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Jallianwala Bagh Massacre 104th Anniversary

On April 13, 1919, the **Jallianwala Bagh massacre** took place in Amritsar, Punjab, which is remembered as a tragic event and a symbol of the atrocities committed against the Indian people during the British colonial era. The massacre played a significant role in India's fight for independence, as it increased the nation's determination to achieve self-rule and break free from British subjugation.

Jallianwala Bagh Massacre 2023

Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day 2023 marks **104 years** since the tragic incident that is seen as a turning point in Indian History. It was this that led to Gandhi's full commitment to the cause of Indian nationalism and independence from Britain.

Causes of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre- Why people's are gathered in Jallianwala Bagh?

The British military officer, General Dyer, on April 13, 1919 entered the Jallianwala Bagh (Amritsar) with his troops, where people had gathered to peacefully protest against the arrest of the two nationalist leaders, **Satya Pal and Dr Saifuddin Kitchlew**. Without so much as a warning to the people to disperse, he ordered his troops to fire at the unarmed crowd. The onslaught lasted ten minutes till their ammunition was exhausted, after which the British soldiers left. A total of 1,650 rounds were fired, and more than 500 people were killed and murdered. The exact number of casualties remains unknown.

On the morning of Baisakhi, **Colonel Reginald Dyer** had announced the implementation of a curfew throughout Amritsar and a ban on all processions that even prohibited a group of 4 or more people to meet publicly. At about **12:40 PM**, Dyer received confidential information about the meeting taking place at Jallianwala Bagh that may result in riots and protests.



Jallianwala Bagh Massacre- General Dyer's Orders

General Dyer had issued orders to his troops to shoot at the protesters without warning. He later defended his actions by saying that he wanted to teach the Indians a lesson and that he would have used even more force if he had more troops at his disposal. There were about **25,000 people** present there at the time of the firing. Some tried to escape while some choose to jump in the solitude well built in the premises of Jallianwala Bagh. The troops were ordered to start shooting from the most densely crowded spot to harm the maximum number of people.

Who take revenge of Jallianwala Bagh massacre?

After the tragedy, Sardar Udham Singh avenged his people by killing the British officer serving as Governor General of Punjab, Michael O'Dwyer. He was Born on December 26, 1899, Udham Singh was a member of the Ghadar Party and the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA). The assassination of Michael O'Dwyer, the ex-lieutenant governor of Punjab, brought him widespread notoriety. Singh carried out the murder in retaliation for the 1919 slaughter at Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar. The recognized martyr (born Sher Singh) was born to Tehal Singh, a manual laborer, and Narain Kaur, a housekeeper, in the vicinity of Pilbad, some 130 miles from British India's Lahore. His older brother Sadhu was two years older than him, making him the youngest. They lost both parents at an early age, both to separate mishaps.

The Memorial Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Ground

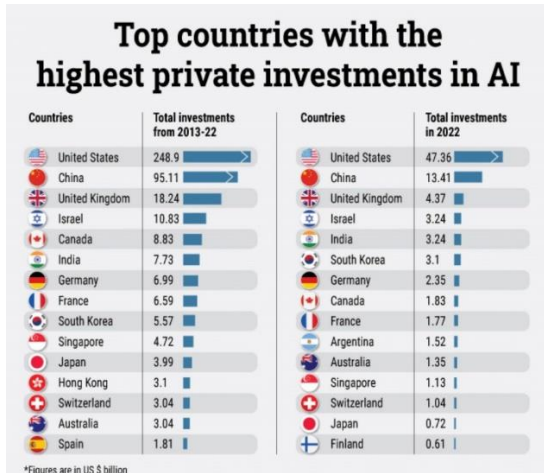
In 1951, a memorial was built at Jallianwala Bagh to commemorate the victims of the massacre. The park, which covers an area of approximately 6.5 acres, contains a museum that displays artefacts related to the incident. Every year on April 13, people gather at the park to pay their homage to the victims. The Jallianwala Bagh Massacre remains a dark chapter in India's history, and its impact can still be felt today. The incident served as a catalyst for India's freedom struggle and inspired many Indians to fight for their independence.

India ranks 5th in countries with most AI investment

Stanford University's AI Index report states that **India is ranked fifth** in terms of investments received by startups offering AI-based products and services in 2022. AI startups in India received a total investment of \$3.24 billion, surpassing countries such as **South Korea, Germany, Canada, and Australia**. However, **India is still behind the US, China, the UK, and Israel** in terms of AI investments received.

According to the same report, AI startups in India received a cumulative funding of \$7.73 billion from 2013 to 2022, which places it sixth among the countries with the highest AI investments during that period. However, nearly 40% of this funding was received in the year 2022 alone.

The AI Index report by Stanford University revealed that 54% of the researchers working on Large Language Models (LLMs) are from American institutions. Nonetheless, for the first time, researchers from Canada, Germany, and India contributed to the development of LLMs last year.



About the Stanford University's AI Index report

The AI Index is an independent initiative at the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI), led by the AI Index Steering Committee, an interdisciplinary group of experts from across academia and industry. The annual report **tracks, collates, distills, and visualizes** data relating to artificial intelligence, enabling decision-makers to take meaningful action to advance AI responsibly and ethically with humans in mind.

The AI Index collaborates with many different organizations to track progress in artificial intelligence. These organizations include: the Center for Security and Emerging Technology at Georgetown University, LinkedIn, NetBase Quid, Lightcast, and McKinsey. The 2023 report also features more self-collected data and original analysis than ever before. This year's report included new analysis on foundation models, including their geopolitics and training costs, the environmental impact of AI systems, K-12 AI education, and public opinion trends in AI. The AI Index also broadened its tracking of global AI legislation from 25 countries in 2022 to 127 in 2023.

Shakib and Ishimwe clinch ICC Player of the Month awards for March 2023

ICC Player of the Month awards for March

The ICC has revealed the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for March 2023, with **Shakib Al Hasan** from Bangladesh being named as the ICC Men's Player of the Month, while **Henriette Ishimwe** from Rwanda was selected as the ICC Women's Player of the Month. This is Shakib's second time winning the Player of the Month award, with his first win being in July 2021.

ICC Men's Player of the Month, March 2023 - Shakib Al Hasan

Shakib Al Hasan, an experienced all-rounder, has been awarded the prestigious ICC Men's Player of the Month award for March 2023 due to his outstanding performances. He beat out tough competition from Asif Khan of UAE and Kane Williamson of New Zealand. Shakib was a bright spot for Bangladesh in the three-match ODI series against England, where he emerged as the highest run-scorer and wicket-taker for the team. In Bangladesh's only victory in the series, he scored 75 runs off 71 balls and took four wickets to earn the Player of the Match award in the hosts' 50-run win.

ICC Women's Player of the Month, March 2023 - Henriette Ishimwe

ICC has announced Rwanda's Henriette Ishimwe as the ICC Women's Player of the Month for March 2023. Ishimwe outperformed other strong contenders, including Sibona Jimmy and Ravini Oa from PNG, to clinch the award. Ishimwe, who is just 19 years old, has already played almost 50 T20Is for Rwanda and showcased her all-round skills in March. She began the Nigeria Cricket Federation Women's International Twenty20 Tournament with a splendid performance, contributing with both bat and ball against Ghana. After scoring a quick 32 off 22 balls, she took four wickets for just four runs to help Rwanda limit Ghana to 41 runs.

National Affairs

- **Bangladesh, India, and Japan** are set to hold a connectivity event in **Tripura**, India on April 11-12. The event is aimed at exploring connectivity initiatives and leveraging the commercial potential of the region. **The Asian Confluence**, a think tank from Northeast India, will organize the event in collaboration with India's Ministry of External Affairs. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam will represent Bangladesh, while India's deputy foreign minister and the Japanese ambassador to India will also attend. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched the **International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA)** during his visit to Karnataka on April 9, 2022. The IBCA aims to conserve **seven species of big cats**, including tigers, lions, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars, snow leopards, and clouded leopards. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- As part of her three-day official visit to the northeastern state, President **Draupadi Murmu** boarded a **Sukhoi 30 MKI** fighter jet for a flight from the strategic **Tezpur Airforce station** in **Assam**. It is noteworthy that the previous instance of a President flying in a Sukhoi was in 2009, when India's 12th President, **Pratibha Devi Singh Patil**, took a similar flight. Upon her arrival at the Tezpur Air Force Station, President Murmu was welcomed with a **Guard of Honour**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- In a significant development, the **Election Commission** has granted national party status to the **Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)**. The party's recognition as a **national party** is based on its electoral performance in four states- Delhi, Goa, Punjab, and Gujarat. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On April 7, 2023, India's Home Minister Amit Shah launched the **Vibrant Village program** at Kibithu, a border village in Arunachal Pradesh. This program aims to bring about the overall development of rural areas and transform them into self-sufficient and prosperous communities. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On April 10, 2023, India released the first edition of the **Dogri version of the Indian Constitution**. The release of this version is a significant step towards promoting linguistic diversity and preserving the cultural heritage of the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Amit Shah**, the Union Home Minister, is scheduled to present the '**Maharashtra Bhushan**' **Award to Dattatreya Narayan Dharmadhikari**, also known as Appasaheb Dharmadhikari, on April 16 for his notable work as a social worker and reformer. The award ceremony will take place at the Corporate Park in the Kharghar area of Navi Mumbai, and a large event is being planned for it, as announced by Shinde after a high-level preparation meeting held in Raigad. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to recent news reports, a **3D-printed post office** is being built in **Bengaluru, India**, which will be the first of its kind in the country. Residents of Cambridge Layout are reportedly pleased with this development. The cost of constructing this post office is estimated to be **30 to 40 percent** lower than that of a traditional building, and it is expected to be completed within 30 days. The 1100 square feet post office will cost around Rs 23 lakh to construct. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched **Rajasthan's first Vande Bharat Express** train via video conferencing, which is the **15th such train** in the country. The prime minister emphasized that the Vande Bharat Express symbolizes development, modernity, self-reliance, and stability, enriching the spirit of 'India First, Always First'. He also mentioned that the train will greatly benefit Rajasthan's tourism industry. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **HDFC Bank**, the leading private sector bank in India, has signed a **Master Inter Bank Credit Agreement** with the **Export-Import Bank of Korea**, with a total value of **US \$300 million**. The signing ceremony took place in **GIFT City, Gujarat**, and aims to help HDFC Bank raise foreign currency funds, which will be used to support Korea-related businesses. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On April 14th, 2023, Shri **Parshottam Rupala**, the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, launched two significant initiatives: the **Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative (APPI)** and the Animal Health System Support for One Health (AHSSOH) project, which is funded by the World Bank. The launch event will take place at the India Habitat Center in New Delhi and will be held under the National One Health Mission. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On the occasion of the 132nd birth anniversary of social reformer **BR Ambedkar**, a special tourist train has been launched from New Delhi that will take passengers to various cities associated with him across the country. The train, named **Bharat Gaurav**, will tour the **Ambedkar Circuit** and was flagged off by Union Minister of Tourism **G Kishan Reddy** and Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment **Virendra Kumar** from the Hazrat Nizamuddin railway station. The tour, which will last for seven nights and eight days, will cover important sites in Maharashtra and Bihar. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw** has announced that the Union government plans to introduce '**Vande Metro**' by December 2023. This announcement comes after the successful launch of the **Vande Bharat Express**, which is a semi-high-speed train operating in several parts of the country. The upcoming metro network is expected to connect major cities and provide a cost-effective mode of transportation. ([Click here to read the article](#))

States in the News

- The **world's first** conservation and breeding center for the **critically endangered Asian king vulture** is set to open in **Uttar Pradesh's Maharajganj district**. The center, named **Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre (JCBC)**, is spread over **1.5 hectares** and is designed to maintain a sustainable population of the species by **breeding** king vultures in captivity and releasing them into the wild. The JCBC, worth approximately **Rs 15 crore**, features multiple aviaries, including breeding and holding aviaries, nursery aviaries for juveniles, hospital and recovery aviaries, a food processing center, and an incubation center. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sarbananda Sonowal**, the **Union Minister for AYUSH**, inaugurated the International Yoga Mahotsav at the **Dibrugarh University** Playground to mark the upcoming **International Day of Yoga 2023**, which is just 75 days away. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi** has given his assent to a bill that bans online gambling games and regulates them. The bill had been passed by the Tamil Nadu government for the second time on March 23, 2023. With the Governor's approval, the Chief Minister informed the Assembly that the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Online Gambling and Regulation of Online Games Bill has been cleared, and a gazette notification is expected to follow. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **The economy of Himachal Pradesh** is predominantly reliant on agriculture and animal husbandry. The rural households in the state consider livestock care as a crucial aspect, given the livestock population of approximately 4.41 million. The state government has initiated a project named **Sanjeevani** to uplift the livelihood of small dairy farmers and livestock owners. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The Chief Minister of **Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde**, has declared that May 28, the birth anniversary of freedom fighter **Vinayak Damodar Savarkar**, will be celebrated as '**Swatantra Veer Gaurav Din**', and several events will be organized to promote the ideas of Swatantra Veer Savarkar on this day. The state government will commemorate the occasion by conducting various programs to spread the message of Swatantra Veer Savarkar. The announcement was made by the Chief Minister, who stated that the state will celebrate the birth anniversary of Swatantra Veer Savarkar as 'Swatantra Veer Gaurav Din' and conduct a range of events to promote his ideology. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The foundation stone for the **Greenfield International Airport in Bhogapuram** is set to be laid on May 3 by **Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy**. The airport, spanning **2,200 acres**, will soon commence construction, with the completion of the land acquisition process. Minister for Industries and Information Technology Gudivada Amarnath confirmed that the works are likely to be finished within **24-30 months**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The well-known **Gond painting of Madhya Pradesh** has been granted the coveted **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**, which safeguards and acknowledges the work of tribal artists and requires approval from a committee for non-tribal artists to use the art. A GI tag is a symbol used on items that are exclusively produced in a specific geographical region and have characteristics or a reputation that are associated with that location. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Kolkata Metro** has achieved a significant milestone as it became the first metro rail in India to complete an under-river journey. The metro rakes passed through an underwater tunnel beneath the **Hooghly river** [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The Chief Minister of Telangana, K Chandrasekhar Rao, unveiled a 125-foot bronze statue of **BR Ambedkar** in **Hyderabad** to commemorate the **132nd birth anniversary** of the renowned Indian Constitution architect. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- During his day-long tour to Guwahati, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** unveiled several railway projects across the Northeast region, while also inaugurating a methanol plant and laying the foundation stone for a bridge over the Brahmaputra river. Modi conducted the virtual inauguration of five railway works, along with other projects, from the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium. Modi also virtually commissioned a methanol plant in Namrup, Dibrugarh, constructed by Assam Petrochemicals Ltd (APL) with a capacity of 500 tonnes per day (TPD), and an investment of Rs 1,709 crore. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

International Affairs

- India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ruchira Kamboj, reaffirmed India's commitment to peace and stability in **Somalia and the Horn of Africa** by handing over a contribution of USD 2 million to the United Nations Trust Fund. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The vast expanse of the ocean floor, covering over **70%** of the earth's surface, remains **largely unexplored and underutilized**. The **International Seabed Authority (ISA)** was established in **1994** to govern and regulate the exploration and exploitation of mineral resources found in international waters beyond the jurisdiction of its 167 member countries' **Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ)**. The **ISA headquarters** is located in **Jamaica**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- During his three-day visit to **Uganda's Kampala**, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar launched the '**Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project**' in **Varanasi**. He commended the Overseas Friends of BJP-Uganda for their efforts to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the oldest inhabited city in the world. Uganda has been selected to chair the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) for the period of 2022 to 2025 on behalf of Africa. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)



- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** reported that a woman from **Guangdong**, a southern province of **China**, has died from a rare strain of **bird flu** that is not commonly found in humans. Although three people have been confirmed to have been infected with the **H3N8** subtype of avian influenza, this strain does not seem to transmit from person to person. The deceased woman was 56 years old. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ghana** has made history by becoming the first country to approve a highly effective **malaria vaccine** developed by scientists at the **University of Oxford** in the UK. The vaccine, called **R21/Matrix-M**, has exceeded the **World Health Organization's** target of 75% efficacy, making it a significant milestone in the fight against malaria. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Kathleen Corradi** has been appointed by **NYC Mayor Eric Adams** to tackle the city's severe rodent issue. She has been designated as the city's inaugural "**rat czar**" and given the responsibility of minimizing the rat population and creating a cleaner and more hospitable environment for residents. In addition, the Adams administration is dedicating \$3.5 million to the Harlem Rat Mitigation Zone, a new initiative to expedite rat control measures throughout Harlem. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Turkish Navy** has received the **TCG Anadolu**, its **first aircraft carrier**, which is expected to house the **world's first air wing** made primarily of **unmanned aircraft**. Turkish President **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** said the vessel would host many manned and unmanned aerial vehicles, with the **TB3** from the **Bayraktar** family being the latest prototype tested on the carrier's flight deck. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Philippines** and the **United States** have launched their **largest-ever joint military exercises**, called **Balikatan**, involving nearly **18,000 troops** to counter **China's** growing assertiveness in the region. The annual drills, which include a live-fire exercise in the **South China Sea**, are being held for the first time under **President Ferdinand Marcos**, who seeks to strengthen ties with the **US**. The maneuvers include military helicopters landing on the Philippine island of **Luzon** and the retaking of an island by amphibious forces. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC)** at **IIT Kanpur** has entered into a **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** agreement with **Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited**. **Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited** is one of the seven new **Defence Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)** that were created by converting the **Ordnance Factory Board** into fully government-owned enterprises. The agreement was signed in the presence of dignitaries from **IIT Kanpur, SIIC, and Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AW&EIL)** at the **Ordnance Factory Kanpur**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Nepal and India** are preparing to sign an agreement to allow **cross-border digital** payments through **e-wallets**, a move that is expected to boost **trade and tourism** between the two countries by eliminating **currency exchange** issues. The accord, expected to be signed during **Nepali Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal's** visit to India, will allow Indian tourists in Nepal to make digital payments through Indian e-wallets like **BharatPe, PhonePe, Google Pay, and Paytm**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Cipla**, a prominent Indian pharmaceutical company, announced that it has entered into a licensing agreement with **Novartis Pharma AG (Switzerland)** to produce and market the **Galvus range**, which is used in the treatment of type 2 diabetes, effective from **January 1, 2026**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The potential signing of a **free trade agreement** between **India and the European Union** is seen as a positive step towards promoting economic ties between the two regions. The **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** has emphasized the benefits of such an agreement, which could serve as a catalyst for enhancing the **India-EU** relationship. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** has partnered with the **Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-Bombay)** to develop a touchless biometric capture system that is easy to use and accessible from anywhere. The collaboration involves joint research between the two organizations to create a mobile fingerprint capture system and a liveness model that is integrated with the capture system. ([Click here to read the article](#))

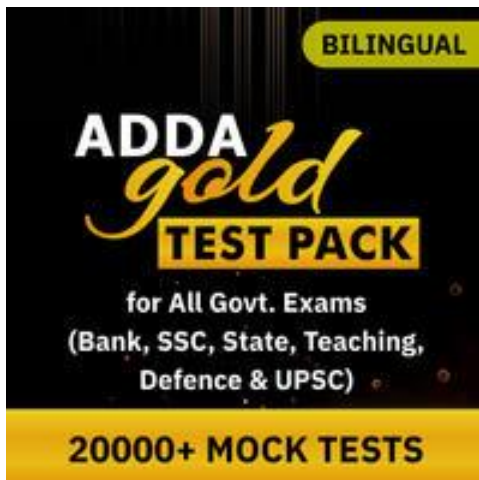
Books and Authors

- **Pattabhi Ram & Sabyasachee Dash** has co-authored a new book titled "**The Great Bank Robbery: NPs, Scams and the Future of Regulation**" which discusses 11 scams that have rocked India since its Independence(1947). The book is published by **Rupa Publications India Pvt Ltd**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** headquartered in Mumbai (Maharashtra) announced the launch of its coffee table book titled "**The Banker to Every Indian**" which celebrates 75 years of Indian independence and the 200-year history of SBI, which was established in 1955. The coffee table book details the Bank's history ever since independence. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)** scheme has achieved a significant milestone in the financial year ending March 31, 2023. The basic bank accounts under the scheme have registered a record surge of **₹50,000 crores**, with the **total balance reaching ₹1.99 lakh crore**, an increase from **₹1.49-lakh crore** in the previous financial year. Additionally, there has been an addition of **5 crore** new accounts under the scheme, bringing the total number of beneficiaries to **48.65 crores**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a recent address to the Indian diaspora community in France, Union Minister **Piyush Goyal** announced that India is set to become the **third-largest economy** in the world by 2027. Currently the fifth-largest economy, India has been experiencing an average annual growth rate of around 7% over the last decade, driven by factors such as a growing middle class and a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Data provided by the National Securities Depository indicates that in the fiscal year 2022-23, overseas capital flows into **Indian capital markets** originating from **Mauritius** experienced the sharpest decline, while **Norway and Singapore** gained popularity. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has revealed plans to introduce new variants of current accounts and savings accounts in the fiscal year 2023-24, as it seeks to reduce the gap between deposit growth and credit growth. The bank intends to launch two new variants of current accounts, one with a balance of ₹50,000 and another with a balance of ₹50 lakh. It also plans to introduce a new savings account called "**Parivar**" (**family**) account. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has revised India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for the financial year 2023-24, lowering it by 20 basis points to 5.9 percent. This latest forecast is slightly below the Reserve Bank of India's projection of 6.4 percent. Despite the downward revision, India is still projected to be the fastest-growing major economy in the world. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's gold imports** have declined by about 30% to \$31.8 billion during April-February 2023, compared to the same period in the previous year, according to data from the country's commerce ministry. The decline in gold imports is attributed to several factors, including high customs duty and global economic uncertainties. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has announced its plans to invest in non-convertible debentures valued at Rs 150 crore in **Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd (TPDDL)**. The investment aims to improve Delhi's power distribution through grid enhancements. Additionally, ADB has also approved a grant of USD 2 million to assist in the acquisition and integration of a pilot **battery energy storage system (BESS)**. The Manila-based funding institution issued a statement confirming the developments. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On the occasion of **Sebi Foundation Day**, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) unveiled its new logo at a ceremony held in Mumbai. The **new logo** represents SEBI's commitment to facilitating economic growth through capital formation, while also incorporating the power of technology and data into policy-making. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's Annual Retail Inflation** for March Eases Below Central Bank's Tolerance Level for the First Time in 2023. According to the NSO data, India's annual retail inflation for March eased to 5.66% from 6.44% in February. This is a positive development for the economy, as it indicates that inflationary pressures may be easing. The **central bank's upper tolerance** level for inflation is 6%, so the current rate is below this level, which is a welcome change. ([Click here to read the article](#))
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- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has granted **Miniratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE)** status to the state-owned **Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI)**, according to a statement. SECI, which was established in 2011, is the primary implementing agency for renewable energy schemes/projects of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy aimed at fulfilling India's international commitments. SECI has played a Central role in the rapid increase of RE generation capacity in the country and has contributed towards the nation's climate commitments, carbon emission reduction strategies and sustainable energy transition. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released comprehensive instructions for banks and **non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)** regarding the acceptance of 'green deposits'. These deposits can be utilized for financing ventures such as renewable energy, green transport, and green buildings. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has introduced a framework to encourage Regulated Entities (REs) to offer green deposits to customers, protect depositors' interests, aid customers in achieving their sustainability objectives, address greenwashing concerns, and boost credit flow to green activities/projects. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Canara Bank and NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL) have collaborated to launch a service that allows Indians residing in **Oman** to make payments for their bills in India. **Canara Bank** has achieved a significant feat by becoming India's first public sector bank to provide inbound cross-border bill payment services through **BBPS**. This breakthrough means that Indians residing in Oman can now conveniently and securely pay bills for services in their home country with ease. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's employment rate** has shown a marginal improvement in the March quarter, with an increase of 0.3% from the previous quarter, according to the latest data released by the **Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)**. In March 2023, India's employment rate rose to 36.9%, up from 36.6% in December 2022, while the number of unemployed individuals decreased by nearly two million, underscoring the fact that many people were able to obtain jobs. ([Click here to read the article](#))



Appointments/Resignations

- **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** has announced the appointment of **Ratnakar Patnaik** as the new Chief Investment Officer, replacing **PR Mishra**, who stepped down from the role on April 10. Additionally, **PC Paikray** has been named the new Chief Risk Officer, taking over from **Tablesh Pandey** on the same date. Patnaik, who has 32 years of experience in the industry, began his career at LIC as a Direct Recruit Officer in September 1990. This information was disclosed in a filing by the insurer. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Defence News

- **The Greek and Indian Air Forces** will collaborate on a joint training exercise with Su-30, F-16, and Rafale fighter jets for ten days over Greece and the Mediterranean Sea. The exercise will be conducted as part of the annual **Greek exercise Iniochos 23**, led by the Greek Air Force and the Greek Air Tactics Center of the Ministry of Defense. The training is scheduled to begin on April 18th and will conclude on April 28th. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- **The 2023 International Prize in Statistics**, which is regarded as the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in statistics, has been awarded to **Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao**, an Indian-American statistician. The prize, established in 2016, is presented once every two years to an individual or team that has made significant contributions to science, technology, and human welfare through the use of statistics. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- At the World Vaccine Congress 2023 held in Washington, USA from April 3-6, **Bharat Biotech** was awarded the **Best Production/Process Development award as a part of the Vaccine Industry Excellence (ViE) awards**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The INS Vikrant**, India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, was presented with a special gift in the form of its original bell from the first carrier of the same name commissioned in **1961**. The bell was given by Vice Admiral SN Ghormade, who recently retired as the Vice Chief of Navy Staff, to the commanding officer of INS Vikrant on March 22. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Nilesh Bhagwan Sambre**, the founder of Jijau Educational and Social Foundation, was recently honored with the **"Maratha Udyog Ratna"** award at the **"Maratha Entrepreneurs Conference 2023"**. The conference was organized by the "Maratha Entrepreneurs Development and Guidance Institute Maharashtra State". Nilesh Sambre received the award for his noteworthy achievements in the industry sector and his dedicated work in remote areas like Palghar. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- At the 13th Managing India Awards ceremony hosted by the All India Management Association (AIMA), **Kumar Mangalam Birla**, Chairman of Aditya Birla Group, was presented with the '**Business Leader of the Decade Award**' for his contributions to the Indian industry in the last ten years. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Summit and Conference

- The **Telangana government** has scheduled the **Food Conclave-2023** on April 28 and 29, which is a yearly gathering of 100 experts in the **agri-food industry** to discuss and exchange ideas. The main aim of the event is to recognize the primary obstacles and prospects for the Indian agri-food sector's expansion in the current decade. ([Click here to read the article](#))
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- Next week, India will host the **Global Buddhist Summit** in New Delhi, where leaders and scholars from the **Buddhist community** around the world will gather to discuss contemporary global issues through a Buddhist perspective. The summit aims to find solutions to problems such as climate change, poverty, and conflict, among others, by exploring the Buddhist teachings and practices. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A significant event, the **G20 Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS)**, is scheduled to take place in Varanasi from 17 to 19 April. The **meeting's theme** is Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems for Healthy People and Planet, which aligns with **India's G20 presidency** theme of "One Earth, One Family, One Future." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **12th Session of the India-Spain Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC)** took place on April 13. During the meeting, the two sides discussed a range of issues related to economic cooperation between the two countries. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- According to the latest tiger census data released by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the tiger population in India has reached 3,167 in 2022**, which is a significant increase compared to the previous census figures of 1,411 in 2006, 1,706 in 2010, 2,226 in 2014, and 2,967 in 2018. During the inauguration of the commemoration of 50 years of '**Project Tiger**', the Prime Minister also launched the 'International Big Cat Alliance' that aims to protect and conserve seven major big cats worldwide, including tigers and lions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Berlin in Germany** has been named the city with the most exceptional public transport system globally, according to a survey conducted by **Time Out**, a London-based media outlet that specializes in the hospitality industry and identifies itself as a global brand committed to urban life. Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, came in second place. Mumbai, the top-ranked Indian city, secured the 19th spot in the rankings. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) for 2021-22 indicates that **Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, and Telangana** are the top-performing states, with a score of over 60 points on various parameters used to evaluate state-level energy efficiency initiatives. Union Power Minister R K Singh launched the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2021-22 report. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A recent report by Tibet Press highlights that, according to the Freedom in the **World Index for 2023** published by international watchdog Freedom House, Tibet is the country with the least freedom in the world. The report, titled "**Freedom in the World 2023 Report**," was released by Freedom House on March 9 and identified Tibet, South Sudan, and Syria as the "least-free countries" in the world. ([Click here to read the article](#))
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- World of Statistics has shared the ranking of the world's "most criminal countries". On the list, Venezuela has been ranked top, followed by **Papua New Guinea (2), Afghanistan (3), South Africa (4), Honduras (5), Trinidad (6), Guyana (7), Syria (8), Somalia (9) and Jamaica (10), respectively**. India stood at 77 spots while the US and UK were ahead of India in the criminal ranking country. The USA was at 55th number and the UK at 65th rank, according to the World of Statistics. Turkey, Germany, and Japan were among the least criminal countries, ranking at 92nd, 100th, and 135th ranks. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **NSE Indices** Limited introduced the **Nifty REITs & InvITs Index**, the first of its kind in India, designed to monitor the performance of publicly listed and traded Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) at the **National Stock Exchange**, whether listed or unlisted but authorized to trade. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to a report by the **Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)**, out of the 28 state chief ministers and two union territories, 29 of them are millionaires in India. **Jagan Mohan Reddy** from Andhra Pradesh is the richest among them with assets worth ₹510 crore, while **Mamata Banerjee**, the Chief Minister of West Bengal, has the lowest assets worth around ₹15 lakh. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Shah Rukh Khan** and 'RRR' director **SS Rajamouli** are included in Time Magazine's annual 100 Most Influential People of 2023, becoming the only two Indians on the list. Both SRK and Rajamouli's last big screen ventures, Pathaan and RRR, earned over Rs 1000 crore worldwide. The esteemed list by Time magazine includes the likes of US President Joe Biden, King Charles, billionaire CEO Elon Musk, Bella Hadid, and Beyonce, among others. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Sports News

- During a match against Rajasthan Royals at the Barsapara Stadium in Guwahati, Delhi Capitals' captain **David Warner** became the fastest batsman to reach 6000 runs in the **Indian Premier League (IPL)**. He is now the third player to achieve this feat after Virat Kohli from Royal Challengers Bangalore and Shikhar Dhawan, captain of Punjab Kings. It took Warner 165 innings to reach this milestone, while Kohli and Dhawan achieved it in 188 and 199 innings respectively. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In the World Chess Armageddon Asia & Oceania event, Indian Grandmaster **D Gukesh**, who is a teenager, pulled off a major upset by defeating former world rapid champion Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan in the final. Gukesh emerged as the winner in a thrilling summit clash that was full of ups and downs. The first game of the match ended in a draw after Gukesh employed a perpetual check strategy. However, he managed to win the following game, securing the championship. Both Gukesh and Abdusattorov have qualified for Armageddon's Grand Finale in September. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Schemes and Committess News

- The **Ministry of Culture** in India is dedicated to promoting **Indian Folk Arts and Culture** abroad through various initiatives. The **Global Engagement Scheme** is one such initiative that organizes Festivals of India in other countries to showcase the country's rich culture, including folk art, exhibitions, dance, music, theatre, film, food festivals, and yoga events. This scheme also highlights the diverse culture of North-East India to the world. The ministry provides grant-in-aid to **Indo-Foreign Friendship Cultural Societies** to organize programs and activities that promote the country's culture across the world. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Recently, the **United Nations 2023 Water Conference** was held in New York. The United Nations 2023 Water Conference was held after a 46-year gap, coinciding with the review of the implementation of the UN Decade for Action on Water and Sanitation (2018-2028). ([Click here to read the article](#))

Science and Technology News

- **NASA's Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Pollution (TEMPO)** instrument has successfully launched, marking a significant step forward in the monitoring of major air pollutants. The instrument will provide unprecedented resolution, allowing scientists to observe air quality from space with accuracy down to just four square miles. The **TEMPO mission** aims to revolutionize the way air quality is monitored, helping to improve life on Earth. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **WhatsApp** has initiated a safety campaign called '**Stay Safe with WhatsApp**' aimed at educating users about the product features that can assist them in maintaining their online safety and improving their messaging experience. ([Click here to read the article](#))



Important Days News

- On **April 10th** every year, **World Homeopathy Day** is celebrated to honor the birth anniversary of **Samuel Hahnemann**, the founder of homeopathy and a German physician. This day is dedicated to recognizing the valuable contributions of homeopathy to the field of healthcare. This year marks the 268th birth anniversary of Samuel Hahnemann. The focus of World Homeopathy Day 2023 is centered around the theme '**One Health, One Family**'. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On **April 11** every year, **National Safe Motherhood Day** is observed with the objective of promoting the well-being and safety of mothers and expectant mothers by increasing awareness of proper healthcare. This initiative, launched by the Indian government, aims to decrease the number of maternal and neonatal deaths. In the past, India was recognized as one of the most perilous countries to give birth, responsible for 15% of all maternal fatalities worldwide. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The International Day of Human Space Flight** is observed annually on **April 12th** to commemorate the beginning of human space exploration and acknowledge the significant contribution of space science and technology in achieving the peaceful use of outer space. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India is commemorating the **132nd birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar on April 14, 2023**, as Ambedkar Jayanti. This day has been declared a public holiday by the central government, underscoring the importance of Ambedkar's contributions to Indian society. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year on **April 14th, World Chagas Disease Day** is observed to raise awareness about a life-threatening illness that can cause severe heart and digestive problems. The theme for 2023 is **Time to integrate Chagas disease into primary health care**, so that universal care and surveillance start at the most decentralized level of the health system. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- UNESCO's General Conference declared **April 15** as **World Art Day** to commemorate **Leonardo da Vinci's** birthday, recognizing the importance of art in promoting creativity, cultural diversity, and information exchange. Art has always encouraged innovation and sparked discussion among individuals worldwide. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **World Voice Day (WVD)** is an international event celebrated annually on **April 16th** to recognize and appreciate the significance of the human voice in our everyday lives. Effective communication is reliant on a healthy and well-functioning voice. The purpose of WVD is to promote global awareness of the importance of preventing voice-related problems, training the artistic voice, rehabilitating damaged or abnormal voices, and researching the function and application of the voice. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On **April 16th each year**, people across the globe observe **Save the Elephant Day**, which aims to promote awareness of the issues faced by elephants and inspire efforts to protect these majestic animals. This day provides an opportunity to highlight the significance of elephants, the challenges they encounter, and the actions that can be taken to safeguard their existence. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Obituaries

- **Jalabala Vaidya**, a renowned theatre artist and co-founder of Delhi's Akshara Theatre, passed away at the age of 86. Born in London to Indian author and freedom fighter Suresh Vaidya and English classical singer Madge Franckeiss, Jalabala Vaidya began her career as a journalist and contributed to various national newspapers and magazines in Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Keshub Mahindra**, the Chairman Emeritus of Mahindra & Mahindra and India's oldest billionaire, passed away at the age of 99. He had a net worth of \$1.2 billion as per Forbes. He retired as the Chairman of Mahindra Group on August 9, 2012, and passed on his responsibilities to his nephew, Anand Mahindra. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Dr. Zafrullah Chowdhury**, a renowned public health activist and veteran fighter of the Liberation War, passed away in Dhaka, Bangladesh at the age of 81. He had been admitted to Gonoshasthaya Nagar Hospital the previous week, and had been on life support since Monday due to kidney-related ailments and other age-related health problems. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Noted actor and theatre artist **Uttara Baokar** passed away at the age of 79. Baokar, who studied acting at the National School of Drama (NSD), played various roles in different plays such as Padmavati in 'Mukyhamantri', Mena in 'Mena Gurjari', Desdemona in Shakespeare's 'Othello', mother in playwright Girish Karnad's 'Tughlaq', among others. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- **Manoj Sinha**, the lieutenant governor, has opened a **Tulip Garden** in the Jammu region at **Sanasar's Ramban Hill Resort**. The garden spans five acres (40 Kanals) and is part of a ₹6.91 crore initiative. It is an expansion of the existing Tulip Garden, which was established on four kanals of land two years ago. The new garden is situated between the proposed golf course and the current lake. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Jyotirao Phule Jayanti** is an annual observance in India, celebrated on **April 11th** every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Jyotirao Phule. Jyotirao Phule was a prominent social reformer, philosopher, and writer who played a crucial role in women's education and the upliftment of the oppressed castes in India during the British rule. He was born on April 11, 1827, in Maharashtra, and his contributions to the Indian society and culture are celebrated on this day. Jyotirao Govindrao Phule was born on April 11, 1827, in Satara, Maharashtra, and this year marks his 196th birth anniversary. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to a recent census report on tigers in the country, **Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary** has been identified as a new area where photographic evidence of tigers has been captured for the first time. The sanctuary was established in 1988 and is located in **Shravasti, Balrampur, and Gonda districts of Uttar Pradesh**. It spans across 452 sq km and is positioned on the border of India and Nepal. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)** has named India's first semi-high-speed regional rail services as '**RAPIDX**'. These trains will operate on the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridors, which are being constructed to link important urban nodes across the National Capital Region (NCR). The name 'RAPIDX' has been selected because it is simple to read and pronounce in different languages. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The authorities of the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve, which spans across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, and the NHAI's subsidiary, Indian Highways Management Company, signed an agreement aimed at streamlining the entry process for vehicles into the forest area. According to a statement from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, the memorandum of understanding (MoU) will enable the implementation of a **FASTag-based payment system** at **forest entry points**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Static Takeaways

- Bharat Biotech Founders: Krishna Ella, Suchitra Ella;
- Bharat Biotech Date founded: 1996.
- Chief Executive Officer of Unique Identification Authority of India: Dr. Saurabh Garg;
- Unique Identification Authority of India Founded: 28 January 2009, India;
- Unique Identification Authority of India Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief minister: Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu;
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister: Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu;
- Himachal Pradesh Governor: Shiv Pratap Shukla;
- Himachal Pradesh Official tree: Deodar cedar;
- Himachal Pradesh Capitals: Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter).
- Greece Capital: Athens;
- Greece Continent: Europe;
- Greece Government: Unitary parliamentary republic;
- Greece Prime minister: Kyriakos Mitsotakis.
- Life Insurance Corporation Founded: 1 September 1956;
- Life Insurance Corporation Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Chairperson of Life Insurance Corporation: Mangalam Ramasubramanian Kumar.
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral R Hari Kumar;
- Indian Navy Founded: 26 January 1950;
- Indian Navy headquarters: New Delhi.
- ISRO Chairman: S. Somanath;
- ISRO foundation Date: 15th August, 1969;
- ISRO Founder: Dr. Vikram Sarabhai.
- United Nations Mine Action Service Headquarters: United Nations Headquarters; New York, USA;
- United Nations Mine Action Service Founded: October 1997;
- United Nations Mine Action Service Head: Ilene Cohn.
- ISRO Chairman: S. Somanath;
- ISRO foundation Date: 15th August, 1969;
- ISRO Founder: Dr. Vikram Sarabhai.
- NASA Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States;
- NASA Founded: 29 July 1958, United States;
- NASA Administrator: Bill Nelson.
- Bank of Maharashtra CEO: A. S. Rajeev (2 Dec 2018-)
- Bank of Maharashtra Headquarters: Pune
- Bank of Maharashtra Founders: D. K. Sathe, V. G. Kale
- Bank of Maharashtra Founded: 16 September 1935.
- Fino Payments Bank Founded: 4 April 2017;
- Fino Payments Bank Headquarters: Juinagar, Navi Mumbai;

- Fino Payments Bank MD & CEO: Rishi Gupta.
- Central Bureau of Investigation Founded: 1 April 1963;
- Central Bureau of Investigation Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Central Bureau of Investigation Director General: Subodh Kumar Jaiswal.
- WHO Founded: 7 April 1948;
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- WHO Director-General: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.
- Tamil Nadu Chief minister: M. K. Stalin;
- Tamil Nadu Capital: Chennai;
- Tamil Nadu Governor: R. N. Ravi.

