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INTERNATIONAL

28 Countries signed world's first agreement on AI, "Bletchley Declaration"

28 Countries including India, UK, US, China and the European Union have signed world's first agreement on AI, known as the "Bletchley Declaration", pledging to work together to assess the risks associated with artificial intelligence. The UK government kicked off the two-day event at Britain's World War II (WWII) code-breaking centre in Bletchley Park

Bolivia cuts ties with Israel over Gaza strikes

Bolivia was severing diplomatic ties with Israel over its disproportionate attacks in Gaza, as two other Latin American countries recalled their ambassadors over the mounting humanitarian crisis.

UNSC adopts resolution to renew mandate of UN Assistance Mission in Somalia

The UN Security Council has adopted a resolution to renew the mandate of the UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) for a year, till 31st October 2024. The resolution was adopted unanimously by the 15-member council.

US to end participation of Gabon, Niger, Uganda and Central African Republic in trade program

U.S President Joe Biden said that he intends to end the participation of Gabon, Niger, Uganda and the Central African Republic in the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) trade program. This step was being taken because of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights by the Central African Republic and Uganda.

Japan unveils \$113 billion stimulus

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has announced a stimulus package worth more than \$100 billion as he tries to ease the pressure from inflation and rescue his post with his poll ratings at a record low.

Elections in Pakistan to be held on February 11

General elections in Pakistan will be held on February 11, 2023 the country's poll body informed the Supreme Court, putting an end to months-long uncertainty over the polls. Pakistan President Arif Alvi dissolved the National Assembly on August 9.

At least 128 dead as strong quake rocks northwestern Nepal

A strong earthquake shook northwestern Nepal districts, and at least 128 people were dead and dozens more injured as rescuers searched mountain villages. The 6.4 magnitude earthquake had its epicentre at the Jajarkot district's Lamidanda.

N.Korea is closing some diplomatic missions

North Korea confirmed that it's closing some of its diplomatic missions abroad, owing to its economic troubles amid persistent international sanctions. North Korea was moving to close its embassies in Uganda, Angola and Spain, as well as a consulate in Hong Kong.

Russia test fires nuclear-capable ballistic missile

Russia had successfully test-launched an intercontinental ballistic missile "Bulava" capable of carrying nuclear warheads from one of its submarines.

India, Sri Lanka holds annual International Maritime Boundary Line meeting

The 33rd edition of annual International Maritime Boundary Line meeting between the representatives of Navies and Coast Guards of India and Sri Lanka was held onboard INS Sumitra at the Indo - Sri Lanka Maritime Boundary Line off Point Calimere at Palk Bay.

Philippines announces exit from China's Belt & Road Initiatives

The Philippines has announced to exit from China's Belt and Road Initiatives. The full termination of major infrastructure projects under the Belt and Road Initiative has been announced by the Philippine Department of Transportation in favor of competitors from the West and Japan.

Montenegro gets new government

Montenegro's new government was confirmed with the Prime Minister Milojko Spajic promising to unblock the Balkan nation's stalled European Union integration process as a top EU official was set to hold talks in the small NATO member country. Parliament approved the new Cabinet with 46 votes in favour and 19 against.

Canada bans WeChat & Kaspersky on government phones

Canada banned popular Chinese messaging app WeChat and Russian platform Kaspersky from government smartphones and other mobile devices, citing privacy and security risks.

International panel on loss & damage due to climate crisis reaches agreement

An international panel on loss and damage due to climate crisis has reached an agreement on operationalising a global fund in Abu Dhabi, with the US formally objecting to the outcome.

Afghan farmers lose income of more than \$1 billion after Taliban banned poppy cultivation.

Afghan farmers have lost income of more than \$1 billion from opium sales after the Taliban outlawed poppy cultivation. Afghanistan was the world's biggest opium producer and a major source for heroin in Europe and Asia when the Taliban seized power in August 2021.

Bangladesh arrests 8,000 opposition activists

Bangladesh police have arrested nearly 8,000 opposition figures in a nationwide crackdown since officers broke up a major rally in the capital a week ago. The sweeping wave of detentions comes ahead of a general election due in January.

Israeli PM rejects US call for ceasefire

As the war between Israel and Hamas nears its one month with no ceasefire in sight, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has rejected the US's call for a ceasefire and stated that his country is going full steam ahead unless the hostages held by Palestinian groups are released.

Giorgia Meloni says, Italy to build two centres in Albania to host tens of thousands of illegal migrants

Italy will build two centres in Albania to host tens of thousands of illegal migrants, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni has said. She announced the plan with Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama in Rome. Ms Meloni said the centres will be able to process up to 36,000 people a year. The plan will apply to migrants rescued at sea by Italian boats, and not to those who arrive on Italian shores.

US, S.Korea & Japan to establish new forum to counter North Korean cyber operations

The US, South Korea and Japan will establish a new forum to counter North Korean cyber operations that fund its nuclear program.

Chile becomes 95th member of International Solar Alliance ISA

Chile becomes the 95th member of the International Solar Alliance ISA. It handed over the Instrument of ISA ratification during the meeting of Ambassador Juan Angulo of Chile with Joint Secretary (Economic Diplomacy) in Ministry of External Affairs Abhishek Singh in New Delhi.

More than 10,000 people killed in Gaza

As the war between the terrorist group Hamas and Israel hit the one-month mark, 1,400 people have been killed and over 200 taken hostage in Israel. More than 10,000 people have been killed in Gaza, including more than 4,100 children.

Shipwreck with treasure worth \$20B to be taken out by Colombia

A shipwreck which is believed to contain 200 tons of gold, silver and emeralds is going to be taken out as Colombia has declared a national mission to recover the treasure. The Spanish ship had sank off the Colombian port of Cartagena in 1708.

Worst floods in decades kill 29 in Somalia, hit towns across East Africa

The worst flooding to hit Somalia in decades has killed 29 people and forced more than 300,000 to flee their homes, the National Disaster Management Agency said, following heavy rains that have inundated towns across East Africa.

US & India establish a Strong Defence Industrial Cooperation

The United States and India have established a strong defence industrial cooperation that looks at opportunities for co-development and co-production of important military capabilities for both countries.

UAE & US forge a strategic partnership to promote renewable energy solutions & clean technologies.

The United Arab Emirates and the United States have forged a strategic partnership to promote renewable energy solutions and clean technologies, setting a leading example for constructive and high-quality partnerships that support the energy transition, create economic opportunities, and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

First ever Myanmar- Russia Maritime Security Exercise (MARUEX) conducted in Andaman Sea concludes

The first ever Myanmar- Russia Maritime Security Exercise (MARUEX) was conducted in Andaman Sea concluded. The drills focused on the prevention of air, water surface and underwater dangers, and maritime security measures.

U.S. approves first vaccine against chikungunya virus for those over 18

U.S. health authorities approved the world's first vaccine for chikungunya, a virus spread by infected mosquitoes. The vaccine, developed by Europe's Valneva which will be marketed under the name Ixchiq.

Almost 50,000 people displaced in past two weeks due to fighting in northern Myanmar

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) says, almost 50,000 people have been displaced in the past two weeks due to fighting in northern Myanmar.

US, S.Korea sign agreement aimed at deterring North Korea's advancing nuclear and missile threat

United States and South Korea have revised a bilateral security agreement Tailored Deterrence Strategy (TDS) aimed at deterring North Korea's advancing nuclear and missile threat. The agreement aims to counter the threat of nuclear weapons and other armaments by North Korea.

India votes in favour of UN resolution condemning Israeli settlements in Palestina

India voted in favour of the United Nations resolution condemning settlement activities in the "Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan". India was among 145 nations that voted in favour of the resolution as against seven countries that voted against and 18 that abstained from voting.

Algerian President names new Prime Minister ahead of elections next year

Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune has dismissed the country's Prime Minister Aïmene Benabderahmane and replaced him with the head of his Cabinet Mohamed Labaoui as the country struggles with inflation and next year's national elections approach.

UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak removes Home Secretary Suella Braverman

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has sacked Home Secretary Suella Braverman after mounting pressure on him to act against her. Sunak appointed James Cleverly as the new home secretary. To replace him, former Prime Minister David Cameron was appointed.

China and Pakistan Navies hold drills

The Chinese and Pakistani navies are holding weeklong drills in the Arabian Sea days after the Russian Pacific Fleet and Myanmar practised repelling attacks in their first maritime exercise, while India and the U.S. pledged security cooperation.

Nepal decides to ban social media app TikTok

Nepal's government decided to ban the social media app TikTok, saying it was disrupting "social harmony" in the country.

India, U.S., 12 other IPEF members ink supply chain resilience agreement

India, the U.S. and 12 other members of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework For Prosperity (IPEF) grouping have signed a supply chain resilience agreement that would provide benefits such as potential shifting of production centres in critical sectors and mitigating risks of economic disruptions from supply chain shocks.

12th parliamentary election to be held on January 7 in Bangladesh

In Bangladesh, the 12th parliamentary election will be held on January 7 (Sunday), 2024. Bangladesh parliament known as Jatiya Sangsad is the supreme legislative body of Bangladesh. The current parliament of Bangladesh contains 350 seats, including 50 seats reserved exclusively for women.

EU reaches deal to reduce highly polluting methane gas emissions from energy sector

The European Union reached a deal on a law to place methane emission limits on Europe's oil and gas imports from 2030. Negotiators from EU member states and the European Parliament agreed to impose maximum methane intensity values on producers abroad sending fossil fuels into Europe by 2030.

India hosts second Voice of Global South Summit

India hosted the second Voice of Global South Summit in a virtual format. The summit focussed on sharing the key outcomes achieved in various G20 meetings over the course of India's Presidency with the countries of the Global South.

Chile President says referendum will be last attempt at constitutional reform.

Chile's President Gabriel Boric said that a referendum due in December will be his government's second and last attempt to reform the constitution, saying the country needs stability. Chileans will go to the polls on December 17 to decide whether or not to adopt a new constitution.

Kenya's parliament approves Haiti police deployment.

Kenya's parliament approved the proposed deployment of its police to Haiti to lead a UN-backed multinational mission aimed at restoring peace and security in the gang-plagued Caribbean nation.

U.S., Philippines ink landmark deal on nuclear cooperation

The United States and the Philippines signed a landmark deal that would allow Washington to export nuclear technology and material to Manila, which is exploring nuclear power in its bid to decarbonise and boost energy independence.

U.S. signs temporary spending bill averting government shutdown.

US President Joe Biden has signed a temporary spending bill a day before a potential government shutdown, pushing a fight with congressional Republicans over the federal budget into the new year, as wartime aid for Ukraine and Israel remains stalled.

Russian parliament passes record budget

The lower house of Russia's parliament, the State Duma, has approved its biggest-ever federal budget which will increase spending by around 25% in 2024, with record amounts going to defence. Russia's Finance Ministry said it expects spending to reach 36.66 trillion rubles (around \$411 billion) in 2024.

Maldives new president asks India to withdraw its military.

Maldives new President Mohamed Muizzu, who campaigned on altering the tiny Indian Ocean archipelago's "India first" policy, has requested India withdraw its military from the country.

Annual UN Forum 2023 held in New Delhi

International Humanitarian Law and Peacekeeping high on the agenda of the Annual United Nations (UN) Forum 2023 was held in New Delhi. The two-day forum was organized by United Service Institution of India in collaboration of International Committee of the Red Cross and the Centre for UN Peacekeeping Operations.

India, Australia held second two plus two Ministerial Dialogue in Delhi

India and Australia have held the second two plus two Ministerial Dialogue in New Delhi. Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar held meetings with Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister of Australia Richard Marles and Foreign Minister Penny Wong.

South Africa hosts BRICS summit on Israel-Hamas war

African Nation South Africa has hosted a virtual summit of the BRICS group of nations, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, to discuss the Israel-Hamas war.

Heavy fighting in disputed Sudan-South Sudan region Leaves 32 Dead

At least 32 people have been killed and 20 others wounded after Heavy fighting in a disputed region claimed by both Sudan and South Sudan. Unknown gunmen have attacked two villages in the southern part of the Abyei administrative region.

Israel's Cabinet approves four-day ceasefire deal with Hamas

Israel's Cabinet has approved a four-day ceasefire deal with Hamas that would bring a temporary halt in war-torn Gaza. As part of the deal, Hamas will free 50 of the roughly 240 hostages it is holding in the Gaza Strip.

Philippines & US launch joint patrols in South China Sea

The militaries of the Philippines and the United States launched joint patrols in the South China Sea. The move is likely to fan further tensions as China has warned the Philippines against activities with the United States.

Israel lists Lashkar-e-Taiba as terror organisation

Israel has listed Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) as a terror organization to symbolize the marking of 15th year of commemoration of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks.

Ex-Indian navy personnel's appeal against death sentence in Qatar court accepted.

Qatari court has accepted India's appeal document on the sentencing of eight former Indian naval personnel to death. They were arrested in August 2022 for alleged espionage.

Iceland declares state of emergency fearing volcanic eruption

Iceland has declared a state of emergency, after an increased risk of a volcanic eruption triggered by a series of intense earthquakes in the southwest part of the country. Government Authorities have urged residents to evacuate the coastal town of Grindavik.

Afghanistan announces permanent closure of embassy in India

The Afghanistan Embassy in New Delhi has announced that it has closed its office permanently. It cited the cause behind the decision as continuous challenges from the Indian government.

After Thailand and Sri Lanka, Malaysia grants visa-free entry for Indians

Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim has announced that it will grant a 30-day visa-free entry for Indian and Chinese citizens from December 1, joining Thailand and Sri Lanka in recent weeks to offer such a facility to foreigners to promote tourism.

NATIONAL

PM Modi urges citizens to strive and make India a developed nation by 2047

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged citizens to strive to make India a developed nation by 2047 when the country completes 100 years of independence.

Nearly 1.68 lakh people died in 4.61 lakh road accidents in 2022

A total of 4,61,312 road accidents occurred in 2022, which claimed 1,68,491 lives, while 4,43,366 people were injured, according to a new report released by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH).

India, UAE open MoU to foster education connect between two countries

Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister Dharmendra Pradhan signed a MoU with UAE Minister of Education Dr. Ahmad Al Falasi in Abu Dhabi. The Ministers signed an MoU to strengthen existing educational cooperation facilitating student and faculty mobility and various other initiatives.

More than 1200 exhibitors and 80 countries participate in World Food India 2023

The second edition of World Food India 2023 was organised from the 3rd of November to the 5th of November at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. The theme of the 3-day mega event is Showcase, Connect, and Collaborate, with the tagline 'Processing for Prosperity'.

ECI designs ENCORE for complete Candidate and election management through

The Election Commission of India has designed in-house software for complete Candidate and election management through 'ENCORE' which stands for Enabling Communications on Real-time Environment.

ECI & Ministry of Education signs MoU to bring electoral literacy to classrooms across country

The Election Commission and the Ministry of Education signed a MoU to bring electoral literacy to classrooms across the country. The MoU is intended to integrate voter education and electoral literacy into the curricular framework, starting from classes 6 to 12 in all schools.

Sarbananda Sonowal launches domestic sailing of first International Cruise Liner

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal has launched the domestic sailing of the first International Cruise Liner 'COSTA SERENA' in India at Mumbai.

India, Italy sign Mobility and Migration Partnership Agreement for movement of workers, students and professionals

India & Italy signed the Mobility and Migration Partnership Agreement to enable seamless movement of workers,

students and professionals after External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar held a comprehensive and productive meeting with his counterpart Antonio Tajani.

ECI launches Integrated Expenditure Monitoring Software

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has launched Integrated Expenditure Monitoring Software (IEMS), a new tech-enabled portal to facilitate online filing of Contribution Reports, Election Expenditure Statements, and Audited Annual Accounts by political parties.

Union MoS Bhagwant Khuba to participate in 2nd World Local Production Forum

The Indian delegation led by Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Bhagwant Khuba, left for the Netherlands to participate in the 2nd World Local Production Forum at The Hague.

Free ration scheme to be extended for five more years: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a significant announcement regarding the extension of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana by 5 years, a free ration scheme aimed at assisting 80 crore impoverished individuals.

Rajnath Singh approves maternity, childcare leave for women soldiers, sailors, air warriors

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal to grant maternity, child care and child adoption leave to women soldiers, sailors and air warriors on par with their officer counterparts.

Centre bans 22 betting apps, including Mahadev Book Online

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) had issued blocking orders against 22 "illegal betting apps and websites", including Mahadev Book Online and Reddyannaprestopro at the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) request.

ISRO Chairman Somanath withdraws memoir after controversy

S. Somanath, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), said that he was withdrawing the publication of his Malayalam memoir, Nilavu Kudicha Simhangaal (loosely translated as 'The lions that drank the moonlight').

India, Bhutan to discuss new routes of regional connectivity.

India and Bhutan have agreed to discuss new routes of regional connectivity, and upgrade border and immigration posts to support Bhutan's 5th King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck's plans for a smart city at Gelephu on the border between Bhutan and Assam, after his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi.

Collegium recommends Chief Justices of 3 High Courts for appointment to SC

The Supreme Court collegium headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud recommended the names of three high court chief justices as Supreme Court judges. It recommended the names of Delhi High Court Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice Augustine George Masih and Gauhati High Court Chief Justice Sandeep Mehta as top court judges.

Centre greenlights appointments and postings of senior bureaucrats

In a significant bureaucratic reshuffle, the union government has announced the appointment of 21 senior officers to various central ministries and departments. Anurag Agarwal, a 1990-batch Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer from the Punjab cadre has been appointed as Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana, Indian Administrative Service (IAS) official of Tamil Nadu cadre, has been appointed as the Surveyor General of India.

Uttar Pradesh to conduct census of cows

The Uttar Pradesh government has ordered a cow census across the state in three categories, which includes determining the number of destitute animals with cattle rearers, abandoned cows on the streets and Kanha Upvans.

Curbs on fireworks binding on all States: Supreme Court

Days before Deepavali celebrations, the Supreme Court of India has clarified that its orders to minimise air and noise pollution caused by firecrackers bind States across the country and not just Delhi National Capital Region. Celebrations can take place, but with some moderation.

India successfully test-fires 'Pralay' missile off Odisha coast

India has successfully test-fired its surface-to-surface short-range ballistic missile (SRBM) 'Pralay' from the Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast. 'Pralay' is a 350-500 km short-range, surface-to-surface missile with a payload capacity of 500-1,000 kg.

Women for Water, Water for Women campaign commences under AMRUT

Women for Water, Water for Women campaign commenced under the scheme Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). The campaign is aimed to provide a platform for inclusion of women in water governance. Under the campaign, women will be given first-hand knowledge about water treatment processes through visits to Water Treatment Plants in their respective cities.

First India-United States Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS X) Investors Meet held in Delhi

The first India-United States Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS X) Investors Meet was held in Delhi ahead of 2 plus 2 Indo-US Ministerial Dialogue. The INDUS-X Educational Series (Gurukul) was also launched during the event. The Gurukul initiative is aimed to help the innovators and startups to navigate in the defence eco-system of the US and India.

11.5 crore PAN cards deactivated after missing deadline for linking with Aadhaar: RTI reply

A total of 11.5 crore PAN cards were deactivated for not being linked to Aadhaar cards before the stipulated deadline, a Right to Information (RTI) reply by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) stated. The deadline for linking PAN with Aadhaar expired on June 30 earlier this year.

UGC announces regulations for establishment & operation of campuses by foreign universities in India

UGC has announced regulations for establishment and operation of campuses by foreign universities in India. According to the regulations, foreign universities can collaborate to set up campuses in India, provided they

meet eligibility criteria individually. Foreign universities setting up campuses will be required to seek prior approval from UGC before starting new courses.

Government mulls ombudsman for air travellers

With domestic air travellers exceeding pre-Covid levels month after month and recording new highs, a spate of complaints from passengers has forced the government to discuss setting up of an ombudsman or an authority to address grievances.

Maharashtra: State cabinet approves state's first export promotion policy designed to boost exports.

In Maharashtra, the state cabinet approved its first export promotion policy designed to boost exports. The policy will be implemented till 2027-28 and it is expected to generate an investment of approximately ₹25 thousand crores in the state.

India & Netherlands signs Mol for cooperation on medical product regulation

India and Netherlands have signed a Memorandum of Intent (MoI) for cooperation on medical product regulation and enhance the quality of medical products and health care services for both countries, at Hague in Netherlands.

India, U.S. hold 2+2 ministerial dialogue with focus on Indo-Pacific

India and the U.S. held extensive deliberations to further expand their global strategic partnership through greater defence industrial ties, enhancing engagement in the Indo-Pacific and boosting cooperation in key areas such as critical minerals and high-technology.

APEDA facilitates export of first trial shipment of fresh bananas to Netherlands

In a significant boost to the prospects of fresh fruit exports, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated the export of the first trial shipment of fresh bananas to the Netherlands.

MSME sector achieves significant milestone by generating over 15 cr employment opportunities.

The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSME sector has achieved a significant milestone by generating over 15 crore employment opportunities. Union MSME Minister Narayan Rane highlighted the important role of the Udyam portal in facilitating this achievement with the registration of over three crore MSME units on the Udyam portal.

Govt announces 1% interest rate rebate to Divyangs

Centre has announced one per cent interest rate rebate to divyang borrowers under the National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation, NDFDC. The decision was taken to further enhance financial inclusion and foster economic empowerment among the persons with disabilities.

Song on Millets featuring PM Modi nominated for Grammy award

A song on millets featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been nominated for a Grammy award in the best global music performance category. The song highlights the health benefits and the government's efforts to promote the nutritious cereal. It is composed by Mumbai-born singer-songwriter Falguni Shah and her husband and singer Gaurav Shah.

India hosts 33rd Conference of WOA Regional Commission for Asia and Pacific

India will host the 33rd Conference of World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Regional Commission for Asia and Pacific in New Delhi on 13th November 2023.

Rescue Efforts Underway for Trapped Laborers in Uttarkashi Tunnel Collapse

In Uttarakhand, relief and rescue work is going on war footing to rescue about 36 to 40 labourers who are trapped in an under-construction tunnel in Uttarkashi district.

Centre bans 9 Meitei extremist groups for 5 years mostly operating from Manipur.

The Union Home Ministry has declared nine Meitei extremist organisations that mostly operate in Manipur as unlawful associations for a period of five years.

Rajnath Singh attends 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus in Jakarta

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh paid an official visit to Jakarta on November 16 and 17 to attend the 10th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) and addressed the forum on regional and international security issues. Indonesia is hosting the meeting as the chair of ADMM-Plus.

Delhi most polluted; Mumbai and Kolkata too on Swiss list

Delhi was the most polluted city in the world with an air quality index (AQI) of 287 followed by Lahore, Pakistan, at 195. Mumbai, at 153, and Kolkata, 166, were also present among the top 10 of the most polluted cities.

Portal launched for data on Indian cities

The Centre has launched a web portal named 'The AAINA Dashboard for Cities', an initiative of the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, aims to create a robust database of the key performance metrics of Urban Local Bodies (ULB).

India & US sign MoU to connect dynamic startup ecosystems.

India and US have signed an MoU with the objective of connecting both the countries' dynamic startup ecosystems, particularly in critical and emerging technologies (CET). The understanding named 'Enhancing Innovation Ecosystems through an Innovation Handshake' was signed by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal from the Indian side.

PM launches Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra & PM PVTG

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched two historical initiatives, Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and Pradhan Mantri Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups Development Mission (PM PVTG). The 24,000-crore rupee PM PVTG scheme aims to benefit and saturate the families and habitations with basic facilities. He also launched the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' to ensure saturation of flagship govt schemes.

PM Modi inaugurates 'Voice of Global South Summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said Voice of Global South is a unique platform reflecting the changing world in the 21st century. In his address at the inaugural session of the virtual Voice of Global South Summit, Mr Modi said Global South has been able to find its voice after the concerted efforts of all Global South nations. He also virtually inaugurated DAKSHIN - Global South Centre of Excellence.

Hardeep Singh Puri launches City Investments to Innovate, Integrate, and Sustain 2.0 challenge

Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri has launched City Investments to Innovate, Integrate, and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0) challenge in New Delhi. CITIIS 2.0 aims to advance climate action through the promotion of a circular economy with a focus on integrated waste management.

India-Sri Lanka joint military exercise 'MITRA SHAKTI' held

The 9th edition of a joint military exercise between India and Sri Lanka was held in Pune, which focussed on achieving an enhanced level of interoperability among the troops. The 'Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023' was conducted from November 16-29 at Aundh.

Indian Navy launches anti-submarine warfare craft 'Amini'

The Indian Navy has launched its most advanced and state-of-the-art anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft, named Amini. The vessel is named after a strategically important island in the Lakshadweep archipelago on India's western coast, almost 400 km off Kochi, Kerala.

Ashwini Vaishnav announces around ₹3,000 cr to IT hardware sector under (PLI) Scheme 2.0

Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnav announced that around 3 thousand crore rupees will be invested by 27 companies in the IT hardware sector under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme 2.0.

54th International Film Festival of India held in Goa

The 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held in Goa. The opening ceremony was held at Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Bambolim. Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award was given to legendary Hollywood actor and producer Michael Douglas.

India, Australia finalizing agreements for cooperation in hydrography and air-to-air refuelling

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles held bilateral talks during which they underscored enhancing cooperation further in information exchange and Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA).

Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 held at Science City in Ahmedabad

The first ever Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 kicked off at Science City in Ahmedabad in the presence of Union Minister of Fisheries Parshottam Rupala, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. India is third largest Fish producing country in the world.

India issues advisory, Urges Nationals to Avoid Non-Essential Travel to Myanmar

India has issued an advisory to its nationals urging them to avoid nonessential travel to Myanmar in view of the evolving security situation there. In its advisory, the External Affairs Ministry said that those already living in Myanmar are advised to take precautions and avoid travel to the regions affected by violence.

Indian Navy DRDO undertook trials of first indigenously developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile

Indian Navy in association with Defence Research and Development Organisation has successfully undertaken Guided Flight Trials of the first indigenously developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile from Seaking 42B helicopter, Visakhapatnam.

Atal Innovation Mission under NITI Aayog launches Rapid Innovation and Startup Expansion

The Atal Innovation Mission under NITI Aayog launched a new accelerator program called Rapid Innovation and Startup Expansion (RISE) in New Delhi. The program will support startups and small to mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) working on circular economy technologies and solutions in India and Australia.

ISRO Transponders Distributed to Coastal States for Fishermen's Safety

Union Minister of Fisheries Parshottam Rupala has said the Department of Fisheries has begun the distribution of transponders made by ISRO to all the coastal states to help fishermen in distress.

IN-SPACE grants authorisation to OneWeb India

The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACE) has authorized the Eutelsat OneWeb constellation to enable the provisioning of its capacity in India for providing communication services.

Ministry of Textiles launches e-registration portal for Sari Walkathon

Ministry of Textiles launched an e-registration portal for the Sari Walkathon in New Delhi. Union Minister of State for Textile Darshana Jardosh launched the portal which is aimed to promote the handloom sari culture of India.

IIL launches measles and rubella vaccine "Mebella" for children

Indian Immunologicals (IIL) has launched measles and rubella vaccine named "Mabella" for children. It is a live-attenuated MR vaccine developed in an exclusive partnership with Polyvac Institute of Vietnam, Mabella was launched as part of the 25th celebrations of the IIL division Human Biologicals Institute (HBI) in Udhamandalam (Ooty), Tamil Nadu.

Centre renames AB-HWCs as 'Ayushman Arogya Mandir'

The Union Government has decided to rename the existing Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) as 'Ayushman Arogya Mandir' with the tag-line 'Arogyam Parmam Dhanam'.

NATPOLREX-IX conducted by ICG in Gujarat

The Indian Coast Guard has conducted the 9th National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-IX) on 25 Nov 2023 off Vadinar, Gujarat. Representatives of various ministries and departments of central and coastal state governments, ports, oil handling agencies, and other stakeholders have participated in the exercise.

Supreme Court of India says, state Governors holds no veto power over Bills

The Supreme Court of India has laid down the law that a state Governor, in case he withholds assent, should send back a Bill forwarded to him by a State Legislature as soon as possible with a message to reconsider the proposed law. In case, the State Assembly sends again the Bill with or without amendments, the Governor has no choice or discretion, and has to give his assent to it.

MoHUA aims to offer data on Indian cities via dedicated portal

The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is making raw data from Indian cities available on a single platform for academics, researchers, and stakeholders to help data-driven policy making. The Amplifi 2.0 (Assessment and Monitoring Platform for Liveable, Inclusive and Future-ready urban India) portal was launched by the Ministry three weeks ago.

PM Modi flies on IAF Tejas aircraft over Bengaluru

India's Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi flew a sortie in the indigenously designed, developed and manufactured Tejas Twin Seat Light Combat Fighter aircraft at Bengaluru. Thus, he became the first Prime Minister to fly in fighter aircraft as he went on sortie which lasted for 30 minutes.

CERT-In is exempted from RTI Act: Centre

Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), which functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is among a list of organisations that are exempted from the ambit of the Right to Information Act (RTI), 2005, centre said. The CERT-In is the national nodal agency for responding to computer security incidents as and when they occur.

Centre advises citizens to file FIR against social media firms for IT rule violation:Meity

The Union government will assist citizens in filing FIR against social media platforms for violation of IT rules in case they are aggrieved from objectionable content like deep fakes. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity) will develop a platform on which users can notify about IT rule violation by social media platforms.

Supreme Court panel submits report on Manipur victims.

The Supreme Court appointed Justice Gita Mittal committee has submitted its interim report to the Supreme Court, in reference to the violence that broke out in Manipur in May, 2023. Of the 166 civilians killed in the Manipur violence, 98 have been identified as members of the Kuki-Zo community while 67 hailed from the Meitei community.

Third phase of Yuva Sangam launched by Centre.

The Union Government has launched the third phase of Yuva Sangam, an initiative to sensitise students on diversity across India, started with a delegation of 50 students from Madhya Pradesh travelling to West Bengal for a cultural-cum-education tour.

42nd Edition of India International Trade Fair opens in Delhi

The 42nd Edition of the India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi opened for the public. This year, the theme of the fair is based on Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

Strategic partnership signed between NIDM, TERI in disaster risk reduction

The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) has signed an MoU with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) to forge a strategic partnership in disaster risk reduction. The MoU will serve as a platform to formalise the strategic partnership and facilitate research, capacity building, and training.

BHEL awarded contract worth ₹2,956 cr to procure 16 super rapid gun mount for Navy

BHEL was awarded a contract by the Ministry of Defence for the procurement of 16 Upgraded Super Rapid Gun Mount (SRGM) along with associated equipment/accessories for the Indian Navy at a total cost of ₹2956.89 Cr.

Global gold demand drops 6% in Q3

Global gold demand declined by six per cent to 1,147.5 tonne during the third quarter of 2023 on sluggish demand for bars and coins and from central banks, World Gold Council (WGC)'s latest report said.

Core sector output grew 8.1% in September

Output growth in India's eight core sectors slowed to a four-month low of 8.1% in September, from 12.5% in August.

GST collections rise to ₹1.72 lakh crore in October.

Growth in India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues bounced back in October with tax collections rising at a 10-month high pace of 13.4% to hit the second highest monthly tally of ₹1.72 lakh crore.

More than 97% of ₹2,000 notes returned: RBI

With the circulation of ₹2,000 bank notes withdrawn by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) declining to ₹0.10 lakh crore at the close of business hours on October 31, more than 97% of the ₹2,000 bank notes have returned.

ED attaches assets worth ₹538.05 crore in Jet Airways case

The Enforcement Directorate has provisionally attached assets worth ₹538.05 crore in connection with the money laundering probe against Jet Airways (India) Limited (JIL).

\$1,770 million raised via IPOs in 2023 year to date

India has emerged as the global leader in the number of IPOs year-to-date in 2023 as the third quarter (July to September) of 2023 saw 21 IPOs in the Indian main market, compared to just four in the same quarter of 2022, according to a report by EY India.

India's AlcoBev industry will touch \$64 bn by 2030

India's AlcoBev industry will touch \$64 billion by 2030, ensuring the country's position as the fifth-largest contributor to global market revenue in the near-to-medium term, predicted by the International Spirits & Wines Association of India (ISWAI).

Tata Motors to supply, operate 200 electric buses in Srinagar, Jammu for 12 yrs

Tata Motors will supply and operate 200 electric buses in Srinagar and Jammu for 12-years for Jammu and Srinagar Smart City projects.

₹50,000 cr FDI in food processing sector in last 9 years

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said India's food processing sector has emerged as a "sunrise" industry and has attracted ₹50,000 crore in foreign direct investment (FDI) in the past nine years.

India will collaborate with Sri Lanka on debt treatment: Nirmala Sitharaman

India will continue collaborating with Sri Lanka on debt treatment while the island nation attempts to emerge out of last year's grave economic crisis, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

BoB Q2 net profit surges 28% to 4,253 crore

Bank of Baroda (BoB) reported a 28% rise in its net profit to ₹4,253 crore for the quarter ended September, compared to a net profit of ₹3313 crore in the corresponding quarter last year.

SBI Q2 profit rises 8% to ₹14,330 crore

SBI reported second-quarter standalone net profit grew 8% to ₹14,330 crore, aided by lower bad loan provisions and a 12.3% increase in Net Interest Income (NII) to ₹39,500 crore.

Bank Of India Q2 Net Profit Up 52% To 1.4k Cr

Bank of India (BoI) has reported a net profit of ₹1,458 crore an increase of 52% over ₹960 crore in the corresponding quarter last year..

Saudi Arabia, Russia to continue additional voluntary oil cuts

Top oil exporters Saudi Arabia and Russia confirmed that they would continue with their additional voluntary oil output cuts until the end of the year as concerns over demand and economic growth continue to weigh on crude markets.

Axis Mobile leads among mobile payment apps: Hansa survey

Axis Mobile App has emerged as the leader, boasting a Net Promoter Score (NPS) of 59, with ICICI Bank's iMobile Pay and BHIM following closely behind, according to Hansa Research's 2023 DigiPay CuES Survey.

WeWork files for bankruptcy in the US

WeWork has filed for bankruptcy in the US, a move that follows years of struggle for the co-working company. The firm reported liabilities of \$10bn to \$50bn (£40.5bn).

Airbus signs contracts with Mahindra Aerospace, 3 others for manufacturing of aircraft components

Airbus has signed new contracts with multiple India-based suppliers for the manufacturing of components for commercial aircraft. Contracts have been signed with Aequs, Dynamatic, Gardner and Mahindra Aerospace for the supply of airframe and wing parts across Airbus' A320neo, A330neo and A350 programmes.

Italy to seize \$835m from Airbnb in tax evasion inquiry

An Italian judge has ordered the seizure of €779.5m (\$835.5m; £676.8m) from short-term rental giant Airbnb, over alleged tax evasion. Prosecutors say the firm failed to collect a tax from landlords on around €3.7bn of rental income.

Gogoro to set up battery-swapping stations at HPCL retail outlets

Gogoro Inc. which is into battery swapping ecosystems that "enable sustainable mobility solutions for cities," announced it had signed a MoU with HPCL with more than 21,000 retail outlets in India, to roll out battery swapping stations for two-wheelers at the retail outlets.

Centre authorises release of tax devolution of over 72 thousand 961 crore Rupees to all States

The Centre has authorised the release of tax devolution of over 72 thousand 961 crore Rupees to all State Governments for this month. Finance Ministry in a statement said that in view of the upcoming festive season, it has authorised the tax devolution of this amount to the States three days ahead of the usual date of 10th November.

IBM, AWS set up innovation lab in Bengaluru

IBM, in collaboration with Amazon Web Services (AWS), has set up an innovation lab at its Client Experience Centre in Bengaluru. The lab is a first-of-its-kind for the IBM-AWS collaboration.

Adani's Sri Lanka port terminal project to get funding from U.S. government.

The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) has announced a \$553 million investment in the Adani Ports-led container terminal project in Colombo.

IndiGo parent signs agreement to bring electric air taxi to India by 2026

The parent company of IndiGo, InterGlobe Enterprises, and American aircraft manufacturer Archer Aviation have entered into an agreement to operate an all-electric air taxi service in India by 2026.

Airbus, HAL tie up for commercial aircraft maintenance

Airbus was partnering with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for commercial aircraft service support. Under the agreement, Airbus will provide the A320 family tool package and offer specialised consulting services to HAL to set up an Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul, MRO.

Lotus Cars enters India, launches electric SUV Eletre

Lotus Cars, the British manufacturer of high-performance sports cars, has entered the Indian market with the launch of three models of its electric SUV, Eletre, starting at ₹2.55 crore.

Forex reserves surge by 4.672 billion to 590.783 billion US Dollars

Reserve Bank of India said that India's Forex reserves surged by 4.672 billion US Dollars to 590.783 billion US Dollars for the week ended the 3rd of November, 2023.

IIP growth slows to 5.8% in September

India's industrial output growth slowed in September, with the manufacturing sector, consumer durables, and non-durables remaining sluggish. The index of industrial production (IIP) rose 5.8% in September, slower than the previous month's 10.3%.

Net direct tax collections at ₹10.6 lakh crore

India's net direct tax collections grew 21.8% to ₹10.6 lakh crore by November 9, with personal income tax revenues rising 31.8% and corporate taxes increasing 12.5% over the same period last year.

BSE Q2 net profit jumps to ₹118 crore, revenue at record ₹367 cr.

Leading stock exchange BSE has reported a four-fold jump in net profit to ₹118.4 crore for the quarter ended September 2023. In comparison, the exchange had posted a net profit of ₹29.4 crore in the year-earlier period.

Moody's turns negative on US credit rating

Moody's lowered its outlook on the U.S. credit rating to "negative" from "stable" citing large fiscal deficits and a decline in debt affordability.

Proposed PLI scheme for chemicals may cover agrochemicals, pharma intermediates.

The Centre is working on a Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for the chemical sector, with a likely focus on agrochemical intermediates, pharmaceutical intermediates, dyes, and multiple-use chemicals, to increase the cost competitiveness of manufacturers.

India to become second largest solar module manufacturer by 2025: Wood Mackenzie report

India, which accounts for 3 per cent of the global solar manufacturing market, is expected to become the world's second largest module manufacturing region by 2025, Wood Mackenzie said in its latest report.

Future Retail heads for liquidation

Future Retail, once the crown jewel of Kishore Biyani-led Future Group, is now heading for liquidation as its lenders could not get any reasonable buyer of the debt-ridden firm.

Govt e-Marketplace (GeM) Achieves Two Lakh Crore GMV Milestone

Ministry of Commerce and Industry has said that Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has reached a significant milestone by surpassing two lakh crore in Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) in less than eight months of the current fiscal year.

Sri Lanka's 2024 Budget Unveiled

Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe presented the budget for 2024 for the island nation. The 2024 budget aims for a 47.1% tax revenue increase to 3.82 trillion Lankan rupees.

Retail inflation eases to four-month low of 4.87%

India's retail inflation pace eased to a four-month low of 4.87% in October from a tad over 5% in September, with the rise in vegetables prices easing to 2.7% from 3.4% even though overall consumer food price inflation remained virtually unchanged at 6.6%.

Tesla to double its components imports from India: Piyush Goyal

U.S. electric car maker Tesla Inc is planning to double the number of components it imports from India, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said. Tesla was aiming to source components worth between \$1.7 billion and \$1.9 billion from India this year, having bought \$1 billion of components last year.

Argentina inflation hits new high

Argentina's annual inflation rate has hit 143%, just days before a presidential election in which the dire state of the economy will be a deciding factor. The national statistics agency reported that inflation over the past 12 months had risen 142.7%, up from 138% in September.

China orders local governments to cut exposure to public-private projects as debt risks rise

China has ordered its local governments to halt public-private partnership projects identified as "problematic" and replaced a 10% budget spending allowance for these ventures with a vetting mechanism by Beijing as it tries to curb municipal debt risks.

wholesale inflation continues to decline for seventh consecutive month, in October

India's wholesale inflation persisted in negative territory for seventh consecutive month, in October. WPI recorded a 0.52 percent decline in October compared to the same period last year.

RBI stops Bajaj Finance from issuing loans under two products

India's central bank has barred Bajaj Finance, one of India's largest consumer lenders, from issuing loans under two products with immediate effect, due to deficiencies in adhering to digital lending guidelines.

ONGC plans to invest ₹1 lakh crore to set up two petrochemical plants

ONGC plans to invest about ₹1 lakh crore in setting up two petrochemical plants to convert crude oil directly into high-value chemical products as it prepares for energy transition.

India's exports grew by 6.21% to 33.57 billion dollars in October

India's exports rose by 6.21 % to 33.57 billion US Dollars in October this year, as against 31.6 billion dollars a year ago. Imports also increased to 65.03 billion dollars in the month under consideration, as against 57.91 billion dollars recorded in October 2022.

India's GDP to grow 6.7.1% during 2024-2026: S&P

India's economic growth prospects should remain strong over the medium term, with GDP expanding 6-7.1% annually in fiscal years 2024-2026, S&P Global Ratings said.

RBI increases risk weights on consumer credit exposure of banks, NBFCs to 125% from 100%

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which has been red flagging about the rising unsecured loan books of certain Regulated Entities (REs), has issued regulatory measures towards consumer credit and bank credit to Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs.) increasing risk weights by an additional 25 percentage points to 125%.

FPIs' investment value in Indian equities rises 15% to \$651 bn in September quarter.

The value of foreign portfolio investors' holdings in domestic equities reached \$651 billion in the three months ended September 2023, which was 15% higher than the year-ago period.

Kotak Bank board appoints Ashok Vaswani as MD, CEO

Kotak Mahindra Bank's board appointed Ashok Vaswani as MD & CEO of the bank for three years from January 1, 2024. On October 2, it said that RBI had approved Vaswani's appointment from the list of candidates submitted by the bank.

Belagavi-based company Aequs bags Airbus contract for 10 years

Belagavi-based aerospace components manufacturing company, Aequs Private Limited, has won a contract from Airbus Industries to supply critical components for A320, A330 Neo and A350 passenger aircraft.

Fedbank Financial Services unveils ₹1,092-crore IPO

Fedbank Financial Services Ltd., a non-banking finance company promoted by the Federal Bank, has planned to tap the capital markets with an up to ₹1,092-crore Initial Public Offering (IPO) in the price band of ₹133 to ₹140 per equity share of face value of ₹10 each.

IREDA announces ₹2,150-crore IPO in price band of ₹30-32

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd., registered as a systemically important non-deposit taking NBFC with Infrastructure Finance Company (IFC), has announced to enter the capital market with an initial public offering (IPO) of up to ₹2,150 crore.

Dr. Reddy's unveils wearable for migraine management in India

Drugmaker Dr. Reddy's Laboratories has rolled out Nerivio, a wearable therapy device for drug-free management of migraine, in India. The device that uses remote electrical neuromodulation (REN) to prevent and treat migraine was approved by the U.S. FDA.

IMF revises Pakistan's foreign loan requirement to \$25 billion

The IMF has revised down Pakistan's foreign loan requirements to \$25 billion for the ongoing fiscal year – reducing it by \$3.4 billion in a big relief for its cash-starved economy.

India's gem, jewellery exports decline 11.49% to ₹22,873 crore in October

India's overall gems and jewellery exports declined by 11.49% to ₹22,873.19 crore (\$2,748.01 million) in October, according to the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) data.

Dell, HP, Foxconn, VVDN among 27 companies approved under PLI 2.0

Electronic companies including Dell, HP, Foxconn, Flextronics, VVDN Technologies, Bhagwati Products, Rising Stars Hi-Tech, HLBS Tech and Optimus Telecommunication are among the 27 firms been approved under the new IT hardware production linked incentive (PLI) scheme of the government.

Toyota to make fresh investment of ₹3,300 crore to set up new plant in India

To mark 25 years of its operations in India, Toyota Kirloskar Motor Private Ltd. (TKM) has announced fresh investment of ₹3,300 crore to set up a new plant (Plant 3) towards its next round of growth in one of the fastest-growing automobile markets in the world.

Reliance to invest ₹20,000 crore in West Bengal in next three years

Reliance Industries will invest ₹20,000 crore in West Bengal in the next three years, company's chairman and managing director Mukesh Ambani said in Kolkata.

Canara Bank introduces WhatsApp banking channel on 118th Founder's Day

Canara Bank released new products and services on its 118th Founder's Day on November 20. These include Corporate ai1, an application that offers a 360 view of dashboard, forex transactions, trade finance-LCs, BGs, and so on, and bulk payment option.

Jio Financial Services in talks for maiden bond issue

India's Jio Financial Services is in early talks with merchant bankers for its maiden bond issue. The company may look to raise ₹50 billion (\$600.6 million) to ₹100 billion through the issue and may tap the market in the last quarter of this financial year.

Sri Lanka enters agreement with India, Paris Club on debt treatment.

Island nation Sri Lanka has reached an agreement in principle with India and the Paris Club group of creditors including Japan, on a debt treatment plan that will help the crisis-hit nation tap the next tranche of the International Monetary Fund's nearly-\$3 billion recovery package.

Semiconductor pact signed between India, EU

India and the European Union have signed a MoU on semiconductors that will help in building a robust supply chain and support innovation. This agreement will lead to sharing information on granted public subsidies.

India's FY24 GDP growth forecast by 40 bps to 6.4%: S&P Global

S&P Global Ratings in its "Economic Outlook Asia-Pacific Q1 2024: Emerging Markets Lead The Way" report has enhanced India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate forecast for 2023-24 to 6.4 per cent from 6 per cent earlier.

Rajat Kumar Jain appointed Fino Payment Bank Chairman

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Rajat Kumar Jain as Part-time Chairman of Fino Payment Bank. The payment bank has got approval with effect from November 24, 2023 till November 01, 2025.

CDSL becomes first depository to register 10 crore Demat accounts

Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL), an Indian central securities depository, founded in 1999 has announced that the number of active demat accounts on its platform has crossed the 10-crore mark. Thus it became the first depository to register 10 crore demat accounts.

Walmart Foundation announces \$1.2mn grant to Transform Rural India Foundation

Walmart Foundation has announced a grant of \$1.2 million (nearly ₹10 crore) to the Transform Rural India Foundation (TRIF) to aid improving livelihoods of 15,000 women rural farmers in Uttar Pradesh by increasing their average base income.

Capital market regulatory body SEBI approves framework for index providers

The board of the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved a regulatory framework for Index Providers with the objective to promote transparency and accountability in governance and administration of financial benchmarks in the securities market.

Insurance regulatory body sets up taskforce to study Data Protection Act's impact on insurance sector

Insurance regulatory body IRDAI has constituted a taskforce to examine the implications of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, for the insurance sector. The regulator has set a one-month deadline for the taskforce to submit the report.

India's Core sector growth jumps to 12.1%

India's core sectors grew 12.1% in October from 9.2% in September, with all eight sectors clocking positive growth for only the third time in 18 months, and five of them recording a double-digit surge.

Union Cabinet clears terms of reference for 16th Finance Commission

The Union Cabinet has approved the terms of reference (ToR) for the 16th Finance Commission, which will recommend the formula for sharing revenues between the Centre and the States for the five-year period beginning on April 1, 2026. The Centre has set a deadline of October 31, 2025, for the panel to submit its recommendations.

Union Cabinet approves Scheme for providing Drones to the Women SHGs

The Union Cabinet has approved Central Sector Scheme for providing Drones to the Women Self Help Groups (SHGs), with an outlay of ₹1261 Crore for the period from 2024-25 to 2025-26. The scheme aims to provide drones to 15,000 selected Women SHGs during the period 2023-24 to 2025-2026 for providing rental services to farmers for agriculture purpose.

RBI approves nod to SBI MF to buy 9.99% stake in KVB

The Reserve Bank of India has given its approval to SBI Mutual Fund for acquiring up to 9.99% of the paid-up share capital or voting rights of Karur Vysya Bank Ltd (KVB).

Bank of Maharashtra plans to add 250 branches by March 2024

Bank of Maharashtra is planning to add 250 branches this year to have about 2,500 by the end of March 2024. The bank added 650 branches outside Maharashtra in the last four years.

RBI replaces Abhyudaya co-op bank board, appoints administrator.

The RBI replaced the Board of Directors of Abhyudaya Cooperative Bank Ltd. for a period of 12 months and appointed Satya Prakash Pathak, former chief general manager of State Bank of India as administrator to manage the affairs of the bank during the period. The action is necessitated due to certain material concerns originating from poor governance standards observed in the bank.

World Coal Association rebrands as FutureCoal

After 38 years of existence, the World Coal Association (WCA) has rebranded itself as FutureCoal – The Global Alliance for Sustainable Coal.

L&T Finance signs pact with ADB for \$125 million

NBFC L&T Finance has signed a financing agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for \$125 million to support financing in rural and peri-urban areas in India, particularly for women borrowers.

Sam Altman to comeback as OpenAI CEO

Sam Altman will return as CEO of OpenAI along with former President Greg Brockman days after their shock exit. OpenAI has reached an agreement in principle with Altman as CEO and a new board with Bret Taylor as chairman, Larry Summers and Adam D'Angelo.

AWARDS

Nandini Das, winner of 2023 British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding

India-born author Nandini Das has been named the winner of the 2023 British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding, a leading international non-fiction prize, for her book 'Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire'.

RBI wins business line Changemaker of the Year award

Power Minister R.K. Singh presented businessline's Changemaker of the Year award to the Reserve Bank of India.

The 'utterly butterfly' beloved brand, Amul, was crowned Iconic Changemaker of the Year.

The digital transformation winner was Stellapps Technologies.

The award for financial transformation went to Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana.

The Young Changemaker Award went to Shrinidhi R.S., creator of CherriLearn.

Prince William's Earth shot Prize Winners

Protect and Restore Nature: Acción Andina, from Peru.

Clean Our Air: GRST, from Hong Kong.

Revive Our Oceans: WildAid Marine Program

Build a Waste-Free World: S4S Technologies from India

Fix Our Climate: Boomitra, India

Infosys Science Foundation announces 6 prize winners for 2023

Infosys Science Foundation (ISF) announced the winners of the Infosys Prize 2023 which includes two from Bengaluru. The Infosys Prize is given in six categories – Engineering and Computer Science, Humanities, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences.

Bina Agarwal & David Barkin Conferred the 2023 Kenneth Boulding Award

Bina Agarwal, a professor at the University of Manchester, received the Kenneth Boulding Award in Ecological Economics along with David Barkin in Colombia.

Perumal Murugan wins JCB Prize for Literature

Tamil writer Perumal Murugan wins the coveted JCB Prize for Literature for his novel, Fire Bird, an English translation of his Tamil novel Aalandapatchi. The award carries ₹25 lakh cash prize.

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize presented to COVID-19 warriors

The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2022 was jointly awarded to the Indian Medical Association and the Trained Nurses Association of India as representatives of the COVID-19 warriors in the country.

International Emmys 2023: Vir Das Wins The Prize For Comedy

Vir Das won the International Emmy for Comedy at a ceremony in New York. The comedian won Best Comedy Series for his Netflix stand-up special Vir Das: Landing, sharing the prize with season 3 of UK show Derry Girls.

Somalia's Abdullahi Mire wins top UNHCR award

Abdullahi Mire, a former Somali refugee and journalist who has championed the right to education has been named as this year's winner of the prestigious UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award.

Scientist Lalithambika honoured with highest French civilian award

V R Lalithambika, the former head of the Directorate of the Human Spaceflight Programme at ISRO, has been honoured with the France's highest civilian award, Légion d'honneur.

Long Jumper Murali Sreeshankar honoured with Jimmy George Award

India's Long jumper Murali Sreeshankar won the 35th Jimmy George Foundation award for the best sportsperson of Kerala.

PERSONS IN NEWS (National and International)

Saima Wazed

Saima Wazed, Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina's daughter, has been nominated as the next Regional Director for the World Health Organization's South-East Asia region. She defeated Shambu Acharya, a public health veteran from Nepal.

Sam Bankman-Fried

Sam Bankman-Fried, who once ran one of the world's biggest cryptocurrency exchanges, has been found guilty of fraud and money laundering at the end of a month-long trial in New York. Bankman-Fried was arrested last year after his firm, FTX, went bankrupt. He now faces decades in prison.

Lee Hsien Loong

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong has said that he plans to bow out and hand over power to his deputy, Lawrence Wong, late next year, before the 2025 general elections.

Heeralal Samariya

Information Commissioner Heeralal Samariya was sworn in as the Chief of the Central Information Commission (CIC) by President Droupadi Murmu. The top post of the transparency panel was lying vacant after Y. K. Sinha's term ended on October 3.

António Costa

Portuguese Prime Minister António Costa presented his resignation to President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa amid allegations of corruption. Costa's surprise resignation comes amid an energy contract corruption scandal in which the 74-year-old is embroiled.

Joseph Boakai

Joseph Boakai was declared winner of Liberia's presidential election, beating incumbent George Weah. Mr. Boakai won with 50.64% of the vote, against 49.36% of the vote for former international football star Mr. Weah. Mr. Boakai won with only a 20,567-vote margin.

Javier Milei

Argentina has elected right-wing libertarian Javier Milei as its new President. With 97.6% of votes tallied in presidential runoff vote, Milei had 55.8% and Economy Minister Sergio Massa 44.2%.

Andry Rajoelina

President Andry Rajoelina re-election has been confirmed by the Madagascar's Constitutional Court following a controversial election a fortnight ago. The court stated that Mr Rajoelina secured 59% of the votes cast, declaring him elected for a third term.

Shital Mahajan

Indian skydiver Shital Mahajan jumped off a helicopter from the height of 21,500 ft in front of the world's highest peak, Mt Everest. She became the first woman to do so. Mahajan landed at Kalapatthar peak at an altitude 17,444ft.

Pedro Sánchez

Spain's acting Socialist prime minister, Pedro Sánchez, was chosen by a majority of legislators to form a new government in a parliamentary vote. Mr. Sánchez was backed by 179 lawmakers in the 350-seat lower house of parliament.

Amit S Telang

The Ministry of External Affairs has announced that High Commissioner of India to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, Amit S Telang has been concurrently appointed as the Indian Ambassador to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and High Commissioner to the Federation of St Kitts and Nevis and Antigua and Barbuda.

Alok Sharma

Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Alok Sharma has been appointed as the new director of the Special Protection Group (SPG), the elite security unit responsible for safeguarding the Prime Minister.

Sheynnis Palacios

Sheynnis Palacios of Nicaragua, won the coveted title of Miss Universe 2023, making history as the first Nicaraguan woman to win the crown. The 72nd Miss Universe event concluded with a grand ceremony at the Jose Adolfo Pineda Arena in San Salvador, El Salvador.

Ken Mattingly

Ken Mattingly, an astronaut who is best remembered for his efforts on the ground that helped bring the damaged Apollo 13 spacecraft safely back to Earth, has died.

Padmanabha Acharya

Senior BJP leader and former governor of Nagaland Padmanabha Acharya passed away in Mumbai. Acharya had served as governor of Nagaland, Tripura, Assam and also handled the responsibilities as the governor of Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh.

Prithvi Raj Singh

Prithvi Raj Singh Oberoi, the Chairman Emeritus of the Oberoi Group, died. He was known as the man who changed the face of the hotel business in India. Among the numerous awards and accolades that he received was Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian honour.

Subrata Roy

Sahara India Group Founder Subrata Roy died after a prolonged illness. Mr. Roy prevailed over an empire that included an airline, Air Sahara, television channels, finance and real estate, including the ambitious Amby Valley project near Lonavala in Maharashtra.

B. N. Goswamy

Renowned art historian and writer B. N. Goswamy died. Born on August 15, 1933, the Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awardee was best-known for his works on the Pahari style of paintings.

S. Venkitaramanan

Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) S. Venkitaramanan passed away. Belonging to the Tamil Nadu cadre of the IAS, Venkitaramanan became the RBI Governor in December 1990 when a balance of payment crisis was brewing.

Rosalynn Carter

Former U.S. first lady Rosalynn Carter, who President Jimmy Carter called "an extension of myself" owing to her prominent role in his administration even as she tirelessly promoted the cause of mental health, died.

Dr.S.S Badrinath

The founder of Sankara Netralaya Dr.S.S Badrinath passed away. He founded the Sankara Nethralaya as a unit of the Medical Research Foundation in 1978. He was a recipient of the Padma Shri in 1983 and Padma Bhushan in 1999.

Henry Kissinger

Nobel Peace Prize winner & diplomat Henry Kissinger who guided U.S. foreign policy, died. He played a pivotal role in several key world events including the Paris Peace Accords with North Vietnam, expanding Israel's ties with its Arab neighbours, the US-Soviet arms control talks.

Charlie Munger

Charlie Munger, who helped Warren Buffett build Berkshire Hathaway into an investment powerhouse, has died.

B Sasikumar

An All-India Radio artist & noted violinist B. Sasikumar died. He had written several divine hymns in Malayalam and Tamil languages. He was conferred with several awards including the central government's Sangeet Natak Akademi award.

Fathima Beevi

M Fathima Beevi, the first woman judge of Supreme Court of India of a nation in Asia, passed away. She was also happens to be the first Muslim woman to serve the higher judiciary in the country. She was also the first woman Governor of Tamil Nadu and the first chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission.

Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar wins gold medal at Asian Shooting Championship

Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar has won gold medal in men's 50m rifle 3 positions individual event at the Asian Shooting Championship in Changwon, South Korea.

Bangladesh to host 24th Asian Archery Championships in 2025

Bangladesh will host the 24th Asian Archery Championships in 2025 after winning by 14-10 votes in the bid at the World Archery Asia Congress held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Gay Games Open in Hong Kong

More than a thousand athletes gathered in a Hong Kong stadium to open the Gay Games, the first time the international LGBTQ sporting event has come to Asia.

India lifts Women's Asian Champions Trophy title

In Hockey, the Indian women's team dethroned Japan to crown themselves Asian Champions Trophy winners. The hosts beat Japan 4-0 in the final in Ranchi.

R Vaishali and Vidit Gujrathi win FIDE Grand Swiss Women's and Open titles in UK

R Vaishali drew her last-round game against Mongolia's Batkhuyag Munguntuul to win FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2023 at the Isle of Man in UK. Vidit Gujrathi beat Alexandr Predke of Serbia to record his seventh victory in the event and take the top spot in open section.

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2023: Punjab beats Baroda to lift maiden title

Punjab defeated Baroda to win their maiden Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy Title. Anmolpreet blazed away to 113 off 61 balls while Nehal Wadhwa smashed 61 in 27 deliveries to propel Punjab to an imposing 223 for 4 in the allotted 20 overs.

Sao Paulo Grand Prix: Max Verstappen marks record 17th win of the season

Max Verstappen's 17th win of the F1 season, at the Sao Paulo GP, rewrote the record book and established the triple world champion as the most dominant driver the sport has ever seen over the course of a campaign.

37th National Games concludes in Goa

The 37th National Games 2023 concluded on November 9 in Goa. The National Games began in Goa on the 25th of last month. Maharashtra continued to dominate the medals tally. Maharashtra has bagged 220 medals including 75 Gold so far.

India finish Asian Archery Championships in Bangkok with seven medals

India ended campaign at Asian Archery Championships in Bangkok with seven medals comprising three gold, a silver and three bronze. On the final day, India won five medals in compound event, including three gold.

ICC suspends Sri Lanka Cricket's membership

The International Cricket Council (ICC) Board has suspended Sri Lanka Cricket's membership of the ICC with immediate effect. It determined that Sri Lanka Cricket is in serious breach of its obligations as a Member, in particular, the requirement to manage its affairs autonomously.

Indian men's team wins gold in inaugural Asian Half Marathon C'ship

The Indian men's team won gold medal while the women's side clinched a bronze in the inaugural Asian Half Marathon Championship. The Indian men's team consisted of Sawan Barwal, Kartik Kumar and Abhishek Pal.

Virender Sehwag, Diana Edulji & Aravinda de Silva inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

Virender Sehwag, Diana Edulji and Aravinda de Silva became the latest inductees in the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.

MotoGP 2023: Bastianini wins Malaysian Grand Prix

Ducati's Enea Bastianini has won the Malaysian MotoGP as Francesco Bagnaia came third ahead of title rival Jorge Martin to extend his world championship lead with two races left.

Billie Jean King Cup 2023: Canada beats Italy

Leylah Fernandez and Marina Stakusic won their singles matches as Canada beat Italy 2-0 to claim its first-ever Billie Jean King Cup.

India wins IC Rod Laver Junior trophy

The Indian team won its last league match 4-2 against Argentina and emerged the champion of the IC Rod Laver World Junior Challenge.

Australia lifts ICC Men's Cricket world cup beating India

Australia lifted the ICC Men's Cricket world cup defeating India by six wickets in the final at the Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad. Virat Kohli was awarded with the "player of the tournament" title for his exemplary performance. Mohammed Shami finished off as the leading wicket taker of the World Cup 2023.

Las Vegas Grand Prix: Verstappen claims 18th win of the F1 season

Red Bull's Max Verstappen celebrated a record-extending 18th victory of the Formula One season and joined Sebastian Vettel in third place on the all-time winners' list. The triumph was the 53rd of the triple world champion's career, and sixth in a row.

ATP Finals: Djokovic wins record seventh title

Novak Djokovic has won a record-breaking seventh ATP Finals title with a straight-set victory over home favourite Jannik Sinner.

Bhullar strolls to Indonesian Masters for 11th Asian Tour win

Gaganjeet Bhullar shot a final-round 67 to stroll to a five-stroke victory at the Indonesian Masters, his fifth tournament victory in the country.

Pankaj Advani Clinches 26th World Title

India's Pankaj Advani has lifted his 26th world title as he won the World IBSF Billiards Championship 2023 in Doha, Qatar. Pankaj defeated opponent Sourav Kothari with 1000-416 margin in the final.

13th senior men's national hockey championship: Punjab defeats Haryana

Punjab defeated defending Champions Haryana in the Final of the 13th Hockey India Senior Men's National Championship 2023. Punjab claimed the Gold medal after their penalty shootout of 2-2 (9-8 SO) to clinch the title.

ISSF World Cup Final 2023: Anish Bhanwala secures bronze medal in men's 25m rapid fire pistol

Indian shooter Anish Bhanwala has claimed the bronze medal in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol event at the ISSF World Cup Final 2023 in Doha, Qatar. Anish Bhanwala scored 27 out of 35 for third place in the final.

India's Vidya Pillai won the World 6 Red Women Snooker Championships title

Vidya Pillai of India has claimed the Gold to clinch the title of World Champion at the World 6 Red Women Snooker Championships.

Russian federation membership from BWF suspended over membership breaches

The international governing body for the sport of badminton, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) has suspended the membership of the National Badminton Federation of Russia (NBFR) after it was found to be in breach of its conditions of membership.

Max Verstappen wins the 2023 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix

Max Verstappen has completed this year of unprecedented dominance with his record-extending 19th win in 22 races at the season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

Francesco Bagnaia claims 2023 Valencia GP to defend MotoGP title

Francesco Bagnaia of Ducati has won the Valencia Grand Prix 2023 to claim a second straight MotoGP world championship after closest contender Jorge Martin crashed out following a collision with Marc Marquez.

Indian doubles pair loses in men's doubles final in China Masters Badminton 2023

Indian doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have lost to the World No 1 Chinese pair of Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang in the men's doubles final at the China Masters Badminton 2023.

Aditi wins her second LET golf title of season in Spain

Indian woman golfer Aditi Ashok dished out a bogey free final round after a stunning back nine to win the Andalucia Costa del Sol Open de Espana tournament for her second title of the season.

MISCELLANEOUS

UNESCO designates Kozhikode in Kerala as City of Literature; Gwalior as City of Music

UNESCO has designated Kozhikode in Kerala as the City of Literature in its latest List of Creative Cities Network. Besides Kozhikode, Gwalior has also found a place in the Network, as the City of Music. 55 cities have been designated by the UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay in seven creative fields.

Dubai Hosts Grand Ram Leela Performance, Celebrating Indian Culture

In a historic first, the heart of Dubai witnessed a magnificent Ram Leela performance, captivating the Hindu community living in the emirate and adding a vibrant cultural touch to the city's diverse landscape.

Japan Ranks Last in Global Survey of Employees' Well Being

Japan came in last in a global ranking of employees' well being, measured by assessing physical, mental, social and spiritual health, the results of a survey conducted by McKinsey Health Institute showed. Turkey was highest at 78%, followed by 76% for India and 75% for China.

Nearly 97,000 Indians held trying to enter illegally between October 2022 and September 2023

A record 96,917 Indians were arrested while crossing illegally into the US between October 2022 and September 2023, according to the latest U.S. Customs and Border Protection (UCBP) data.

India to open new consulate in Seattle

Seven years after the Indian government had first announced plans to open its sixth consulate in the U.S. city of Seattle, home to many big technology companies, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has appointed its first Consul-General in Seattle.

Embassy of India celebrates Samskritotsava in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

In a landmark event, the Embassy of India in Riyadh organized "Samskritotsava" as part of "Pravasi Parichay", showcasing the vibrancy of the Sanskrit language and recognizing the dedicated efforts of the Indian community in preserving it in Saudi Arabia.

WHO acknowledges India's success in declining TB incidence by 16 percent

World Health Organization, WHO has acknowledged India's success in declining TB incidence by 16 percent and TB mortality reduction by 18 percent in the year 2022 since 2015. WHO stated that India has made tremendous progress in improving case detection and reversed the impact of COVID-19 on the TB programme.

IAF Contingent Arrives for Dubai Airshow

The Indian Air Force (IAF) participated in the Dubai Airshow from November 13 to 17, 2023. The IAF contingent, consisting of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas and the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv, has landed at the Al Maktoum International Airport, Dubai.

India sends record number students to U.S., surpasses China: Report

India surpassed China to become the largest source of international graduate students in the United States for the first time since 2009-10, according to the Open Doors Report (ODR). International students from India to the United States increased by 35%, numbering an all-time high of 268,923 students in the academic year 2022-23.

Global Media Congress Kicks Off in Abu Dhabi

The second edition of the Global Media Congress commences at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, UAE.

WHO declares loneliness a pressing global health threat

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared loneliness as a pressing global health threat. The WHO also launched an international commission on the problem, led by the US surgeon general, Dr Vivek Murthy.

Indian Navy completes second anti-piracy patrol in the Gulf of Guinea in Atlantic Ocean

The Indian Navy has completed its second anti-piracy patrol in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) in the Atlantic Ocean. Offshore Patrol Vessel INS Sumedha undertook a 31-day anti-piracy patrol.

Australia proposes law to allow prison time for high-risk migrants who breach visa conditions.

Migrants with criminal records in Australia will face up to five years in prison for breaching their visa conditions under emergency legislation introduced in response to a High Court ruling that foreigners can't be detained indefinitely.

EU approves use of controversial herbicide Glyphosate

The EU has approved the use of the controversial herbicide Glyphosate for another 10 years. Meanwhile,

the EU Commission said that there will be new conditions and restrictions including a prohibition of pre-harvest use as a desiccant and the need for certain measures to protect non-target organisms.

Merriam-Webster chooses "Authentic" word of the year 2023

Merriam-Webster has selected "authentic" as its 2023 Word of the Year. The dictionary defines authentic as "not false or imitation.". Merriam state that searches for the word authentic has surged this year as "the line between 'real' and 'fake'" increasingly blurred.

Five-day Millets Festival launched in Indonesia

The Government of India has launched a five-day Millets Festival in Indonesian capital Jakarta to raise awareness for millets as a farmer-friendly and sustainable food choice and create a market for millets-based products among the 10-member ASEAN bloc.

World Tsunami Awareness Day: 5th November

Every year, World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed on November 5 to create awareness about this natural disaster. The theme of this year's World Tsunami Awareness Day is - Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future.

National Ayurveda Day 2023: 10th November

India observes the National Ayurveda Day every year on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti or Dhanteras, this year it is on November 10. In 2023, the theme for Ayurveda day-2023 is 'Ayurveda for One Health' with Tag line 'Ayurveda for everyone on every day'.

World Science Day for Peace and Development: 10th November

World Science Day for Peace and Development, celebrated annually on November 10, serves as a global platform to recognize the pivotal role of science in society. In 2023, the theme for World Science Day for Peace and Development is "Building Trust in Science."

Public Service Broadcasting Day observed on 12th Nov.

Public Service Broadcasting Day is being observed on 12th November 2023. The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the first and last visit of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of the then All India Radio, Delhi, (now Akashvani) in 1947.

National Press Day observed on 16th November.

National Press Day is observed on 16th November every year to commemorate a free and responsible press. The theme for National Press Day 2023 is "Media in the Era of Artificial Intelligence".

International Men's Day: 19th November

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. The theme for International Men's Day 2023 is "Zero Male Suicide" which underscores the need to address mental health issues among men and boys.

World Television Day is globally observed on Nov 21

World Television Day is globally observed on November 21 to highlight the importance of visual medium and to recognize its increasing impact on decision-making and potential role in shaping global conversations. The theme for this year's edition is 'Accessibility'.