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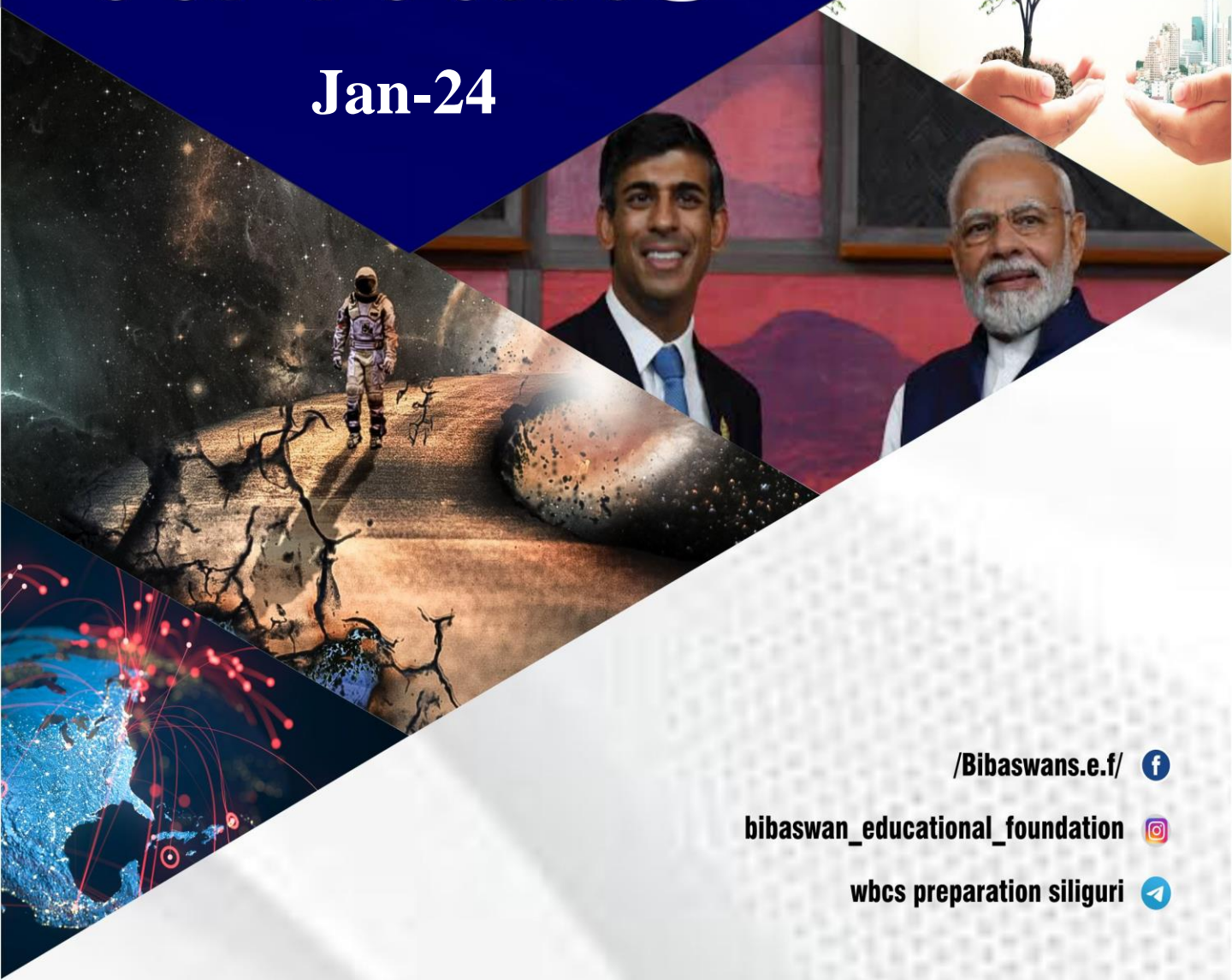
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## Important Personalities

- Recently, who has been appointed as the administrator by the Reserve Bank of India after superseding the board of Abhyudaya Coop Bank? **Satya Prakash Pathak**
- Who has been appointed as the captain of Gujarat Titans for IPL 2024? **Shubman Gill**
- Robert Shetkintong has been designated as the next High Commissioner of India to which country? **Mozambique**

### IMPORTANCE

To show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness.

## World AIDS Day

INCEPTION: 1987  
1<sup>st</sup> OBSERVED: 1988

### MOTTO

To raise awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the disease.

### NOTE

World AIDS Day was the first ever international day for global health.

### 2023 THEME

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**01**  
DECEMBER

- Christopher Luxon has been sworn in as prime minister of which country? **New Zealand**
- Name the temple complex, which has recently designated as the 8th wonder of the world? **Angkor Wat**
- Andry Rajoelina has been re-elected as the president of which country? **Madagascar**

- Who has been appointed as the new chief secretary of Jammu and Kashmir? **Atal Dooloo**
- Fino Payments Bank has named whom as its part-time chairman? **Rajat Kumar Jain**
- Who has been re-appointed as the CEO of OpenAI? **Sam Altman**
- Rural Marketing Association of India has appointed whom as its president for 2023-2025? **Puneet Vidyarthi**
- Who has taken over the position of Director General (Inspection and Safety) of Indian Air Force? **Makarand Ranade**
- Who has become the chairman of India Debt Resolution Co Ltd? **Narayan Seshadri**
- Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar reconstituted the panel of Vice-Chairmen with how many members? **08**
- In December 2023, India has been re-elected to which international organisation? International **Maritime Organization**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Police of Telangana State? **Ravi Gupta**
- Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Indian Council of Forestry Research Education? **Kanchan Devi**
- President Joe Biden has nominated whom as a member of IDFC board? **Deven Parekh**
- Who has become the new Vice Chief of Naval Staff? **Dinesh Tripathi**
- Who has taken charge as executive director of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India? **Jithesh John**
- Captain Geetika Koul has been deployed at which location, marking a significant stride towards gender inclusivity in India's armed forces? **Siachen**
- Who has been named as Telangana's new Chief Minister? **Revanth Reddy**
- Who has been selected as the new BBC chairman? **Dr Samir Shah**
- Who has taken oath as the new Chief Minister of Mizoram? **Lalduhoma**
- What is the name of recently appointed Telangana's health minister? **Damodar Raja Narasimha**
- Who has been chosen as the new chief minister of Chhattisgarh? **Vishnu Deo Sai**
- What is the name of the Wipro CEO, who has become the highest paid CEO in India? **Thierry Delaporte**

- Madhya Pradesh's newly elected Chief Minister Mohan Yadav hails from which assembly constituency? **Ujjain South**
- Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Rajasthan? **Bhajan Lal Sharma**
- Recently, who has been elected as the Prime Minister of Poland? **Donald Tusk**
- Who has become the first woman medical officer to be posted at the 'operational post' of Siachen Glacier? **Fatima Wasim**
- Who has been appointed part-time member of PFRDA board? **Parama Sen**
- Who has become the first Indian lady elected to governing council of UNIDROIT? **Uma Sekhar**
- Who has been appointed by the Israeli government as

- the new Ambassador to India? **Reuven Azar**
- Abdel Fattah El Sisi has recently elected as President of which country? **Egypt**
- Who has been elected Speaker of Chhattisgarh State Assembly? **Raman Singh**
- Who has recently taken over as The Director General of Prisons? **Maheshwar Dayal**
- Who was recently elected the President of Indian Wrestling Federation? **Sanjay Singh**
- Veteran Gujarati photo journalist Zaverilal Mehta, who has passed away recently, was awarded by Padma Sri Civilian in which year? **2018**
- Name the veteran actor who has passed away recently, also known as Junior Mehmood? **Naeem Sayyed**

**IMPORTANCE**  
This day is observed in the memory of those who have lost their lives in the Bhopal Gas tragedy on 2nd December, 1984.

**National Pollution Control Day**

INCEPTION: 1984  
EDITION: 39<sup>th</sup>

**IMPORTANCE**  
To mark adoption of the declaration by UNGA for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others (Dated 2 December 1949).

**International Day for the Abolition of Slavery**

INCEPTION: 2004  
EDITION: 19<sup>th</sup>

**MOTTO**  
To control the Industrial disaster and to reduce the level of pollution.

**BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY**  
A gas leak incident on the night of 2-3 December 1984 at the Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) pesticide plant in Bhopal (M.P), India. Considered among the world's worst industrial disasters.

**DEATHS**  
Over 16,000 claimed

**NON-FATAL INJURIES**  
At least 558,125

**CAUSING AGENT**  
Methyl isocyanate

**02 DECEMBER**

**MOTTO**  
To highlight the importance of eradicating contemporary forms of slavery including trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, child labour, forced marriage, etc.

**NOTE**  
According to the UN, an estimated 40.3 million people are in modern slavery, including 24.9 in forced labour and 15.4 million in forced marriage.

**ORGANISATION INVOLVED**  
ILO

**02 DECEMBER**



## National & International News

- UP government has decided to transform which expressway into the state's first solar expressway? **Bundelkhand Expressway**
- Global Professional Accountants Convention inaugurated in which city? **Gandhinagar**
- Which state government has recently launched "Mission Daksh"? **Bihar**
- In which place did the education minister lay foundation stone for National Skill Training Institutes Plus? **Bhubaneshwar**
- India's largest tiger reserve will set up in which district of Madhya Pradesh? **Damoh**
- Union Minister Hardeep Puri has inaugurated the second floating CNG station in which city? **Varanasi**
- What is the new name given to Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres by central government? **Ayushman Arogya Mandir**
- Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu has inaugurated "Hump World War-II museum" along with whom? **Eric Garcetti**
- Cabinet has approved the extension of "Garib Kalyan" food grain programme for how many years? **5 years**
- India's first 'Telecom Center of Excellence' will be launched in which state? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Where is the 40th Coast Guard Commanders' Conference being held? **New Delhi**
- Which technology has been introduced by Indian Railways to prevent accidents caused by elephants on railway tracks? **"Gajraj Suraksha"**
- In which state is the Hornbill Festival organized every year? **Nagaland**
- Where has the India International Trade Fair organized? **New Delhi**
- Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate the 10,000th Jan Aushadhi Kendra? **Deoghar**
- Which edition of International Konark Dance Festival has recently commenced at Konark Sun Temple in Odisha? **34th**
- Which state government has launched "Mission Daksh" to minimise school dropout? **Bihar**
- FITEXPO INDIA 2023 has begun in which city? **Kolkata**
- Where has the world's first portable hospital inaugurated? **Gurugram**
- In December 2023, whose statue has unveiled in Jaipur Wax Museum? **Dr BR Ambedkar**
- Who has inaugurated Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Avionics Expo in New Delhi? **Anil Chauhan**
- What is the name of the DeepTech Startup Promotion Campaign launched by IIT Ropar? **Samridhhi Conclave**
- Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2023 is being organized in which city? **New Delhi**
- The 11th edition of Bangladesh Book fair has begun in which? **Kolkata**
- Which Union Minister launched a nationwide public awareness campaign on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)? **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya**
- The Indian Army organized which event showcasing technological innovations within the organization? **Inno Yodha 2023**
- Who has inaugurated the 59th Fertiliser Association of India Annual Seminar 2023 in New Delhi? **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya**
- Who inaugurated the Uttarakhand Global Investors Summit? **Narendra Modi**

### IMPORTANCE

To mark the proclamation by UNGA in 1992 to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.

### World Day of the Handicapped

INCEPTION: 1992

### MOTTO

To increase awareness from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

### NOTE

It was originally called "International Day of Disabled Persons". Also known as the International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD).

### 2023 THEME

Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world.



**03**  
DECEMBER



- Ministry of Tourism with Ministry of Culture have organised the music festival Krishnaveni Sangetha Neerajanam in which state? **Andhra Pradesh**
- Who has inaugurated the new premises of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Mumbai Bench? **Dr DY Chandrachud**
- Which country has become pioneer lead country for International Maritime Organisation's GreenVoyage2050 Project? **India**
- The 26th Eastern Zonal Meeting has been held in which city, chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah? **Patna**

<p><b>IMPORTANCE</b> To commemorate the Operation Trident on 4 Dec 1971, in which Indian Navy attacked Karachi harbour during 1971's Indo-Pakistan war.</p>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Indian Navy Day</h2>
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**MOTTO**  
To recognize the achievements and role of the Indian Navy to the country.

- INDIAN NAVY FACTS**
- President is the Commander-in-Chief of Indian Navy.
  - Chhatrapati Shivaji Bhosle is considered as the "Father of the Indian Navy".
  - Navy Day does not commemorate the day the Indian Navy was founded.
  - Ezhimala Naval Academy in Kerala is the largest naval academy in Asia.
  - INS Viraat was the navy's 1st aircraft as well as carrier and the oldest aircraft carrier in the world.



04

DECEMBER

- Lakadong turmeric, which has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag recently, produced in which state? **Meghalaya**
- Which country will host the four-day 27th WAIPA World Investment Conference starting from 11th December 2023? **India**
- Tiriyani Block, which has achieved the top spot in NITI Aayog's inaugural delta rankings, is in which state? **Telangana**
- Which armed force has organised 15th Capacity Building Senior Officers' Meet? **Indian Coast Guard**

- In which country was a statue dedicated to 'Thiruvalluvar' unveiled recently? **France**
- 8th Brahmaputra Valley Film Festival has been started in which city? **Guwahati**
- Sannakka Sarakka Central Tribal University will built in which state following the Central Universities (Amendment), Bill, 2023? **Telangana**
- Which ministry has recently launched LEADS 2023 Report? **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**
- Which state government recently approached the Supreme Court against capping of its borrowing limit by the Centre? **Kerala**
- Which is the world's largest meditation centre, launched recently by PM Modi? **Swarved Mahamandir**
- Which ministry has hosted the "AHEAD" consultation workshop in alliance with World Bank? **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**
- How many cyber-crime police stations has the Uttar Pradesh government approved to open in the state? **57**
- Who launched the National Geology Data Repository Portal? **Prahlad Joshi**
- Which country has topped global remittance charts at \$125 billion in 2023? **India**
- Which state government has approved the proposal to build first Advanced Pediatric Center in the state? **Uttar Pradesh**
- International Gita Mahotsav has recently commenced in which city? **Kurukshetra**
- Bhoomi Rashi Portal' is an initiative of which ministry? **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways**
- How much have been allocated for PM Vishwakarma Yojana? **13,000 crores**
- In November 2023, which country has officially applied for BRICS membership? **Pakistan**
- Which country has named the cyclone 'Michaung' formed in the Bay of Bengal? **Myanmar**
- In which city will the Expo 2030 World Fair be organized? **Riyadh**
- Where is the COP-28 summit being organized? **Dubai**
- United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial Meeting is being organized in which country? **Ghana**
- Report "2023 Global Snapshot on HIV and AIDS" has been published by which organisation? **UNICEF**
- Art Review has included whom in its "Power 100" list? **Bose Krishnamachari**
- Recently, India has announced 250 million dollar line of credit to which country in agri sector? **Kenya**
- Marapi' volcano has recently erupted, in which country is it located? **Indonesia**
- What is the depth of the recently launched underground lab by China in Sichuan Province? **2400-metre**
- Which country has emerged as world's largest source of opium in the year 2023? **Myanmar**
- Which country decided Social Media limits for Under-16 year old child? **United Kingdom**



## Banking & Economy

- Recently, RBI has slapped penalties on Citibank, Bank of Baroda, and Indian Overseas Bank due to which reason? **Non-Compliance**
- Which insurance company has made a Guinness World Record with featuring 19,097 photos from 'Insure India' campaign contributors? **HDFC Life**
- Who has topped in The Hurun's list of 200 self-made entrepreneurs? **Radhakishan Damani**
- At what rate has RBI maintained the repo rate for the 5th consecutive time? **6.50%**
- Which bank has named "Bank of the Year" by The Banker, Financial Times? **Federal Bank**
- Recently, Reserve Bank of India has raised the UPI limit for healthcare and education to how much? **Rs 5 Lakh**
- Which bank has recently launched "Nari Shakti Savings Account For Women"? **Bank of India**
- How much US dollars will IMF provide to Sri Lanka to improve its economy? **337 million**
- Reserve Bank of India has authorised which bank to disburse pension to railway employee? **Bandhan Bank**
- How much Oman-India joint fund was announced to boost investment into India's growing sectors? **\$300m**
- Which bank has recently raised Rs 7,425 crore through infrastructure bond issue? **HDFC Bank**
- What is the main focus of the recent memorandum of understanding signed between India and the European Union? **To develop semiconductor ecosystem and enhance resilience in the semiconductor supply chain**
- NASSCOM has signed an MoU with NRW.Global Business to promote innovation and technological exchange between India and which country? **Germany**
- Reserve Bank of India has inked pact with which bank on bond clearing settlement? **Bank of England**
- Recently, USD 175 million loan agreement have been signed with Asian Development Bank for road improvement in which state? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Recently, UNICEF has collaborated with which country to launch "Green Rising" initiative? **India**
- Maharashtra government has joined hands with which organization for natural farming? **Art of Living**
- Ministry of Defence has signed Rs 1,614.89 crore contract with which shipbuilding company for procurement of six Offshore Patrol Vessels? **Mazagon Dockyard Shipbuilders Ltd**

- The Ministry of Defence has partnered with which company for the Indian Coast Guard's Digital Coast Guard (DCG) project? **TCIL**
- State Bank of India has signed 70 million euro Line of Credit with which bank for promoting solar project in the country? **German Development Bank**
- Indian Navy has signed MoU with which Indian Institute of Technology for innovation and research? **IIT Kanpur**
- National Skill Development Corporation has signed MoU with which country to protect rights of skilled labourers? **Saudi Arabia**
- Government of India, has signed 37 billion Japanese Yen loan with which bank for Delhi-Meerut RRTS Corridor? **Asian Development Bank**

### IMPORTANCE

To mark the birth anniversary of H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej, King of Thailand, who was one of the main proponents of this initiative.

## World Soil Day

EDITION: 9<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> OBSERVED: 5 December 2014

### MOTTO

To raise awareness of the importance of sustaining healthy ecosystems and human well-being.

### ORGANISATION INVOLVED

FAO & United Nation

### NOTE

The FAO unanimously endorsed World Soil Day in June 2013 and requested its official adoption. But in December 2013, UNGA responded by designating 5 December 2014 as the first official World Soil Day.

### 2023 THEME

Soil and Water: A source of Life

**05**  
DECEMBER



## Awards & Recognitions

- Which company has received the "Best Employer for Policies in Diversity & Inclusion"? **REC Limited**
- The recently organised National Gopal Ratna Awards 2023 in Assam is related to which field? **Dairy Sector**
- Who has been honoured with the National Metallurgist Award? **Dr Debashish Bhattacharya**
- Who has become the fourth Indian to be honored with Pakistan's highest civilian award? **Dr Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin**
- Which movie has bagged best film award in the third edition of the "75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow" at the ongoing IFFI? **Odh**
- Who has been awarded by the ISB Research Catalyst Award? **Kris Gopalakrishnan**
- Name the Irish author, who has won the 2023 Booker prize for his novel "Prophet Song"? **Paul Lynch**
- Which company has won the second prize in the "Annual Report" category at the "PRSI National Awards" 2023? **NHPC Limited**
- Which ministry has been awarded by the Special Appreciation Medal for Excellence in Display, at India International Trade Fair 2023? **Ministry of Power**
- Who has recently honored with Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema at the 54th IFFI? **Michael Douglas**
- Name the author and translator, who has recently conferred with French Honour? **Arshia Sattar**
- Who has presented The National Awards for empowerment of Divyangjan on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities? **Droupadi Murmu**
- What award did ISRO and the Chandrayaan-3 team receive recently? **Outstanding Contribution to Brand India**
- Which English word has been chosen as the Oxford Word of the Year 2023? **"Rizz"**
- Which Indian-origin novelist was honored with Singapore's highest art honour? **Meera Chand**
- Which Indian dance form has been included in UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list? **Garba**
- Who has been named 'Person of the Year' by Time Magazine? **Taylor Swift**
- Who has been chosen as 'CEO of the Year' by Time Magazine? **Sam Altman**
- Who will be honoured with the Ajanta-Ellora Film Festival? **Javed Akhtar**
- Who has got The Game-Changing Innovator Award at COP28 summit? **Dr Atul Shah**
- Whose memoir "Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein" has been selected for 33rd Vyas Samman award 2023? **Pushpa Bharati**
- Who has been awarded by the Italy's civilian honour 'Order of Merit'? **Kabir Bedi**
- Which country's NGO has been honored with the 'International Gender Equality Award' 2023? **Afghanistan**
- Who has been awarded the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for November 2023? **Nahida Akhtar**
- In December 2023, BCCI has recommended Arjuna Award which Indian Cricketer? **Mohammed Shami**
- Which British Indian composer has been included in the 2024 Booker Prize judging panel? **Nitin Sahni**
- Who has been selected by the London-based Royal Society of Chemistry to receive its Nyholm Prize for Education? **Savita Ladage**
- Who has won the ITF World Champion Awards 2023 for the first time after her first Grand Slam title? **Aryna Sabalenka**
- Which film has won Best film award at Kolkata International Film Festival? **Children of Nobody**
- Which Indian recently successfully climbed Antarctica's highest peak 'Mount Vinson'? **Sheikh Hasan Khan**
- Which life insurance company has won National Energy Conservation Awards? **Reliance Nippon Life Insurance**
- Who was recently awarded Bhutan's prestigious National Order of Merit Gold Medal? **Poonam Khetrapal Singh**
- How many people will be honored with the Major Dhyani Chand Khel Ratna Award 2023? **02**
- Which Indian organisation has been bestowed with the esteemed Leif Erikson Lunar Prize by the Husavik Museum? **Indian Space Research Organisation**
- Who has been honoured with the "CMD of the Year" award at the 13th PSE Excellence Awards? **Pradip Kumar Das**
- Which company has received the 11th edition of the FICCI Water Award 2023 under the "Industrial Water Use Efficiency" category? **NTPC Kanti**



# Sports

- Who has recently become the second youngest to win National Squash Champion? **Anahat Singh**
- Max Verstappen has won the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix by defeating whom? **Charles Leclerc**
- Who has become first Indian shooter to win a medal in 25m Rapid Fire at ISSF World Cup Final? **Anish Bhanwala**
- Who has won the Davis Cup for the first time since 1976? **Italy**
- Who has clinched the World 6 Red Women Championships title at Doha? **Vidya Pillai**
- Which African cricket team has qualified for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024? **Uganda**

- Which state hockey team has won the 13th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2023? **Punjab**
- Shane Dowrich, who has recently announced his retirement from international cricket, was playing for which country? **West Indies**
- What is the mascot of Khelo India Para Games 2023? **'Ujjwala'**
- Olympian Murali Sreeshankar, who has won the 35th Jimmy George Foundation award, associated with which sport? **Long jump**
- Where has the IBA Junior World Boxing Championship 2023 held? **Armenia**
- FIVB Men's Volleyball Club World Championship 2023 is being organized in which city? **Bengaluru**
- Who has been named Time Magazine's Athlete of the Year for 2023? **Lionel Messi**
- Who has won Gold medal in the elite 45-kg category Para lifting at Khelo India National Para Games 2023? **Jaspreet Kaur**
- Who has become the fastest batsman to score 2,000 runs in T20I in terms of ball? **Suryakumar Yadav**
- Bipin Chandra, who has bagged champion of change award is the founder and CEO of which company? **EsyaSoft**
- Who has become the first Asian men to be inducted in International Tennis Hall of Fame? **Leander Paes and Vijay Amritraj**
- Who has won Gold medal in Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 event at Khelo India Para Games 2023? **Manish Narwal**
- Tamil Nadu's Kasthuri Rajamani has won Gold in which category at Khelo India Para Games 2023? **67kg**
- Who won the title of Miss India USA 2023? **Rijul Maini**
- Which state has topped in medal tally by securing 105 medals at the inaugural Khelo India Para Games 2023? **Haryana**
- Who has won his maiden Senior National 15-Red snooker title? **Sourav Kothari**
- Recently, which entertainment company has clinched 13 trophies at the Promax Global Awards 2023? **Shemaroo Entertainment**
- Who won the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy? **Guru Nanak Dev University**

## IMPORTANCE

To honor the martyrs and the men in uniform who valiantly fought on our borders to safeguard the country's honor.

## Armed Forces Flag Day

INCEPTION: 1949  
 EDITION: 75<sup>th</sup>

## MOTTO

To collect funds from people for the betterment of the Armed Forces staff just by selling Indian flags, batches, stickers, and other items.

## ARMED FORCES FLAG DAY FUND

Funds for war victims, Kendriya Sainik Board Fund, Ex-servicemen's welfare fund, and other units were united to make a single Armed Forces Flag Day fund in the year 1993 by the Defense Ministry of India.

## MANAGED BY

Local arms of the Kendriya Sainik Board in India

## ESTABLISHED

Committee of Defense Minister

**07**  
 DECEMBER

## Science & Technology

- What percentage reduction in emissions has the IEA propose by 2030 for a 1.5 degrees Celsius scenario? **60% reduction in emissions by 2030**
- Red Planet Day, celebrated on November 28, commemorate the launch of which Spacecraft? **Mariner 4**
- Indian Immunologicals has launched which Measles and Rubella Vaccine for children? **Mabella**
- What is the name of the first X-Ray Polarimeter Satellite, launched recently by ISRO? **XPoSat**
- What is the name of the Survey Vessel, which has recently delivered to Indian Navy? **INS Sandhayak**
- Which ministry has launched Geographic Information System application "Gram Manchitra"? **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**
- Who has become the first Indian to operate Mars rover? **Akshata Krishnamurthy**
- Recently, 115-million-year old shark fossils has been discovered in which state? **Rajasthan**
- Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal researchers have conducted the first genome sequencing which tree? **Jamun**
- Which company has released first-ever 1000-Qubit Quantum Chip? **IBM**
- The successful training launch of which short-range ballistic missile carried out in December 2023? **Agni-1**
- Which country has started world's first fourth-generation nuclear reactor? **China**
- Recently, China has launched MisrSat-2 satellite into space jointly with which country? **Egypt**
- Which fast attack craft ship has commissioned recently at Naval Dockyard, Vizag? **INS Tarmugli**
- KPIT Technologies has unveiled batteries powered by which element to reduce costs by 25-30% compared to lithium-ion? **Sodium-ion**
- Barracuda, India's fastest solar-electric boat has been launched in which state? **Kerala**
- Fast Attack Craft 'INS Tarmugli' was commissioned at which Naval Dockyard? **Visakhapatnam Dockyard**
- Norovirus, which has recently rises in UK, causes which disease? **Diarrhea**
- DRDO has successfully conducted the trial of India-made high-speed UAV from which from Aeronautical Test Range? **Chitradurga**

- In December 2023, which missile has made record by hitting four targets at once at 25km? **Akash**
- Recently, India has started its first winter scientific expedition in which area? **Arctic region**
- In December 2023, World Health Organization officially acknowledged which disease as a Neglected Tropical Disease? **Noma**
- Government of India aims to boost nuclear power capacity from 7480 MW to 22480 MW by which year? **2032**

### IMPORTANCE

To Mark the 50th anniversary of the signing the Convention on International Civil Aviation in 1944.

## International Civil Aviation Day

### ABOUT ICAO

**ESTABLISHED**  
7th December 1944

**INCEPTION:** 1994

**OFFICIAL STATUS BY UN:** 1996

### NEED

Securing international cooperation and consistency in civil aviation matters.

ICAO is a UN body that operates in association with other UN members including the WMO, ITU, UPU, WHO and IMO.

### NOTE

International Services Transit Agreement and the International Air Transport Agreement were also signed in 1944.

### HISTORY BEHIND

In 1944, member countries signed the "Chicago Convention" giving permission to global civil aviation system to develop peacefully and in a manner benefitting all peoples and nations of the world.

**NOTE:** Currently, the Chicago Convention has 191 state parties including all member states of the UN except Dominica, Liechtenstein and Tuvalu.





## Miscellaneous

- Assam has celebrated the 401 birth anniversary of which Ahom General on 24th of November? **Lachit Borphukan**
- Martyrdom Day of ninth guru of Sikhs Guru Teg Bahadur has been observed on which day of November 2023? **24 November**
- International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women has been observed on which day of November? **25th November**
- The Diamond Jubilee of India's first sounding rocket launch was commemorated in which state? **Kerala**
- National Milk Day 2023 has commemorated on the birth anniversary of whom? **Dr Verghese Kurien**
- Recently, Uttar Pradesh government has declared which day as "no non-veg day"? **November 25**
- International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people has been observed on which day? **29 November**
- The Indian Navy conducted 'Operational Demonstration 2023' at which city? **Sindhudurg**
- Which English language word has been chosen as "word of the year" by Merriam-Webster? **Authentic**
- What is the theme of Bengaluru Tech Summit 2023? **"Breaking Boundaries"**
- International Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare has been observed of which day? **30 November**
- What is the theme of World AIDS Day 2023? **Let Communities Lead**
- Which state has recently celebrated its 61st Statehood Day on December 1st? **Nagaland**
- Name the former President of India, whose 113th birth anniversary has been observed on 04th December 2023? **R Venkataraman**
- Armed Forces Flag Day has been observed on which day of December? **07 December**
- India has ranked at what position in Climate Change Performance Index 2023? **Seventh**
- When has the International Human Solidarity Day celebrated? **20 December**
- Who has named "2023 International Anti-Corruption Champion" by the US Government? **Nikhil Dey**
- What is the theme of International Mountain Day 2023? **Restoring Mountain Ecosystems**
- Which armed force has recently concluded bi-annual exercise named "Prasthan"? **Indian Navy**
- What is the theme of United Nations Human Rights Day 2023? **Freedom, Equality and Justice for All**
- In which state is the annual "Shar Amartala Torgya" festival has recently celebrated? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- International Day of Neutrality has been observed on which day of December 2023? **12 December**
- Close the Gender Gap initiative has been launched by which organization? **Udaiti Foundation**
- In December 2023, who has been suspended from Rajya Sabha for remaining session over "ignoble misconduct" and "gross defiance" of Chair's directions? **Derek O'Brien**
- Which state has got top spot in country as FDI recipient? **Maharashtra**
- Which Naval Ship has recently arrived at Manila, Philippines for long range op deployment? **INS Kadmat**
- Who has topped in UK list of the "Top 50 Asian Celebrities in the World"? **Shah Rukh Khan**
- Vijay Diwas has celebrated on 16 December to mark the victory over which country of India? **Pakistan**
- Which state has recorded highest number of deaths in 2022 from Tiger attacks? **Maharashtra**
- International Migrants Day has recently celebrated on which day of December 2023? **18 December**
- Goa Liberation Day has recently been observed on which day of December? **19 December**
- The 40th Corps Day has recently celebrated by Indian Army on which day of December 2023? **21 December**

## Important Days

Date	Observed As	Importance/Motto
January 1	Global Family Day	To promote the idea that the Earth is one Global family and we should live in peace
January 4	World Braille Day	To mark the birth anniversary of Louis Braille.
January 9	NRI Day	To mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community towards the development of India.
January 10	World Hindi Day	To mark the birth anniversary of first World Hindi Conference which was held in 1975.
January 12	National Youth Day	To mark the birth anniversary of the Swami Vivekananda.
January 15	Army day	Field Marshal K. M. Cariappa became the first Indian Army Chief of Independent India on 15 January 1949.
January 24	National Girl Child Day	To increase awareness among the people and ensure every girl gets equal importance as their counterparts.
January 25	National Voters day	To mark the foundation day of the Election Commission of India (ECI)
January 26	India's Republic Day	To mark the Declaration of Indian Independence that was proclaimed by the Indian National Congress.
January 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	To commemorate the tragedy of the Holocaust that occurred during the Second World War.
January 30	Martyrs' Day	To mark the assassination of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Ji.



## Let's Recap

- Which state bagged the first gold medal of the 37th National Games? **Assam**
- Which Indian athlete has bagged the first silver medal for India at the 4th Para Asian Games 2022? **Prachi Yadav**
- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has conferred the "Anubhav" award 2023 to whom? **Yogender Chaudhry**
- Which country has become first nation to launch an electromagnetic railgun from an offshore vessel? **Japan**
- Name the stealth guided missile destroyer which has recently delivered to Indian Navy in October 2023? **INS Imphal**
- Who has taken over as the Director General Hospital Services (Armed Forces)? **Sadhna Saxena Nair**
- Which company has unveiled "Vikram-1" rocket which will launch satellites in early 2024? **Skyroot Aerospace**
- Which Indian won the gold medal in men's discus throw at the Asian Para Games 2023? **Neeraj Yadav**
- When has The United Nations World Development Information Day celebrated in October 2023? **24 October**
- In October 2023, who has named as Indian women cricket team head coach? **Amol Muzumdar**
- Recently, PM Modi chaired meeting of 43rd edition of PRAGATI. What does "G" stands for in the abbreviation of "PRAGATI"? **Governance**

### IMPORTANCE

To mark the adoption of the Convention against Corruption on 31 Oct 2003, UNGA designated December 9 International Anti-Corruption Day.

## International Anti-Corruption Day

INCEPTION: 2003  
EDITION: 20<sup>th</sup>  
CAME INTO FORCE: 2005

### MOTTO

To raise awareness of corruption and of the role of the Convention in combating and preventing it.

### 2023 THEME

UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption.

### NOTE

As per UN, every year \$1 trillion is paid in bribes while an estimated \$2.6 trillion are stolen annually through corruption.

### ORGANISATION INVOLVED

UNDOC

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- According to S&P India will surpass which country to become 2nd largest economy in Asia by 2030? **Japan**
- Who has been elected as the new speaker of US House of Representatives? **Mike Johnson**
- Which country has announced to grant free visas to visitors from India till 31 March, 2024? **Sri Lanka**
- Airbus has tied up with which IIT to boost talent development in the Indian aerospace sector? **IIT Kanpur**
- Who has won Gold in archery at Asian Para Games 2023? **Rakesh Kumar**
- Indian Army has celebrated Shaurya Diwas recently on which day of October? **27 October**
- Which actress will receive "Chevalier dans l'ordre des Arts et des Lettres" award from Consul General of France? **Richa Chadha**
- The recently launched "Dark Patterns Buster Hackathon 2023" is associated with which field - **E-Commerce**
- Politician 'Li Keqiang' has passed away, he was the former Prime Minister of which country? **China**
- In which state did Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launch 124 PM-Shri schools? **Haryana**
- The 15th Tribal Youth Exchange Program has been inaugurated in which city? **Mumbai**
- Government of India has decided to impose a minimum export price of how much on per tonne on onion till Dec 31, 2023? **\$800**
- The annual festival "Mera Houchongba" has been celebrated in which state? **Manipur**
- Recently, PM Modi has inaugurated 37th edition of National Games in which state? **Goa**
- Sarat Borkotoky, who has passed away recently, was a famous - **Politician**



- What is the theme of "Vigilance Awareness Week 2023"? **Say no to corruption; Commit to the Nation**
- World Stroke Day 2023 has been observed on which day of October? **29th October**
- PM Narendra Modi has launched which platform for youth on National Unity Day? **Mera Yuva Bharat**
- Which Indian shooter has recently secured the 11th Paris Olympic quota for India in the Asian Shooting Championship? **Manu Bhakar**
- ICG Chief Rakesh Pal participates in 3rd Coast Guard Global Summit, took place in which country? **Japan**
- Who has been named as the convener of GST rate rationalisation panel? **SK Khanna**
- Who has been awarded the prestigious Ballon d'Or Award for the year 2023? **Lionel Messi**
- Who flagged off Gujarat's first heritage train? **Narendra Modi**
- Who has clinched Gold in 100m hurdles in record time at the 37th National Games? **Jyothi Yarraji**
- Recently, Goa High Court has ordered to create a tiger reserve in which wildlife sanctuary? **Mhadei**
- Reserve Bank of India has appointed whom as its new Executive Director? **Manoranjan Mishra**
- Indian Navy has recently decommissioned which long range Maritime Patrol Aircraft in October 2023? **Ilyushin Il-38**
- Which state has banned marine fishing in Olive Ridley turtle habitation corridors? **Odisha**
- Government of India has approved how much investment to Global Solar Facility under ISA? **\$25 million**
- In which dictionary has the word 'Bazball' related to cricket been added recently? **Collins**
- Who has been appointed as CEO & MD of Tata Power Renewable Energy? **Deepesh Nanda**
- Who has won the "Wildlife Photographer of the Year" award? **Vihaan Talya Vikas**
- Who won the gold medal in the men's 50m rifle 3P event at the Asian Shooting Championships 2023? **Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar**
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the branch of State Bank of India in which country? **Sri Lanka**
- The Iconic "Throne Room" at Raj Bhavan in Kolkata has named after whom? **Sardar Patel**
- Who has inaugurated a joint workshop with the National Science Foundation, USA? **S Krishnan**
- Which Indian city has ranked fourth globally in terms of price rise of luxury homes? **Mumbai**
- Which company has launched National Efficient Cooking Programme? **EESL**
- Which country will host the 24th Asian Archery Championships in 2025? **Bangladesh**

- According to the EdelGive Hurun India's Philanthropy List for 2023, who has topped in the list with Rs 2042-crore donations? **Shiv Nadar**
- Who has inaugurated the domestic sailing of the first international cruise liner 'Costa Serena' in India? **Sarbananda Sonowal**
- Name the first foreign bank in India gave The Electronic Bank Guarantee platform? **HSBC**
- Who has been re-elected at UN Advisory Committee in November 2023? **Surendra K Adhana**
- Which company has recently get GIFT City IFSC Registration? **India First Life**
- Writer Leela Omchery, who has passed away in recently, was awarded by Padma Shri in which year? **2008**
- Name the Indian steeplechase runner, who has recently set a new record of 3000 meter run in 8 minutes 37.15 seconds? **Sunil Joliya**
- Uttar Pradesh has decided to celebrate "Kisan Samman Diwas" on the birth anniversary of whom? **Chaudhary Charan Singh**

**IMPORTANCE**

To mark the adoption of Universal Declaration of Human Rights by UNGA on 10 December 1948.

**Human Rights Day**

INCEPTION: 1948

**MOTTO**

To improve the physical, social, cultural and spiritual well-being and welfare of the vulnerable group of people globally.

**2023 THEME**

Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All.

**NOTE**

In 2004, International Human Rights Day was sanctioned by the International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU) as an official day of human rights celebration.

**ORGANISATION INVOLVED**

UNESCO

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- The First Australia India Education and Skill Council meeting has been held in which IIT? **IIT Gandhinagar**
- In which area has a new species of gecko been discovered recently? **Western Ghats**
- Which country has become the new member of the International Solar Alliance? **Chile**
- Which team won the title of Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy? **Punjab**
- Where is the second 'World Local Production Forum' being organised? **Hague**
- Who inaugurated the 'Children's Science Festival'? **Dr Jitendra Singh**
- The Indian Institute of Technology Madras has set up an international campus in which country? **Tanzania**
- In November 2023, Nirmala Sitaraman has inaugurated 12 GST Seva Kendra of which state? **Gujarat**
- Which state has become first in National Games to cross 200 medal tally? **Maharashtra**

**IMPORTANCE**  
To highlight the opportunities and constraints in mountain development, and to build alliances that will bring positive change to mountain peoples and environments around the world.

International Mountain Day

INCEPTION: 2002  
1<sup>st</sup> OBSERVED: 2003

**MOTTO**  
To increase awareness on the importance of mountains for the health of the planet and well-being of billions of people.

**2023 THEME**  
Restoring mountain ecosystems.

**NOTE**  
Mountains cover nearly 27% of Earth's land & play a crucial role in sustainable economic growth.

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- Who has become the batsman to score the fastest double century in ODI World Cup history? **Glenn Maxwell**
- Which player won the 'Paris Masters' title in lawn tennis? **Novak Djokovic**
- With whom has the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department developed the Agriculture 24/7 platform? **Wadhvani Institute**
- Who has won the Super Bantamweight WBC India Boxing Title? **F Zoramchhana**
- The recently erupted volcano "Klyuchevskaya Sopka" is located in which country? **Russia**
- The World Bank has approved how much to strengthen Sri Lanka's financial and institutional sectors? **USD 150 million**
- The 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting will be held in which country? **Indonesia**
- 6th meeting of the India-OPEC energy dialogue held in which country? **Austria**
- India is procuring Iгла-S anti-aircraft missiles from which country? **Russia**
- Gujarati Formation Day has been observed on which day of November 2023? **14 November**
- Who has joined as an advisor to the Board at the US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum? **Ajay Kumar**
- Who has become the first Indian woman cricketer to be inducted into ICC's 'Hall of Fame'? **Diana Edulji**
- Which cricketer has become the first batsman to score 50 ODI century and surpassed Tendulkar's haul? **Virat Kohli**
- What is the name of 4th Anti-Submarine Warfare Craft which has launched recently by Indian Navy? **Amini**
- Where will 'India International Science Festival' 2023 be organized? **Faridabad**
- The joint military exercise 'Exercise Mitra Shakti-2023' is being organized with India and which country? **Sri Lanka**
- National Press Day has been celebrated on which day in November 2023? **16 November**
- Who has been honored with the first "Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award"? **Salman Rushdie**
- Who has named for Maharashtra's "Lata Mangeshkar Award 2023"? **Suresh Wadkar**
- The death anniversary of which Indian revolutionary has been observed on 17th November 2023? **Lala Lajpat Rai**
- National Epilepsy Day 2023 has been observed on which day of November? **17th November**
- Pedro Sanchez has recently re-elected as Prime Minister of which country? **Spain**



- Which company has bagged award to develop Greenfield Port in Karnataka? **JSW Steel**
- Kotak Bank board has appointed whom as their MD and CEO? **Ashok Vaswani**
- BN Goswamy, who has passed away recently, was a famous - **Historian**
- Recently, who has received "Order of British Columbia"? **Ryan Reynolds**
- Name the deputy PM of Australia, who has recently co-chaired the 2nd India-Australia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue? **Richard Marles**
- Who has been named as the new director of the Special Protection Group? **Alok Sharma**
- The "Braj Raj Utsav" in Mathura will be celebrated on November 23 on the birth anniversary of whom? **Meera Bai**
- Which state has won the "best state" award for inland fisheries? **Uttar Pradesh**
- What is the theme of "World Children's Day 2023"? **For Every Child, Every Right!**
- Which player won the Player of the Tournament title in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023? **Virat Kohli**
- Name the former governor of the Reserve Bank of India who has passed away in November 2023? **S Venkitaramanan**
- What is the theme of World AMR Awareness Week 2023 (18 – 24 November 2023)? **Preventing antimicrobial resistance together**
- Which company has launched the country's first Made in India AI SuperCloud? **NeevCloud**
- Novak Djokovic has won a record seventh title at the ATP Finals by defeating whom? **Jannik Sinner**
- The UP Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd and the NTPC will jointly set up 1600mw Anpara-E thermal power plant in which district? **Sonbhadra**
- Who has been honoured with "Special Recognition for Contribution to Bharatiya Cinema" Award at 54th IFFI? **Madhuri Dixit**
- Malayalam novelist, P Valsala, who has passed away recently, was the former president of which academy? **Kerala Sahitya Academy**
- Which Bollywood actor has topped in IMDb's list of most popular Indian stars of 2023? **Shah Rukh Khan**
- 2nd edition of Joint Military Exercise AUSTRALIND-23 will be conducted in which city? **Perth**
- In which country will the ICC Men's U19 Cricket

- World Cup 2024 be organized? **South Africa**
- Saffron of which district of Jammu and Kashmir has been given the tag of Geographical Indication? **Kishtwar**
- Recently, Ghol fish has declared state fish of which state? **Gujarat**
- What is the name of the high-yielding black pepper variety developed by IISR? **Chandra**
- Who has become the first woman to command Armed Forces Transfusion center? **Col Sunita BS**
- Who was the first woman judge of the Supreme Court who passed away recently? **Fatima Biwi**
- The ASEAN-India Millet Festival 2023 has recently started in which country? **Indonesia**

**IMPORTANCE**

To focus the attention of decision makers in directing resources towards energy generation through non-conventional sources on a larger scale.

**World/National Energy Conservation Day**

INCEPTION: 1991

**MOTTO**

To drive mass awareness about importance of energy efficiency and conservation.

**BUREAU OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY**  
FOUNDED: 1 March 2002.

HEADQUARTERS: New Delhi, India.

TYPE: Government Agency  
Area served: India.

PURPOSE: Development of policies and strategies, with an emphasis on self-regulation and market principles.

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## Quick Bytes

- Assam CM inaugurated Academic Blocks of Royal Global University.
- Savita Punia and Hardik Singh won Prestigious FIH Awards.
- Smriti Irani, kicks off the National Programme on Anganwadi-cum-Crèches in New Delhi.
- A 700 kWp solar power plant has been set up in Ahmedabad, under the Renewable Energy Service Company (RESCO) mode.

<b>IMPORTANCE</b> To commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in Indo-Pakistani War of 1971 for the liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan.	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Vijay Diwas</h3>
<b>MOTTO</b> To pay tribute to the Indian martyrs who laid down their lives for liberating Bangladesh from Pakistan.	INCEPTION: 1971 EDITION: 53 <sup>rd</sup>

**MOTTO**  
To pay tribute to the Indian martyrs who laid down their lives for liberating Bangladesh from Pakistan.

**HISTORY BEHIND**  
In 1971, the chief of the Pakistani forces, General AA Khan Niazi, along with 93000 troops, had surrendered to Indian Army and Mukti Bahini.

The end of the war also resulted in subsequent secession of East Pakistan into Bangladesh.

**NOTE**  
On the same day Bangladesh observed as Bijoy Dibos.



- Twinkle Khanna's 'Welcome to Paradise' tops 2023 fiction book sales
- Anurag Thakur, announced the Parliament's approval of the 2023 Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill.
- Sanjay Singh elected president of Wrestling Federation of India.
- Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) Sanhita 2023 implements death penalty for mob lynching, replacing the Indian Penal Code 1860.
- Central Railway introduced 'Panic Button' safety feature for women.
- Lok Sabha to consider the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners Bill.

- Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd. (CGCEL) won the 2023 National Energy Conservation Award for its storage water heater, conferred by the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu.
- Cadila Pharmaceuticals earned a spot in CII's 'Top 50 Innovative Companies in India' 2023 for its dedication to innovation.
- INS Shivaji received 'Vir Chakra' of late Vice Adm. Benoy Chowdhury
- Razorpay, Cashfree secured RBI nod for payment aggregator business
- Central Goods and Services Tax 2nd Amendment Bill passed in Parliament
- Dr. Nitin Mohan Lal received prestigious International Doctorate
- IIIT-Lucknow, Bhatkhande University tie-up for research on Kathak
- Woods resort at Sasan grabbed IGBC Green Resorts Platinum Rating
- The Indian Air Force and USI jointly held the inaugural Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh Annual Lecture, honoring his achievements.
- National Health Family Survey 2019-21 report marked that the Stunting reduced from 38.4% to 35.5%, while Wasting reduced from 21.0% to 19.3%.
- To increase domestic mineral production and reducing import reliance, the National Geoscience Data Repository Portal has been launched.
- IREDA CMD Pradip Kumar Das bagged 'CMD of the Year' award
- NTPC Kanti received the 11th edition of the FICCI Water Award 2023 under the "Industrial Water Use Efficiency" category.
- International Gita Mahotsav commenced in Kurukshetra, Haryana
- Mazagon Dockyard Shipbuilders to make Offshore Patrol Vessels for ICG
- RBL Bank Introduces Electronic Bank Guarantee on NeSL Platform
- Rashmi Group to Inaugurate West Bengal's First Private Coal Mine
- Abdel Fattah El Sisi won Egyptian Presidential Elections with 89% vote
- Rajya Sabha passed the Post Office Bill which repealed and replaced the Post Office Act of 1898.
- IPL Auction 2024: Mitchell Starc Smashes Record, Sold to KKR for ₹25Cr

- Maharashtra leads with a GDP share of 15.7 percent of the country's total GDP, Uttar Pradesh follows closely with a GDP share of 9.2 percent.
- Reliance General Insurance Company introduced "Reliance Health Global", a healthcare policy enhancing access to global healthcare for Indians.
- Ex-CM Raman Singh elected speaker of Chhattisgarh assembly
- NSDC signs MoU with Saudi govt to protect rights of skilled labourers
- LIC to digitally transform with Kellton as its HRMS partner
- Andhra Pradesh has secured the first spot with a score of 94 in this year's reform index released recently by the Aayog.
- GoI, ADB sign 37 bn Japanese Yen loan for Delhi-Meerut RRTS Corridor
- Kakrapar Atomic Power Project Unit-4 achieved fission chain reaction or 'criticality' on Dec 17, complying with AERB safety norms.
- Reliance Nippon Life Insurance won National Energy Conservation Awards
- Bangladesh Under-19 cricket team won the Under-19 Asia Cup in Dubai, defeating UAE by 195 runs.
- Nagaland was formally recognised as a separate state on 1st December, 1963, with Kohima being declared as its capital.
- PM Narendra Modi launched the 10,000th Jan Aushadhi Kendra at AIIMS, Deoghar.
- Ministry of Jal Shakti conducted 'Jal Itihas Utsav' in Mehrauli, Delhi
- Foxconn's \$1.5 billion infusion sparks tech boom in India
- French literary honour conferred on Bengaluru author Arshia Sattar
- Top ISRO scientist V R Lalithambika conferred with highest civilian French honour for space cooperation initiatives.
- Surat Diamond Exchange - world's largest office inaugurated by PM Modi
- National Highways Authority India has developed a Computer Aided Dispatch System to assist the 1033 call centre operators to locate the nearest available on-road unit ambulance, crane, patrol unit, etc.
- Israeli film 'Children of Nobody' won Best film award at KIFF Festival
- International Migrants Day: 18th December. Theme for 2023: "Act Today for a Better Tomorrow for All: Improving the Health of migrants to Unleash the Power of Migration."
- Israel approved appointment of Reuven Azar as new Ambassador to India
- PM Modi launched world's largest meditation centre

Swarved Mahamandir. It is located in Umaraha area of Varanasi.

- Sourav Kothari of Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) won his maiden Senior National 15-Red snooker title, beating Paras Gupta of Uttar Pradesh 6-2 in the final.
- Ali Abu Awwad, Daniel Barenboim won Indira Gandhi Peace Prize.
- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare inaugurated ASEAN-India Millet Festival at New Delhi.
- Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya announced plans to bolster CGHS Wellness Centres nationwide from 80 to 100, enhancing healthcare accessibility.
- A report by National Council of Applied Economic Research shows that India's logistics costs are between 7.8-8.9% of the national GDP.
- Indian wrestler Antim Panghal was named the Rising Star of the Year among women by the United World Wrestling (UWW).

**IMPORTANCE**

United Nations on 18 December, 1992 adopted and broadcast the Statement on the individual's Rights belonging to religious or Linguistic National or Ethnic Minorities.

**Minorities Rights Day in India**

1<sup>st</sup> OBSERVED: 2013  
 EDITION: 11<sup>th</sup>

**MOTTO**

This day focuses on bringing a better understanding and educating people about the issues related to minorities and their safety.

**NOTE**

The minorities in India include Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Zoroastrians (Parsis) and Jains.

Minorities in India constitute about 19% of the total population.


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 DECEMBER



- BBG Foundation's commitment to girls' education earned it the title of Best Girl Child Empowerment Program - Initiative of the Year by the Telangana Business Awards.
- Kerala Blasters FC's Vibin Mohanan earned the Emerging Player of the Month award for November 2023 in the Indian Super League following stellar performances.
- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has granted an aerodrome license for the Ayodhya Airport, paving the way for its inaugural flight on December 30.

**IMPORTANCE**  
 To mark the adoption of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families by UNGA on 18 Dec 1990.

**International Migrants Day**

INCEPTION: 1990  
 EDITION: 34<sup>th</sup>

**MOTTO**  
 To recognize the rights, protection, and respect for migrants.

**2023 THEME**  
 HARNESSING THE POTENTIAL OF HUMAN MOBILITY.

**INTERNATIONAL MIGRANT**  
 A person who moves to a another country that his/her usual residence for a period of at least a year (12 months), so that the country of destination effectively becomes his/her new country of usual residence.

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- ADB Allocates \$200M To Improve Sanitation In 100 Cities And Boost Waste Management
- Zepto Founders Top Hurun India's List Of 'Top 100 Under 30'
- Prof. Savita Ladage Honored With Nyholm Prize For Chemistry Education Excellence
- HCCB Signs MoU With Gujarat Government For ₹3,000-Cr Juice & Aerated Beverages Facility In Rajkot
- Dept. of Atomic Energy and IDRS Labs to co-develop AKTOCYTE tablets
- Vishnu Deo Sai takes charge as fourth Chhattisgarh Chief Minister.

- Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages (HCCB), and the Government of Gujarat have signed a Memorandum of Understanding, for a major investment of ₹3,000 crore.
- Representatives from 28 countries and the European Union adopted the "New Delhi Declaration" of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI).
- Mohammed Shami has been nominated for this year's Arjuna Award, while Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were nominated for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.
- Olympic medallist and multiple Grand Slam champion Leander Paes, along with two-time Davis Cup finalist Vijay Amritraj, were inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.
- Founder and CEO: Bipin Chandra Bags Champion of Change Award
- Indian Navy has inducted Fast Attack Craft, INS Tarmugli in a commissioning ceremony at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.
- Legislator Gaddam Prasad Kumar was elected unanimously as Speaker of the Telangana Assembly.
- A statue of Thiruvalluvar, regarded a cultural icon by Tamils, was inaugurated in the French town of Cergy.
- Hyderabad among India's best cities: Mercer's quality of living index
- BJP selected first-time MLA, Bhajan Lal Sharma, as the next Chief Minister of Rajasthan.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah introduced three redrafted Bills in the Lok Sabha to replace the existing British-era criminal laws.
- Rajya Sabha passed the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Bill.
- Lok Sabha passed two Bills to extend the provisions of the Constitution (106th Amendment) Act.
- The Climate Centre for Cities (C-Cube) at the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) joined the Race to Resilience Campaign to mainstream the resilience in cities across India.
- A Chinese company LandSpace Technology became the first in the world to launch satellites with rockets fuelled by methane and liquid oxygen.
- The Udaiti Foundation has launched "Close the Gender Gap (CGG)" Initiative to Lead a Shift in Gender Equality and Promote Inclusive Workplace Policies.
- NMCG launched Global River Cities Alliance at COP 28 Summit, Dubai.
- RITES signed pact with CFM Mozambique for 10 diesel locomotive supply
- Senior BJP leader Dr Mohan Yadav was unanimously elected as Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister.



- Tata Power EV and IOCL to jointly set up over 500 charging points.
- Iga Swiatek becomes the first woman since Serena Williams to win WTA Player of the Year twice in a row.
- Poland's Parliament Elects Donald Tusk As Prime Minister
- Former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and 3 veteran diplomats were here honoured with the annual 'Diwali Power of One Awards'.
- India is hosting the three-day annual Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) Summit from 12th to 14th December 2023 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has launched the Indian Forest & Wood Certification Scheme.
- 'NAMO Drone Didi' Scheme: Drones For Women's Self-Help Groups
- Veteran Actor Kabir Bedi Awarded Italy's Civilian Honour 'Order Of Merit'
- Donald Tusk elected as new Prime Minister of Poland
- Indian Scientist Dr. Hemachandran Ravikumar Receives Karmaveer Chakra Medal-2023
- Noted Hindi Writer Pushpa Bharati To Receive 33rd Vyas Samman
- Travis Head Wins ICC Men's Player Of Month Award For November 2023
- Pak Cricketer Asad Shafiq Announces Retirement From All Forms Of Cricket
- Dr. Gao Yaojie, Renowned AIDS Activist Dies At 95.
- Indian sitarist Ravi Shankar, who was influential in stimulating Western appreciation of Indian music, died at age 92.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth'.
- Javier Milei was sworn in as Argentina's President.
- National Basketball championship final: Railway women retain title after beating Kerala; Tamil Nadu men beat Railways.
- PM Inaugurates First Indian Art, Architecture & Design Biennale 2023 At Red Fort, Delhi
- Indian Army Organizes Table-Top Exercise To Empower ASEAN Women Officers
- Indian Naval Ship Sumedha Makes Inaugural Arrival At Port Lamu, Kenya
- Indian Navy Conducts Bi-Annual 'Prasthan' Exercise Off Mumbai Coast.
- Indian Army Organizes 'Honour Run' In Delhi To Commemorate Kargil War Victory
- China has launched the world's first commercial operations of a fourth-generation gas-cooled nuclear

- reactor power plant in eastern Shandong province, the Shidao Bay plant.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the 26th Eastern Zonal Meeting in Patna.
- Azentio Software, a Singapore-based tech firm, won two awards at the 5th IBS Intelligence Global FinTech Innovation Awards 2023.
- India to host four-day 27th WAIPA World Investment Conference in New Delhi from 11th December 2023.
- Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances DARPG has launched the scheme and web-portal for National Awards for e-Governance NAeG.
- Youth for Unnati and Vikas with AI (YUVAi) is set to be featured in GPAI Summit 2023.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah chairs the 26th meeting of Eastern Zonal Council in Patna.
- The Indian Banks' Association (IBA) and bank employee unions signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for a 17 per cent increase in salary and allowances for five years.

**IMPORTANCE**

It commemorates the freeing of Goa from Portuguese rule by the Indian Armed Forces on 19 December 1961 and the complete independence of the Indian subcontinent.

**Goa's Liberation Day**

INCEPTION: 1961

**MOTTO**

To pay tribute to the soldiers who lost their lives in "Operation Vijay" which is aimed to free Goa from Portuguese rule.

**GOA FACTS**

- Smallest State with Highest per capita Income.
- India's very first printing press was set up in Goa.
- The Se Cathedral church in Old Goa is the largest in Asia.
- The first medical school of India was established in Panaji, Goa in 1842.
- This state has two official languages - Konkani and Marathi!

**NOTE**

On 30 May 1987, Goa got the statehood status and became one of the richest and top per capita income states of India.



**19**  
DECEMBER



- National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) has acquired two SREI companies under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC).
- EU member states and lawmakers clinched a deal on how to draft historic rules regulating artificial intelligence models such as ChatGPT.
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur will inaugurate the Khelo India Para Games 2023 in New Delhi.
- Ankur Goel won the centre fire pistol gold in the 66th National shooting championship.

**IMPORTANCE**

To commemorate the day on which UNGA passed a resolution to identify solidarity as one of the fundamental and universal values in 20 Dec 2005.

**International Human Solidarity Day**

EDITION: 2002  
1<sup>st</sup> OBSERVED: 2005

**MOTTO**

To recognize the universal values of poor by making the associated countries aware of reducing poverty and to formulate its counter measures as signed by the independent states.

**NOTE**

On 20 December 2002, UNGA established the World Solidarity Fund, which was set up in February 2003 as a trust fund of the United Nations Development Programme.

**WHAT IS SOLIDARITY?**

Solidarity is an awareness of shared interests, objectives, standards, and sympathies creating a psychological sense of unity of groups/classes.

It refers to the ties in a society that bind people together as one.

**20**  
DECEMBER



- Ministry of Defence inked contract worth Rs 588.68 Cr with Telecommunications Consultants India Limited for "Digital Coast Guard project."
- EKI Energy Services and Indian Oil Corporation collaborated to promote 'Surya Nutan', a sustainable indoor solar cooking system.
- Union Bank of India collaborated with Accenture to develop a scalable data lake platform to enhance efficiency and customer services using predictive analytics and AI.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sanctioned an ambitious urban flood mitigation project for Chennai, with a budget allocation of Rs. 561.29 crore under the National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF).

- India ranked 7th in this year's Climate Change Performance Index, up one spot from the previous one, and also remained among the highest performers.
- Chief Justice of India, Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud, inaugurated the new premises of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Mumbai Bench.
- Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) leader Lalduhoma was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Mizoram.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) enhanced the UPI payment limits for healthcare and education to ₹5 lakh from ₹1 lakh.
- Bhutanese author Tshering Tashi was conferred the Premchand Fellowship of the Sahitya Akademi.
- Anumula Revanth Reddy was sworn in as the first Congress Chief Minister of Telangana.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the licence of 'Urban Co-operative Bank, Uttar Pradesh.
- IDFC First Bank has introduced a UPI-based digital RuPay Credit Card for its customers.
- Cash-strapped Pakistan has secured a \$658-million financing package, including an \$300-million loan at market rates, from the Asian Development Bank.
- Training launch of SRBM 'Agni-1' was carried out successfully from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.
- RBI keeps policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5 percent in latest MPC meet
- The Government of India has decided to map and document all villages under Mera Gaon, Meri Dharohar Programme.
- Meta, IBM launched 'AI Alliance' to promote open-source AI development
- Movate - previously known as CSS Corp, a digital technology and CX services provider - has won the inaugural NASSCOM Digital Skills Award 2023.
- Lok Sabha passed the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023, and the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023.
- Gujarat's traditional dance form 'Garba' was included in the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO.
- Google unveils 'Gemini,' AI tech trained to behave like humans.
- U.S. and Sweden signed a first-ever defence cooperation agreement that will strengthen military ties and permit bilateral exercises.
- Samir Shah, a British-Indian has been picked by the U.K. government to head the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) as its next chair.
- Cricket: India leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi rose to the top spot in the ICC T20I bowling chart.
- Lionel Messi has been named Time magazine's 'Athlete of the Year' for 2023.



- India extended a \$250 million Line of Credit for modernisation of agriculture in Kenya.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Indian Art, Architecture & Design Biennale (IAADB) 2023 at Red Fort.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Uttarakhand Global Investors Summit 2023' in Dehradun.
- Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways launched "HaritSagar" Green Port Guidelines to reduce carbon intensity at all Major ports.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is the fourth largest insurer in the world, S&P ranking.
- CBIC launched the India-Korea Electronic Origin Data Exchange System (EODES).
- Novak Djokovic earned the year-end No. 1 spot in the ATP rankings for the eighth time.
- England midfielder Jude Bellingham created history, becoming the first Real Madrid player to win the Golden Boy award.
- Firozabad Municipal Corporation in Uttar Pradesh has approved the proposal to rename Firozabad as Chandra Nagar.
- Rajya Sabha passed the Post Office Bill, which repeals and replaces the Post Office Act of 1898.
- India became a member of the Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Consortium, an initiative led by The Global Leadership Council (GLC) of the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP).
- JSW Infrastructure said it has signed an agreement with SP Port Maintenance, a Shapoorji Pallonji Group company, to acquire majority stake in PNP Maritime Services (PNP Port).
- ReNew inks initial pact with Asian Development Bank for USD 5.3 billion funding.
- India and the Maldives agreed to set up a core group to further deepen their partnership.
- Ministry of Tourism launches National Best Tourism Village and National Best Rural Homestays Competition 2024.
- After COVID break, Centre approves fourth phase roll-out of Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) scheme
- Germany won the FIFA U-17 World Cup for the first time following a 4-3 penalty shootout win over France.
- R Praggnanandhaa and Vaishali Rameshbabu made history as the first brother-sister duo to hold the prestigious Grandmaster title in chess.
- The Pharmacy Council of India is launching an enhanced "DIGI-PHARMed" application aimed at regulating pharmacy education across India.

- AATCOC to Launch the first-ever Asian Hajj and Umrah Expo at Delhi
- Kanchan Devi became 1st woman officer to be appointed as DG of ICFRE
- India has been unanimously chosen as a member representing the Asian region in the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) at its 46th meeting in Rome.
- Ashwini Vaishnaw, Railway Minister, unveiled the AI-based 'Gajraj System', a novel initiative alerting train conductors about elephants on tracks, mitigating train-animal collisions, improving rail safety and wildlife preservation.
- India joined the Battery Energy Storage Systems Consortium at the 2023 UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) to help increase energy security & reliability.
- Artist-curator Bose Krishnamachari, co-founder of Kochi Biennale, has been named amongst the world's most influential art personalities in the 'Power 100' list by Art Review, a renowned international magazine.

**IMPORTANCE**

To mark the birth anniversary of legendary mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan and his contributions in the development of modern mathematics.

## National Mathematics Day

INCEPTION: 2012  
 EDITION: 12<sup>th</sup>

**MOTTO**

To make people aware of the development of mathematics and its importance in the growth of humanity.

**NOTE**

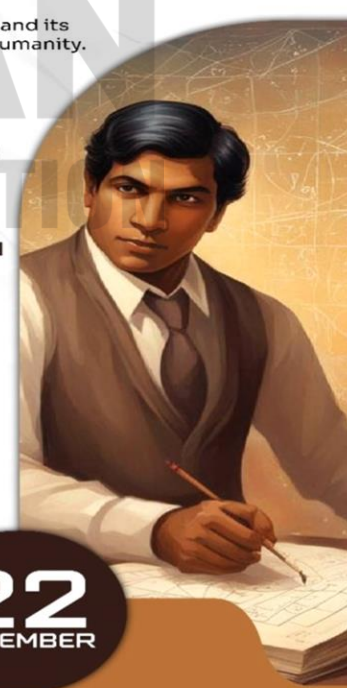
On the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan, former PM Dr. Manmohan Singh declared 22 December as National Mathematics Day in 2012.

**ABOUT**
**SRINIVASA RAMANUJAN**

(22 Dec 1887 - 26 Apr 1920)  
 1729 is called Hardy-Ramanujam number in his honor  
 Became a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1918, becoming the second Indian to do so.  
 On 13 October 1918, he became the first Indian to be elected a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.

**AWARD**

Fellow of the Royal Society Scientific career.



**22**  
 DECEMBER



- Raturaj Gaikwad became the fastest Indian to score 4000 runs in men's T20 cricket, achieving the milestone during the 4th T20I against Australia.
- Assam Govt & NDDDB signed MoU for holistic dairy development in state
- The Internet Governance Forum is holding its hybrid event, the India Internet Governance Forum 2023 in New Delhi.
- World's 1st portable hospital 'Aarogya Maitri Aid Cube' opened
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his address at COP-28, offered to host the 33rd edition of the annual summit due in 2028 in India.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin unveiled a statue of late anti-caste activist Iyothee Thass Pandithar.

- World AIDS Day is observed on December 1 with the theme of "Let Communities Lead".
- The UAE, host of the 28th Conference of Parties (COP-28), announced a \$30-billion commitment to an investment fund called ALTERRA.
- Philippines inaugurated a new coast guard monitoring base on an island occupied by Filipino forces in the disputed South China Sea.
- R Vaishali becomes India's third female chess Grandmaster, after Koneru Humpy and D Harika.
- Jaipal Singh knocked out Commonwealth Games silver medallist Sagar Ahlawat to claim the +92kg crown in the National boxing championships.
- The Union government approved defence acquisition projects at ₹2.23 lakh crore that included procurement of 97 Tejas light combat aircraft and 156 Prachand combat helicopters.
- Indian Space Research Organisation has announced a plan to launch its first X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat).
- Nandan Nilekani, co-founder of Infosys, K P Singh, chairman emeritus at DLF, and Nikhil Kamath, co-founder of Zerodha, have been named on the 17th edition of Forbes Asia's Heroes of Philanthropy list.
- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the 5th edition of Global Ayurveda Festival in Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala.
- India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew at 7.6% in the July-September 2023 quarter, as per initial estimates from the National Statistical Office.
- Cab aggregator Uber announced the launch of its global flagship electric vehicle service Uber Green in Bengaluru.
- Ministry of Textiles will host the plenary meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) in Mumbai from December 2 to 5.
- Nepal becomes the first South Asian country to officially register same-sex marriage.
- Olympian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar has won the 35th Jimmy George Foundation award for the best sportsperson of Kerala.
- Cricket: Uganda qualifies for ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.
- The Cabinet has approved Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN).
- Union Cabinet took a formal decision to continue Free foodgrain scheme till January 1, 2024.
- Centre to provide drones to 15,000 women's groups for use in agriculture.
- Union Cabinet approved the continuation of fast-track courts dedicated to dispensation of justice in cases of sexual offences for three years.

**IMPORTANCE**  
To mark the birth anniversary of Chaudharicharan singh on 23 Dec 1902, Who was the 5th PM of India.

**Kisan Diwas**

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INCEPTION: 2001  
EDITION: 22<sup>nd</sup>

**MOTTO**  
To improve the lives of the Indian farmers.

**FACT**  
Chaudhary Charan Singh never visited the Lok Sabha.

**OTHER WORLD WIDE CELEBRATIONS**  
Ghana: 1st Friday of Dec.  
Pakistan: 18 Dec  
USA: 12 Oct  
Zambia: 1st Monday of Aug

23  
DECEMBER

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank of England (BoE) agree to exchange information on Clearing Corporation of India Ltd.
- India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues grew 15.1% in November to hit nearly ₹1.68 lakh crore.



- Union Cabinet approved a special development mission for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) with a total outlay of over ₹24,104 crore over a three-year period.
- PLFS: The unemployment rate in urban areas of the country decreased from 7.2% in July-September 2022 to 6.6% in July-September 2023.
- Sri Lanka has reached an agreement with India and the Paris Club group of creditors, including Japan, on a debt treatment plan.
- Saudi Arabia extends term of USD 3 billion deposit to Pakistan.
- Tushar Shelke and Sangeeta claimed the recurve men and women titles in the National archery championships.
- Angadvir Singh Bajwa and Ganemat Sekhon won the mixed skeet gold for Punjab in the 66th National shooting championship.
- Assam's Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma received Guinness World Record certificates for Amrit Brikshya Andolan, an initiative planting over 1 crore seedlings in a day.
- Henry Kissinger, a diplomatic powerhouse had played role as a national security adviser and secretary of state under two presidents.
- Rural Marketing Association of India appoints Puneet Vidyarthi as Prez
- GoI and Government of Manipur signed a Peace Agreement with UNLF
- India would host an industry round-table on developing the country as a MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) tourism destination.
- Bengaluru hosted the historic buffalo sport Kambala race event.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled the crest of the guided missile destroyer Imphal.
- The government launched a national protocol to provide for training of anganwadi workers to track and help children with disabilities.
- Sri Lankan cabinet allows China's energy major Sinopec to establish a new \$4.5 billion petroleum refinery plant at the Hambantota port.
- Hockey: Punjab claims men's title of 13th Senior National men's championship title.
- The Ministry of Ayush has been awarded the Gold Medal by the 'India Trade Promotion Organization' for its excellent performance in the 'Ministries and Departments' category of the Indian International Trade Fair.
- WCD Minister launched 'Anganwadi Protocol for Divyang Children'

- The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited Haridwar for procurement of 16 SRGM for Indian Navy at a cost of ₹2956.89 Cr.
- Michael Douglas honored with Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the nomination of Rajat Kumar Jain as Part-time Chairman of Fino Payments Bank.
- Panchayat 2, the heartwarming Hindi comedy-drama series, clinched the OTT Award for Web Series at the 54th International Film Festival of India held in Goa.
- Safeena Husain, Founder, Educate Girls, has been awarded the prestigious WISE Prize for Education at the WISE 11 Summit (World Innovation Summit for Education).
- Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud launched 'FASTER 2.0' portal.

<p><b>IMPORTANCE</b>                  To Mark the birth anniversary of former-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.</p>	<p><b>Good Governance Day (India)</b></p> <p>ESTABLISHED: 2014                  EDITION: 9<sup>th</sup></p>
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**MOTTO**  
 To honor Prime Minister Vajpayee by fostering awareness among the Indian people of accountability in government.

**GOOD GOVERNANCE INDEX**  
 It assesses the impact of various interventions taken up by the State Government and UTs.

The States and UTs are divided into three groups — the Big States, North-East and Hill States, and Union Territories.

**LAUNCHED BY**  
 Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions.



**25**  
 DECEMBER



- The Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab launched the Mukhya Mantri Teerth Yatra scheme.
- National Green Tribunal (NGT) has banned desilting and dredging activities in Rajasthan's Bisalpur dam.
- Contract iPhone maker Foxconn, plans to expand its India footprint, with another \$1.6 billion investment.
- S&P Global Ratings raised India's growth forecast for the current financial year to 6.4% from 6%.
- Irish author Paul Lynch won the 2023 Booker Prize for fiction for his novel Prophet Song.
- Former airline boss Christopher Luxon formally took office as New Zealand's Prime Minister.
- Italy won the Davis Cup for the first time since 1976 as Jannik Sinner defeated Alex de Minaur 6-3, 6-0 to seal a 2-0 win over Australia.
- The Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh government declared November 25 as "no non-veg day" on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sadhu TL Vaswani.
- Indian firm Merlinhawk Aerospace signed a joint venture agreement with Italy's Vega Composites to establish a manufacturing and design facility in the Tamil Nadu defence corridor.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the World Climate Action Summit (WCAS) in Dubai.
- Union Government has decided to rename the existing Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) as 'Ayushman Arogya Mandir'.
- Verstappen clinches 19th win of F1 season in the Abu Dhabi GP.
- Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur unveiled 'Ujjwala' – a sparrow, as the mascot for the Khelo India Para Games 2023.
- Ramkumar Ramanathan beats national champion Siddharth Vishwakarma in the final of the \$25,000 ITF men's tennis tournament.
- Badminton: Satwik-Chirag duo loses to Liang-Wang in China Masters 2023 final.
- Indian-Origin Ex-MP Dave Sharma Wins Australian Senate Seat
- IndiGo, India's largest airline, announced on Monday the launch of its Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered chat assistant named "6Eskai."
- Col Sunita BS Appointed First Female Commanding Officer At Armed Forces Transfusion Centre
- Rajat Kumar Jain Xerox India And Walt Disney India's Ex-MD Appointed As Fino Payments Bank Chairman
- HDFC Bank Appoints Former NABARD Chairman Harsh Kumar Bhanwala As Director
- The Book, Titled 'Pranab, My Father: A Daughter Remembers' By Sharmishtha Mukherjee
- Vidya Pillai Clinches 6-Red Snooker World Title
- Italy Defeat Australia To Win Davis Cup For First Time Since 1976
- Odisha to Host Ultimate Kho Kho Season 2 from December 24, 2023
- C.K. Gopinathan, A Director On The Board Of Dhanlaxmi Bank Passed Away
- Angkor Wat, located in the heart of Cambodia, has recently earned the prestigious title of the 8th wonder of the world, surpassing Italy's Pompeii.
- Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approved a regulatory framework for Index Providers.
- Indian Immunologicals (IIL) has unveiled measles and rubella vaccine Mabella for children.
- President Droupadi Murmu Unveils Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Statue At Supreme Court
- Hardeep Puri Inaugurates Second Floating CNG Station In Varanasi.
- Robert Shetkintong Appointed As The Next High Commissioner Of India To The Republic Of Mozambique
- NHPC Won Second Prize In The 'Annual Report' Category At The 'PRSI National Awards 2023
- REC Receives 'Best Employer In Diversity & Inclusion' Award By Assocham
- Shubman Gill Takes The Helm As Gujarat Titans Captain For IPL 2024
- Anish Bhanwala Becomes First Indian Shooter To Win A Medal In 25m Rapid Fire At ISSF World Cup Final
- India and European Union sign pact to build semiconductor supply chain.
- North Korea successfully placed a military spy satellite "Malligyong-1" into orbit.
- 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.
- Afghanistan Closes Its Embassy In India Permanently
- India And Nepal Convene For The 17th Edition Of Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN
- Bandhan Bank Board Approves Reappointment Of Chandra Shekhar Ghosh As MD & CEO
- 'AGNI' Initiative To Promote Innovations By Ayurveda Practitioners
- 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.
- Imad Wasim Retires From International Cricket

# Info-graphics

## 2023 in Google Searches

Search terms with the biggest worldwide volume increases on Google in 2023 compared to 2022

### News

- 1 War in Israel and Gaza
- 2 Titanic submarine
- 3 Turkey earthquake

### People

- 1 Damar Hamlin
- 2 Jeremy Renner
- 3 Andrew Tate

### Musicians

- 1 Shakira
- 2 Jason Aldean
- 3 Joe Jonas

### Movies

- 1 Barbie
- 2 Oppenheimer
- 3 Jawan

### Athletes

- 1 Damar Hamlin
- 2 Kylian Mbappé
- 3 Travis Kelce

### Passings

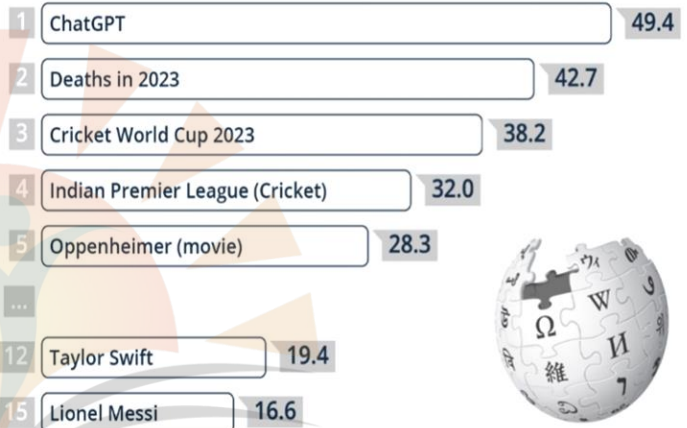
- 1 Matthew Perry
- 2 Tina Turner
- 3 Sinéad O'Connor



Source: Google Trends

## The Most Popular Wikipedia Articles in 2023

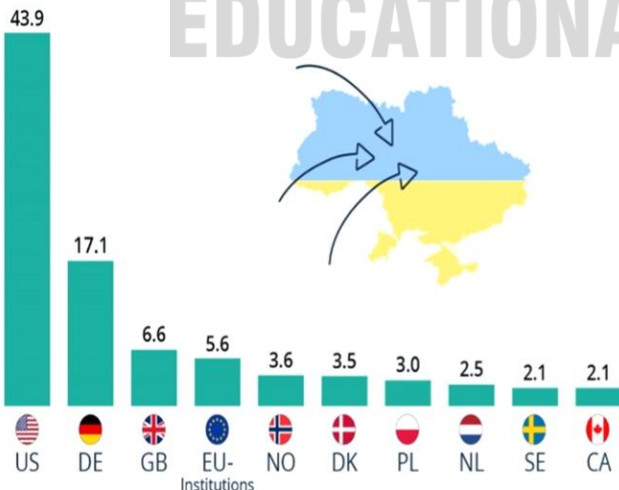
Wikipedia English-language articles with the most visits\* in 2023 (in millions)



\* As of Nov. 28, 2023  
 Source: Wikimedia Foundation

## The Countries Pledging the Most Military Aid to Ukraine

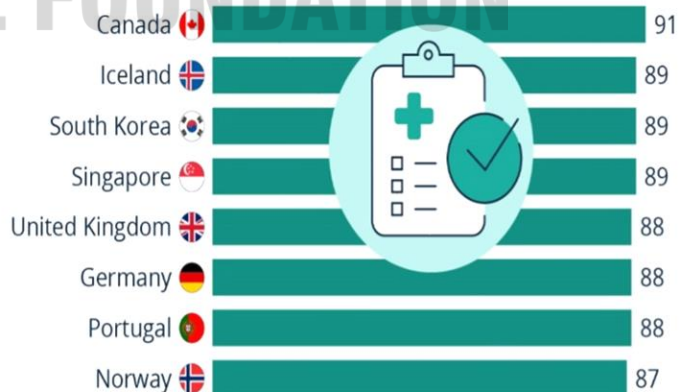
Countries committing the most military aid to Ukraine from Jan. 24, 2022 to Oct. 31, 2023 (in billion euros)



Source: IfW Kiel Ukraine Support Tracker

## The Countries With the Best Healthcare Coverage

UHC service coverage index in 2021 by country (100=best possible score)\*



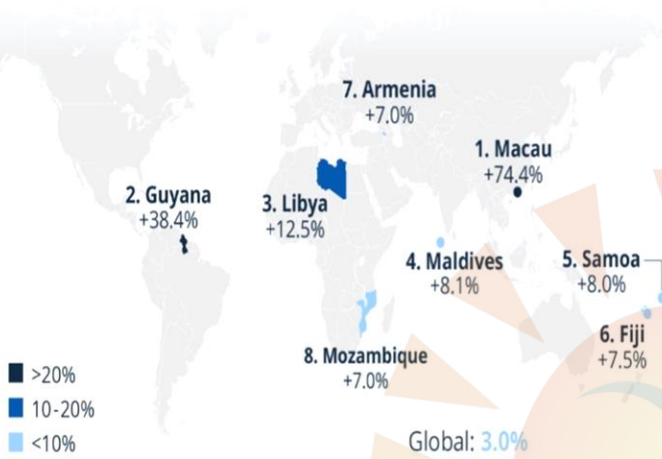
\* UHC=Universal Health Coverage. Based on factors including reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health, infectious diseases, noncommunicable diseases and service capacity and access.

Source: WHO



## The Fastest-Growing Economies in 2023

Economies with the highest estimated growth in real gross domestic product in 2023



As of October 2023

Source: IMF - World Economic Outlook

## The World's Most Expensive Cities

Worldwide Cost of Living 2023 index scores

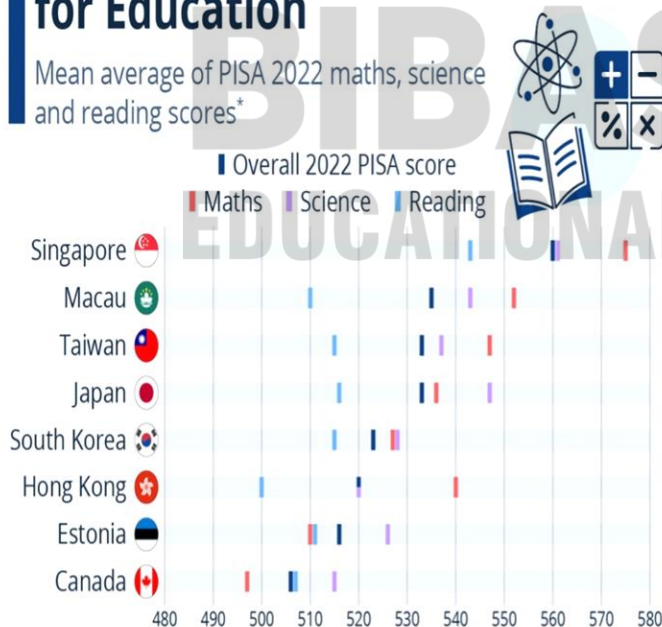


The index compares the prices of >200 everyday products and services in 173 cities. Reference city: New York=100.

Source: The Economist Intelligence Unit

## The Top Performing Places for Education

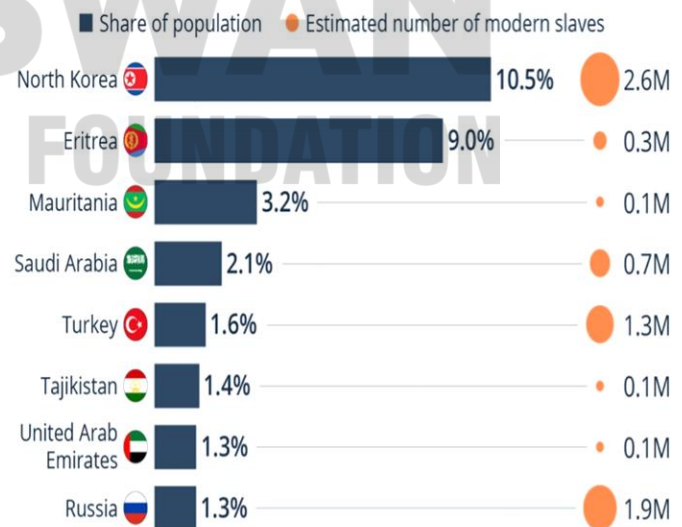
Mean average of PISA 2022 maths, science and reading scores\*



\* PISA=Programme for International Student Assessment  
690,000 15-year-old pupils tested across 81 countries and economies in 2022  
Source: OECD

## The Hotspots of Modern Slavery

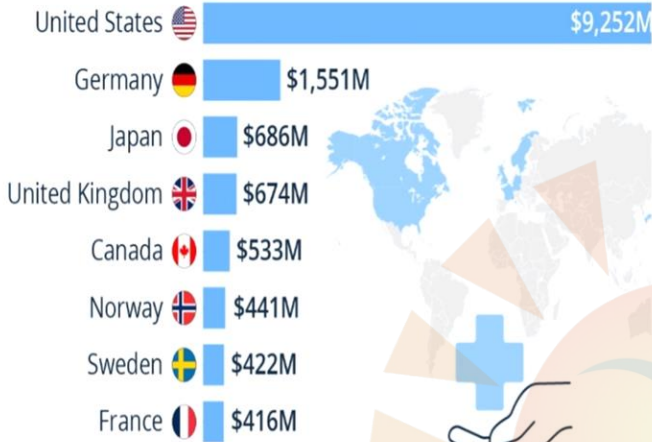
Countries with highest estimated prevalence of modern slavery in 2021\*



\* Including migrant workers. Combination of 68 representative national surveys and datasets on human trafficking and state-imposed forced labor  
Source: Walk Free Foundation

## The Countries Pledging the Most Humanitarian Aid

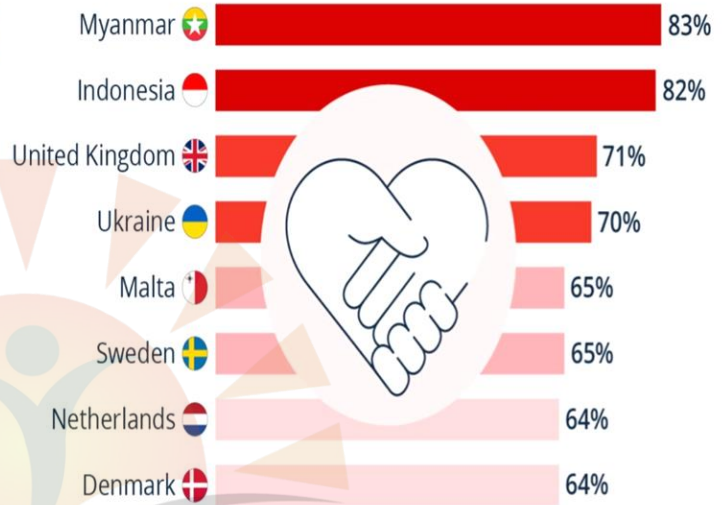
Countries contributing the most to United Nations coordinated humanitarian aid plans in 2023\*



\* As of November  
Governments may have also contributed via the Central Emergency Response Fund or the European Commission  
Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

## The Most Charitable Countries in the World

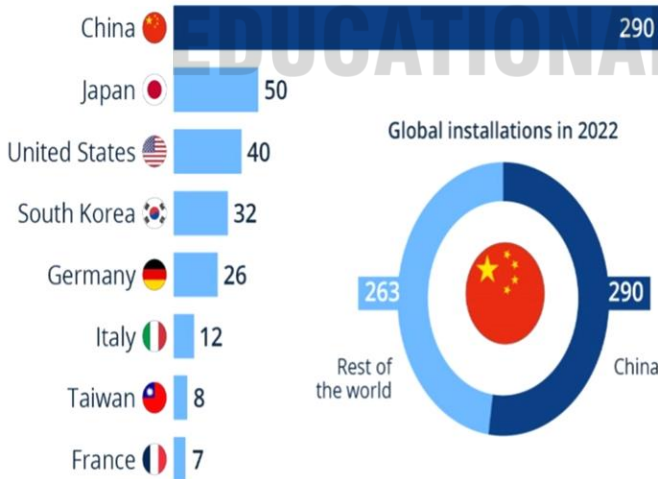
Share of adult population saying they donated money to a charity in the past month



147,186 adult respondents in 142 countries in 2022  
Source: Charities Aid Foundation

## China Leads Growth of Global Industrial Robot Stock

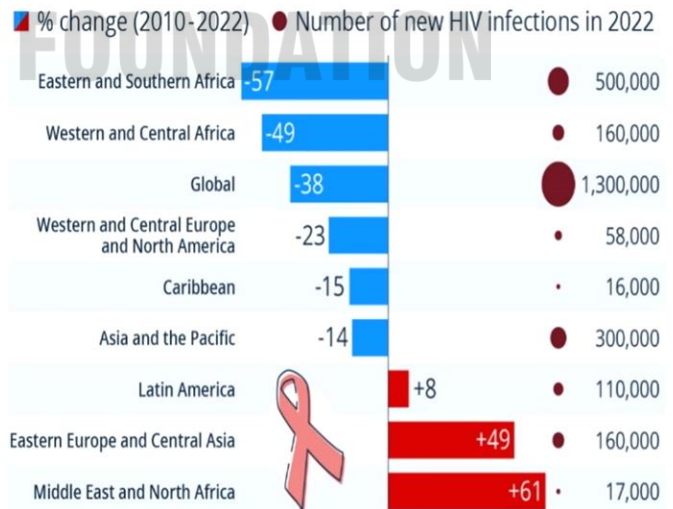
New installations of industrial robots in 2022 (in thousands)



Source: International Federation of Robotics

## The Global Number of New HIV Infections Is Falling

New HIV infections in 2022 and the change in number of new infections over past decade



Source: UNAIDS epidemiological estimates, 2023



# 2024

## CALENDAR

### January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

### February

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### September

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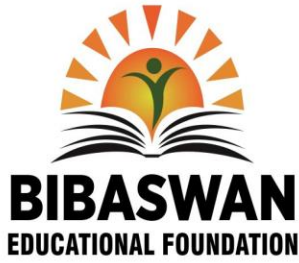
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