjan	Committee on Vishwakarma scheme (Formed by Tamilnadu Government)

TERMS/ CONCEPTS IN NEWS

Terms/Concepts	Related to
Brandt Line	It is a concept that categorizes the world into richer countries mainly in the Northern Hemisphere and poorer countries mostly in the Southern Hemisphere , highlighting global economic disparities.
Laïcité	The French principle of secularism . It means the complete separation of religious values from the public sphere.

PLACES IN NEWS

Place Name	State/country	Known for
Bhoramdeo Wildlife Sanctuary (BWS)	Chhattisgarh	High Court of Chattisgarh recently dismissed a PIL that aimed to designate the Bhoramdeo Wildlife Sanctuary (BWS) as a tiger reserve
Siang river	Arunachal Pradesh	India is planning to build a large dam on siang river to protect it from a Chinese dam being built on yarlung tsangpo river in Tibet .

Kaimur wildlife sanctuary	Bihar	2nd Tiger reserve to be established in Bihar
Moodbidri	Karnataka	Unique terracotta figurines were discovered which provide valuable insights into the study of the Bhoota cult or Daiva Aradhane .
Gyanvapi Mosque	Banaras (Uttar Pradesh)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructed by Aurangzeb in 1669. It is believed to have been made upon the demolition of an older Shiva temple.
Harami Nal	Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a natural water channel situated in the Sir Creek area of Kutch, along the India-Pakistan international border. Recently, Union Home Minister visited Harami Nala
Anamudi Shola National Park		Forest department transformed the Pazhathottam area in the Anamudi Shola National Park from a burnt-out land filled with exotic tree species into a lush 50-hectare forest.
Nagorno-Karabakh	Azerbaijan	It is an ethnic and territorial dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan .
Agumbe Rainforest Complex	Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicknamed the Cherrapunji of the South. It has seen a decline in its peak monsoon rainfall over the past two years.
Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve		A new tiger reserve in Madhya Pradesh
Derna dam collapse	Libya	The dam collapse came after an extreme storm, Storm Daniel

INDICES

Report	Released by	Note
Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The gender snapshot 2023	UN	–
Assessment report on invasive alien species and their control	Intergovernmental panel on biodiversity and ecosystem services (IPBES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It said that 37,000 alien species have been introduced by humans. • Among these 3,500 invasive species, are linked to 60% of extinctions of global plant and animals
Global report on hypertension	WHO	It is the first-ever report by the WHO on the implications of hypertension
World Trade Report	WTO	It explores the role of international trade in building a more secure, inclusive, and sustainable world.
State of the Rhino report	International Rhino Foundation	–
2023 India Ageing Report	UNFPA	India's elderly population is projected to exceed the population of children (aged 0 to 15 years) by 2046 .
Gender Snapshot 2023 Report	UN Women and UNDESA	–

SUMMITS

Summit Name	Hosted in	Purpose of Summit
Fourth G20 Sherpa meeting	Nuh district of Haryana	–
G20 workshop on Climate Resilient Agriculture	Hyderabad	–
43rd Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit	Jakarta	–
20th ASEAN India summit	Jakarta	Theme: ASEAN Matters: Epicentre Growth
1st edition of the Global IndiaAI 2023	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology	It aims to bring together prominent players in the field of Artificial Intelligence, including researchers, startups, and investors from India and worldwide
5th regional meeting of International solar Alliance	Kigali (Rwanda)	–
1st WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023	Gujarat	Outcome: ‘Gujarat Declaration’ Theme: Towards health and well-being for all
Green Hydrogen Pilots in India	New Delhi (Hosted by NTPC)	To showcase a remarkable array of green hydrogen initiatives , combining the efforts of both public and private sector entities.
2nd edition of Surya Nepal Kathmandu Kalinga Literary Festival	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Theme: Shakti and Bhakti – The Civilizational Connection:

		Nepal as a Centre of Global Thought
4 th G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting	Varanasi	–
Windergy India 2023 Summit	Chennai	Theme: 'Power of Wind 2.0 — Energising the Future of India
U.N.'s Climate Ambition Summit (CAS)	New York	China, U.S. and India were absent
International Lawyers' Conference 2023	New Delhi	Theme : Emerging challenges in Justice Delivery System
12th Round of Ministerial India-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue	New Delhi	Launch of the UK-India Infrastructure Financing Bridge
International Conference on Dam Safety	Jaipur	Theme: Safe & Secure Dams Ensure Nation's Prosperity
World Governments Summit (WGS) Organisation	Dubai, UAE	Theme: Shaping Future Governments
Global Stocktake Report	United Nations	It serves as a blueprint for discussions during the COP and aims to assess countries' progress in curbing greenhouse gas emissions since 2015.
17 th G20 Heads of State and Government Summit	Bali, Indonesia	–
United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) South Asia Conference	India	–

India Smart Cities Conclave 2023	Madhya Pradesh	By Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
G77+China summit	Cuba	–

PORTAL IN NEWS

Portal	Purpose	Launched by
G20 Tourism and SDG Dashboard	To promote initiatives of the G20 countries in advancing SDGs through tourism	Ministry of Tourism + UNWTO
Unified Portal for Agricultural Statistics (UPAg)	Platform for management of agricultural data	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
WINDS portal (Weather Information Network Data Systems)	Weather-related information and data will be available to the farmers	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book Name	Author Name	Note
“Let’s Move Forward”	NCERT and UNESCO	It is a comic book released by Ministry of Education
The Story Teller	Amrita Sher-Gil’s	Marking it the highest price ever paid for a work by an Indian artist.
Nation Calling	Sonal Goel (IAS officer)	-

SPECIES IN NEWS

Species	Why in News?
Red fire Ant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World's most invasive species. • Found in Europe for the 1st time. • Communicate through chemical secretion and stridulation
Conocarpus tree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasive mangrove species • Recently Gujarat banned conocarpus tree plantation in forest and non-forest areas
Batillipes kalami	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovered a new species of marine tardigrade in Mandapam, named in honour of the late former President and scientist A.P.J. Abdul Kalam • It is often referred to as a water bear.

SPORTS IN NEWS

1. **Gukesh** replaced Viswanathan Anand as the country's top-ranked player in Chess.
2. **Amul** is official sponsor of **Indian contingent** at **Hangzhou Asian Games**.
3. **Indian Air Force** and **Drone Federation of India** will co-host **Bharat Drone Shakti – 2023** at **Ghaziabad**.
4. **Danielle McGahey**, is set to become the **first transgender woman player** to play in **international cricket**.

EVENT/CUPS	VENUE	NOTE
Men's Hockey 5s Asia Cup	Oman	India has won by defeating Pakistan
Asian Table Tennis Championships 2023	Pyeongchang , (South Korea)	Indian men's team- bronze medal
Indian Grand Prix-5 athletics	Chandigarh	Vithya Ramraj (Tamilnadu) - women's 400m – 55.43 seconds
(93rd edition) Italian Grand Prix 2023	Monza (Italy)	Max Verstappen
World Wrestling Championships	Belgrade (Serbia)	-
US Open 2023		Novak Djokovichas - Men's singles final

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