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ICC Women's T20 World Cup: Australia clinch 6th Women's T20 World Cup title

ICC Women's T20 World Cup Final

ICC Women's T20 World Cup Final: **Australia** won the **Women's T20 World Cup** for the sixth time when they beat **South Africa** by 19 runs in the final at Newlands. Opening batter Beth Mooney anchored the Australian innings, scoring an unbeaten 74 in a total of 156 for six. Victory for the Aussies is their sixth in Women's T20 World Cup history and completes a hat-trick of tournament wins under captain Meg Lanning after their triumphs in 2018 and 2020. Australia's previous victories came in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2018 and 2020.

ICC Women's T20 World Cup: Key Awards

- Australia's **Ashleigh Gardner** is the winner of the **ICC Player of the Tournament** award. The outstanding Gardner took ten wickets and smashed 110 runs in Australia's triumphant campaign, playing a huge part in helping the team to a sixth Women's T20 World Cup title.
- **Beth Mooney** is Player of the Match for her excellent half-century. Beth Mooney top-scored with 74*.

ICC Women's T20 World Cup: Brief scores

- Australia 156-6 in 20 overs (B. Mooney 74 not out; S. Ismail 2-26, M. Kapp 2-35) vs South Africa 137-6 in 20 overs (L. Wolvaardt 61).
- Result: Australia won by 19 runs
- Toss: Australia

National Affairs

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah addressed the '**Kol Janjati Mahakumbh**' organized on the occasion of Shabri Mata Janm Jayanti at Satna, Madhya Pradesh. Home Minister Amit Shah offered prayer at Maa Sharda Shaktipeeth. Many dignitaries including the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh **Shivraj Singh** Chauhan were present. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **Chief Minister Eknath Shinde** confirmed that Aurangabad city will be renamed Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, and Osmanabad city will be called Dharashiv. After a year the proposal to rename Aurangabad and Osmanabad has been approved by the **Ministry of Home Affairs**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated **7 National Highway projects** worth Rs 2,444 crore, totaling 204 km in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari informed that with the construction of the Churhat tunnel and bypass, the length between **Rewa to Sidhi** has decreased by 7 km. Now instead of two and a half hours, people will be able to cover this distance in 45 minutes. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela** is organized every year by the **Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)** and this year it will be held in New Delhi from 2nd to 4th March 2023. The Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela will be inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, **Narendra Singh Tomar**. This time the theme of the fair is "Nutrition, Food and Environmental Protection with Shree Anna". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Reliance Jio** has climbed up to number two rank — up from fifth place last year — in a list of the top **10 strongest telecom brands** in the world. In this post we will explore the Top 150 most valuable and strongest telecoms operator brands according to **Brand Finance 2023 rankings**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **International Yoga Festival 2023** was held in Rishikesh from 1st March to 7th March 2023. The International Yoga Festival 2023 is the main attraction of **Bharat Parv** this year. The six-day event of the International Yoga Festival 2023 promotes the rich heritage and diverse natural wonders of the state, and it is a significant point of discussion among those visiting the **Uttarakhand Tourism** pavilion at the event held in Red Fort. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The '**Catch the Rain 2023**' campaign was introduced by **President Droupadi Murmu** in New Delhi. The campaign's central idea is the sustainability of drinking water sources. Addressing at the ceremony, the **President** stated that since India only has 4% of the world's water resources, water management and conservation are India's most pressing challenges. ([Click here to read the article](#))

States in the News

- The **Kerala government** and **UN Women** entered into an agreement, in order to promote activities that are welcoming to women in the State's tourist industry. **Kerala Tourism** and **UN Women India** committed to promoting gender-inclusive tourist destinations throughout the State through the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Karnataka Government** will build the country's **first Marina** or a boat basin offering dockage, at Byndoor in Udupi district to promote coastal tourism in Karnataka. The government will also seek permission from the Centre for the relaxation of coastal regulation zone (CRZ) to take up beach tourism in coastal areas and pilgrim tourism. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Japan's** eminent hospitality group Hotel Management International Company Limited (HMI) will be opening 30 new properties across **Uttar Pradesh**. The company has signed an MoU with the UP government to invest Rs 7200 crore at the **UP Global Investors Summit**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The foundation stone-laying ceremony for the first-ever compressed **biogas plant project** in **northeast India** took place at **Domora Pathar** in Sonapur under the Kamrup (Metropolitan) district, and the chief guest was chief minister **Himanta Biswa Sarma**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Salhoutuonuo Kruse** and **Hekani Jakhalu**, both from the ruling Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party, made history by becoming the first women candidates to be elected in the state assembly election. In a significant milestone, people in **Nagaland** have elected two women candidates after 60 years since it attained statehood. **Kruse won from Western Angami AC and Jakhalu clinched Dimapur-III constituencies**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Steel and Mines Minister Prafulla Kumar Mallik has informed the state Assembly that **Gold deposits** have been found at different locations in three districts of **Odisha**, including Deogarh, Keonjhar, and Mayurbhanj. ([Click here to read the article](#))

International Affairs

- Crisis-hit Only a month after the Indian multinational conglomerate's shares crashed as a result of the negative report on the Group by American short-seller Hindenburg, **Sri Lanka has accepted a \$442 million** wind power project of Adani Green Energy. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- A **Russian Soyuz spacecraft** launched on a mission to return to Earth a crew who were left stranded on the International Space Station (ISS) due to a cooling system leak in their previous return capsule. According to the Tass news agency, the unmanned **Soyuz MS-23** launched from Kazakhstan's Baikonur space centre and was successfully sent into orbit. The ISS was to be docked with it. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Afghan embassy in **Pakistan's capital, Islamabad**, announced the reopening of the Torkham border. Pakistani officials and Afghanistan's Taliban-appointed administrator in Afghanistan's Nangarhar province also confirmed that the border crossing is open to passengers and trade. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **China** sent the Zhongxing-26 communications satellite into orbit Feb. 23, marking the resumption orbital launches following a pause for Chinese New Year. A **Long March 3B rocket** lifted off at 6:49 a.m. Eastern (1149 UTC) from Xichang, southwest China, successfully sending Zhongxing-26 (ChinaSat-26) into geosynchronous transfer orbit (GTO). The **China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC)** confirmed launch success within the hour. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Amid the severe economic crisis, **Pakistan's government** has decided to raise the policy rate to 19 per cent or 200 basis points, which will be an increase of 2 per cent. Currently, it stands at 17 per cent. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Britain and the European Union (EU)** agreed on a new trading arrangement for **Northern Ireland**, a move aimed at ending years of friction caused by Brexit and allowing greater cooperation between both sides at a time of mounting geopolitical risk to Europe from Russia's war in Ukraine. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Inspectors from the **United Nations** nuclear watchdog found **uranium** particles enriched up to 83.7% in **Iran's** underground Fordo nuclear site. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Nigerian** electoral officials announced on 1 March 2023 that the ruling party's candidate in the presidential election, **Bola Tinubu**, has been elected as the country's new president. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Japan, the United States, South Korea and Taiwan have held the first meeting of senior officials under a new U.S.-led framework to help ensure a stable **supply of semiconductors**, Japan's industry ministry said. Officials from industry organizations in the four economies took part in the virtual conference of the "**Chip 4**" alliance on Feb. 16 to discuss ways to maintain supply chain resilience in times of natural disasters and other contingencies. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **United Kingdom and European Union** have unveiled an agreement on the Northern Ireland Protocol, called the **Windsor Framework**. This is not a new protocol or a fundamental rewrite of the current treaty. But the package announced this week is an improved deal that could substantively ease how the protocol will operate for businesses as well as individuals. It is a negotiating achievement that marks a turning point in the long road since **Brexit** for Northern Ireland. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **POTS or postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome** has affected around three **million Americans** before **Covid-19** and at least one million new patients after the **pandemic**. Many people are still not familiar with the disease. A study reveals that around 2% to 14% of people with covid develop POTS. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The country is changing its top leadership as it continues its anti-corruption campaign. The National Assembly(NA) of the Socialist Republic of **Vietnam** elected **Vo Van Thuong(Võ Văn Thưởng)** (52 years old), a member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Vietnam, as the new President of Vietnam for a term running until 2026. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ales Bialiatski**, a leading defender of human rights in **Belarus** and a candidate for the **2022 Nobel Peace Prize**, was given a 10-year prison term in **Minsk**, the Capital of Belarus. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Godrej & Boyce**, the flagship company of the Godrej Group, announced that its business Godrej Tooling has partnered with **Renmakch**, to collaborate on Machinery & Plant (M&P) projects for **Railways and Metro Rail**, offering world-class equipment that is 'Made in India'. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India and Australia** signed a Framework Mechanism for Mutual **Recognition of Qualifications** that will help ease the mobility of students and professionals between the two countries. While the two countries will recognise the degrees, professional registrations of engineering, medicine and law pass-outs will remain outside the framework's ambit. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In order to reduce carbon footprint in its operations, **Tata Steel Mining Limited** has signed a memorandum of understanding with **GAIL (India) Limited** for supply of natural gas to its ferro alloys plant at Athgarh in Odisha's Cuttack district. According to the MoU, GAIL will supply the agreed quantity of natural gas through its pipeline from **Gujarat to Athgarh**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Books and Authors

- Bihar Minister of Industry, **Samir Kumar Mahaseth** has released a book titled "**The Book of Bihari Literature**", edited by Abhay Kumar, an Indian poet- diplomat, during Grand Trunk Road Initiatives 3.0(GTRi 3.0) held in Patna, Bihar. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Nokia** will no longer use the **colour blue** and will instead use whatever is more fitting given the circumstances, therefore no particular colour scheme is allocated. **Nokia** is now a "**enterprise technology company**," according to **Lundmark**, rather than just a maker of smartphones. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Tata group-owned Air India's order for a record **470 aircraft from Airbus and Boeing Co** will be at a list price of \$70 billion, Chief Executive Campbell Wilson said, as the airline seeks opportunities to expand in long-haul international. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **RBL Bank**, the private lender said that it has reached an agreement with **Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank)** under the **Trade Assistance Programme (TAP)** in order to facilitate cross-border commercial operations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The country's **services exports** are doing "extremely well" and going by the current trend these outbound shipments would register about 20 per cent growth in this fiscal and cross the **USD 300 billion** target despite global economic uncertainties, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The amount of various subsidies and sops transferred to recipients through **direct benefit transfer (DBT)** has reached almost **Rs 5.5 trillion** so far in the current fiscal year, **FY23**, almost on par with **FY21**'s total and falling just 13% shy of **FY22**'s total achievement. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's gross domestic product (**GDP**) **growth rate** fell for the second straight quarter in the October-December period, coming in at **4.4 percent**, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation said. India is poised to achieve 7 percent GDP growth in 2022-23 despite global slowdown. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Bank credit growth** slowed down to 16.8% in the October-December 2022 period from a year earlier, **RBI data** showed. This compares with **17.2%** seen in the previous quarter, according to the quarterly statistics on bank deposits and credit, released by the Reserve Bank of India. A year earlier, credit growth was 8.4%. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Air India, owned by the Tata group**, will discontinue the Vistara brand on completion of its merger with Tata SIA Airlines Ltd, the operator of Vistara airline, chief executive and managing director **Campbell Wilson** said. Tata Group owns a 51 per cent stake and Singapore Airlines the rest in Vistara. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** is shortly to be connected to comparable networks in **Indonesia, Mauritius**, and the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. This occurs a week after Singapore's **PayNow** launched cross-border connection for real-time digital payments. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Singapore Airlines** will give **Air India** an additional SGD 360 million (USD 267 million). With its acquisition by **Tata** and merger with **Vistara Airlines**, it will give SIA a 25.1% interest in the firm. Through this deal, SIA will strengthen its relationship with Tata and gain an instant strategic position in a company that is four to five times bigger than **Vistara** in terms of size. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Moody's** now expects India's real GDP growth to be **5.5% in 2023**, up from the earlier projection of **5%**, and to be **6.5% in 2024**. The upward revisions for India also incorporate a significant increase in capital expenditure budget allocation to ₹10 lakh crore (3.3% of GDP) for fiscal year 2023-24, up from ₹7.5 lakh crore for the fiscal year ending in March 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's purchasing managers' index (PMI) declined to a 4-month low at 55.3 in February owing to a rise in input costs, according to the **S&P Global India Manufacturing PMI** report. In January, the manufacturing PMI stood at 55.4. The headline figure, however, remained above its **long-run average of 53.7**. A reading above 50 indicates an overall increase in output compared to the previous month. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The gross **goods and service tax (GST)** revenue collection in the month of February 2023 stood at Rs 1,49,577 crore, up around 12% on an annual basis. With this, the monthly **GST revenues** remained over Rs 1.4 lakh crore for 12 straight months in a row, the Finance Ministry said in a statement. India's GST revenue in February 2022 was Rs 1,33,026 crore. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Axis Bank** completed the acquisition of Citibank's consumer business. The deal, which was announced in March 2022, will see India's third-largest private sector bank absorbing Citibank's consumer businesses, covering loans, credit cards, wealth management and retail banking operations in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corp Ltd (IRCTC)** and **HDFC Bank**, announced the launch of a co-branded travel credit card. Known as the IRCTC HDFC Bank Credit Card, the newly launched co-branded card is available exclusively on NPCI's Rupay network. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Recently, **RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das** had stated during the most recent **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** address that the apex banking regulator, in collaboration with banks, would launch a pilot project to evaluate the operation of a **QR-code based coin vending machine**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Joblessness** as measured by the CMIE All India **unemployment rate** remained elevated in February 2023 and rose to 7.45% from 7.14% in the previous month. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India** launched two key surveys, the results of which provide "useful inputs" for the central bank's bi-monthly **monetary policy**. One of the surveys is to know inflation expectations of households and the other is to gauge the consumer confidence. The latest round of Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS) is aimed at gathering qualitative responses from households, regarding their sentiments on **general economic situation**, employment scenario, price level, households' income and spending. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** announced the completion of a **\$1 billion** syndicated social loan facility. It is the largest Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) loan by a commercial bank in the Asia Pacific and the second-largest social loan globally, the bank said. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India imposed a Rs 5,000 cap on withdrawals by individual customers from Tamil Nadu-based **Musiri Urban Co-operative Bank** as part of several restrictions slapped on the lender due to its deteriorating financial condition. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- A 300-acre plot adjacent to **Bengaluru's international airport** has been agreed upon by **Foxconn**, a Taiwanese company that assembles iPhones, as the location for its largest technology manufacturing campus in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance (**ABSLI**), the life insurance subsidiary of **Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL)** launched a new-age savings solution **ABSLI Nishchit Aayush Plan**, which aims to provide financial security to policyholders while also providing long-term savings benefits. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- **Lt Gen RS Reen** took over as **Director General Quality Assurance**. A 1986-batch officer, Lt Gen Reen is an alumnus of Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **PepsiCo India** has roped in actor **Ranveer Singh** to endorse its leading soft drink brand **Pepsi**. Singh joins Pepsi's growing league of celebrity endorsers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former bureaucrat **Shailesh Pathak** has been appointed as the new Secretary General of **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Vishal Sharma** has been named the **Chief Executive Officer-Designate (CEO-Designate)** of the **GIL-Chemicals Business**, effective as of March 1, 2023, according to a statement from Godrej Industries Ltd. **Nitin Nabar**, Executive Director and President (Chemicals), **Godrej Industries Limited**, would be Vishal's reporting authority, according to the company's announcement. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Senior Indian Information Service (IIS) officer, **Rajesh Malhotra** has been appointed as the principal director general of the **Press Information Bureau (PIB)**, according to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. He will be the principal spokesperson of the government of India. He will replace **Satyendra Prakash**, who took charge as principal DG of PIB in August 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, **Rashmi Shukla** has been appointed as the **Director-General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)**. SSB is the border-guarding force deployed along Nepal and Bhutan border. Rashmi Shukla, a 1988 batch IPS officer of the Maharashtra cadre, was posted with the Central Reserve Police (CRPF). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Jishnu Barua** has become the new chairperson of power regulator **Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)**. Barua has been appointed chairperson of the CERC on February 27, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Defence News

- For the first time, **India's** indigenously-made **light combat aircraft Tejas** will be participating in an international multilateral air exercise — Exercise Desert Flag VIII — in the UAE, reflecting India's increasing efforts at showcasing the jet at the world stage. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Ministry of Defence** received a proposal from the **Indian Army** to buy 310 Advanced Towed Artillery Gun Systems (ATAGS) for deployment along the borders with China and Pakistan, marking a significant step towards '**Make-in-India**' in the defense sector. The Indian Army has submitted a proposal worth more than **USD 1 billion**, which is currently being discussed. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Union Cabinet approved the procurement of **70 HTT-40** basic trainer aircraft from **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**. The approval was given to the Indian Air Force (IAF). The procurement would cost around Rs 6,828 crore. The aircraft will be supplied over a period of six years. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** participated in **Exercise Shinyuu Maitri** with the Japan Air Self-Defence Force (JASDF). The Exercise Shinyuu Maitri is being organized on the sidelines of the Indo-Japan Joint Army Exercise, Dharma Guardian, which was conducted from 13 February 2023 to 02 March 2023 at Komatsu, Japan. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- Computer scientist **Hari Balakrishnan** has been awarded the **2023 Marconi Prize**. Dr. Balakrishnan has been cited "for fundamental contributions to wired and wireless networking, mobile sensing, and distributed systems". The Marconi Prize is a top honour for computer scientists and is awarded by the U.S.-based Marconi Foundation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The India Today Tourism Survey** has chosen **Jammu & Kashmir Tourism** for best adventure tourism award. The awards were given away at New Delhi by Union Minister of State for Culture & Parliamentary Affairs, Arjun Ram Meghwal. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **SS Rajamouli's 'RRR' movie**, the popular song '**Naatu Naatu**' which is nominated in the '**Best Original Song**' category will be performed at the 95th Academy Awards or Oscar awards by singers Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava in their Oscar debut. The song's music is composed by M.M. Keeravaani, while its lyrics are written by Chandrabose. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Groupe Speciale Mobile Association (GSMA)** has conferred **Government Leadership Award 2023 to India** for implementing best practices in telecom policy and regulation. GSMA, which represents more than 750 mobile operators and 400 companies in the telecom ecosystem, recognizes one country every year. India was declared winner in the ceremony held at Mobile World Congress Barcelona. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sashidhar Jagdishan**, managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of **HDFC Bank**, has been chosen as the Business Standard Banker of the Year 2022. This award is given to him for his successful navigation of technology-related challenges while maintaining the bank's strong performance. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry** has received the **Porter Prize 2023**. It recognized the government's strategy in managing COVID-19, also the approach, and involvement of various stakeholders especially involvement of ASHA workers in the industry to create PPE Kits. The prize was announced during The India Dialog at Stanford University. The country's contribution in developing and manufacturing vaccines was also lauded. The theme of the two-day conference was The Indian Economy 2023: **Innovation, Competitiveness and Social Progress**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Summit and Conference

- The **Ajanta Ellora International Festival 2023** was held from 25th February to 27th February in Aurangabad, Maharashtra. The Ajanta Ellora International Festival 2023 festival is a celebration of the cultural heritage and diversity of the region and promises to be a feast for the senses. The festival showcases the **Ellora and Ajanta caves'** artwork and architecture, as well as performances by local and international artists. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Youth 20 India Summit** will be held at the Maharaja Sayajirao University Vadodara in Gujarat which was attended by more than 600 delegates from 62 countries. The international conference of The Youth 20 India Summit was inaugurated by Bhupendra Patel, **Chief Minister of Gujarat**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The 19th annual **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)**, India Zone-3 conference, inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, on February 23 at **Gangtok, Sikkim**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **World Book Fair** began in New Delhi where books from all genres from children to students to adults are showcased for everyone. In the World Book Fair, there is the participation of over 30 countries and nearly 1,000 publishers and exhibitors, the **New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF)** is returning to its full physical form after a gap of three years. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The eighth edition of the annual **Raisina Dialogue**, the flagship conference on geopolitics and geo-strategy, begins in New Delhi. The theme of the conference is "**Provocation, Uncertainty, Turbulence: Lighthouse in the Tempest?**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways, **Sarbananda Sonowal** inaugurated the first B2B Global Conference & Expo on Traditional Medicine under **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** at Guwahati. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **President Droupadi Murmu** inaugurated the 7th International Dharma Dhamma Conference 2023 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Over 15 countries will participate in the three-day conference. The 7th edition of the conference has a theme of "**Eastern Humanism for the New Era**" and has been planned in collaboration with Sanchi University of Buddhist-Indic Studies, whose vice chancellor Dr Neerja Gupta also joined President Murmu. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- National Youth Parliament Festival Fourth Edition was held in the Parliament of India in the national Capital, New Delhi. On the first day of the **National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF)** finals in the **Central Hall of Parliament**, New Delhi, Minister of State for Youth and Sports Affairs **Shri Nisith Pramanik** gave a speech. During the first day, a continuation of the competitive session was planned. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- **India has ranked 42nd** among 55 leading global economies on the International IP Index released by the U.S. Chambers of Commerce. The **United States ranks first in the 2023 index, followed by the UK and France**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Elon Musk**, CEO of Tesla, once again overtook the position of richest person in the world on February 28, according to a **Bloomberg Billionaires Index report**. The second-placed French business tycoon **Bernard Arnault** has a net worth of \$185 billion, trailing **Tesla CEO Elon Musk** by \$187 billion. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Mumbai's jumped to **rank 37** from 92 in a global list of movement in prices of **luxury homes** as the city saw a gain of 6.4 percent during the 2022 calendar year. Property consultant Knight Frank virtually released 'The Wealth Report 2023' in which **Mumbai** has ranked 37th. As per the report, the prime residential prices in **Dubai** rose 44.2 percent in 2022, maintaining its position at the top of Knight Frank's PIRI 100 and cementing its status as a global hub for ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNWIs), assisted by numerous visa incentives. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Economic growth** and strength are boosted by **gender equality**, according to the World Bank's Women, Business and the Law Report 2023. It increases labour force participation and results in a more effective allocation of resources. Women may engage more fully in the economy and realise their full potential when they have equal access to economic opportunities, which boosts productivity and growth. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Sports News

- **Daniil Medvedev** won the **Qatar Open** in his professional tennis debut by defeating **Andy Murray** 6-4, 6-4, in the final game between two former No. 1s. In every set, **Medvedev** converted quick beginnings. In the first, he got to 4-1, and in the second, he got to 3-1. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Hockey Madhya Pradesh** was named the winner of the **13th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship in 2023** after defeating **Hockey Maharashtra** 5-1 in the championship game in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh. In the meantime, Hockey Jharkhand finished third after winning the third-place game against **Hockey Haryana**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The all-time great **Lionel Messi** has scored his 700th career club goal in Paris St. Germain's 3-0 win over Marseille. With the goal, Messi became just the second player in history to score 700 career club goals, according to IFFHS (International Federation of Football History and Statistics). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Argentina's **Lionel Messi** has bagged the **Best FIFA men's player prize for 2022**. Messi outclassed his Paris Saint Germain (PSG) teammate Kylian Mbappe and Real Madrid captain Karim Benzema to lift the famous trophy at Salle Pleyel in Paris. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Manchester United** ended their 6-year trophy drought when they defeated **Newcastle United** 2-0 to win the Carabao Cup in Wembley. The final battle was fought between Manchester United and Newcastle. Manchester United is winning the trophy after six years. Newcastle is a Saudi Arabia-backed club. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian Grandmaster **D Gukesh** has been honoured with **Player-of-the-Year award** by the **Asian Chess Federation (ACF)** for clinching the gold medal with a record-breaking score of 9/11 in the 44th Chess Olympiad at Mahabalipuram. Gukesh became only the sixth Indian to break the 2700 Elo-rating mark, and the youngest Grandmaster from the country to be rated above 2700. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's top triple-jumper **Aishwarya Babu** has been banned by the **National Anti-Doping Agency's (NADA)** disciplinary panel for four years for using a prohibited anabolic steroid. Aishwarya Babu, 25 years old, was dropped from the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022, along with sprinter **S Dhanalakshmi** after testing positive for the steroid, which is on the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) prohibited list. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Tamil Nadu's **Jeswin Aldrin** broke the national record in the men's long jump in the second **AFI National Jumps Competition**. Jeswin Aldrin, 21-year-old, leaped 8.42 meters to take over the previous mark of 8.36 meters set by India teammate M Sreeshankar at the **Federation Cup** in Kozhikode in April 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Schemes and Committess News

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** disburse the 13th installment of the income support programme **PM-Kisan**, totaling more than **Rs 16,800 crore** to more than eight crore beneficiary farmers in Belagavi, Karnataka. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **D2C(Direct to Consumer)** personal care brand Pilgrim has announced its first-ever **ESOP scheme**. It has earmarked 10% of its shares to the ESOP pool for 100% of its employees, it said in a statement. About 30 employees who have spent a year in the company will be able to benefit from this scheme. With this announcement, Pilgrim aims to acknowledge and reward the efforts of the employees who've led the brand's growth over the last 3.5 years, along with driving wealth creation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** has joined a global initiative started by the **US** and the **UAE** to boost funding and assistance for the development of **climate-smart agriculture** and food systems. The two countries together launched the **Agricultural Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM4C)** in November 2021. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **IT Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar** launched a grievance appellate panel mechanism, that will look into appeals by users against decisions of social media platforms. The announcement came in the presence of representatives of Big Tech internet companies like Meta, Snap, Google and others. The digital platform, **Grievance Appellate Committee (GAC)**, is a powerful tool for ensuring accountability of platforms to their users, Chandrasekhar, who is the minister of state for IT. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Supreme Court **ordered an experts committee to be set up**, headed by a retired Supreme Court judge, **AM Sapre**, after a batch of PILs was filed on the recent **Adani Group** shares crash triggered by the US-based short-seller **Hindenburg Research's** allegations of fraud. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court also told the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to finish the probe into the **Adani Group-Hindenburg saga** within a period of two months. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **government e-Marketplace (GeM)** held a celebration to celebrate "SWAYATT," a programme to support start-ups, women, and youth advantage through e-Transactions on GeM, which has been a major success. SWAYATT is a programme that seeks to increase the benefits of e-Transactions on government e-Marketplaces (GeM) for startups, women, and young people. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a major move, a select group of **central government employees** have been given a one-time option to opt for **old pension scheme**, according to a Personnel Ministry order. The employees who joined the **central government services** against posts advertised or notified before December 22, 2003, the day **National Pension System (NPS)** was notified, are eligible to join the old pension scheme under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021), said the order. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Science and Technology News

- Facebook co-founder **Mark Zuckerberg** announced Meta Platforms' impending release to researchers of a new large language model called **LLaMA (Large Language Model Meta AI)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **CE-20 cryogenic engine**, which will power the nation's rocket for the third moon mission, **Chandrayaan-3**, had a flight acceptance hot test that was successfully completed, according to the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- SpaceX launched NASA's Crew-6 mission to orbit en route to the **International Space Station**, with a Russian cosmonaut and United Arab Emirates astronaut joining two NASA crewmates for the flight. The SpaceX launch vehicle, consisting of a **Falcon 9 rocket** topped with an autonomously operated Crew Dragon capsule called Endeavour, lifted off at 12:34 a.m. EST (0534 GMT) from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Important Days News

- The **World NGO Day** is an annual international observance on **February 27** to recognize the contributions of **non-governmental organizations (NGOs)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On **February 28** each year, **National Science Day** honours Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman as **C.V. Raman**, an Indian scientist and physician, for discovering the "**Raman Effect**." Every year, it is celebrated to honour the value of science and to serve as a reminder of the influence it has had on humankind's way of life. In honour of India's G20 leadership, the event this year has the theme "**Global Science for Global Wellness**." ([Click here to read the article](#))
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- **World Civil Defence Day** is observed on **1st March** to raise awareness about the importance of civil defence measures in protecting people and their property from natural disasters, accidents, and other emergencies. The day honours the work of several civil defence organisations. The theme for this year is "**Uniting the world's leading specialists for the safety and security of future generations**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Seagrass Day** is celebrated annually on **1st March** to raise awareness about seagrass and its important functions in the marine ecosystem. The seagrasses are grass-like plants that live close to the sea. They are the only flowering plant to grow in the marine environment. There are more than 60 seagrass species in the world. They act as the best carbon sink and provide food for marine life. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On **Zero Discrimination Day, 1 March**, we celebrate the right of everyone to live a full and productive life and live it with dignity. Zero Discrimination Day highlights how people can become informed about and promote inclusion, compassion, peace and, above all, a movement for change. On Zero Discrimination Day this year, under the theme "**Save lives: Decriminalise**". ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **The Civil Accounts Day** was celebrated on **1st March** to mark the **47th foundation day of Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS)**. The Indian Civil Accounts Service was constituted in 1976, after the the maintenance of Accounts of the Union government was separated from that of Audit. Consequently, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India was divested with this responsibility. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every **3rd of March**, wildlife is celebrated all over the world for the **UN World Wildlife Day**. This date was chosen as it is the birthday of CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, signed in 1973. World Wildlife Day will be celebrated in 2023 under the theme "**Partnerships for wildlife conservation**", honoring the people who are making a difference. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **National Safety Day** is observed on **March 4** annually with an in aim to promote safe working environment and ensure safety of people in all aspects. The theme for 2023 National Safety Day is '**Our Aim - Zero Harm**'. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India celebrates **National Security Day** on **March 4** every year. **Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas** is another name for it, and it is a holiday honouring the Indian Security Forces. The National Safety Council of India announced the theme for this year to be '**Nurture young minds - Develop safety culture**'. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Obesity Day** is observed on March 4 every year to promote practical solutions and help people achieve and maintain a healthy weight while undertaking proper treatment. World Obesity Day returns on 4 March 2023 with the theme: '**Changing Perspectives: Let's Talk About Obesity**'. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Obituaries

- **Chandrashekhar Dasgupta**, a former Indian diplomat and the Padma Bhushan Awardee (2008), passed away at the age of 82. He was born on 2nd May 1940 in Kolkata, West Bengal. Chandrashekhar Dasgupta was awarded the 3rd-highest civilian honour, the Padma Bhushan, for Civil Service (Delhi) in 2008. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former Chief Justice of India **A.M. Ahmadi** has passed away at the age of 90. **Ahmadi** was the chief justice from 1994 to 1997. His judicial career as a City Civil and Session Court judge in Ahmedabad, he was the only Chief Justice of India who started at the very lowest rank to rise to the highest position of the Indian judiciary. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- India's top oil firm IOC will set up green hydrogen plants at all its refineries as it pivots a **Rs 2-lakh crore** green transition plan to achieve net-zero emissions from its operations by 2046, its chairman Shrikant Madhav Vaidya said. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Supreme Court of India** declined to consider a **PIL** requesting **menstruation leave** for workers and students nationwide, citing the issue as one of policy. It was emphasised that menstrual pain leave had various "dimensions" and that, despite the fact that menstruation was a biological event, such leave could discourage businesses from hiring female staff. Only a few nations, mostly in **Asia**, allow women who experience painful periods to take time off work to heal. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sant Sevalal Maharaj**, a spiritual and religious figurehead of the **Banjara community**, was born 284 years ago on February 26, marking the beginning of a yearlong remembrance. **Amit Shah**, the Union Home Minister, and **Meenakshi Lekhi**, the Union Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Culture, led the festivities in New Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A decade after his retirement, there is news about plans to install a life-size statue of **Sachin Tendulkar** inside the iconic Wankhede stadium where he played his last game for India. The statue will be unveiled on April 23. It will be the legend's 50th birthday. There is speculation that if everything does not work out well, the inauguration of the statue may be delayed until the 50-over World Cup planned later this year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** announced that two Australian universities Wollongong and Deakin are set to establish campuses in Gujarat's 'GIFT City'. The two universities will sign an agreement on setting up their campuses during **Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's** maiden visit to India next week. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Static Takeaways

- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chauhan
- Governor of Madhya Pradesh: Mangubhai Chaganbhai Patel
- Capital of Madhya Pradesh: Bhopal.
- Chief Minister of Maharashtra: Eknath Shinde
- Governor of Maharashtra: Ramesh Bais.
- Maharashtra was founded on 1st May 1960.
- Karnataka Capital: Bengaluru (Executive Branch);
- Karnataka Governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot;
- Karnataka Chief minister: Basavaraj Bommai.

- Meta Founded: February 2004;
- Meta CEO: Mark Zuckerberg (Jul 2004–);
- Meta Headquarters: Menlo Park, California, United States.
- PepsiCo CEO: Ramon Laguarta;
- PepsiCo Headquarters: Purchase, Harrison, New York, United States;
- PepsiCo Founded: 1965;
- PepsiCo President: Ramon Laguarta.
- RBL Bank CEO: R Subramaniakumar
- Exim Bank CEO: Ms. Harsha Bangari.
- FICCI Founded: 1927;
- FICCI Headquarters: New Delhi;
- FICCI Founder: Ghanshyam Das Birla;
- FICCI President: Sanjiv Mehta.
- UN Chairman: António Guterres
- Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Narendra Singh Tomar.
- Assam Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Assam Capital: Dispur
- Assam Folk Dance: Bihu
- Assam Governor: Gulab Chand Kataria.
- IUCN Headquarters: Gland, Switzerland;
- IUCN Founded: 5 October 1948, Fontainebleau, France;
- IUCN Founder: Julian Huxley;
- IUCN CEO: Bruno Oberle (13 Jul 2020–);
- IUCN Motto: United for Life and Livelihoods;
- IUCN President: Razan Al Mubarak.
- ISRO Chairman: S. Somanath
- ISRO First Chairman: Vikram Sarabhai
- ISRO Foundation Year: 15 August 1969.
- Comptroller and Auditor General of India: Girish Chandra Murmu.
- Nigeria Capital: Abuja;
- Nigeria Currency: Nigerian naira;
- GSMA Chairperson: Stéphane Richard;
- GSMA Headquarters: London, England, UK;
- GSMA Founded: 1995.
- Axis Bank Founded: 1993, Ahmedabad;
- Axis Bank CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry (1 Jan 2019–);
- Axis Bank Headquarters: Mumbai.
- IRCTC Chairman & Managing Director: Rajni Hasija;
- IRCTC Headquarters: New Delhi;
- IRCTC Founded: 27 September 1999.
- HDFC Bank CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan (27 Oct 2020–);
- HDFC Bank Founded: August 1994, Mumbai;
- HDFC Bank Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) : Ananthakrishnan;
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Founded: 23 December 1940;
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited HQ: Bengaluru;
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Founder: Walchand Hirachand.
- World Wide Fund Headquarters: Gland, Switzerland;
- World Wide Fund Founded: 29 April 1961, Morges, Switzerland;
- World Wide Fund Director: Marco Lambertini.
- Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Founded: 1963;
- Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) Founded: 24 July 1998;
- Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Vietnam Prime Minister: Pham Minh Chinh;
- Vietnam Capital: Hanoi;
- Vietnam Currency: Vietnamese dong.
- Asian Chess Federation Headquarters: Al Ain, United Arab Emirates;
- Asian Chess Federation President: Sultan bin Khalifa Al Nahyan.

