

## Weekly One Liners 12th to 18th of June 2023

### French Open 2023: Novak Djokovic beats Casper Ruud

**Novak Djokovic** won his men's-record **23rd Grand Slam** title with a victory over **Casper Ruud** in French Open Final. Djokovic broke a tie with rival Rafael Nadal for the most major singles trophies in the history of men's tennis. The Serb moves into the outright lead of men's majors ahead of Rafael Nadal. He also becomes the first man to win all four majors at least three times. By winning his 23rd Slam title at the French Open beating Norwegian world No. 4 Casper Ruud 7-6(1), 6-3, 7-5 in the final. Djokovic broke away from Rafael Nadal in the men's pecking order. Joining Serena Williams on the most Slam count by any player in the Open Era, he also became the first man to win all the Majors at least thrice.

This year, the **Roland Garros tournament or French open** has seen a significant increase in the total prize money, reaching an impressive €43.9 million. This reflects a notable rise of 13.76 percent compared to the previous year. As a result of his outstanding performance at the tournament, Djokovic will be awarded a prize money of **€2,300,000 (\$2,496,039)**, which is a 4.55 percent increase from the amount given twelve months ago. The runner-up, Casper Ruud, will receive **€1,150,000 (\$1,248,019)** as a recognition of his commendable efforts in the competition.

#### List of Winners French Open 2023:

Title	Winner	Runner up
<b>Men's Singles</b>	Novak Djokovic	Casper Ruud
<b>Women's Singles</b>	Iga Świątek	Karolina Muchova
<b>Men's doubles</b>	Ivan Dodig and Austin Krajicek	Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen
<b>Women's doubles</b>	Hsieh Su-Wei and Wang Xinyu	Taylor Townsend and Leylah Fernandez
<b>Mixed doubles</b>	Miyu Kato and Tim Pütz	Bianca Andreescu and Michael Venus

### Australia Crowned with ICC World Test Championship 2023

**Australia** clinched the title of World Test Champions in a commanding fashion, securing a resounding 209-run victory over **India** in the thrilling **WTC Final** at **The Oval**. Travis Head and Steve Smith's remarkable centuries in the first innings laid the foundation for Australia's early control of the Test. Despite India's valiant response, the match extended to a fifth day, but they fell short of an extraordinary record chase, ultimately being bowled out for 234. Australia scripted history on Sunday, June 11 as they became the first men's team in world cricket to win an International Cricket Council (ICC) world title in all three formats.

**Player of the Match:** Travis Head (163 off 174 balls in 1st innings, 18 off 27 balls in 2nd innings). Australia won the ICC Test Championship mace for the first time, and were also awarded the cash prize of US\$1.6 million, while India won US\$800,000.

#### AUSTRALIA'S ICC TITLE'S (MEN'S CRICKET)

- 50-over World Cups: 1987, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2015
- Champions Trophy: 2006, 2009
- T20 World Cup – 2021
- World Test Championship – 2021-23

### ICC Player of the Month for May 2023 revealed

#### ICC Men's Player of the Month for May 2023

**Harry Tector** has been selected as the **ICC Men's Player of the Month for May**, marking Ireland's first-ever recipient of the award. He emerged victorious in a tough competition against the renowned Pakistani cricketer **Babar Azam** and Bangladesh's promising young batter **Najmul Hossain Shanto**. On the other hand, the ICC Women's Player of the Month for May 2023 has been awarded to **Thipatcha Putthawong (Thailand)**, a talented 19-year-old player. She follows in the footsteps of her compatriot Naruemol Chaiwai, who won the award last month. Both players were selected as the standout performers following a vote conducted among a specialist panel comprising ICC Hall of Famers, former international players, and media representatives, and global cricket fans registered at icc-cricket.com, who had been voting since the nominees were announced last week.

**Important points**

- Tector has been enjoying a sustained period of good batting form in One-Day International (ODI) cricket dating back to July 2022, and his recent run-scoring feats have seen him shoot up to a highest-ever position of seventh spot in the MRF Tyres ICC Men’s ODI batting rankings.
- Newly crowned ICC Women’s Player of the Month Thipatcha Putthawong became Thailand’s latest winner of the award following a flurry of impressive bowling figures in her country’s gold-medal winning performance at the Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in May. The left-armer took 11 wickets in four T20Is during the performance period at a staggering average of 1.54, enjoying successive spells of four wickets for three runs, three for three, and three for two against the Philippines, Malaysia and Myanmar respectively in Thailand’s surge to gold.

**Community Spirit Index: Indian City Is Ranked Second Most Unfriendly City In the World**

In the recent ranking by the **Community Spirit Index**, 53 cities from different countries have been given ranks based on how friendly and unfriendly their residents are. For this purpose, 6 metrics have been considered. Toronto and Sydney are named the world’s top friendliest countries in the index while India’s capital New Delhi and Mumbai are among the most unfriendly cities in the world.

New York, Dublin, Copenhagen, Montreal and Manchester are also among the world’s top friendliest countries. India’s financial capital Mumbai is ranked the second most unfriendliest city in the world by Preply which prepared the Community Spirit Index.

**Most friendly cities in the world**

1. Toronto
2. Sydney
3. Edinburgh
4. Manchester
5. New York
6. Montreal
7. Melbourne
8. San Francisco
9. Dublin
10. Copenhagen

**Mumbai and Delhi among the world’s least friendly cities**

Accra in Ghana was ranked as the least friendly city in the world for non-natives, with a friendliness score of just 3.12 out of 10. Marrakech in Morocco ranks at 2 as the second least friendly city in the world with a score of 3.69, followed by Mumbai, Kuala Lumpur, Rio de Janeiro, and Delhi. Mumbai has 3.91 per cent “friendly staff” while Delhi has 3.27 per cent, according to the index. Mumbai scored 3.78 for happiness while Delhi was at 4.01.

1. Ghana
2. Morocco
3. Mumbai
4. Kuala Lumpur
5. Rio de Janeiro
6. Delhi

**Telangana’s 5 structures chosen for the Green Apple Awards**

In the Urban and Real Estate Sector category, Telangana has been awarded with the International Green Apple Awards for Beautiful Buildings. For the first time any building or structure in India has received these prestigious awards. The awards are presented annually by The Green Organization, an independent non-profit organisation based in London, to recognize and promote global environmental best practices.

**The five selected buildings and structures from Telangana are as follows:**

1. Mozzam-Jahi Market (Heritage category)
2. Durgam Cheruvu Cable Bridge (Bridge category)
3. B R Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat Building falls under the aesthetically designed office and workspace category
4. Integrated Command Control Center of Telangana Police is a distinctive type of office.
5. Yadadri Temple (Excellent religious structures category)

Each of these buildings has been recognized for their unique attributes such as exceptional restoration and re-use, innovative engineering, well-thought-out design, advanced technology and devotion to detail. The Green Apple Awards play an important part in recognizing and promoting eco-friendly building and design methods.

**About Green Organisation:**

The Green Organisation, founded in London in 1994, is an independent non-profit organisation that focuses on recognizing, rewarding, and promoting environmental best practices globally. The green organisation has been organising the annual ‘Green Apple Awards’ since 2016, with the aim of recognizing and honouring environmentally responsible construction and design practices.

**National Affairs**

- The **Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal**, launched the 'Sagar Samridhi' online dredging monitoring system as part of the 'Waste to Wealth' initiative of the ministry. The **National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC)** developed the system, which replaces the old Draft and Loading Monitor system and offers improved efficiency and transparency. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The insurance regulator of India has recently released a directive to all insurers operating in the country to establish unique 14-digit identifiers, known as **Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) IDs**, for all individuals residing within India. This new rule applies to both fresh insurance applicants and established policyholders. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary Constituency** stands out as one of the most developed constituencies among the 550 Parliamentary Constituencies in India. With its remarkable progress and comprehensive growth, the constituency serves as a shining example of development. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) in India has recently cracked down on over 150 websites and YouTube-based news channels since May 2021. These actions were taken in response to the production of content deemed "anti-India" and in violation of Section 69A of the **Information Technology (IT) Act**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **National Archives of India** organized exhibition "Hamari Bhasha, Hamari Virasat" on the occasion of 75th International Archives Day. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Education loans register **17% growth** in FY23, turning **positive** for first time in five years. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** flagged off **Gabon's** first Agri- SEZ project from New Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's **Animation, Gaming, Visual Effects, and Comics (AVGC) sector** is set to make a remarkable impression on the global stage as the country participates for the first time at the prestigious Annecy International Animation Festival (AIAF) in **France**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **UNGA** (United Nations General Assembly) has adopted by consensus a draft resolution piloted by **India** to establish a memorial wall in the UN headquarters to honour fallen **peacekeepers**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society:** At a special meeting presided over by Defence Minister **Shri Rajnath Singh**, who is Vice-President of the **Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society**, it was resolved to change the society's name to Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The central government of India has recently taken a proactive step towards improving the well-being of its employees by introducing the "Y-Break – Yoga at Office Chair" protocol. This initiative, spearheaded by the **Ministry of AYUSH** (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homoeopathy), aims to help professionals relieve stress, rejuvenate their energy levels, and enhance concentration. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**States in the News**

- Madhya Pradesh **Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** launched the **Ladli Behna Yojana 2023**, with the first installment of **Rs 1,000** deposited into the accounts of beneficiary women in Jabalpur. CM Chouhan assured the women that the scheme was not limited to Rs 1,000 and that he intended to gradually increase the amount as funds became available, with plans to raise the support to **Rs 1,200, Rs 1,500, Rs 1,700, and Rs 2,000 per month**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Palkhi** festival is an annual yatra to **Pandharpur** – the seat of the Hindu god **Vithoba** in Maharashtra, in honour of the deity. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Raja or Raja Parba or Mithuna Sankranti** is a three-day-long festival of womanhood celebrated in Odisha, India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Arunachal Pradesh** Police has introduced '**Arunpol App**' & 'e-Vigilance portal' for safety & security of the citizens of the state. ([Click here to read the article](#))



**International Affairs**

- **India and Serbia** have set an ambitious target of achieving a bilateral trade volume of one billion euros by the end of the decade. President Droupadi Murmu of India and her Serbian counterpart, Aleksandar Vucic, have expressed their commitment to strengthen bilateral relations and explore new areas of cooperation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **INS Trishul**, a leading battleship of the Indian Navy, sailed to Durban port in South Africa to observe the 130th anniversary of an event that happened on 7 June 1893 at the **Pietermaritzburg railway station**. The event marked the eviction of Mahatma Gandhi from a train, which further prompted his fight against discrimination. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- China has achieved a major milestone in its pursuit of **hypersonic technology** with the completion of the world's most powerful wind tunnel. Known as the JF-22, this groundbreaking facility is set to play a pivotal role in China's hypersonic ambitions, enabling the country to make significant strides in the development of hypersonic vehicles. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **US Geological Survey (USGS)** has downgraded the safety alert for **Kilauea volcano** in Hawaii, following a new eruption. The alert level has been reduced from **"WARNING" to "WATCH"** as effusion rates have declined and no infrastructure is threatened. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **New Zealand's economy** has slipped into a recession, as the first-quarter Gross Domestic Product (GDP) fell by 0.1 percent. This decline follows a revised 0.7 percent drop in GDP in the fourth quarter of 2022, meeting the technical definition of a recession. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)**, more commonly referred to as the Iran nuclear agreement, was established in July 2015 between **Iran** and multiple global powers, including the **United States**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **United Kingdom** has announced the appointment of senior diplomat **Jane Marriott** as the next British High Commissioner to Pakistan, making her the **first female British envoy to Islamabad**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **UNESCO** has announced that the **United States will rejoin the agency in July**, four years after leaving due to allegations of bias against Israel. The move to rejoin will require a vote by member states, but is expected to pass easily. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi's** upcoming visit to the United States from June 21 to June 24 is one of the most important diplomatic visits of 2023, highlighting the significance of India's geopolitical role. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Japan's parliament has raised the age of consent from 13 to 16, a limit which had remained unchanged for more than a century and was among the world's lowest consent age. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Agreements/MoUs Signed**

- The Government of India and the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** have signed a **\$130 million** loan agreement to support initiatives aimed at increasing agricultural productivity, improving irrigation access, and promoting horticulture agribusinesses in Himachal Pradesh. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have set an ambitious target to increase their non-oil bilateral trade from the current USD 48 billion to USD 100 billion by 2030. The decision was reached during the first meeting of the Joint Committee of **India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)**. Both countries aim to double their non-petroleum trade in the next seven years, emphasizing the need to enhance trade cooperation beyond the oil sector. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The successful launch of the **Rohini RH-300 Mk-II** sounding rocket from Svalbard, Norway, on November 20, 1997, marked a significant milestone in the collaboration between the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Norway's space agency**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant initiative aimed at supporting and empowering **ex-servicemen**, the Ministry of Defence has partnered with Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Ltd. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the **Directorate General Resettlement (DGR)**, an arm of the Ministry of Defence, and Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Ltd. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Government of India and the United Nations have signed the Government of India – United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027 (GoI-UNSDCF). This collaboration between **NITI Aayog**, the government policy think tank, and the UN in India aims to advance India's sustainable development goals. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Books and Authors**

- **Ashwinder R Singh** is a well-known real estate expert in India, and his new book, **Master Residential Real Estate**, is a comprehensive guide to the industry. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ambassador Satish Chandra**, an Indian diplomat, has penned a book titled **'A Life Well Spent – Four Decades in the Indian Foreign Service,'** chronicling his extensive career in the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) from 1965 to 2005. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Banking/Economy/Business News**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, in collaboration with the Central Government, has introduced four crucial measures to bolster the strength of 1,514 Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) in the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME) and **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** have joined forces to introduce the NBFC Growth Accelerator Program (NGAP). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** has emerged as the global leader in digital payments for the year 2022, surpassing other nations in terms of both value and volume of transactions. The data from the government's citizen engagement platform, MyGovIndia, reveals India's dominant position in the **digital payment** landscape, showcasing the country's robust payment ecosystem and widespread adoption of digital modes. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Moody's Investors Service has forecasted a **growth rate** of 6-6.3% for India's GDP in the June quarter. While this estimate is lower than the Reserve Bank of India's projection of 8% for the first quarter, Moody's remains cautious about fiscal slippage due to weaker-than-expected government revenues. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Ministry of Finance** announced that the **Central government** had provided the state governments with the third instalment of tax devolution worth a total of ₹1,18,280 crore. **Andhra Pradesh** received ₹4,787 crore, while **Arunachal Pradesh** was given ₹2,078 crore. Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, and Gujarat received ₹3,700 crore, ₹11,897 crore, ₹4,030 crore, and ₹4,114 crore, respectively. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Credit and finance for MSMEs:** The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) announced the launch of mission EVOLVE (Electric Vehicle Operations and Lending for Vibrant Ecosystem) in conjunction with the **NITI Aayog, World Bank, Korean-World Bank, and Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF)** to provide financial support for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) involved in the electric vehicle space. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- India's retail inflation has decreased to a 25-month low of 4.25% in May due to falling food prices, which is in line with the predictions of economists. This brings the **consumer price index-based (CPI)** inflation closer to the **Reserve Bank of India's** medium-term target of 4%. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has taken a significant step towards strengthening its presence in North East India by opening a sub-office in Kohima, the capital of Nagaland. With this move, RBI aims to expand its reach in the region and better serve the financial needs of the people. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Equitas Holdings Ltd, a prominent non-banking financial company (NBFC) in India, has voluntarily surrendered its NBFC licence to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). As a result, the RBI has cancelled Equitas Holdings' registration. The decision was made under the powers granted to the central bank by Section 45-IA (6) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced that it currently has no plans to introduce separate regulations for **social media influencers** in the financial markets, stating that the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** already has measures in place to address the issue. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Oil Corp (IOC)**, one of India's largest oil refiners, has announced its collaboration with LanzaJet, a leading sustainable fuels technology company, to establish an aviation fuel plant in Haryana. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Fino Payments Bank** has announced its collaboration with Sequoia Capital-backed fintech **Hubble** to launch India's first spending account. This innovative offering allows customers to conveniently park their funds, make purchases across various categories such as food ordering, shopping, travel, and entertainment, and save up to 10 percent on all transactions made through the account. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The latest data from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation reveals that India's retail inflation, as measured by the **consumer price index (CPI)**, dropped to a more than two-year low of 4.25% in May 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Google's adtech business** may have to be sold to address concerns around anti-competitive practices, according to the **European Union**. In a statement of objections, the commission highlighted practices such as favouring **Google advertising services**, which could result in the payment of a fine amounting to 10% of the company's annual global turnover. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **RING**, a digital credit platform in India, is collaborating with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to implement its UPI Plug-in feature into its existing digital services. This agreement will allow RING to provide its customers with a 'Scan & Pay' option, as well as attracting new customers who prefer to use UPI for payments. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's overall exports** in May 2023 stood at US\$60.29 billion, comprising both merchandise and services. While there was a decline in exports compared to the same period last year, several sectors demonstrated positive growth. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **State Bank of India (SBI)**, the country's largest public sector bank, has presented a dividend cheque of Rs 5,740 crore to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for the financial year 2022-23. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)**, a public sector lender based in Chennai, has launched a groundbreaking scheme called 'My Account My Name,' which enables customers to select any name as their savings account number. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Appointments/Resignations

- Senior IAS officers **Amit Agrawal and Subodh Kumar Singh** have been appointed as **CEO Unique Identification Authority of India** and director general of the **National Testing Agency**, respectively, as part of a bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **IndiGo** announced that its CEO, **Pieter Elbers**, has been elected as the chair-elect of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Board of Governors. He will succeed present Chair, **Yvonne Manzi Makolo**, the CEO of Rwandair with effect from June 2024. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Printer company **Epson India** has signed actor **Rashmika Mandanna** as its brand ambassador. The actress will collaborate with the company to promote its products in a multi-media campaign for its 'EcoTank' printers this month. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Uttam Lal** has assumed the role of Director (Personnel) at **NHPC Limited India**, a leading hydropower company in India. Before joining NHPC, Mr. Lal held the position of Chief General Manager (HR-CSR/R&R/LA) at NTPC Limited. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Gopichand Hinduja, 83**, has taken over as the Chairman of the Hinduja Group after the recent demise of his brother Srichand P Hinduja. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Defence News

- The **Indian Navy** carried out a massive operation in the Arabian Sea involving more than 35 aircraft as part of a **Carrier Battle Group (CBG)**. This was one of the most significant demonstrations of the Navy's operational capabilities to date, and comes at a time when there are increasing Chinese forays into the **Indian Ocean**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The 12th edition of the joint military exercise "**Ex Ekuverin**" between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force has commenced at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The fourth ship of the **Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) Project**, named 'Sanshodhak' meaning 'Researcher', was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai by L and T/ GRSE for the **Indian Navy**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In anticipation of Prime Minister **Narendra Modi's** upcoming visit to the **United States**, the Defence Ministry of India has granted approval for the acquisition of 'Predator (MQ-9 Reaper) drones' from America. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **INS Dega**: Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Naval Command, officially opened the Naval Airfield Integrated Security System (NAISS) and the Naval Anti-Drone System (NADS) at INS Dega in Visakhapatnam, both of which were created in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian Navy recently launched an outreach program called "Julley Ladakh" (Hello Ladakh) to increase awareness about the Navy and engage with the youth and civil society in the pristine state of Ladakh. Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh, the Vice Chief of Naval Staff, flagged off a 5000 km Motorcycle Expedition on June 15, 2023, from the National War Memorial as part of this initiative. ([Click here to read the article](#))



### Awards and Recognitions

- A documentary titled **'When Climate Change Turns Violent** has won a special prize in the **'Health for All'** category at the 4th Annual Health for All Film Festival held at the World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Geological Survey of India Training Institute (GSITI)**, operating under the Ministry of Mines, has received accreditation from the **National Accreditation Board of Education and Training (NABET)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Actor-author Paterson Joseph has won the RSL Christopher Bland Prize 2023 for his debut novel 'The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho'. This is the 5th year of this award. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Chennai-based lawyer and activist **Lalitha Natarajan** has won US Department of Labor's **2023 Iqbal Masih Award** for the Elimination of Child Labour. Natarajan was presented the award by Consul General Judith Ravin at a ceremony in the US Consulate General in Chennai on May 30. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Shaktikanta Das**, the Governor of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, was honored with the esteemed Governor of the Year Award for 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Historian and writer **Ramchandra Guha's** book **Rebels Against the Raj: Western Fighters for India's Freedom** has won the **Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography 2023**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Summits and Conferences News

- The **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)** of India, **Shri Girish Chandra Murmu**, holds the position of Chair of the **Supreme Audit Institutions-20 (SAI20)** Engagement Group during **India's G20 Presidency**. The SAI20 Summit is scheduled to take place in Goa from 12th to 14th June 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The inaugural **Hindu-American Summit** for political engagement, organised by a group of **Indian Americans**, was scheduled to take place at the **US Capitol Hill** on June 14. The summit's primary objective is to bring attention and support for the concerns and issues faced by the **Hindu community**, which has been underrepresented in politics. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Ranks and Reports

- The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) recently released its annual Yearbook, providing valuable insights into the state of global nuclear arsenals. This article highlights SIPRI's key findings, focusing on **China's nuclear expansion**, India and Pakistan's growing arsenals, and general trends observed across the globe. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Forbes' latest Global 2000** list has ranked Billionaire **Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Limited** as the highest-ranking Indian company, climbing from the 53rd to the 45th spot this year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The fifth edition of the **Global Slavery Index** provides a global overview of modern slavery and is based on the 2022 estimates. The index is created by Walk Free, a human rights organization, and is based on data from the Global Estimates of Modern Slavery, produced by the **International Labour Organization (ILO)**, Walk Free, and **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Sports News

- **Uruguay** beat **Italy** 1-0 to win its first Under-20 World Cup title held in Argentina. The Celeste's victory ends a streak of four consecutive wins of European teams in the tournament. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **KIIT** hosted the inaugural **Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav**, which is a spectacular sporting event that came to a close on June 12. The event has attracted around 5,000 indigenous athletes and 1,000 officials who represent 26 states. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Asia Cup 2023 is scheduled to take place from 31st August to 17th September, offering nearly three weeks of intense cricketing action. The tournament will feature a hybrid model, with matches being held in both Pakistan and Sri Lanka. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- Pakistan women's cricketer **Nahida Khan** has announced her retirement from international cricket, bringing an end to a remarkable career that spanned over a decade. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Schemes and Committees News

- India, as one of the world's fastest-growing economies, heavily relies on coal and lignite as primary sources of energy. To ensure a sustainable and uninterrupted supply, the Indian government has extended the '**Exploration of Coal and Lignite Scheme**' from 2021-22 to 2025-26. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian central government announced on May 31 that it will start accepting applications from June 1 onwards for the establishment of **semiconductor** and **display fabrication units in India** as part of the '**Modified Semicon India Programme**'. This program will be open for applications until December 2024. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union home minister **Amit Shah** conducted a meeting with disaster management ministers from states and union territories to discuss disaster risk reduction and strengthen the country's disaster management system. While presiding over the meeting, Shah announced three major schemes valued at over ₹8,000 crore to improve disaster management efforts across the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The new initiative of celebrating the '**Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana**' as the '**God Bharai**' ceremony in **Dausa, Rajasthan** has received praise from the Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** has successfully certified 98 trainers who participated in the cluster-based Training of Trainers (ToT) project. This initiative was carried out in collaboration with the Automotive Sector Development Council (ASDC), GIZ-IGVET, and the Maharashtra State Skill Development Mission (MSSDS). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme 2023-24**, announced by the Government of India, offers individuals and eligible entities an opportunity to invest in gold in a convenient and secure manner. The SGBs are issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on behalf of the government, serving as an alternative to physical gold investments. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **Infrastructure Finance Secretariat (IFS)** is continuously introducing measures to encourage private investment in infrastructure. To support this objective, the IFS has redesigned its website, [www.pppinindia.gov.in](http://www.pppinindia.gov.in), to provide greater value to stakeholders involved in **Public Private Partnership (PPP)** projects. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Science and Technology News

- The bright red star Betelgeuse, called '**Thiruvathirai**' or '**Ardra**' in Indian astronomy, is easily spotted in the constellation Orion. Recent studies on the **colossal red giant star Betelgeuse** suggest that it is approaching the late stages of its life, specifically the carbon-burning phase, and there is a possibility that it will explode as a supernova within the next few decades. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)** have made significant progress in the field of air pollution monitoring by developing a low-cost mobile air pollution monitoring framework. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Important Days News

- **World Day Against Child Labour**, observed on June 12th, aims to inspire a global movement against child labour. With the slogan "**Social Justice for All. End Child Labour!**" in 2023, it highlights the connection between social justice and the eradication of child labour. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Albinism Awareness Day** is observed annually on **13th June** to create awareness about a genetic skin condition called Albinism, and promote the rights and regulations of Albinism on a global level. This year's theme, "**Inclusion is Strength**," builds on last year's theme of "United in making our voice heard." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Blood Donor Day** is observed annually on **June 14** to express gratitude towards selfless voluntary blood donors and celebrate the essence of life and humanity. The slogan or theme of the **World Blood Donor Day 2023** is "**Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often**." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)** is an annual event observed on **June 15th** to raise awareness about the mistreatment, discrimination, and neglect endured by elderly individuals. The United Nations has designated the theme for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2023 as "**Closing the Circle: Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Older Age Policy, Law, and Evidence-based Responses**." ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **Global Wind Day**, also known as World Wind Day, is a global event celebrated annually on **June 15th**. It serves as an opportunity to explore the potential of wind energy, its capacity to transform our energy systems, reduce carbon emissions in our economies, and stimulate job creation and economic growth.
- **The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR)** is a universally-recognized observance adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and celebrated every year on **16 June**. According to the United Nations, the theme of International Day of Family Remittances 2023 is **“Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction.”** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought** is an annual observance held on **June 17th**. This year, the theme of the International Day Against Desertification, and Drought **“Her land. Her rights”**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Obituaries News

- **Silvio Berlusconi**, the billionaire media mogul who served as **Italian prime minister multiple times between 1994 and 2011**, has died. He was 86. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Cormac McCarthy**, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of such acclaimed novels as “The Road” and “No Country for Old Men,” passed away. McCarthy was born in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1933. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Daniel Ellsberg**, a U.S. military analyst, passed away at the age of 92. He became known for leaking the **“Pentagon Papers,”** which exposed how the U.S. government deceived the public about the Vietnam War. This revelation sparked a significant fight for freedom of the press. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Miscellaneous News

- The **Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** is set to upgrade its membership status with the **International Social Security Association (ISSA)** from associate member to affiliate member. This will enable the **EPFO** to gain access to professional guidelines, expert knowledge, services, and support for its pension subscribers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In the early hours of June 17, 2013, an overwhelming flood caused by the **Chorabari lake’s** overflowing banks in Uttarakhand devastated everything in its path, including people’s lives and houses. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- A cyclone named Biparjoy made landfall in Gujarat, India on June 15, 2023. The cyclone had maximum sustained winds of 167 kilometers per hour (103 miles per hour) and gusts up to 200 kilometers per hour (124 miles per hour). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has collaborated with **Falu**, an Indian-American Grammy Award-winning singer, for a special song aimed at promoting the benefits of millet and its potential to address global hunger. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has awarded the **Eat Right Station certification to Guwahati Railway Station** for its provision of high-quality and nutritious food to passengers. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Static Takeaways

- International Labour Organization head: Gilbert Hougbo;
- International Labour Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- International Labour Organization Founded: 1919.
- International Air Transport Association (IATA) Headquarters: Montreal, Canada
- International Air Transport Association (IATA) Founded: 19 April 1945, Havana, Cuba.
- Geological Survey of India Founder: Thomas Oldham;
- Geological Survey of India Founded: 4 March 1851;
- Geological Survey of India Parent organization: Ministry of Mines;
- Geological Survey of India Headquarters: Kolkata, West Bengal, India.
- ISRO Chairman: S. Somanath;
- ISRO foundation Date: 15th August, 1969;
- ISRO Founder: Dr. Vikram Sarabhai.
- Haryana Capital: Chandigarh;
- Haryana Governor: Bandaru Dattatreya;
- Haryana Chief minister: Manohar Lal Khattar.
- United Nations General Assembly Headquarters: New York, United States;
- United Nations General Assembly Founded: 1945;
- United Nations General Assembly Founder: United Nations.
- European Wind Energy Association Chairperson: Sven Utermohlen;
- European Wind Energy Association Founded: 2012;
- European Wind Energy Association Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium.

- Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) of India: General Manoj Pande
- Defence Minister of India: Rajnath Singh
- Commander-In-Chief, Andaman & Nicobar Command (CINCAN): Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan AVSM
- Chief of the Air Staff of India: Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari PVSM AVSM VM ADC
- Chief of Naval Staff of India: Admiral R Hari Kumar
- UNESCO Director General: Audrey Azoulay
- UN Chairman: António Guterres
- Co-founder & CTO, RING: Karan Mehta
- Chief of Corporate and Fintech Relationships and Key Initiatives, NPCI: Nalin Bansal
- FSSAI Founded: 5 September 2008;
- FSSAI Chief Executive Officer: G. Kamala Vardhana Rao;
- FSSAI Chairperson: Rajesh Bhushan;
- FSSAI Headquarters: New Delhi;
- FSSAI Parent agency: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India;
- FSSAI Founder: Anbumani Ramadoss.

