

# Weekly One Liners 20th to 26th of November 2023

## Nicaragua's Sheynnis Palcios Crowned 72nd Miss Universe 2023

### Introduction

Nicaragua's Sheynnis Palcios, a 23-year-old TV host and model, achieved a significant milestone by being crowned **Miss Universe 2023**. The **72<sup>nd</sup> Miss Universe** event concluded with a grand ceremony at the Jose Adolfo Pineda Arena in San Salvador, El Salvador on **18<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

### Miss Universe 2023

Sheynnis Palcios, **23 years old**, hailing from Nicaragua, clinched the coveted **title of Miss Universe 2023**, making history as the **first Nicaraguan woman to win the crown**. A TV host and model, Palcios impressed the judges in the final round by expressing her admiration for **18<sup>th</sup>-century British philosopher Mary Wollstonecraft**, highlighting women's limitless possibilities. She dedicated her victory to aspiring girls and emphasized dreaming big with determination, perseverance and passion. Palcios, a seasoned pageant competitor, had previously won **Miss Teen Nicaragua 2016 and Miss World Nicaragua 2020**. She studied mass communications and played varsity volleyball at the Central American University, Managua.

### The Winning Moment

The pinnacle of the event was reached when the reigning **Miss Universe 2022, R'Bonney Gabriel from the United States**, graciously placed the crown on **Sheynnis Palcios'** head. The stage lit up with applause and admiration from the thrilled audience as Palcios, resplendent in a meticulously embellished gown, embraced the spotlight, embodying elegance and grace in her triumphant moment.

### Runner-Up Recognition

Adding to the international flair of the competition, **Anntonia Porslid of Thailand** earned the esteemed position of the **first runner-up** while **Australia's Moraya Wilson** was crowned the **second runner-up**. These placements not only recognized their individual beauty but also contributed to the celebration of global diversity within the Miss Universe pageant.

### Global Participation

In the grandeur of the **72<sup>nd</sup> Miss Universe pageant**, contestants hailing from **84 countries and territories competed ardently**, showcasing their unique blend of beauty, intelligence and talent. Notably, **Pakistan made its debut on the Miss Universe stage this year**, underlining the pageant's commitment to fostering inclusivity and representation on a worldwide scale.

### Indian Representation

The vibrant and culturally rich representation of India was carried forward by **Chandigarh-born Shweta Sharda**, who made the country proud by **securing a spot among the top 20 finalists**. Sharda's participation not only added a touch of Indian grace to the global stage but also highlighted the diverse and multifaceted qualities of women worldwide.

## Transwomen Contestants in Miss Universe 2023

**Rikkie kolle, 22 years old**, crowned **Miss Netherlands**, advocates for equality and trans rights. **Marina Machete, a flight attendant, won Miss Portugal 2023**, breaking barriers in the history of **Miss Universe 2023**. Both pioneers have messages of resilience, love and kindness, marking historic inclusion as the **first transwomen contestants in the 72<sup>nd</sup> Miss Universe**, promoting diversity and empowerment.

### The 72nd Miss Universe Event

The **72<sup>nd</sup> Miss Universe pageant** concluded at the **Jose Adolfo Pineda Arena in San Salvador, El Salvador on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023**. This event was elevated to greater heights by the dynamic hosting duo of American television personality **Jeannie Mai and Miss Universe 2012 Olivia Culpo**. Their stage presence, along with the contributions of American television presenter Maria Menounos, ensured that the event was not merely a competition but a grand spectacle that captivated the global audience.

## Australia Won the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 by 6 Wickets

ICC Cricket World Cup 2023, Australia has lift the world cup trophy by defeating India with a convincing 6-wicket margin. Australia reached the target in 42.5 overs with six wickets in hand. Australia faced an early setback in the **ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 final** when David Warner (7) fell to Mohammed Shami, and later, Jasprit Bumrah dismissed Mitchell Marsh (15) and Steven Smith (4). At 47 for 3, the team was in a precarious position.

However, **Travis Head (137)** and Marnus Labuschagne (58 not out) demonstrated remarkable poise, constructing a game-changing partnership of 196 runs. This resilient effort not only put Australia in a commanding position but also paved the way for their sixth World Cup title triumph. With this win Australia has won the World Cup title 6 times viz. **1987, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2015 and 2023**.

Earlier, fast bowler Mitchell Starc took three wickets as Australia dismissed **India for 240** in the World Cup final in front of nearly 130,000 fans in Ahmedabad on November 19.

Australia's **Travis Head** was declared the **Player of the Match in his side's 2023 ODI World Cup final** win against India in Ahmedabad. The Australian opener top-scored for his side in a 241-run chase, with a 120-ball 137.

### Australia in ICC ODI World Cup Final – Results

- **1987:** Beat England by 7 runs (Kolkata)
- **1996:** Lost to Sri Lanka by 7 wickets (Lahore)
- **1999:** Beat Pakistan by 8 wickets (Lord's)
- **2003:** Beat India by 125 runs (Johannesburg)
- **2007:** Beat Sri Lanka by 53 runs (Bridgetown)
- **2015:** Beat New Zealand by 7 wickets (Melbourne)
- **2023:** Beat India by & 6 Wickets (India)

**International Emmy Awards 2023, Full List Of Winners**

The global television stage lit up on Monday night in New York as the **2023 International Emmy Awards** celebrated outstanding achievements in the industry. The diverse lineup of nominees, spanning 20 countries across six continents, showcased the international prowess of television. Netflix emerged as a standout with two Best Comedy series winners: “Derry Girls” and “Vir Das: Landing,” the latter featuring the comedic genius of Vir Das, one of India’s top comedians.

**Ektaa Kapoor Receives Prestigious Directorate Award**

Esteemed film and television producer Ektaa Kapoor was recognized with the coveted Directorate Award, a testament to her significant contributions to the entertainment industry.

**Vir Das: Landing and Derry Girls Share Best Comedy Series Honors**

In a historic moment, both “Vir Das: Landing” and “Derry Girls” season 3 secured the Best Comedy Series award. Vir Das’s stand-up special showcased his comedic brilliance, earning him well-deserved accolades.

**Emmy Awards 2023 Winners in Key Categories:**

1. Best Drama Series: “The Empress”
2. Best Actress: Karla Souza in “La Caida” (Dive)
3. Best Actor: Martin Freeman in “The Responder”
4. Best TV Movie/Mini-Series: “La Caida” (Dive)
5. Best Non-Scripted Entertainment: “A Ponte – The Bridge Brasil”
6. Best Short-Form Series: “Des Gens Bien Ordinaires” (A Very Ordinary World)
7. Best Live-Action – For Kids: “Heartbreak High”
8. Best Factual And Entertainment For Kids: “Built To Survive”
9. Best Documentary: “Mariupol: The People’s Story”
10. Best Sports Documentary: “Harley and Katya”
11. Best Arts Programming: “Buffy Sainte-Marie: Carry It On”
12. Best Telenovela: “Yargi” (Family Secrets)
13. Best Animation for Kids: “The Smeds and The Smoos”

This diverse array of winners reflects the richness and variety of global television content, showcasing excellence across genres and cultures.

As the curtain falls on the 2023 International Emmy Awards, the spotlight remains on the outstanding contributions of artists and creators who continue to push the boundaries of storytelling on the global stage.

**7 Comprehensive Changes in Senior Citizens Savings Scheme (SCSS)**

In a significant move aimed at providing enhanced flexibility and benefits to senior citizens, the **Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)** under the Ministry of Finance has notified seven key changes in the **Senior Citizens Savings Scheme (SCSS)**. This government-sponsored savings instrument, designed for individuals aged 60 years or employees aged 55 years or more but less than 60 years, has undergone substantial modifications, as outlined below:

**1. Extended Time for Investing Retirement Benefits:**

Individuals aged above **55 but below 60 now** have a generous **3-month window** to invest in SCSS following receipt of retirement benefits. This is a departure from the previous requirement of investing within 1 month.

**2. Investment by Spouse of Government Employee:**

Spouses of government employees are now permitted to invest the financial assistance amount in the SCSS, broadening the scope of eligible investors.

**3. Broadened Definition of Retirement Benefits:**

The definition of retirement benefits has been explicitly outlined to include various payments received due to retirement or superannuation. This encompasses provident fund dues, gratuities, commuted pension values, leave encashment, and other retirement-related benefits.

**4. Deduction on Premature Withdrawal:**

Norms on premature withdrawals have been relaxed. A **1% deduction of the deposit** will be applied if the account is closed before the completion of **1 year of investment**. This marks a departure from the previous practice of recovering interest paid on premature withdrawals.

**5. No Limit on the Extension of SCSS:**

Account holders can now extend their SCSS accounts for multiple blocks of **3 years each**. Prior to this change, extension was allowed only once. Each extension requires a separate application.

**6. Interest on Extended Deposits:**

When extending the SCSS account on maturity, the deposit will earn the interest rate applicable on the date of maturity or the date of the extended maturity, providing more favorable terms for account holders.

**7. Maximum Deposit Amount:**

The maximum deposit limit for SCSS has been raised to **Rs 30 lakh from Rs 15 lakh**, effective from April 1, 2023. This aligns with the announcement made in Budget 2023.

**About SCSS:**

- Launched in 2004, SCSS is tailored for senior citizens, offering them a secure investment avenue and a regular income stream.
- The scheme provides a competitive interest rate, currently set at **8.20% per annum, compounded quarterly**.
- SCSS is eligible for tax deductions under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act, 1961, with a maximum deduction limit of **Rs 1.5 lakh per annum**.
- It is one of the nine small savings schemes offered by the government, including **PPF, SSY, POMIS, NSC, KVP, POTD, APY, and PMVVY**.
- These amendments to the SCSS aim to address the evolving needs of senior citizens, providing them with improved financial options and ensuring the scheme remains a viable and attractive investment choice.

**National Affairs**

- The Ministry of Tourism Government of India, is set to host the **11th edition of the International Tourism Mart in Shillong, Meghalaya, from November 21st to 23rd, 2023**. This annual event aims to provide a significant platform for stakeholders in the North Eastern States to engage with counterparts from across the country and international markets. The focus is on promoting the unique tourism potential, biodiversity and rich cultural heritage of the **North East Region (NER)**. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- The Centre for Research on Startups and Risk Financing (**CREST**), an Institute of Eminence Research Centre at **IIT Madras**, announced the development of an exclusive information platform for incubators and accelerators. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- **India** has once again demonstrated its commitment to **providing humanitarian aid** to the **Gaza Strip** amidst the escalating conflict between Israeli forces and Hamas terrorists. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- **Shri Anurag Singh Thakur**, the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, inaugurated the **VFX and Tech Pavilion** at the **54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** in **Goa**. This pavilion, a **first in the history** of Film Bazaar by NFDC at IFFI, is set to be a focal point for showcasing the latest advancements in film-making technology, encompassing animation, visual effects, virtual reality, and CGI. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- In a significant move towards fostering values and uplifting the consciousness of students, the **President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu**, launched the 'New Education for New India' campaign by Brahma Kumaris, Sambalpur, in Sambalpur, Odisha on November 22, 2023. The campaign aims to instill moral values in students, contributing to the creation of a better society. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)

- In a groundbreaking development, the **Survey of India (Sol)**, the nation's premier **National Survey and Mapping Organization**, has joined forces with Genesys International, a leading Indian mapping company specializing in **Geospatial solutions**. This strategic partnership marks a historic collaboration, as Genesys becomes the first company to establish a public-private agreement with Sol for the creation of a **three-dimensional (3D) digital twin-mapping program in India**. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- **India** is set to take the helm as the chairman of the **International Sugar Organisation (ISO) in 2024**, marking a significant milestone for the country. As the world's largest consumer and second-largest producer of sugar, this leadership role reflects India's growing influence in the global sugar sector. The announcement came during the **63rd council meeting of the ISO, headquartered in London**. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)

**States in the News**

- In a groundbreaking initiative, **Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha**, flagged off the **Gyanodaya Express from the Katra railway station in Reasi district**. This unique project, also known as the "**College on Wheels**," aims to empower approximately **700 girl students** from universities in the Union Territory. The initiative is set to revolutionize education by providing immersive and collaborative learning experiences beyond traditional classroom boundaries. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- In a significant move towards addressing social inequality, the **Governor of Bihar, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar**, approved the '**Bihar Reservation Amendment Bill**' on **November 17**. The bill raises the reservation quota for **Backward, Extremely Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes from 50% to 65%**, surpassing the **50% ceiling set by the Supreme Court**. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- **Uttar Pradesh government** has imposed an immediate ban on the production, storage, **distribution and sale of halal certified products** within the state. The decision encompasses a wide range of items, including dairy products, sugar, bakery goods, peppermint oil, beverages, edible oil, certain medicines and cosmetic products. However, the ban excludes products intended for export. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)
- In a significant move to recognize and promote the rich aquatic biodiversity of the region, the '**Ghol**' fish has been officially **declared the state fish of Gujarat**. The announcement was made by Gujarat Chief Minister **Bhupendra Patel** during the inaugural ceremony of the first Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 held at Gujarat Science City. Union Minister for Fisheries **Parshottam Rupala** was also present at the event, which brought together stakeholders from across the globe. [\(Click to read complete article\)](#)

- In a significant move to instill a sense of responsibility and awareness among the younger generation regarding water conservation, Meghalaya Chief Minister **Conrad K. Sangma** launched the ‘**Meghalaya Water Smart Kid Campaign.**’ This initiative, operating under the **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**, aims to **educate children about the vital importance of water conservation.** ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Odisha Chief Secretary P K Jena** announced a significant milestone in the state’s economic landscape during the **77th annual technical meeting** of the **Indian Institute of Metals.** The mining sector, a crucial contributor, has propelled Odisha’s revenue from **Rs 4,900 crore** in **2016-17** to an impressive **Rs 50,000 crore** in the fiscal year **2021-22.** ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Kerala’s pioneering **Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission** has achieved global acclaim by securing a spot on the prestigious list of **Case Studies** curated by the **United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO).** This recognition not only reflects the mission’s commitment to eco-friendly tourism but also serves as an inspiration for further advancements in promoting sustainable travel. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Telangana** has unveiled the **world’s first 3D-printed temple,** a groundbreaking structure situated in **Burugupally, Siddipet district.** This innovative construction, achieved through a three-month 3D printing process, marks a significant technological milestone. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Hornbill Festival 2023** is scheduled to occur from **Friday, December 1, 2023,** to **Sunday, December 10, 2023.** The Hornbill Festival, celebrated at the heritage village of **Kisama,** becomes the epicenter where the **state’s 16 major tribes** unite to showcase their rich heritage, diverse traditions, and distinctive customs. ([Click to read complete article](#))

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## International Affairs

- **China,** in a strategic move, is actively pursuing the extension of the **China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC)** to **Sri Lanka.** This development signals China’s intent to enhance its **Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)** influence in South Asia. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In a recent bilateral meeting between **India and Australia,** defense ministers **Rajnath Singh** and **Richard Marles** explored avenues to enhance their defense partnership. The discussions centered around strategic collaborations in **hydrography** and the potential for joint **air-to-air refueling.** These initiatives aim to bolster maritime security and surveillance capabilities in the **Indian Ocean Region (IOR).** ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Argentina** has witnessed a seismic shift in its political landscape as **Javier Milei,** a self-described anarcho-capitalist and **right-wing populist,** secured a decisive victory in the recent presidential runoff. Milei’s triumph over **Economy Minister Sergio Massa** marks a departure from the traditional political order, promising a radical overhaul of the state in response to the nation’s deep-seated discontent with soaring inflation and increasing poverty. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Luxembourg,** a small but influential European nation, is set to undergo a significant political shift as **former finance minister Luc Frieden** assumes the role of prime minister. This change comes on the heels of the recent election, where Frieden’s **Christian Social People’s Party (CSV)** emerged victorious, reshaping the country’s political dynamics. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Russian President **Vladimir Putin** is set to participate in a **virtual G20 leaders** meeting on **November 22,** as reported by **Russian state television.** This follows his absence from the in-person summit in India in September. Notably, Putin has refrained from attending such meetings in person since the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. The upcoming virtual meeting aims to build on the outcomes of the September session, with Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** emphasizing its significance. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Negotiations between the **UK and India** for a **free trade agreement (FTA)** are currently underway, with a key unresolved issue revolving around the level of protection for **Geographical Indication (GI)** products from the **agricultural sector.** The UK seeks heightened safeguards for its GIs, including renowned items like **Scotch whisky, Stilton cheese, and Cheddar cheese.** ([Click to read complete article](#))
- A cargo ship named “**Galaxy Leader,**” en route from **Turkey to India,** has been hijacked by **Yemen’s Houthi rebels** in the **Red Sea.** Approximately **50** crew members from various nations were on board. The **Israeli Defence Forces (IDF)** confirmed the hijacking but clarified that the ship is not Israeli. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- The Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Youth Affairs & Sports, **Shri Anurag Singh Thakur**, inaugurated the **Film Bazaar**, the largest South Asian film market at Marriott Resort, Goa. The film bazaar is a **bustling marketplace of ideas**, a haven for filmmakers, producers, and storytellers from around the world. It is described as a confluence of creativity and commerce, where ideas and inspirations form the foundation of a thriving cinematic marketplace. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Israel and Hamas** have reached a significant diplomatic breakthrough in their ongoing conflict. The deal, announced involves the release of at least **50 hostages** and numerous Palestinian prisoners. The agreement also includes a **four-day** truce for besieged **Gaza** residents after weeks of intense warfare. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **ASEAN-India Millet Festival 2023**, a collaborative effort between the **Indian Mission to ASEAN** and the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare**, has taken center stage in **Indonesia** from November 22 to 26. This festival serves as a platform to raise awareness about millets, promote culinary diversity, and foster sustainable agriculture. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Ahead of the **15th anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks**, **Israel** has officially declared the Pakistan-based terror outfit **Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)** as a terrorist organization. This move is part of Israel's commitment to supporting the global war on terror. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Health officials** in China are currently investigating a surge in cases of an unidentified illness, particularly affecting children who are being hospitalized with **pneumonia**. While the situation remains unclear, initial assessments suggest that these outbreaks may be linked to a resurgence of common respiratory pathogens following strict **coronavirus lockdowns**, rather than the emergence of a **new infection**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** has inaugurated the world's largest single-site solar power plant, the **2-gigawatt (GW) Al Dhafra Solar Photovoltaic (PV)** Independent Power Project (IPP). The plant, located 35 kilometers from Abu Dhabi city, will generate enough electricity to power almost 200,000 homes and is expected to displace 2.4 million tonnes of carbon emissions annually. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In a surprising turn of events, **Geert Wilders**, leader of the Freedom Party (PVV), secured a landmark win in the recent **Dutch elections**, signaling a growing shift towards far-right ideologies in Europe. Wilders, known for his anti-immigration stance and admiration for leaders like **Donald Trump and Viktor Orban**, is eyeing the position of the **Netherlands'** next prime minister. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- The **Afghanistan embassy** in New Delhi has officially announced its **permanent closure**, citing persistent challenges from the Indian government as the primary reason. This decision comes after the embassy had already ceased operations on September 30, hoping for a favorable change in the Indian government's stance. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- According to the **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**, the **United States** emerges as the **foremost aid provider** in 2022. The data from ForeignAssistance.gov, an official US government platform, reveals key insights into the patterns and destinations of US aid between 2001 and 2023. ([Click to read complete article](#))

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- In a significant move **aimed at empowering micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs)** and **boosting e-commerce exports** from the country, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, has initiated collaborations with various e-commerce players. The focus of this collaboration is to leverage the **"Districts as Export Hubs"** initiative and promote e-commerce exports across the nation. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **India** and the **European Union (EU)** marked a significant milestone on Friday by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on **semiconductors**. This collaborative effort aims to establish a robust supply chain, promote innovation, and align both regions with global developments in the semiconductor industry. ([Click to read complete article](#))

### Books and Authors

- **Prasoon Joshi**, celebrated poet, lyricist, and Chief of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), recently unveiled **'Do Palkon Ki Chhavn Main,'** a book authored by the esteemed academician **Dr. Hema Joshi**. The book, a fictionalized account, intricately weaves together the author's literary prowess with her deep affection for two Indian cities – Almorah, her birthplace, and Prayagraj, where she spent her later years. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- A book, **Thread by Thread**, on the life of **Shambhu Kumar or 'the' S Kumar** released by Kapil Dev, at The Palace Halls, NSCI, Mumbai. Kapil Dev has been a brand ambassador for S.Kumars for their tv and print campaigns in the 80s and 2000s. The book has been written by noted journalist and author Sathya Saran and published by Penguin Random House. ([Click to read complete article](#))

**Banking/Economy/Business News**

- **Karnataka Bank**, a leading Mangaluru-based private sector lender, has announced a strategic partnership with **HDFC Life**, one of India's premier life insurance providers. This collaboration aims to provide customers with a comprehensive suite of innovative and customer-centric financial solutions. This strategic tie-up between **Karnataka Bank and HDFC Life** is a significant step forward in providing customers with value-added financial solutions. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **PwC India** is anticipating a historic milestone, projecting gross revenue to surpass **₹9,000 crores** in the current fiscal year. **Sanjeev Krishan**, the chairperson, expresses confidence in achieving this remarkable feat, attributing it to robust growth across all business segments. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In response to the challenges posed by the **Covid-19 pandemic**, the **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** introduced a special window allowing non-refundable withdrawals for its subscribers. This measure aimed to alleviate financial strains during the unprecedented times. Over 22 million EPFO subscribers, constituting more than a third of the total, availed themselves of the non-refundable withdrawal option during the pandemic. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **ACKO**, the insurtech company making insurance convenient, transparent, and accessible for Indians, has partnered with renowned actor **R Madhavan** as its '**Voice of the Customer**'. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** is reportedly contemplating a **comprehensive review of its penalty system**. The proposed changes under consideration involve a potential increase in penalty amounts. This adjustment could be **based on factors such as the size of the regulated entities**, their systemic importance, and the frequency of repeat offenses. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Goldman Sachs**, the US-based investment bank, forecasts India's economy to grow at a rate of **6.5%** in the fiscal year **2024-25**, surpassing the projected **6.2%** for the current financial year. The key driver for this growth is anticipated to be increased private sector investment. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- In a significant economic achievement, **India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** has crossed the **\$4 trillion** mark in nominal terms. This milestone underscores India's robust economic growth and solidifies its position as a major global economic force. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- As the central government continues its efforts to address economic challenges, recent data from the **National Statistical Office (NSO)** reveals a concerning trend in India's inflation dynamics. Despite initiatives like the extended free-food programme and ongoing efforts to stimulate rural demand, rural inflation has consistently surpassed urban inflation in 18 of the past 22 months, spanning from January 2022 to October 2023. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- India, the leading global exporter of rice, is anticipated to **prolong its restrictions** on overseas sales into the next year. This decision is poised to keep rice prices near their highest levels since the 2008 food crisis. For the past decade, India has been a major player in global rice exports, constituting almost **40% of the total**. However, to maintain domestic supplies and curb price surges, the Indian government has imposed export duties and minimum prices. Notably, certain rice varieties, including broken and non-basmati white rice, are prohibited from export. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- India's startup landscape has witnessed remarkable growth, emerging as the **third-largest hub in the world**, following the **United States and China**. **Bengaluru, the capital of Karnataka**, topped the **list of women-led startups, boasting 1,783 women-led startups**, leading the charge for gender diversity in entrepreneurship. Despite the overall success of the startup ecosystem, the gender gap remains a significant challenge. According to the data of **Traxon**, Bengaluru is at the forefront of **women-led startups, with 1,783 ventures, followed by Mumbai (1,480) and Delhi (1,195)**. **Noida, Kolkata and Ahmedabad** also make notable contributions, ranking eighth, ninth and tenth, respectively, showcasing the geographic distribution of women entrepreneurs in India. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In recent developments, both the **United States and the United Kingdom** have experienced a slowdown in **inflation**. This has led to growing speculation that **central banks** on both sides of the **Atlantic** may initiate interest rate cuts by the middle of the next year. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Foreign direct equity investments in India have experienced a significant downturn, recording a **24% decline to \$20.5 billion** during the first half of the financial year 2023-24. This notable decrease follows a larger trend of diminishing FDI inflows over the past year. ([Click to read complete article](#))



- In a recent development, the government announced the cancellation of the bid process for appointing an asset valuer for the strategic sale of **IDBI Bank Ltd.** The decision stems from a lack of sufficient interest from bidders, as only a single bid was received. A corrigendum issued by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) stated, "It has been decided with the approval of the competent authority to cancel the present RFP and to issue a fresh RFP for the selection of an asset valuer for the strategic disinvestment of IDBI Bank." ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) in Kozhikode** has achieved a significant milestone in the field of agriculture with the successful development of a groundbreaking black pepper variety named '**IISR Chandra.**' This achievement is the culmination of an innovative research and development process that deviates from conventional methods, providing the agricultural sector with a potential game-changer. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In the dynamic financial landscape of **Mumbai, Nippon Life India Asset Management** has strategically entered the realm of private credit, aligning with the shifting trends following regulatory tightening by banks and mutual funds withdrawing from promoter funding. This move echoes similar initiatives by **Centrum and Avendus.** ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Recent regulatory measures implemented by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** are set to reshape the landscape of unsecured retail loans in **Mumbai.** **Crisil Ratings** predicts a notable deceleration in the growth of these loans, contrasting sharply with the robust **45%** expansion observed last year. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Recent data from the **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** reveals a **10.1%** decline in new subscribers during the first half of the fiscal year **2023-24,** indicating a slowdown in formal job creation. This downturn is significant in light of the continuous rise in self-employment, prompting concerns about the informal nature of job growth in the Indian economy. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Madhabi Puri Buch,** the Chairperson of the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI),** has officially launched the **Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform** at the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). Developed under the guidance of Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs) overseen by SEBI, the IRRA platform is designed to mitigate risks faced by investors during technical glitches at Trading Member (TM) ends, encompassing both primary and disaster recovery sites. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- After a four-month decline, India's crude oil imports surged in October, rising by **5.9% month-on-month** to reach **18.53 million metric tons.** This rebound follows a one-year low in September, signaling a shift in the country's energy consumption trends. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In a groundbreaking move, **Blue Dart Express** has announced a strategic partnership with **India Post** to introduce **automated Digital Parcel Lockers at selected post offices.** This innovative collaboration aims to redefine the landscape of efficient and reliable logistics solutions, providing customers with an additional and convenient delivery method. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Mastercard, a prominent global technology company in the payments industry, has forged a strategic partnership with **U GRO Capital,** a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) specializing in **Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) financing.** This collaboration aims to provide financial solutions to small businesses in India, addressing the longstanding challenge of limited access to capital faced by MSMEs. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Svatantra Microfin Private Limited,** founded by Ananya Birla, is set to acquire **Chaitanya India Fin Credit Private Limited,** a subsidiary of Sachin Bansal's Navi Group, in a significant deal valued at Rs 1,479 crore. The transaction is anticipated to be finalized by the end of 2023. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved a substantial \$170 million loan to catalyze the modernization of water supply services in Kochi, a rapidly growing city in the southern Indian state of Kerala. This transformative initiative aims to enhance urban living standards, ensure clean water access, and fortify climate resilience. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The board of directors at Bandhan Bank has given the green light for the reappointment of **Chandra Shekhar Ghosh** as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD&CEO). The Kolkata-based private sector lender has extended Ghosh's tenure for a period of three years. The current term is set to expire on July 09, 2024. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced on Friday that it has superseded the **board of Abhyudaya Cooperative Bank** for a duration of 12 months. This action comes as a response to certain material concerns arising from observed poor governance standards within the bank. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Warren Buffett-led Berkshire Hathaway** has made headlines by completely divesting its 2.46% stake in One 97 Communications, the parent company of Paytm. The move resulted in a significant loss of about Rs 507 crore for the legendary investor. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The Indian rupee closed at a new low of **83.38 against the US dollar,** marking a slight decline from the previous close of 83.34. This drop was attributed to increased dollar demand from oil companies and intervention by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to mitigate a steeper fall. ([Click to read complete article](#))

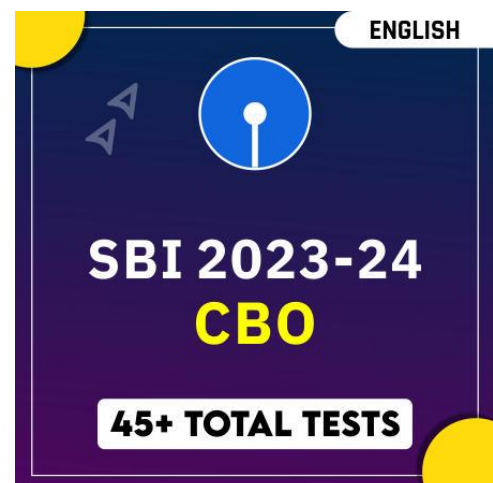
- The **Reserve Bank of India**, on 24 November, took stringent measures against **Citibank**, **Bank of Baroda**, and **Indian Overseas Bank**, imposing penalties totaling ₹10.34 crore. The penalties were imposed for contravention of regulatory norms, shedding light on deficiencies in regulatory compliance. ([Click to read complete article](#))

### Appointments/Resignations

- The Government of India made a significant announcement on Monday, appointing **Vinay M. Tonse** as the **Managing Director** of the **State Bank of India (SBI)** until **November 30, 2025**. This appointment fills the vacancy left in June after the appointment of **Swaminathan Janakiraman** as **Deputy Governor** of the Reserve Bank. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- OpenAI**, the prominent artificial intelligence research and deployment company, made headlines by announcing the **dismissal of its CEO and co-founder, Sam Altman**. The decision came following an official statement released by the company's board on November 17. In the wake of Altman's departure, **Mira Murati** has been appointed as the **interim Chief Executive Officer of OpenAI**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The Bengal Global Business Summit, an annual event held in Kolkata, marked a significant moment this year as Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee** declared former cricketer and ex-president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), **Sourav Ganguly**, as the "**Brand Ambassador of Bengal**." ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Microsoft** has recently announced the appointment of **Aparna Gupta** as the new **Global Delivery Center (GDC) leader**. In this role, Ms. Gupta is set to **spearhead customer innovation and delivery excellence**, playing a pivotal role in advancing Microsoft's commitment to providing cutting-edge solutions to its global clientele. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The former 110m hurdles world record holder, **Colin Jackson**, has been announced as the **International Event Ambassador** for the upcoming edition of **Tata Steel Kolkata 25K** event scheduled on Sunday, 17th December 2023. This move adds a new dimension of prestige and excitement to an already prestigious event. Colin Jackson, an iconic figure in the world of athletics, brings a wealth of experience and inspiration to the event. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Girish Chandra Murmu**, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, has been elected as the vice-chair of the **UN Panel of External Auditors**. This recognition not only highlights India's commitment to maintaining the highest standards of external audit but also showcases its active role in shaping the global audit landscape. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)**, the country's oldest and largest industry body, is set to welcome **Anish Shah** as its **President-Elect**. ([Click to read complete article](#))

### Defence News

- On December 1, **President Droupadi Murmu** is set to confer the prestigious **President's Colour** to the **Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC)** in a grand ceremony, marking its **platinum jubilee year**. This event holds significant importance, considering AFMC's reputation as a premier establishment within the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) and its standing as one of the leading medical colleges in the country. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **14th edition** of the **Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise, known as "VAJRA PRAHAR 2023,"** commenced at the Joint Training Node in Umroi, **Meghalaya**, signaling a renewed commitment to enhancing military collaboration and interoperability between the Indian Army and the US Army Special Forces. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Indian Naval Ship Sumedha** arrived at **Maputo**, Mozambique on November 21, 2023, as part of the ongoing Extended Operational Deployment to Africa. This strategic port call aims to fortify long-standing diplomatic relations, enhance maritime cooperation, and promote interoperability between the Indian and Mozambican navies. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In a significant development following the India-Australia 2+2 summit, an **Indian Armed Forces contingent**, comprising personnel from all three services, embarked on a journey to Perth for the **second edition of AustraHind-23** – a collaborative military exercise between the two nations. This joint exercise, spanning two weeks from **Nov 22 to Dec 6**, aims to enhance inter-operability and conduct multi-domain operations in urban and semi-urban terrains, adhering to the United Nations peacekeeping operations protocol. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was officially inked between the **Headquarters, Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS)** and the **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)**. The agreement, focused on technical collaboration, joint research, and development in the realm of defence technology, is poised to significantly impact India's defence capabilities. ([Click to read complete article](#))





- The **17th edition** of the Joint Military Exercise **SURYA KIRAN** is set to strengthen the longstanding ties between **India and Nepal** as military contingents from both nations converge in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, for this annual event. The exercise, scheduled from **24th November to 7th December 2023**, alternates between the two countries, underscoring their commitment to mutual cooperation. ([Click to read complete article](#))

### Awards and Recognitions

- Legendary actress **Madhuri Dixit** has been honored with the 'Special Recognition for Contribution to **Bharatiya Cinema**' award at the **54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** in **Panaji, Goa**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Uttar Pradesh**, under the leadership of the Yogi Adityanath government, has secured a notable '**Best State**' award for **inland fisheries (plain areas)**. The state is set to receive this prestigious accolade at the **two-day Global Fisheries Conference-2023 in Delhi on November 21 and 22**. **Cabinet Minister for Fisheries, Sanjay Nishad**, announced this achievement, attributing it to the relentless efforts of the government to promote fisheries and elevate the income of fishermen. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Deepti Babuta** has etched her name in literary history by becoming the first woman to clinch the prestigious **Dhahan Prize**, the largest international literary award for fiction in the Punjabi language. Her outstanding achievement is attributed to her compelling short story collection, '**Bhukh Eon Sah Laindi Hai**' ('Hunger Breathes Like This'). ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The prestigious **Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year 2022** was jointly awarded to the **Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Trained Nurses Association of India**. The award ceremony took place on **November 19**, where former Vice-President Hamid Ansari presented the honor to Dr. Sharad Kumar Agarwal, President of the IMA and Professor (Dr.) Roy K. George, President of the Trained Nurses Association of India. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Acclaimed Tamil writer **Perumal Murugan** has garnered a significant literary achievement with his novel '**Fire Bird**', skillfully translated into English by **Janani Kannan**, securing the prestigious **2023 JCB Prize for Literature**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Ishwak Singh** won the **Best Actor award** at the **Stars Asian International Film Festival (SAIFF)** for his performance in the film '**Berlin**,' serving as a testament to the universal appeal of his work and highlighting not only his exceptional talent but also his dedication to his craft. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- The **British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)** recently unveiled its 11th edition of the **BBC 100 Women list for 2023**, featuring inspiring and influential women from various fields around the world. This prestigious list is categorized into Culture and Education, Entertainment and Sport, Politics and Advocacy, and Science, Health, and Tech. **Actress Dia Mirza, Cricketer Harmanpreet Kaur, Photographer Arati KumarRao, and Tibetan Buddhist nun Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo**. ([Click to read complete article](#))

### Summits and Conferences News

- The **United Service Institution of India (USI)**, founded in **1870** as the country's premier think-tank for national security and military affairs, is hosting the **Annual UN Forum 2023** in New Delhi on November 21-22. In collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Centre for UN Peacekeeping Operations, the forum will focus on the pressing theme of 'International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Peacekeeping.' ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** of India did not participate in the virtual **BRICS-Plus** joint meeting on the **Middle East situation in Gaza**, a move that set him apart from other BRICS leaders. The meeting, attended by leaders such as **Putin, Xi Jinping, Lula da Silva, and Ramaphosa**, addressed the crisis in Gaza and featured key figures like **UN General-Secretary António Guterres**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** recently engaged in bilateral talks with Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister **Richard Marles** in New Delhi. The discussions were part of the **India-Australia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue**, aimed at enhancing defence cooperation and strengthening the strategic relationship between the two nations. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The 2nd edition of the **CII India Nordic Baltic Business Conclave** is taking place in New Delhi on 22-23 November 2023. This initiative, in collaboration with the MEA, GOI, aims to foster collaboration between India and the **Nordic Baltic Eight (NB8) countries**, known for their prowess in innovation and technology. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **7th edition** of the **Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS)** concluded with a resounding success, as Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee** revealed investment pledges worth an impressive **Rs 3.76 trillion**. This marked a significant increase from the previous year's figures, demonstrating a robust economic momentum. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- **Nitin Gadkari**, the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, recently inaugurated the **8th Edition of the Indian Water Impact Summit (IWIS) on 22nd November 2023 in New Delhi**. Organized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the Center for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga), the three-day summit from **November 22 to 24, 2023**, brought together scientific experts, stakeholders and government representatives to address the dynamic challenges and opportunities in India's water sector. ([Click to read complete article](#))

### Ranks and Reports

- **Real estate consultant Cushman & Wakefield** has unveiled its **'Main Streets Across the World'** report, shedding light on prime retail rental rates globally. Delhi's upscale **Khan Market** has secured the **22nd spot**, marking a slight drop from the 21st position last year. The annual rent per square foot stands at **USD 217**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The inaugural **State Educational Achievement Survey (SEAS) 2023**, conducted on 3rd November 2023, marked a significant milestone in the education sector. Organized by the **Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development (PARAKH)**, the national assessment regulator, this survey aimed to identify areas for improvement in student learning across various grades. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Indian IT giant **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has achieved remarkable success in **Spain**, securing the **number one position in service delivery quality and commercial competitiveness**, according to an independent survey conducted by Whitelane Research. ([Click to read complete article](#))

### Sports News

- **Novak Djokovic** made history on **November 19**, by securing his **seventh ATP Finals title in Turin, Italy**. The world number one defeated local favorite Jannik Sinner in a commanding fashion with a **6-3, 6-3 victory**. In the doubles category, **Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury** successfully retained their **ATP Finals title with a convincing 6-3, 6-4 victory over Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **ICC World Cup 2023** witnessed a spectacular display of cricketing prowess, with Indian batting maestro **Virat Kohli** earning the **"Player of the Tournament"** title for his exceptional performance. However, despite Kohli-record breaking feats, Australia emerged victorious in the high-stakes final at the Narendra Modi Stadium, marking their sixth ODI World Cup win. Kohli's stellar performance in the tournament set new records, with the **total score of 765 runs in 11 innings**, the highest-ever runs scored by a batter in a single edition of the World Cup. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- In a thrilling **2023 ODI World Cup final clash** between Australia and India in Ahmedabad, **Travis Head emerged as the standout performer**, earning the well-deserved title of **Man of the Match**. The Australian opener's remarkable innings played a pivotal role in his team's successful pursuit of a challenging **241-run target set by India**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **The International Cricket Council (ICC)** Board has made a decisive move by relocating the upcoming men's **Under-19 World Cup** from **Sri Lanka to South Africa**. This decision comes in the wake of the ICC's provisional suspension of **Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC)**, prompted by concerns of government interference in the administration of cricket in the island nation. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has recently implemented a ban on transgender cricketers from participating in international women's cricket at the highest level. This decision has raised discussions around inclusivity, athlete rights and the impact of the ban on transgender individuals. The move is said to be in alignment with the **International Olympic Committee's (IOC) guidelines, considering cricket's inclusion in the 2008 Olympics**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Indian football as the **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** and the **Government of Odisha**, in collaboration with **FIFA**, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish the **AIFF-FIFA Talent Academy**. The ceremony, graced by the presence of **Mr. Arsene Wenger**, FIFA's Chief of Global Football Development, marked a crucial step toward nurturing and developing football talent in India. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Cricket's governing body, the International Cricket Council (ICC), is set to implement **shot clocks in men's One Day International (ODIs) and T20 International (T20Is)** as part of its ongoing efforts to regulate and enhance the pace of play. The trial, scheduled to run from **December to April**, involved imposing penalty runs on the bowling side if they fail to commence a new over within 60 seconds on three occasions during a match. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Max Verstappen** emerged on top at the end of an action-packed **Las Vegas Grand Prix**, beating Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc and Red Bull teammate **Sergio Perez**. Max Emilian Verstappen is a Belgian and Dutch racing driver and the 2021, 2022, and 2023 Formula One World Champion. **Ferrari's Leclerc** passed **Sergio Perez** on the final lap to clinch second place, while British star Lando Norris ended up in hospital after a third-lap 180mph crash. Lewis Hamilton finished seventh. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Marlon Samuels**, the former **West Indies batter**, was handed a **six-year ban from all forms of cricket by the International Cricket Council (ICC)**. The ban was imposed due to his failure to disclose benefits received during the Abu Dhabi T10 league, actions that could have brought the sport into disrepute, concealing information, and non-cooperation with the investigation officer. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- In a remarkable turn of events at the **Senior National Squash Championships 2023**, 15-year-old **Anahat Singh** scripted history by becoming the second youngest title winner in the tournament's prestigious history. The young prodigy faced off against **Tanvi Khanna** in the final, where Khanna was unfortunately forced to retire midway through the match due to a knee injury. ([Click to read complete article](#))

### Schemes and Committees News

- In a bid to empower rural communities, the government is set to launch the **'Skills on Wheels'** initiative, aiming to deliver skill training directly to the doorsteps of rural individuals, with a particular focus on equipping rural youth, especially women, with foundational digital skills. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In a significant move to enhance connectivity and infrastructure in the Northeast region, **Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal** announced a substantial grant of over Rs 1,100 crore for the development of **25 inland waterways projects**. The focus is on expediting crucial projects and ensuring their completion by January 2024. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The recent cancellation of the **SATHI (Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institutes) program** under the **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** has ignited a wave of apprehension among researchers and academics. This move has raised concerns regarding its potential impact on research funding, particularly in the context of the anticipated introduction of the National Research Foundation (NRF) and the potential influence of the private sector in shaping the research landscape. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has extended the **Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF)** scheme for an additional two years, now effective until **December 31, 2025**. This initiative aims to stimulate the deployment of payment acceptance infrastructure in various regions. The PIDF scheme's scope is broadened to include beneficiaries of the PM Vishwakarma scheme. ([Click to read complete article](#))

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- In a pioneering move towards fostering innovation and research in Ayurveda, the **Central Council for Research in Ayurveda Sciences (CCRAS)**, under the Ministry of Ayush, has introduced the **"Ayurveda Gyan Naipunya Initiative" (AGNI)**. This initiative is strategically designed to encourage Ayurveda practitioners to contribute, document, and validate innovative medical practices for the betterment of educational and academic realms. ([Click to read complete article](#))

### Science and Technology News

- **OneWeb India**, a subsidiary of the **Bharti Group** and part of the **Eutelsat Group**, has recently obtained approval from India's space regulator, **IN-SPaCe**, to initiate Eutelsat OneWeb's commercial satellite broadband services in the country. This significant milestone positions OneWeb India as the **first organization to receive such authorization**, making it the **sole satellite broadband services provider** to secure all necessary regulatory approvals ahead of its commercial launch. ([Click to read complete article](#))

### Important Days News

- **International Men's Day**, observed annually on **19th November**, serves as a global platform to recognize and celebrate the positive contributions of men to society. In **India**, **Uma Challa**, a men's right advocate, has played a crucial role in popularizing the celebrations since **2007**. This year, the theme for **International Men's Day 2023** is **"Zero Male Suicide"**, emphasizing the importance of addressing mental health issues among them. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **World Children's Day** is a yearly celebration held on **November 20**, commemorating the UN General Assembly's adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in **1959**. The theme for World Children's Day 2023 is **"For every child, every right"**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **World Television Day**, observed globally on **November 21**, goes beyond seeing TV as just an electronic device. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week** takes place from **November 18 to 24, 2023**, with the aim of enhancing awareness and comprehension of AMR while advocating best practices among One Health stakeholders. The primary goal is to diminish the emergence and transmission of drug-resistant infections. The chosen theme for WAAW 2023 will stay consistent with the previous year – **"Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together"**, just as it was in 2022. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- **Women's Entrepreneurship Day (WED)** stands as a global movement dedicated to celebrating and supporting female entrepreneurs. Recognized annually on **November 19th**, this day serves as a platform to acknowledge the significant contributions of women in the business world, **foster gender-inclusive entrepreneurship**, and inspire the next generation of female leaders. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **World Fisheries Day** is observed annually on **November 21st** to highlight the importance of sustainable fisheries management and to draw attention to the critical role of small-scale fishers in ensuring food security and livelihoods for millions around the world. The theme for World Fisheries Day 2023 is 'Celebrating the Wealth of Fisheries and Aquaculture'. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In the annals of Indian history, the sacrifice and valor of individuals who stood against oppression and defended their religious beliefs resonate as timeless tales of inspiration. Among these luminaries is Guru Tegh Bahadur Singh, the **9th Guru of the Sikhs**, whose martyrdom day is commemorated on **November 24**. Born on **21st April 1621**, in **Amritsar to Mata Nanaki and Guru Hargobind**, Guru Tegh Bahadur's life is a testament to courage, conviction and the unwavering commitment to protect the Sikh faith. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **November 25** marks the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**, a pivotal day designated by the **United Nations** to raise awareness and address the global issue of violence faced by women. The global theme for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence in 2023 is a powerful call to action: "UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls." ([Click to read complete article](#))

### Obituaries News

- **Former US First Lady Rosalynn Carter**, often referred to as the '**Steel Magnolia**,' passed away on Sunday at the age of 96. She was the wife of **President Jimmy Carter**, who described her as 'an extension of myself,' highlighting her influential role during his presidency and beyond. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Former Governor** of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), **S. Venkitaramanan**, breathed his last at the age of 92 on November 18, succumbing to age-related issues at a private hospital in Chennai. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- On Sunday, November 19, the film industry lost a creative force with the sudden demise of renowned filmmaker **Sanjay Gadhvi**. Best known for directing the blockbuster films "**Dhoom**" (2004) and its sequel "**Dhoom 2**" (2006), Gadhvi's contribution to Indian cinema has left an indelible mark. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Award-winning Malayalam writer **P. Valsala**, aged 85, breathed her last in Kozhikode. Ms. Valsala, a trailblazer among women writers in Malayalam, leaves behind a rich literary legacy marked by accolades and critical acclaim. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- **Justice Fathima Beevi**, the first female Supreme Court judge, passes away at the age of 96. Her remarkable journey, spanning the corridors of justice and governance, leaves an indelible mark on the nation's legal landscape. ([Click to read complete article](#))

### Miscellaneous News

- A groundbreaking discovery has been made by a team of researchers from the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar**. Led by **Dr. Resmi Sebastian**, an assistant professor at the institute's Civil Engineering Department, the team has identified **the presence of tantalum**, a rare metal, in the sand of the **Sutlej River in Punjab**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Kishtwar saffron**, a prized **spice** cultivated and harvested in the **Kishtwar Region of Jammu and Kashmir**, has recently been bestowed with the prestigious **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** by the Geographical Indications Registry. This recognition solidifies the unique identity and quality of saffron produced in the Kishtwar region of Jammu, complementing its already legendary reputation. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Bay of Bengal** is once again on high alert as meteorological conditions indicate the potential development of another cyclonic storm, closely following the impact of cyclonic storm '**Midhili**' on several northeastern states. Named '**Michaung**,' **pronounced as 'Migjaum'** in accordance with the nomenclature suggested by Myanmar. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Five years ago, in **2018**, **Dr. Langlands** was awarded the **Abel Prize**, one of the highest honors for mathematicians, for "his visionary program connecting representation theory to number theory." This groundbreaking initiative, known as the **Langlands Program**, has its roots in a 17-page letter written by Dr. Langlands to the French mathematician André Weil in 1967, setting forth a series of tentative ideas. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Kambala**, the popular **buffalo racing contest** native to the coastal Karnataka region, is all set to captivate the urban landscape of **Bengaluru** this weekend. The traditional folk sport, usually held in the aftermath of the southwest monsoon, will unfold its excitement at the iconic Palace Grounds on **November 25 and 26**. Organized by **Tulukoota Bengaluru**, this marks the **first time** Kambala has found a venue in the heart of Bengaluru. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **world's largest iceberg**, named **A23a**, has embarked on a rare journey after being largely stationary for more than three decades. Weighing nearly a **trillion metric tonnes** and spanning an area of **4,000 square km**, this colossal iceberg originated from **West Antarctica's Filchner-Ronne Ice Shelf in 1986**. ([Click to read complete article](#))

**Static Takeaways**

- United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Secretary-General: Zurab Pololikashvili;
- United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Headquarters: Madrid, Spain;
- United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Establishment: 1975.
- Mozambique Capital: Maputo;
- Mozambique Official language: Portuguese;
- Mozambique Currency: Mozambican metical;
- Mozambique Government: Republic, Semi-presidential system, Unitary state, Constitutional republic;
- Mozambique Population: 3.21 crores (2021) World Bank;
- Mozambique President: Filipe Jacinto Nyusi;
- Prime Minister of Mozambique: Adriano Afonso Maleiane.
- SEBI Formed: April 12, 1988;
- SEBI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- SEBI Chairperson: Madhabi Puri Buch.

- Survey of India (Sol) Surveyor General of India– Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana;
- Survey of India (Sol) Headquarters– Dehradun, Uttarakhand;
- Survey of India (Sol) Established in– 1767.



**List of Organisation of United Nations**

S. No.	Acronyms	Agency	Headquarters	Head	Established
1	FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization	Rome, Italy	General Qu Dongyu	1946
2	IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency	Vienna, Austria	Rafael Mariano Grossi	1957
3	ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	Salvatore Sciacchitano	1947
4	IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development	Rome, Italy	Gilbert F. Hounbo	1977
5	ILO	International Labour Organization	Geneva, Switzerland	Guy Ryder	1919
6	IMO	International Maritime Organization	London, United Kingdom	Kitack Lim	1948
7	IMF	International Monetary Fund	Washington, D.C., United States	Kristalina Georgieva	1945
8	ITU	International Telecommunication Union	Geneva, Switzerland	Houlin Zhao	1865
9	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	Paris, France	Audrey Azoulay	1945
10	UPU	Universal Postal Union	Bern, Switzerland	Bishar Abdirahman Hussein	1947
11	WBG	World Bank Group	Washington, D.C., United States	David Malpass	1945
12	WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization	Geneva, Switzerland	Daren Tang	1974
13	WMO	World Meteorological Organization	Geneva, Switzerland	David Grimes	1950
14	UNWTO	United Nations World Tourism Organization	Madrid, Spain	Zurab Pololikashvili	1974
15	UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	Vienna, Austria	Ghada Fathi Waly	1997
16	WHO	World Health Organization	Geneva, Switzerland	Tedros Adhanom	1948
17	UNHCR	Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Geneva, Switzerland	Filippo Grandi	1950
18	WFP	Office of United Nations World Food Program	Rome, Italy	David Beasley	1961