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Bihar Caste Census Reveals Demographic Insights

The Bihar government recently released the results of its caste survey, shedding light on the state's demographic composition. While it is important to note that no detailed analysis has been conducted yet, the survey provides valuable data on caste distribution in Bihar.

Bihar Caste Census: Key Demographic Breakdowns

Here are the key findings from the Bihar caste survey:

1. OBCs and EBCs Dominate:

- Extremely Backward Class (EBC) comprises 36.01% of the population.
- Other Backward Class (OBC) constitutes 27.13% of the population.

2. Scheduled Castes and Tribes:

- Scheduled Caste (SC) population stands at 19.65%.
- Scheduled Tribe (ST) population is 1.68%.

3. General Caste and Yadavs:

- General Caste population is 15.52%.
- Yadavs represent 14% of the population.

4. Religious Composition:

- Hindus make up 82% of the population.
- Muslims account for 17.71%.

Additional Insights:

The survey also provides insights into specific caste groups:

6. Yadavs, Kushwahas, and Kurmis:

- Among OBCs, Yadavs constitute 14.26%.
- Kushwaha and Kurmi castes make up 4.27% and 2.87%, respectively.

7. Large-Scale Data Collection:

- The caste survey encompassed 17 socio-economic indicators, including caste.
- It was conducted in three phases, involving approximately 2.64 lakh enumerators documenting data from 29 million registered households.
- A total of 214 castes were identified and assigned individual codes.

8. Implications for Reservations:

- The survey's findings may open the door to challenging the 50% ceiling on reservations in the state.

9. Government Initiatives:

- The Bihar government launched the two-phase caste survey in January, recording both economic status and caste data for around 12.70 crore people in the state.

10. Comparison with Previous Data:

- The Union Government had conducted a caste survey in 2011 (SECC-2011), but the data was never made public.

National Affairs

- In a bid to bridge the generational gap and ignite a renewed interest in the age-old fabric, the **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** inaugurated a revamped **Khadi India outlet** at the prestigious **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Campus in Delhi** on October 2. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Union government of India** has notified the constitution of the **national turmeric board**, which will focus on the development and growth of turmeric and turmeric products in the country. Turmeric is majorly cultivated in **Tamil Nadu, Telangana state, Karnataka, MP, Odisha, Bengal and Gujarat**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Ministry of Tourism, India**, took center stage as it organized the inaugural ceremony for the **Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Travel Mart 2023** in the vibrant city of New Delhi. The **46th edition** of this prestigious event is being held at the magnificent **International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC)** within Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- On **October 4th**, the Union Cabinet approved the establishment of a tribal university in **Telangana**, named **The Sarakka Central Tribal University**. This university, with a budget of **Rs 889 crore**, will be located in **Mulugu district**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the country's first high-tech sports training centre for Divyangjan, named after former **Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**. This initiative aims to provide equal opportunities in sports, enhance talent, and encourage participation in various sports disciplines. Divyangjan from all over the country can practice and train in the **Atal Bihari Training Center for Divyang Sports**. ([Click to read complete article](#))

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States in the News

- All 6,650 villages of **Jammu and Kashmir** have been declared **Open Defecation-Free (ODF) Plus Model** under the Swachh Bharat Mission. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir has achieved a status that extends beyond constructing toilets; it encompasses the management of **greywater** and **solid waste** in each village. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin** recently celebrated the achievements of **nine eminent space scientists from the state**, including renowned figures like **K Sivan** and **Mylswamy Annadurai**, for their remarkable contributions to India's space program. In a special event held in **Chennai on 2nd October 2023**, **Chief Minister Stalin** announced **cash awards of Rs.25 lakh** for each of the scientists and unveiled plans for a scholarship program to encourage scientific innovation among postgraduate engineering students. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, **Shri Arjun Munda**, inaugurated the **4th Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) National Cultural & Literary Fest** and **Kala Utsav-2023** in the picturesque city of **Dehradun** on the 3rd of October, 2023. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Slightly sour and salty churpi, a naturally fermented cheese prepared from the milk of Arunachali yak, nurtured in the high-altitude areas of **Arunachal Pradesh**, has recently received the prestigious **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**. This recognition not only celebrates the culinary heritage of the region but also plays a vital role in the conservation of the yak population in the Himalayan region. Churpi, rich in protein, has been a lifeline for tribal yak herders in the harsh, vegetation-starved, cold, and hilly mountainous regions of the state. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In an important development towards gender equality and women's empowerment, the **Madhya Pradesh government** has announced a groundbreaking policy to **reserve 35% of all state government job positions for women**, excluding the Forest Department. This progressive amendment to the **Madhya Pradesh Civil Services (Special Provision for Appointment of Women) Rules, 1997**, comes just ahead of the upcoming state assembly elections. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **49th All India Police Science Congress (AIPSC)** organized by the **Uttarakhand Police** commenced today, October 7th at the **Forest Research Institute in Dehradun**. With the theme of "**Policing in Amrit Kaal**," this annual event, held under the auspices of the **Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)**, promises to be a platform for insightful discussions on various aspects of modern policing. The event will be graced by **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** as the Chief Guest and **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami** as the Guest of Honor. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- The **inaugural edition** of the **Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)** – NITI Aayog State Workshop Series on Enabling Women-led Development through Entrepreneurship was organized at CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) Auditorium, **Goa**. The workshop was held in collaboration with the Government of Goa with a focus on the western region of the country. ([Click to read complete article](#))

International Affairs

- Indonesian President **Joko Widodo** officially inaugurated Southeast Asia's first high-speed railway on Monday, marking a significant milestone for the nation's infrastructure development. The ambitious project, known as the "**Whoosh**" high-speed railway, is a key component of **China's Belt and Road Initiative** and is poised to dramatically reduce travel times between two vital Indonesian cities. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Pakistan's inflation rate** surged to 31.4% year-on-year in September, driven by soaring fuel and energy prices. This alarming increase followed a high of 27.4% in August, highlighting the severe economic challenges faced by the nation. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The tallest statue of the 'Architect of the Indian Constitution,' **B.R. Ambedkar**, known as the '**Statue of Equality**,' is set to be unveiled in Maryland on October 14. This statue of Ambedkar is an integral component of the Ambedkar International Center (AIC), currently under construction on a 13-acre plot in Accokeek city, Maryland. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Uganda Airlines** announced a significant milestone in its operations by commencing direct flight services between **Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport** and **Entebbe International Airport** in Uganda. This development marks a historic moment as it reconnects India and Uganda with a non-stop air service after more than 50 years of hiatus. The maiden flight for this route, **UR 430**, is scheduled to take off from Entebbe on 7 October, with the return flight, **UR 431**, departing from Mumbai on 8 October. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **eurozone economy** likely contracted in the third quarter of the year. Demand in the region saw a significant decline in September, marking the fastest pace of decrease in nearly three years. The final Composite **Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)**, compiled by S&P Global and considered a reliable indicator of overall economic health, inched up to 47.2 in September, compared to August's 46.7. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- **Bangladesh** recently received its first shipment of **uranium from Russia**, which will be used to fuel the country's **Rooppur nuclear power plant**. The plant, financed and constructed by **Russia's Rosatom**, is a significant project aimed at enhancing Bangladesh's electrical grid and supporting its growing economy. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Russian President **Vladimir Putin** recently announced the successful testing of a new nuclear-powered missile called "**Burevestnik**" during a speech that covered various topics, including nuclear weapons and international relations. This missile, known as "**Storm Petrel**," has raised concerns and questions about its capabilities and reliability. ([Click to read complete article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- In a groundbreaking development, Indian fintech unicorn **Slice** has officially confirmed its merger with **North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB)**. This announcement comes following the approval from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, marking a rare feat in the financial technology sector. The collaboration between Slice and NESFB aims to **revolutionize banking services** and expand financial inclusion in India. ([Click to read complete article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- In September 2023, India's Gross **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** revenues witnessed a significant slowdown, growing at the slowest pace in 27 months. The growth rate dropped to 10.2% from the previous months' approximately 10.8%. This decline, although notable, was coupled with some intriguing state-wise variations in GST collections. Despite the slowdown, GST collections improved by 2.3% over August, reaching ₹1,62,712 crore. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Despite substantial external challenges, **India's economy** remains robust, prompting the World Bank to maintain its growth forecast for the fiscal year **2023-24 at 6.3%**. This decision reflects India's remarkable resilience within a demanding global environment. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In September, **India's manufacturing sector** saw a notable slowdown, reaching a five-month low, as reported by the seasonally adjusted **S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)**. This index slipped to **57.5 from 58.6** in August, indicating a deceleration in activity. A PMI reading of 50 represents no change in activity levels. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- The **World Bank**, in its latest India Development Update, has revised its retail inflation forecast for India for the fiscal year **2023-24**. The new projection stands at **5.9 percent**, up from the earlier estimate of **5.2 percent** made in April. This upward revision is attributed to certain factors which caused a sharp increase in food prices in July 2023. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Beverage company **Coca-Cola India** made a significant announcement on Wednesday, unveiling its latest sustainability initiative with the launch of **fully recycled PET bottles** for its flagship Coca-Cola brand. This initiative is set to make a positive impact on both the environment and the Indian consumer market. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In a recent announcement, the government has decided to keep the interest rate on **General Provident Fund (GPF) savings** unchanged at 7.1% for the October-December quarter. This marks the 15th successive quarter where the government has maintained the status quo, ensuring stability for government employees' retirement savings. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In its latest trade and development report, the **UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** has revised **India's economic growth** forecast for 2023 upward to 6.6% from the earlier projection of 6%. However, the report also anticipates a slowdown in India's growth to 6.2% in 2024. Furthermore, the UNCTAD highlights concerns about the global economic outlook, with a deceleration to 2.4% in 2023, followed by a marginal improvement to 2.5% in 2024. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In a groundbreaking move aimed at enhancing accessibility and convenience in availing banking services, the **State Bank of India (SBI)** has introduced the '**Mobile Handheld Device**' for its Financial Inclusion (FI) customers. This pioneering initiative, unveiled by the Chairman of SBI, Shri Dinesh Khara, seeks to empower financial inclusion and extend essential banking services to the masses. ([Click to read complete article](#))

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- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has taken a significant step by forming an external working group (WG) to address the expected credit loss (ECL) framework for loan loss provisioning. This initiative aims to gather independent insights into the intricacies of this substantial shift in the banking sector. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- In **September**, the services sector in India experienced a significant boost in both domestic and international demand, reaching a **13-year high**, according to a survey-based index by **S&P Global Market Intelligence**. This index, known as the **Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)**, climbed to **61, up from 60.1** in August. Despite this growth, job creation was moderate. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- In a significant development, Centre has decided to extend the tenure of **Mr. Dinesh Khara** as the **Chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI)**, the nation's largest lender, until **August** of the following year. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- In a recent announcement, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** underscored the significance of addressing high inflation to maintain macroeconomic stability and sustainable growth. **RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das** emphasized the central bank's commitment to achieving a durable 4% inflation target while keeping benchmark interest rates unchanged for the fourth consecutive meeting. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- **REC Limited**, a prominent Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) specializing in Power Sector Financing and Development, announced the launch of its latest digital innovation, the **'SUGAM REC'** mobile application. This exclusive app has been specifically designed to cater to the needs of investors interested in **REC's 54EC Capital Gain Tax Exemption Bonds**. With 'SUGAM,' REC aims to simplify the investment process and enhance the overall experience for both existing and prospective investors. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- **Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB)** appointed former India captain **Ajay Jadeja** as the team mentor for the upcoming ODI World Cup, scheduled to be held in India from October 5 to November 19. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- In a significant move, **Anirban Mukherjee, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of PayU India**, has been promoted to the role of global CEO of PayU. This move signals a strategic shift within PayU to concentrate on its Indian operations and adapt to the rapidly evolving digital payments landscape in the country. **Laurent Le Moal, the current Global CEO**, will transition to an advisory role within the company. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced the appointment of **Muneesh Kapur** as an Executive Director (ED) starting from October 3, 2023. This significant appointment brings Mr. Kapur into a key leadership position within the central bank. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- Former managing director and CEO of HDFC Bank **Aditya Puri** joined Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP as senior adviser. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- **General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)** made a significant announcement regarding the appointment of its new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), **Ramaswamy N..** [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- Reliance Retail's **JioMart** has signed up **Mahendra Singh Dhoni**, India's most iconic cricketer, as its brand ambassador. Dhoni's association comes alongside the rebranding of their festive campaign JioMart to **"JioUtsav, Celebrations Of India,"** which is scheduled to launch on October 8, 2023. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)

Defence News

Appointments/Resignations

- Lieutenant General **Raghu Srinivasan** assumed the role of the **28th Director General (DG)** of the **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** on Saturday. This transition follows the superannuation of **Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry**. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- In a closely-watched election in the Maldives, **Mohamed Muizzu**, the candidate from the Progressive Party of Maldives (PPM), emerged victorious in the presidential polls after a runoff vote. This victory came after a first round of polling failed to produce a clear winner. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- The **Indian Navy** is preparing to host the **second edition** of the Naval Innovation and Indigenization Seminar, known as **Swavlamban**, scheduled to take place on October 4th and 5th in the vibrant city of New Delhi. This eagerly anticipated event promises to be a milestone moment, showcasing groundbreaking developments in naval technology. In particular, the Indian Navy is set to unveil two remarkable platforms at this event: the **Autonomous Weaponized Boat Swarms** and the **Autonomous Vessel Underwater (AUV)**. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** is making significant strides towards enhancing its air defense capabilities with the impending induction of indigenous **Astra Beyond Visual Range (BVR)** Air-to-Air Missiles. The IAF has entered into contracts with **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)** for these advanced missiles, marking a crucial step towards reducing import dependency and bolstering national security. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)

- **Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti**, AVSM, VSM, took over as the **Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff**, marking a significant transition in the leadership of the Indian Navy. With a distinguished career spanning over 35 years, Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his new role. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Air Chief Marshal **VR Chaudhari** announced that the Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to procure a range of weapon systems, including aircraft, helicopters, and missiles, with an estimated cost ranging from **Rs 2.5 lakh crore to Rs 3 lakh crore** over the next six to seven years. This move aligns with the government's push for self-reliance in defense production. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **India and Bangladesh** commenced the **11th edition** of their annual joint military exercise, **SAMPRITI**, in **Umroi, Meghalaya**. This collaborative endeavor, organized alternately by both countries, highlights their robust bilateral defence cooperation initiatives. Since its inception in Jorhat, Assam, in 2009, SAMPRITI has successfully conducted ten editions until 2022. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Amidst its ongoing efforts to modernize and replace its aging **Russian-origin aircraft**, the Indian Air Force (IAF) has announced plans to retire its iconic **MiG-21 fighter jets** and replace them with the indigenous **Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mark 1A**. Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari made this significant revelation during a press conference held in Delhi ahead of the **Air Force Day celebrations** scheduled for **October 8th** in Prayagraj. ([Click to read complete article](#))
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- State-run aircraft manufacturer **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** recently delivered the **first trainer version of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas** to the **Indian Air Force (IAF)**. This milestone is significant, as the **twin-seater Tejas trainer** will play a crucial role in training IAF pilots and can also serve as a fighter aircraft when needed. ([Click to read complete article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- **Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman** “for their discoveries concerning nucleoside base modifications that enabled the development of effective **mRNA vaccines against COVID-19**”. The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet has today decided to award the 2023 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz and Anne L’Huillier** “for experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in matter”. This year Nobel Laureates in Physics 2023 are being recognised for their experiments, which have given humanity new tools for exploring the world of **electrons inside atoms and molecules**. Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz and Anne L’Huillier have demonstrated a way to create extremely short pulses of light that can be used to measure the rapid processes in which electrons move or change energy. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Renowned author, philanthropist and the wife of Infosys co-founder **N.R. Narayana Murthy, Sudha Murthy**, was honored with the prestigious Global Indian Award by the **Canada India Foundation (CIF)** at a grand **Indo-Canadian gala in Toronto**. The award, which carries a **value of \$50,000**, is presented annually to an outstanding Indian personality who has left an indelible mark in their respective field. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Moungi G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus and Alexei I. Ekimov** “for the discovery and synthesis of **quantum dots**”. The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2023 rewards the discovery and development of quantum dots, nanoparticles so tiny that their size determines their properties. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Tamil writer **Ambai**, born **C.S. Lakshmi** in Coimbatore, has been awarded the prestigious **Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award**. ([Click to read complete article](#))



- **The Nobel Prize in Literature 2023** was awarded to **Norwegian author Jon Fosse or Jon Olav Fosse**, “for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable”. The Nobel Prize in Literature is awarded by the Swedish Academy, Stockholm, Sweden. The Nobel Prize amount for 2023 is set at Swedish kronor (SEK) 11.0 million per full Nobel Prize. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Sahitya Akademi**, India’s premier literary institution, has once again recognized and celebrated outstanding literary contributions with the prestigious ‘**Bal Sahitya Puraskar**’ for the year 2023. This time, the honor has been conferred upon **Dilip Nongmaithem**, an accomplished author in the **Manipuri language**, for his remarkable work titled “**Ibemma Amasung Ngabemma.**” This award is a testament to his profound storytelling and significant impact on children’s literature. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Narges Mohammadi** “for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all”. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Dr. Joyeeta Gupta**, an Indian-origin professor at the University of Amsterdam, has been awarded the prestigious **Dutch Spinoza Prize** for her groundbreaking work in the field of climate change. ([Click to read complete article](#))

Summits and Conferences News

- **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)** took a significant step towards realizing the vision of a “Garbage Free India.” Aligning with the national initiative championed by the Hon’ble Prime Minister, a unique event titled ‘**Shramdaan**’ was organized by the Ministry. The event aimed to foster a spirit of collective responsibility and action, bringing together participants from various MSME offices nationwide. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In a significant diplomatic gathering held in the **Russian City of Kazan**, representatives from various countries convened for the **fifth meeting of the Moscow Format Consultation on Afghanistan**. The meeting, which took place on **September 29, 2023**, featured special representatives and senior officials from **India, Russia, China, Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan**, among others. Notably, the acting minister for Foreign Affairs appointed by the Taliban in Afghanistan was also in attendance, alongside representatives from **Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Turkey**. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** is set to inaugurate the 10th edition of the **Vibrant Gujarat Summit** on January 10, 2024. Gujarat’s Chief Minister, **Bhupendrabhai Patel**, has emphasized the state’s status as an attractive investment destination and has extended an invitation to global businesses to participate in the Summit. The summit is scheduled to take place from January 10 to 12, 2024, at the Mahatma Mandir in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. ([Click to read complete article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- The **Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)** has released a biennial report highlighting the alarming annual losses in global infrastructure due to the worsening impacts of climate change and disasters. This report underscores the critical challenges faced by low-and-middle-income countries (LMICs) in maintaining resilient infrastructure systems. ([Click to read complete article](#))

Sports News

- At the Hangzhou Asian Games, **Tajinderpal Singh Toor** of India secured a **gold medal** in men’s shot put, making him the **fourth Indian shot putter** in history to successfully retain his Asian Games gold. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China, witnessed a historic moment as **Avinash Sable**, the Indian steeplechase sensation, secured a **gold medal** in the **3000m steeplechase event**. This remarkable achievement not only made Avinash Sable the **first Indian man to clinch gold in this event** but also marked a breaking of the previous Asian Games record. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Master training program for capacity-building within the **F4S program** was launched in **Sambalpur, Odisha**. This event saw the participation of 95 Physical Education Teachers/Trainees from various States/UTs, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS), and AIFF. The primary goal of this training was to equip these **educators with the skills and knowledge** needed to promote football as an integral part of physical education. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **India** won the **South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-19 Championship** after defeating **Pakistan 3-0** in a dominating display in the finals at the Dashrath Rangasala Stadium in **Kathmandu, Nepal**. It was India’s eighth youth title in the SAFF championships, a clear testimony of their regional supremacy. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- India's **Annu Rani** won the gold medal in the women's javelin throw with a 69.92m throw at the **Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou**. She became the first Indian woman to win a javelin gold in Asian Games history. Sri Lanka's **Nadeesha Dilhan** Lekamge Hatarabage, with 61.57 metres throw, and China's **Huihui Lyu**, with 61.29 metres throw, won silver and bronze, respectively. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Indian players **Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Pravin Ojas Deotale** won gold in the **Compound Archery Mixed Team**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has made an exciting announcement on Tuesday, designating the legendary cricketer **Sachin Tendulkar** as the '**Global Ambassador**' for the highly anticipated **Cricket World Cup 2023**. This prestigious event is scheduled to kick off tomorrow in the vibrant city of Ahmedabad, India. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **India** celebrated a remarkable 1-2 finish in the **Men's Javelin Throw competition at the Asian Games 2023**, held at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Park Main Stadium in the People's Republic of China. **Neeraj Chopra** secured the gold medal, while **Kishore Kumar Jena** clinched the silver, showcasing their exceptional talent on the grand continental stage. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The Indian quartet won gold medal in the men's 4x400m relay at the **Asian Games 2023** in Hangzhou, China. The team comprising of **Amoj Jacob, Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Rajesh Ramesh and Muhammad Ajmal Variyathodi** finished with a time of 3:01.58. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- India's men's compound team of **Abhishek Verma, Ojas Deotale and Prathamesh Jawkar** secured another archery **gold medal** after its 235-230 win against South Korea in the Asian Games. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- India's **Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Sandhu** won the gold medal in the mixed doubles squash tournament at the **Asian Games 2023** in Hangzhou, the People's Republic of China. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- India made history on **October 7, 2023**, by winning its **100th medal at the Asian Games for the first time ever**. This is a remarkable achievement, and it is a testament to the hard work and dedication of Indian athletes and coaches. India's 100th medal was won by the women's kabaddi team, who defeated Chinese Taipei 26-25 in a thrilling final. This medal was fittingly won by a team that has been so dominant in kabaddi over the years. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In a historic moment at the **Gongshu Canal Sports Park Stadium in Hangzhou**, the **Indian men's hockey team** secured a remarkable victory over **Japan**, winning the gold medal and earning a coveted spot at the **Paris 2024 Olympics**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In a heart-pounding final showdown at the **Xiaoshan Guali Sports Centre in Hangzhou**, the **Indian women's kabaddi team** emerged victorious against a determined Chinese Taipei, securing the gold medal in the **Asian Games 2023**. This article unravels the thrilling journey of the Indian women's kabaddi team, their remarkable performance, and their significant achievement in Asian Games history. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **India's Jyothi Surekha Vennam** won **gold medal** in the women's individual compound archery event at the **19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, on Saturday**. Jyothi defeated **So Chaewon of South Korea 149-145** in the final to complete a hat-trick of gold medals, having already won titles in the women's and mixed team events. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In the final of **19th Asian Games 2023**, on Saturday at the **Fuyang Yinhu Sports Centre, Indian archer Ojas Deotale from Nagpur** won gold medal in the men's individual compound archery event. This victory marks Ojas Deotale third gold medal in the Asian Games 2023, solidifying his position as one of India's most successful athlete in the tournament. ([Click to read complete article](#))

Schemes and Committees News

- The **Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) campaign**, which kicked off on September 15, reached its culmination on the eve of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. This nationwide initiative, also known as the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign, was led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and garnered widespread participation from citizens across India. The campaign was not just a standalone effort but a precursor to the grand celebration of 'Swachh Bharat Diwas' or 'Swachhata Diwas,' observed on October 2 each year. The theme for SHS-2023 was '**Garbage Free India**,' with a particular focus on visual cleanliness and the welfare of SafaiMitras (sanitation workers). ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi, or **PM SVANidhi scheme**, has achieved a significant milestone by providing assistance to **over 50 lakh street vendors** across the country. Street vendors have long been essential contributors to the urban informal economy, offering vital goods and services to urban residents. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- In a groundbreaking initiative to empower women, the **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** kick-started an all-female bikers' expedition rally named **'Yashasvini'** from **Srinagar to Gujarat** on Tuesday. The rally, an ode to women empowerment, was flagged off from the iconic Ghanta Ghar near the city center of **Lal Chowk in Srinagar**. The esteemed guest who inaugurated this remarkable journey was the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, **Manoj Sinha**. ([Click to read complete article](#))

Science and Technology News

- In a significant boost to the agri-tech sector, experts have recommended **24 start-ups** for technical and financial support from a dedicated fund of **Rs 20 crore**. This transformative initiative was announced during the **ATMAN (Agri sTartup deMo And funding) 2023 program**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Telecom giant **Nokia** has made a significant stride towards the future of wireless technology with the establishment of its state-of-the-art **6G lab** at the company's global R&D center in **Bengaluru, India**. This "first-of-its-kind" project is set to revolutionize the way we perceive and interact with the digital and physical worlds. ([Click to read complete article](#))

Important Days News

- Gandhi Jayanti**, celebrated on **October 2nd every year**, is a day of profound significance in India and around the world. It marks the **154th birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi**, fondly known as **Mahatma Gandhi, Bapu or the Father of the Nation**. "Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath" is the theme for 2 October Gandhi Jayanti, A national call to action for 1 Hour of citizen-led shramdaan for swachhata on 1st Oct, 2023 at 10 am. ([Click to read complete article](#))

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- On the **2nd October**, India celebrates not one but two great leaders who left an indelible mark on the nation's history. While the world observes Gandhi Jayanti on this day. It is also an occasion to commemorate the **birth anniversary of another remarkable leader, Lal Bahadur Shastri**. In 2023, Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti holds special significance as we remember the life and legacy of the man who served as **India's second Prime Minister**. Lal Bahadur Shastri, born on **October 2, 1904, in Mughalsarai, Uttar Pradesh**, remains an enduring symbol of selfless service and dedication to the nation. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- World Nature Day**, established by the **World Nature Organization (WNO)** on **October 3, 2010**, serves as a crucial platform to raise awareness about the challenges our environment faces, particularly due to climate change. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- World Space Week (WSW)** is a global celebration that highlights the significance of space science and technology in enhancing human life. Established in **1999** by the United Nations General Assembly, this annual event takes place from **October 4 to 10**. In this article, we delve into the origins, management, significance, and the theme of World Space Week 2023. The theme for World Space Week 2023 is "Space and Entrepreneurship." ([Click to read complete article](#))
- World Animal Day**, also known as **World Animal Welfare Day**, is a global initiative celebrated annually on **October 4th**. The theme for World Animal Day 2023, "Great or Small, Love Them All," emphasizes the importance of acknowledging animals as sentient beings. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- World Teachers' Day**, observed annually on **October 5th**, is a global celebration dedicated to honoring the invaluable contributions of teachers to society. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- World Nature Day**, established by the **World Nature Organization (WNO)** on **October 3, 2010**, serves as a crucial platform to raise awareness about the challenges our environment faces, particularly due to climate change. This year, the theme for World Nature Conversation Day 2023 is 'Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet'. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The National Zoological Park** recently kick-started the celebration of the **69th Wildlife Week**, a significant event aimed at raising awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation in India. This year's theme, "Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation," reflects the collaborative efforts required to protect and preserve the nation's rich biodiversity. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- **World Cotton Day**, observed on **October 7** each year, emphasises cotton's importance in generating jobs and supporting economies, especially in less developed countries. ([Click to read complete article](#))


Obituaries News

- Veteran **CPI(M) leader** and former legislator **Anathalavattom Anandan**, who played a key role in building the trade union base for the party in the state, passed away at a hospital on Thursday. He was 86 years old. Anandan's demise occurred while he was undergoing treatment at the Government Medical College hospital in Kerala for a prolonged illness. ([Click to read complete article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- On October 2nd, **Google Doodle** pays tribute to the **Appalachian Trail**, the longest hiking-only footpath in the world. This iconic trail has captivated the hearts of adventurers, nature enthusiasts, and explorers for nearly a century. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Basohli Pashmina**, an age-old traditional craft originating from the picturesque district of **Kathua** in **Jammu and Kashmir**, has recently earned the prestigious **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**. This recognition not only celebrates the exceptional craftsmanship of the artisans but also protects the authenticity and uniqueness of this artisanal heritage. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** is observed throughout the entire month of **October each year**. During this time, individuals, healthcare organizations, and nonprofits collaborate to raise awareness and promote breast cancer prevention and treatment. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Neev Literature Festival 2023** is scheduled to take place on October 7th and 8th, 2023, at the Neev Academy in **Yemalur, Bengaluru**. This year, the theme of the event is 'What is childhood without stories?'. ([Click to read complete article](#))

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- Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change:
Bhupender Yadav
- Chief of the Air Staff of India: Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- Chief Minister of Assam: Himanta Biswa Sarma
- President of Badminton World Federation: Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen
- Headquarters of Badminton World Federation: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Chairman & MD of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers (RCF): S. C. Mudgerikar
- Adobe CEO: Shantanu Narayen (1 Dec 2007–);
- Adobe Headquarters: San Jose, California, United States;
- Adobe Founders: Charles Geschke, John Warnock;
- Adobe Founded: December 1982, Mountain View, California, United States.
- Assam's Industries & Commerce Minister: Chandra Mohan Patowary
- The Chairman and Managing Director of VA Tech Wabag: Rajiv Mittal
- Singapore's Minister for Education: Mr Chan Chun Sing
- State Bank of India(SBI) Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- State Bank of India(SBI) Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- State Bank of India(SBI) Established in – 1955
- State Bank of India(SBI) Tagline – The Banker to Every Indian
- Managing Director & CEO of YES BANK: Mr. Prashant Kumar
- Chief executive officer (CEO) of Jio Financial Services: Hitesh Sethia
- Official currency of Thailand: Thai baht
- Khelo India Programme was launched in the year: 2018
- Chief Marketing and Communications Officer at Mastercard: Raja Rajamannar
- Chief Executive Officer of ICC: Geoff Allardice
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL): Shri Mihir Kanti Mishra
- Wrestling Federation of India President: Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh;
- Wrestling Federation of India Founded: 27 January 1967;

- Wrestling Federation of India Headquartered in New Delhi, India.
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- Chairman of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE): T G Sitharam
- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Founded: 1 October 2003;
- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Headquarters: Chōfu, Tokyo, Japan.

