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CURRENT AFFAIRS CAPSULE (SEPTEMBER 2023)

INTERNATIONAL

Nigerian president recalls ambassadors worldwide

Nigerian President Bola Tinubu has ordered recall of country's ambassadors the world over with immediate effect. Nigeria has 109 diplomatic missions worldwide, comprising 76 embassies, 22 high commissions and 11 consulates.

Israel's PM pitches for fibre optic cable idea to link Asia and the Middle East to Europe

Israel's Prime Minister floated the idea of building infrastructure projects such as a fiber optic cable linking countries in Asia and the Arabian Peninsula with Europe through Israel and Cyprus.

Russian President Vladimir Putin refuses to restore the Black Sea Grain deal.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has refused to restore the Black Sea Grain deal. He reiterated that the landmark deal allowing Ukraine to export grain safely across the Black Sea, will be restored only after the West meets Moscow's demands on its agricultural exports.

Hong Kong's top court rules to recognise same sex partnerships.

Hong Kong's top court ruled in favour of recognising same-sex partnerships and gave the government two years to come up with a legal framework but stopped short of granting full marriage rights to the city's LGBTQ community.

Mexico's Supreme Court decriminalizes abortion across country.

Mexico's Supreme Court has decriminalized abortion across the country. In a statement, the court said, that system that penalizes abortion is unconstitutional since it violates the human rights of women.

North Korea launched first operational tactical nuclear attack submarine.

North Korea has launched its first operational tactical nuclear attack submarine and assigned it to the fleet that patrols the waters between the Korean peninsula and Japan.

PM Modi addresses ASEAN- India summit at Jakarta

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the ASEAN-India Summit at Jakarta in Indonesia. In his remarks at the 20th ASEAN-India summit, PM Narendra Modi presented a 12-point proposal for strengthening India - ASEAN cooperation covering connectivity, digital transformation, trade and economic engagement, addressing contemporary challenges, people-to-people contacts and deepening strategic engagement.

Modi, Biden welcomed progress in defence ties

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Joe Biden welcomed the completion of the notification process in the U.S. Congress for a commercial agreement between General Electric Aerospace and Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) to manufacture GE F-414 jet engines in India and the commencement of the negotiations.

African Union inducted as permanent member of G20 on Indian proposal.

The African Union became a permanent member of the G20 on 9th September 2023. Prime Minister Narendra Modi invited the Head of the African Union, Azali Assoumani, to take his seat as a permanent member of the G20 as the first session of the G20 Summit got underway in New Delhi.

G20 clinched New Delhi Declaration

In an unexpected early breakthrough and success for India's Presidency, G-20 members agreed to a joint statement, forging consensus on the contentious "Ukraine paragraphs". The final document marks a shift in the position taken by the U.S., the European Union and G-7 countries, and dilutes the harsh criticism of Russia contained in last year's Bali G-20 statement.

In presidential elections, Maldives heads for a run-off vote

Maldives heads for a run-off vote after President Ibrahim Solih and the opposition candidate Mohammed Muizzu could not cross the 50% mark in the first round of the Presidential elections.

India, Saudi Arabia join EU and U.S. for an economic corridor project.

India and Saudi Arabia joined the European Union and the U.S. to launch the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) and the India Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor at the G20 summit in India.

Curtain comes down on two-day G20 summit in New Delhi

The 18th G20 Summit successfully concluded in New Delhi on 10th September 2023 with India handing over the Presidency to Brazil. In the closing ceremony, Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the ceremonial gavel to the President of Brazil Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva.

Death toll in Morocco earthquake escalates to over 2,800.

In Morocco, the death toll from the devastating earthquake has risen to 2,862, while more than 2,500 people have been injured. Rescuers are racing against time to find survivors.

Consensus reached by GCC countries to ratify the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol

Gulf Cooperation Council, GCC ministers responsible for climate and environment affairs have reached a consensus on the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer, during their 25th meeting in the Sultanate of Oman.

U.S. makes deal with Iran to swap prisoners and release \$6 billion in frozen Iranian funds.

The Joe Biden administration has cleared the way for the release of five American citizens detained in Iran by issuing a blanket waiver for international banks to transfer \$6 billion in frozen Iranian money from South Korea to

Qatar without fear of U.S. sanctions. In addition, as part of the deal, the US administration has agreed to release five Iranian citizens held in the United States.

Britain, France, Germany to retain ballistic missile and nuclear proliferation-related sanctions on Iran

Britain, France and Germany said that they would retain ballistic missile and nuclear proliferation-related sanctions on Iran that were set to expire in October under the 2015 Iran nuclear deal.

UN Office for OCHA amends death toll in Libya floods

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) has amended the death toll from Libya floods to 3,958 citing World Health Organization (WHO). The UN had earlier reported the death of 11,300 people in the flood disaster in the country's coastal city of Derna.

Mali, Niger, Burkina signed mutual defence pact

The military leaders of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger signed a mutual defence pact, ministerial delegations from the three Sahel countries announced in Mali's capital Bamako.

WHO called on China to offer transparency regarding COVID-19 origins

The Director-General of the World Health Organisation Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has called on China to offer greater transparency regarding the origins of COVID-19 and expressed readiness to dispatch a second investigative team to examine the matter.

Canada investigates Indian government link to killing of Khalistani activist

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said that Canada is investigating possible links between the Indian government and the assassination of Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada. The Canadian government also said that it has expelled a top Indian diplomat as a consequence.

IMF, World Bank to proceed with annual meetings in Morocco in October

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank have decided to hold their annual meetings in Morocco in October despite a recent earthquake that killed more than 2,900 people.

UN chief calls for major reforms in global institutions

In the augural speech of the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly debates, the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has called for major reforms in global institutions, including UN Security Council, to be able to address modern challenges.

India expels senior Canadian diplomat, citing interference of Canadian diplomats in India's internal matters

India has expelled a senior Canadian diplomat, citing interference of Canadian diplomats in India's internal matters. In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said that the concerned diplomat has been asked to leave India within next five days.

Azerbaijan's defence ministry begins "anti-terrorist" operations in Nagorno-Karabakh

Azerbaijan's defence ministry has said that it has begun "anti-terrorist" operations in its breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh under Armenian control. The ministry said that the offensive would only target military structures.

Iran passes Hijab and Chastity Bill

Iran's Parliament passed a controversial Hijab and Chastity Bill that would punish and penalize women who violate the Islamic dress code. According to this Bill, women who fail to wear a Hijab or clothing in accordance with the Islamic dress code would face up to 10 years of jail term.

China, U.S. and India absent at U.N.'s Climate Ambition Summit

The Climate Ambition Summit (CAS) in New York, as part of the United Nations General Assembly, that concluded on September 21, was marked by the absence of major economies China, United States and India whose actions significantly influence the future of global emissions. These collectively account for about 42% of global greenhouse gas emissions and are the top three emitters in that order.

Pakistan's General Elections to be held in last week of January 2024

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has announced that the next General Elections would be held in the last week of January next year.

G4 countries called for expansion of UN Security Council

The G4 countries - India, Brazil, Japan and Germany, have reiterated that expansion of UN Security Council in both permanent and non-permanent categories is essential to make the body more representative, legitimate, effective and efficient.

France to pull its soldiers out of Niger.

France has said that it will pull its soldiers out of Niger following a July coup in the West African country. French President Emmanuel Macron said, 1,500 troops would withdraw by the end of the year. France's exit comes after weeks of pressure from the junta and demonstrations.

Mexico makes agreement with US to deport migrants from its border.

Amid the surge in number of migrants at the Mexican border, Mexico has made an agreement with the United States to deport migrants from its border. Mexico will carry out negotiations with the governments of Venezuela, Brazil, Nicaragua, Colombia and Cuba to confirm receipt of their citizens deported from the US-Mexico border.

India and UN launch joint capacity building initiative for Global South

India and the United Nations launched a joint capacity-building initiative for the Global South. The "India-UN Capacity Building Initiative" aims to share India's development experiences, best practices and expertise with partner countries in the Global South through capacity building and training programs. The initiative was announced at the India-UN for the Global South in New York.

South Korea parades troops and powerful weapons in its biggest Armed Forces Day ceremony

South Korea paraded thousands of troops and an array of weapons capable of striking North Korea through its capital as part of its biggest Armed Forces Day ceremony in 10 years on September 26, as its president vowed to build a stronger military to thwart any provocation by the North.

China refuses to further expand cooperation with Pak in energy, water, climate under CPEC

China has refused to further expand cooperation in the areas of energy, water management, and climate change under the multi-billion dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), signalling a strain in the 'ironclad' friendship between the two all-weather allies.

Half of Nagorno-Karabakh's population flees as the separatist government says it will dissolve

The separatist government of Nagorno-Karabakh said that it will dissolve itself and the unrecognized republic will cease to exist by year's end after a three-decade bid for independence, while Armenian officials said over half of the region's population has already fled.

Taiwan unveils first domestically developed submarine.

Taiwan has unveiled its first domestically developed submarine. The vessel was officially named "Narwhal" in English and "Hai Kun" in Mandarin after a mythical massive fish that can also fly.

Congressman Shri Thanedar formally launches Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh and Jain American Caucus in US Congress

Over two dozen US lawmakers have joined the bipartisan Congressional Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh and Jain American Caucus, its founder and Indian American Congressman Shri Thanedar has said. Mr. Thanedar has formally launched in the US Congress the caucus that aims to combat religious discrimination and promote religious freedom for Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs and Jains.

NATIONAL

India sees lowest August rainfall in a century: IMD

Rainfall in August had been the least in over a century, with India getting 36% less rain than it usually does in the month. Of the four monsoon months, August usually sees the most amount of rainfall (25.4 cm) after July's 28 cm.

UN WFP, IIT Bombay signs MoU for contributing towards improving food security, nutrition, climate resilience & livelihoods.

United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay have signed a MoU for contributing towards improving food security, nutrition, climate resilience and livelihoods.

Kakrapar Nuclear Power Plant started operations at full capacity

India's first indigenously developed 700 MW nuclear power plant in Gujarat's Kakrapar has started operations at full capacity. The reactor at the Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP) had started commercial operations on June 30 but was operating at 90 per cent of its capacity till now.

SC Collegium recommends 5 judges for appointment as permanent judges of Madras High Court

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the names of five additional judges for appointment as permanent judges of the Madras High Court. Justices A.A. Nakkiran, Nidumolu Mala, S. Sounthar, Sunder Mohan and Kabali Kumaresh Babu have been recommended for appointment as permanent judges of the Madras High Court by the Supreme Court Collegium.

Children from void, voidable marriages entitled to parents' share in ancestral property: SC

The Supreme Court of India has held that a child born of a void or voidable marriage can inherit the parent's share in a joint Hindu family property governed by the Mitakshara law. A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud however clarified that such a child would not be entitled to rights in or to the property of any other person in the family.

NCERT gets Deemed-to-be-University status, said Education Minister

National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been granted the deemed-to-be-university status by the Ministry of Higher Education, Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan said.

Govt constitutes 8-member high level committee to examine One nation, One election.

The Centre has constituted an eight-member high level committee to examine One nation, One election. Former President Ram Nath Kovind has been appointed as Chairman of the committee. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Former Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad, Former Chairman 15th Finance Commission N. K. Singh and others are appointed as the members of the committee.

Education ministry partnered with Meta to provide Digital and marketing skills to students, and entrepreneurs

Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan has launched a 3-year partnership of his Ministry with Meta to provide Digital and marketing skills to students, educators, and entrepreneurs. Three Letters of Intent (LoI) were exchanged between Meta and NIESBUD, AICTE and CBSE.

Government proposed in SC tech panel to evaluate carrying capacity of 13 Himalayan States

The Centre has proposed forming a 13-member technical committee to evaluate the "carrying capacity" of 13 Himalayan States. Frequent landslips leading to deaths and destruction had led the Supreme Court to moot a re-evaluation of the load-carrying capacity of hill towns and cities.

IAF Western Air Command's annual exercise gets underway.

The annual training exercise, Trishul, of the Indian Air Force's (IAF) Western Air Command (WAC) began on September 4. The exercise seen activation of all air assets and force multipliers spread across the Line of Control with Pakistan to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.

India extends support to SCO member countries to enhance legal and judicial capabilities.

India has extended support to Shanghai Cooperation Organisation member countries to enhance legal and judicial capabilities. The 10th meeting of the Ministers of Law and Justice of SCO countries was held via video conferencing. Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal highlighted how India has embarked on a path of Legal reforms.

World's tallest Nataraja statue installed at G20 summit venue.

The world's tallest Nataraja statue has been installed at Bharat Mandapam, the venue of the G20 summit in Delhi. The 28-foot-tall statue weighing 20 tonnes was made in a record time of seven months by sculptor Radhakrishnan Sthapathy and his team at Swamimalai in Thanjavur District of Tamil Nadu.

Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy launches G20 Tourism and SDG Dashboard

The Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the United Nations World Tourism Organisation unveiled the G20 Tourism and SDG Dashboard. Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy launched the dashboard in a virtual ceremony.

Cabinet approves additional allocation of ₹1,164 crore for industrial development scheme for Himachal, Uttarakhand

The Cabinet has approved additional allocation of ₹1,164.53 crore for an industrial development scheme for Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The fund was required to meet the committed liabilities under the Industrial Development Scheme, 2017 for 774 registered units up to 2028-29.

EVMs can neither be hacked nor tampered with, EC tells SC

The Election Commission of India (EC) has assured the Supreme Court that Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) can neither be hacked nor tampered with. In an affidavit spanning over 450 pages, the EC said EVMs are "totally stand-alone machines having one-time programmable chips".

One Week One Lab programme of CSIR organised from 11th to 16th September 2023

The One Week One Lab programme of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, CSIR was organised from the 11th to the 16th of September this year. During the programme, each of the 37 CSIR laboratories, spread across the country, showcased their research outcomes and achievements.

Railways MoU with Airbus to create 15,000 job opportunities for Indian students.

With an aim to create 15,000 job opportunities for Indian students and strengthen the country's aviation sector, Indian Railways' Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV), Vadodara, signed a MoU with European aviation major Airbus.

Amazon to train, offer jobs to persons with disabilities in five states

Amazon India signed a MoU with five State Governments, including Haryana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, to train employable Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and bring them to the mainstream workforce. The MoU, which extends until 2026, aims to provide skilling and employment opportunities to PwD candidates in these five states.

Over 1.8 billion US Dollar worth of assets recovered from economic offenders & fugitives in last 4 years

Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr Jitendra Singh has said that over 1.8 billion US Dollar worth of assets have been recovered from economic offenders and fugitives in the last four years. He said the Prevention of Money Laundering Act has also helped in attaching the assets of offenders' worth more than 12 billion US Dollars since 2014.

18th G20 summit under Indian presidency held in New Delhi

The 18th G20 Leaders' Summit was held with much fanfare as heads of world-leading economies gathered at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

Education Ministry asks States to bring all data under one platform

Under the National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR), the Education Ministry is pushing States to open Vidya Samiksha Kendras (VSKs), which are data repositories that will have data from all schemes run by the Ministry.

Adults free to marry or live with person of their choice: Allahabad High Court

An adult is free to marry or live with a person of their choice and no one, including their parents or anyone on their behalf, can interfere in their right to freedom to choose a partner, the Allahabad High Court has held.

India proposed G20 satellite for climate observation

India proposed to launch a G-20 Satellite Mission for Environment and Climate Observation, with an aim to help the countries of the Global South. Prime Minister Narendra Modi made the suggestion at the G-20 Leaders' Summit.

PM Modi launched global biofuels alliance at G20 summit in New Delhi

India launched the Global Biofuel Alliance at a G20 summit in New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the alliance on the sidelines of the summit.

Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana exceeds initial employment generation targets

The Ministry of Labour and Employment in a statement said that the scheme the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY), had set a target to benefit approximately 7.18 million employees across India till its last date of registration in March 2022.

Mahendragiri, seventh stealth frigate of Project 17A, launched into water

The seventh and last stealth frigate of Project 17A, Mahendragiri, was launched into water by Sudesh Dhankhar, wife of Vice-President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar, at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in Mumbai.

Pragyan completed its tasks; rover safely parked and set into sleep mode, says ISRO

The Indian Space Research Organization said that Chandrayaan 3's rover Pragyan had completed its assignments and it had been safely parked and set into sleep mode. Chandrayaan-3 Mission: The Rover completed its assignments. It is now safely parked and set into Sleep mode.

India's first solar observatory mission, Aditya-L1, successfully launched from Sriharikota Space Centre

India's journey towards the sun began as the maiden flight mission took off at the Sathish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota. The PSLV C57 rocket carrying Aditya L1 soared into the clear skies with a reverberating sound.

Amazon's AWS ties up with ISRO to advance its AI capabilities with cloud technologies.

Cloud behemoth Amazon Web Services (AWS) has signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) to support space-tech innovations through cloud computing.

India-Saudi Arabia sign MoU in several areas including energy, digitalization, and investment

India and Saudi Arabia have signed eight agreements in several areas including energy, digitalization, and investment. The two sides expressed their happiness at the launching of the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor. The Prime Minister also congratulated the Kingdom on becoming a full member of the BRICS.

DoT launched scheme to recognize Internet Service Providers for expanding FTTH broadband connections in rural areas

The Department of Telecommunications has launched a scheme to recognize Internet Service Providers for their exceptional efforts in expanding Fiber-to-the-Home broadband connections in rural areas.

President Murmu inaugurated global meet to discuss future of farmers rights

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the global symposium on farmers' rights organised by the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) in New Delhi. The four day symposium is expected to contribute to understanding the challenges and opportunities of implementing farmers' rights around the globe.

Cauvery panel 'directs' Karnataka to continue water release

The Cauvery Water Regulation Committee directed Karnataka to continue releasing 5,000 cubic feet per second (cusecs) of water to Tamil Nadu for another 15 days. The first 15-day spell of water release, as fixed by the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA), came to an end on September 12.

Special Parliament Session from 18 September

A five-day-long Special Parliament Session was held from September 18. A Parliamentary Bulletin said, that on the first day a discussion on the Parliamentary Journey of 75 years starting from Samvidhan Sabha - Achievements, Experiences, Memories, and Learnings was held in Lok Sabha.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurates International Conference on dam safety at Jaipur in Rajasthan

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has inaugurated the International Conference on Dam Safety at Jaipur in Rajasthan. The conference aims to provide a major platform for experts to come together and debate cutting-edge topics in dam safety and management. Professionals from across the nation and about fifteen countries are expected to participate in the conference.

Dr Jitendra Singh to launch dedicated web portal- for monitoring Special Campaign 3.0

Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions Dr Jitendra Singh will launch a dedicated web portal- <https://scdpm.nic.in> on 14th September 2023 for monitoring the Special Campaign 3.0. The Government has announced Special Campaign 3.0 from the 2nd to the 31st of October this year with a focus on Swachhata and reducing pendency in Government Offices with a saturation approach.

India receives first C-295 MW transport aircraft

India received the first C-295 MW transport aircraft. Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal VR Choudhari has attended the formal handing over ceremony of the first

C-295 MW transport aircraft at Seville in Spain. According to the Indian Air Force, the aircraft was formally handed over by Airbus to the IAF. India has formalized the acquisition of 56 Airbus C-295 aircraft to replace the Indian Air Force AVRO fleet.

CJI DY Chandrachud announces SC to come under National Judicial Data Grid

The Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud announced that the Supreme Court of India will soon come under the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) platform which provides tracking of pendency of cases. He emphasized that the inclusion of data in the NJDG will establish "transparency and accountability within the realm of the judiciary.

PM Modi launched PM Vishwakarma Scheme

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a new scheme named PM Vishwakarma at the International Convention and Expo Centre, Yashobhoomi, in New Delhi on the occasion of Vishwakarma Jayanti. The scheme will support artisans with ₹13,000 crore funding, training, and incentives for traditional trades.

Shantiniketan included in UNESCO World Heritage list

Shantiniketan has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage list. The decision to include Santiniketan in the list was taken during the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee currently underway in Saudi Arabia.

Transformative initiatives for Agriculture sector like KRP & Door to Door KCC Campaign launched

The Centre launched a series of transformative initiatives, aimed at revolutionizing agriculture in the country. The transformative initiatives include Kisan Rin Portal (KRP), Door to Door KCC Campaign and Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS) Manual.

Karnataka's sacred ensembles of Hoysalas inscribed on UNESCO world heritage list.

The Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas, which includes three temples in Karnataka, has been inscribed on the UNESCO's World Heritage List. The Hoysala Temples, as they are also known, will be India's 42nd UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Lok Sabha Secretariat issues notification for designating old Parliament building as Samvidhan Sadan

Lok Sabha Secretariat has issued a notification for designating the old Parliament building as Samvidhan Sadan. The proceedings of the Parliament shifted to the new parliament building.

BIS establish six thousand 467 Standard Clubs in schools and colleges across country

The Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) has established six thousand 467 Standard Clubs in schools and colleges across the country. The BIS informed that the clubs are being established with the objective to sensitize young members of society about the importance of standards in improving quality of life.

India suspended till further notice visa services for Canadians.

India has suspended till further notice its visa services in Canada. The move comes amid the escalating diplomatic row that erupted following Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations of a potential involvement of Indian agents in the killing of a Khalistani separatist in June.

Lok Sabha passed historic women's reservation Bill
Twenty-seven years after the women's reservation Bill was first introduced in Parliament, the Lok Sabha passed a Bill with near unanimity to amend the Constitution and provide one-third reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies.

Constitution Bench to examine validity of extending reservation of seats for SCs/STs in LS, Assemblies
A Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has decided to examine if clockwork extensions granted to reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the Lok Sabha and the State Legislative Assemblies was constitutionally valid.

Women's reservation Bill will be implemented only after 2029: Amit Shah
Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that the women's reservation Bill will be implemented only after 2029. According to the 128th Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2023, or the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhinyam, reservation of one-third of seats for women in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies shall come into effect after an exercise of delimitation is undertaken based on figures from the first Census that is conducted after the Act is enacted.

CM Chouhan unveils 'Statue of Oneness' in Omkareshwar
Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan unveiled a gigantic statue of Adi Guru Shankaracharya on the Mandhata hillock at Omkareshwar in Khandwa district. Called the Ekamata ki Murti (Statue of Oneness), the 108-foot-tall statue portrays the 8th-century Indian philosopher and theologian, who consolidated the doctrine of Advaita Vedanta.

Centre revises ex gratia for the victims of train accidents
The Ministry of Railways has revised the amount of ex gratia relief to be payable in case of death to the dependents by up to 10 times. Under Section 124 of the Railways Act, in case of death earlier ₹50,000 was liable to be paid. According to a circular issued, this amount has been revised upwards to ₹5 lakh, for train accidents and accidents at manned level crossings.

National Medical Commission gets global recognition
Indian medical graduates can now pursue post-graduation and practice in countries like the US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. The National Medical Commission (NMC) of India has been awarded the coveted World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) Recognition Status for a tenure of 10 years.

No signals from Chandrayaan-3's Vikram, Pragyan: ISRO
The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), which was hoping to awaken the Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander and Pragyan rover on September 2, says it has not received any signals from either of the two, despite continuing efforts to establish communications.

Nine Vande Bharat Express trains flagged off to boost connectivity across 11 States
The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has virtually flagged off nine Vande Bharat trains. These trains will boost connectivity across eleven States. The States are Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, West Bengal, Kerala, Odisha, Jharkhand and Gujarat.

First C-295 MW transport aircraft formally inducted into Indian Air Force
Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh has formally inducted the first C-295 MW transport aircraft at the Indian Air Force airbase in Hindan, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. India has formalised the acquisition of 56 Airbus C-295 aircraft to replace the Indian Air Force AVRO fleet.

Minister of Power RK Singh inaugurates 'India Energy Summit 2023' in New Delhi
Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy RK Singh has inaugurated the 'India Energy Summit 2023' at FICCI Federation House in New Delhi. The two-day Summit aims to focus on development of an enabling Green Hydrogen ecosystem in the country.

Phase II of 'Amazon Future Engineer Programme' launched in 54 Eklavya Model Residential Schools
National Education Society for Tribal Students under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched Phase II of the 'Amazon Future Engineer Programme' in 54 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), in New Delhi. The second phase will include an Advanced Block Programming and Artificial Intelligence curriculum.

Aadhaar unreliable in 'hot, humid' India: Moody's
Global rating major Moody's Investors Service has flagged concerns about security and privacy vulnerabilities in centralised identification systems like India's Aadhaar programme. The unique ID system often results in "service denials", and using biometric technologies in humid conditions is unreliable, it noted.

IndianOil unveils India's first green hydrogen-run bus that emits just water
India's top oil firm Indian Oil Corporation, IOC unveiled the nation's first green hydrogen-powered bus that emits just water as it takes the lead in bringing out unrivaled tools to replace fossil fuels. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) will produce close to 75 kg of hydrogen by splitting water.

WCD Ministry celebrating 6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah aims to foster nutritional understanding across India
The Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrating the 6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah throughout September. The first day of Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2023 witnessed close to 10 lakh activities across the country. The themes like 'Improving Nutrition through Mission LIFE & 'Exclusive Breastfeeding and Complimentary Feeding' is leading the way this year.

Deputy Chairman of RS to lead Parliamentary delegation to participate in 9th BRICS Parliamentary Forum
Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Harivansh will lead a Parliamentary delegation to participate in the 9th BRICS Parliamentary Forum to be held in Johannesburg. As the head of the delegation, he will make an Opening Statement and also chair a session on Climate Change and Legislative Mobilisation in BRICS Countries.

Scheme for promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma MedTech Sector launched
Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has launched the National Policy on Research and Development and Innovation in the Pharma-MedTech Sector in India. The scheme is aimed at developing India as a global hub for Pharma and MedTech industry. It will also establish centres of excellence in seven National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research.

Karnataka told to release 3,000 cusecs of Cauvery water daily to Tamil Nadu till October 15

The Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) at its meeting in New Delhi has decided that Karnataka should release 3,000 cubic feet per second (cusecs) to Tamil Nadu from September 28 to October 15.

Centre extends AFSPA in parts of Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh for another six months

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in parts of Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh for another six months, beginning October 1.

Centre may propose up to ₹500 crore fine for violations under Digital India Bill

The Centre is likely to propose a penalty of up to ₹500 crore for violating provisions of the Digital India Bill. Under the proposed Bill, the Centre may authorise any government agency to monitor and collect traffic data generated, transmitted, received or stored in any digital system to enhance cyber security.

Govt tested emergency alert system by sending messages on smartphones across country

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) tested pan-India emergency alert system for disaster management. People across the country are getting flash messages on their smart phones in this regard.

43 lakh children below the age of five identified as obese or overweight: official data

More than 43 lakh children in the 0-5 age group were identified as obese or overweight last month, accounting for around 6% of the total children surveyed at Anganwadi centres across the country, according to official data.

President Droupadi Murmu prorogues both Houses of Parliament

Both the Houses of Parliament have been prorogued by President Droupadi Murmu. The four-day-long Special Session of Parliament began on the 18th of this month and was sine die on the 21st of September.

Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav, a 75 day-long event to celebrate Indian languages starts in Lucknow.

Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav, a 75 day-long event to celebrate the Indian languages started in Lucknow. Padma shree awardees and representatives of different Indian languages are taking part in the program which includes Bahubhashi Sangoshthi i.e., Multi-laguage conference and play based on Ramayana.

President Droupadi Murmu grants assent to Women's Reservation Bill

President Droupadi Murmu has given her assent to the Women's Reservation Bill which was passed by both the Houses during the recent special session of Parliament. The Central government has issued a gazette notification for the legislation which is also called Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam.

22nd Law Commission recommends government to retain existing age of consent under POCSO Act

The 22nd Law Commission has recommended the government to retain the existing age of consent under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. In its report, the Commission noted that reducing it might have damaging effects on fighting child marriage and child trafficking. The current age of consent in India is 18 years.

Kishan Reddy launches 5G training labs and 5G applications in all North Eastern States

The Minister for Development of Northeast Region, Tourism, and Culture, G. Kishan Reddy, has launched India's first 5G training labs and 5G applications in Health sector in all the North Eastern States. The project is centrally funded through North East Council (NEC) and being implemented by Assam Electronic Development Corporation (AMTRON), a PSU of Assam government.

Over 6,40,000 sites adopted for Shramdaan from urban & rural India for mega cleanliness drive

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said, over 6 lakh 40 thousand sites have been adopted for shramdaan from urban and rural India for the mega cleanliness drive.

BANKING & ECONOMY

Economy grew 7.8% in first quarter

Growth in India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the Gross Value Added (GVA) in the economy sped to a four-quarter high of 7.8% in the first quarter of this financial year.

Core sectors grew 8% in July.

All of India's eight infrastructure industries reported growth for the first time in 14 months this July, with core sectors' output rising 8% after a five-month high surge of 8.3% in June.

Moody's raises India's CY23 growth forecast to 6.7%

Citing the strong services sector growth and capex surge that led to India's 7.8% GDP growth in the April to June quarter, Moody's Investors Service raised its 2023 calendar year growth forecast for India's economy from 5.5% to 6.7%.

GST revenues in August hit three-month low at ₹1.59 lakh crore

India's gross GST revenues grew 10.76% in August to hit a three-month low of ₹1,59,069 crore. The revenue growth was just marginally lower than the 10.8% uptick in July, which was the slowest in two years.

CCI approved Vistara-Air India merger

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the merger of Vistara with Air India as well as allowed Singapore Airlines to acquire 25.1% stake in the erstwhile national carrier.

Uday Kotak resigned as KMB chief 4 months ahead of tenure end.

Uday Kotak has resigned as Managing Director and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) with immediate effect, four months ahead of the end his tenure. The board, taking note of the development, has appointed joint managing director Dipak Gupta as interim MD and CEO.

Imports of Chinese glass may face 5-year antidumping duty

The Commerce Ministry has recommended antidumping duty of up to \$243 per tonne of import of Chinese glass used in home appliances with a view to guard domestic players from cheap inbound shipments from the neighboring country.

Bank credit outstanding to real estate rose to ₹28 lakh crore in July: RBI

Bank credit to housing as well as commercial real estate witnessed a nearly 38 per cent annual growth in July, taking the loan outstanding to the realty sector to a record ₹28 lakh crore, as per the latest RBI data.

SBI introduced UPI interoperability in Digital Rupee

The State Bank of India (SBI) had implemented Unified Payments Interface (UPI) interoperability in Digital Rupee (₹) also called as Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). This cutting-edge feature, accessible through the 'eRupee by SBI' application will empower SBI CBDC users to effortlessly scan any merchant UPI QR code for swift and secure transactions.

Paytm unveiled ₹999 'soundbox' that takes card payments.

Fintech firm Paytm has unveiled a 'soundbox' device that lets merchants accept both mobile and card payments across networks including Visa, Mastercard, American Express and homegrown RuPay, to attract more subscribers from its large network.

Federal Bank unveiled WhatsApp Lending Platform

Federal Bank Ltd. has announced the introduction of what it called WhatsApp Lending Platform through which customers can apply for pre-approved personal loan.

Pepperfry promotes co-founder Ashish Shah as CEO

Pepperfry has announced the elevation of its co-founder Ashish Shah to the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). This appointment follows after the untimely demise of Ambareesh Murty, Pepperfry's co-founder and former CEO.

Hitachi Payment Services unveiled 'India's first ever' UPI-ATM

Hitachi Payment Services, has introduced 'the country's first-ever' UPI-ATM as a White Label ATM (WLA) in association with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), offering secure, card-less cash withdrawals.

Elon Musk borrows \$1 billion from SpaceX in same month of Twitter buyout: WSJ

SpaceX CEO Elon Musk tapped the rocket maker for a \$1 billion loan around the time he was acquiring social media company Twitter, now known as X, the Wall Street Journal reported.

Govt okays ₹3,760 cr for up to 40% viability gap funding for 4,000 MWh battery energy storage system

The Centre has approved ₹3,760 crore for viability gap funding of up to 40% of total capital cost to set up 4,000 MWh battery energy storage system in the country, Union minister Anurag Thakur said.

India drops tariff hikes on U.S. almonds, lentils.

Two days before the U.S. President Joe Biden arrived in New Delhi for a bilateral meeting as well as the G-20 Summit, India has dropped the retaliatory customs tariffs it had imposed on imports of some American goods like almonds and lentils, effective September 6, 2023.

NPCI unveiled a suite of digital payment products.

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has unveiled several new products, Credit Line on UPI, UPI LITE X and Tap & Pay, Hello! UPI - Conversational Payments on UPI, BillPay Connect - Conversational Bill Payments with an aim to create an inclusive, resilient, and sustainable digital payments ecosystem.

RRVL up 51% stake in Alia Bhatt's clothing brand

Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd. (RRVL) has acquired 51% stake in actor Alia Bhatt's kids and maternity-wear brand Ed-a-Mamma for an unspecified amount. Ed-a-Mamma is an apparel brand for 2-12-year-olds.

Ather Energy raised ₹900 crore from Hero MotoCorp,

Electric two-wheeler maker Ather Energy has raised ₹900 crore from existing shareholders Hero MotoCorp and GIC through a rights issue. The company plans to use the funds for a product introduction and expansion of its charging infrastructure and retail network.

WGC India CEO Somasundaram to step down next year.

The World Gold Council (WGC) said that Somasundaram PR, Regional CEO, India, would step down from his current position next year after the appointment of his successor. Mr. Somasundaram had joined the WGC in January 2013.

China's exports drop for fourth month as it struggles with weak demand at home & abroad.

China reported another monthly decline in imports and exports. China's exports have dropped for the fourth month in a row as it struggles with weak demand at home and abroad. Exports fell by 8.8% in August compared with a year earlier, while imports dropped by 7.3%.

SBI unveils Nation First Transit Card for digital fare payments

SBI has introduced 'Nation First Transit Card' to facilitate seamless and convenient customer commuting experience and ensure easy digital ticketing fare payments in metro, buses, water ferries and parking, through a single card.

RBI to discontinue I-CRR

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to discontinue the Incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (I-CRR), which was put in place to absorb surplus liquidity following the withdrawal of 2,000 rupees currency notes, in a phased manner.

RBI approves Dipak Gupta as KMB's interim MD & CEO

The RBI has approved the appointment of Dipak Gupta as the interim MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) for two months.

IMF seeks stepped up investments to reduce emissions.

International Monetary Fund (IMF) called for investment by the public and private sectors for decisively reducing emissions. It also hailed India's G20 Presidency as a 'powerful reminder' of a joint effort for yielding much more than expected in resolving global problems.

US, India agreed to resolve long-standing WTO poultry dispute.

The United States and India have agreed to resolve their last outstanding dispute at the World Trade Organization on import restrictions on poultry products. As part of the agreement, India also agreed to reduce tariffs on certain US products, including frozen turkey, frozen duck, fresh blueberries and cranberries, frozen blueberries and cranberries, dried blueberries and cranberries, and processed blueberries and cranberries.

Development Finance Corp approves up to \$425-million financing in TP Solar project.

The US International Development Finance Corporation's (DFC) board has approved up to \$425 million in financing in TP Solar for its upcoming greenfield 4.3 gigawatts (GW) solar cell and module manufacturing plant at Tirunelveli (Tamil Nadu).

Competition law infringements: CCI to issue norms for stricter penalties.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) is all set to operationalise the provisions of the Competition (Amendment) Act, 2023, that had empowered the commission to impose penalties for competition law infringements on a global turnover basis.

ATIS, Bharat 6G Alliance signed MoU to collaborate in 6G technologies.

Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS') Next G Alliance and the Bharat 6G Alliance signed a MoU to explore collaboration opportunities on 6G wireless technologies.

German economy is expected to contract this year, predicts European Commission

The European Commission said that German economy is expected to contract this year. Germany's gross domestic product is now forecast to shrink by 0.4 per cent in 2023, compared to a previous prediction of 0.2 percent growth.

Retail inflation eases; food prices still bite

India's retail inflation eased slightly to 6.83% in August, from the 15-month high of 7.44% in July, but the rise in food prices remained elevated at around 10% and rural consumers continued to face over 7% inflation.

RBI asked banks, NBFCs to release original movable, unmovable property documents within 30 days of full repayment of loan.

The RBI has issued directions to Regulated Entities (REs) such as banks and non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) to release all the original movable / immovable property documents and remove charges registered with any registry within a period of 30 days after full repayment/settlement of the loan account.

Razorpay acquires digital invoicing startup BillMe

Razorpay has acquired Mumbai-based digital invoicing and customer engagement startup BillMe. The partnership aims at empowering businesses with a hybrid model to engage better with end consumers.

IOB introduced online allotment of safe deposit locker facility

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has announced an online allotment of safe deposit locker facility for its customers and non-customers. The new facility can be accessed online just by logging into the bank's portal (www.iob.in).

Centre launches Skill India Digital app to find jobs, training opportunities

The Centre formally launched the Skill India Digital app, which brings together listings for upskilling courses and job listings.

Tesla to source almost \$2 billion from Indian auto part makers in 2023: Goyal

Tesla is likely to ramp up its sourcing from India this year to a little under \$2 billion and while the government is keen to attract investors like the Texas-based electric

automobile player, it will frame a policy for the sector that does not favour a single player, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said.

Wholesale inflation remains in negative for fifth month at -0.52% in August

India's wholesale prices remained in deflationary mode for the fifth month in a row in August but the decline in prices eased to -0.52% from -1.36% in July, even as inflation in food and primary articles moderated to about 6% from over 7.5% in the previous month.

ECB raised rates again even as threat of recession grows.

The European Central Bank piled on a 10th straight interest rate increase, pressing forward in its fight against stubbornly high inflation. The decision raises the ECB's benchmark deposit rate to 4%, up drastically from minus 0.5% just a little more than a year ago.

Odisha signed MoU with 6 banks to service unbanked gram panchayats.

Odisha Cabinet headed by CM Naveen Patnaik has approved the scheme to open 'CSP Plus' banking outlets in coordination with 6 public sector banks in 4373 unbanked Gram Panchayats of Odisha.

Indian Bank ties up with Maruti Suzuki for inventory financing

Indian Bank has signed a MoU with Maruti Suzuki India Ltd., (MSIL) to provide inventory financing solution to the latter's authorized dealers through its digital Supply Chain Finance platform.

Tata Steel, U.K. government agree to invest 1.25 billion pounds in Port Talbot site

Tata Steel and the U.K. government have announced an agreement to invest in Electric Arc Furnace steelmaking at the Port Talbot site with a capital cost of £1.25 billion, inclusive of a grant from the U.K. government of up to £500 million.

Government notifies 31 Benches of GST Appellate Tribunal

The Finance Ministry has notified the constitution of 31 Appellate Tribunals across 28 States and eight Union Territories for the Goods and Services Tax (GST), setting the stage to resolve a growing number of taxpayer disputes with the Revenue Department.

RBI's financial inclusion index rises

The RBI's composite financial inclusion index (FI-Index), capturing the extent of financial inclusion across the country, rose to 60.1 in March 2023, showing growth across all parameters. The index captures information on various aspects of financial inclusion in a single value ranging between 0 and 100, where 0 represents complete financial exclusion and 100 indicates full financial inclusion.

Indian Bank rolls out IB SAATHI to provide basic banking services.

Indian Bank has unveiled IB SAATHI (Sustainable Access and Aligning Technology for Holistic Inclusion), a financial inclusion solution, aimed at providing basic banking services to stakeholders through the business correspondent (BC) channel.

13,000 workers from Detroit's three automakers go on strike seeking better wages

About 13,000 U.S. auto workers stopped making vehicles and went on September 15, 2023, after their leaders couldn't bridge a giant gap between union demands in contract talks and what Detroit's three automakers are willing to pay.

India's overall exports estimated to be 60.87 Billion dollars for August 2023

India's overall exports are estimated to be 60.87 billion dollars for the last month August. The country's Engineering Goods exports have recorded a growth of 7.73 percent during the period as compared to the same month last year. It now stands at 9.05 billion dollars.

E-rupee worth ₹16.39 crore in circulation as of March 2023: RBI

The RBI has disclosed that as of March 2023, the circulation of the E-rupee, India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), has reached ₹16.39 crore. This digital currency, which mirrors the country's physical legal tender, comes in different denominations and serves both wholesale and retail purposes.

Canada, India trade talks paused, says Piyush Goyal days after Trudeau visit for G20 summit

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal confirmed that the ongoing trade negotiation with Canada has frozen due to disagreements on "certain issues".

Dhanlaxmi Bank Independent Director Kalyanasundaram Resigns Over Multiple Issues

Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd.'s independent director Sridhar Kalyanasundaram has resigned from the board, citing "factionalism" to "unethical" business conduct.

JSW Infrastructure unveils ₹2,800 crore IPO at ₹113-119 price band

Commercial port operator JSW Infrastructure Ltd, a part of the JSW Group has announced its IPO to raise up to ₹2,800 crore. The price band has been fixed at ₹113 to ₹119 per equity share.

Jio rolls out JioAirFiber high-speed broadband services in 8 top cities.

Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. (Jio) announced the introduction of JioAirFiber, a high-speed wireless broadband service, across 8 metro cities with prices starting at ₹599 per month.

Va Tech Wabag, Al Jomaih Energy tie up for water projects in West Asia, Saudi

Va Tech Wabag Ltd. (Wabag) has entered into an MoU with Al Jomaih Energy and Water (AEW), a leading developer of energy and water projects in West Asia, to pursue largescale public-private partnership (PPP) projects in Saudi Arabia and the broader West Asia region.

Peter Bains

Biocon has appointed Peter Bains as the Group CEO with effect from September 18, 2023. Mr. Bains will report to Group Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw. Mr. Bains, accordingly, stepped down from his role on the Biocon Board as an Independent Director to assume the new responsibility.

Torrent Pharmaceutical said to be in talks with Apollo to borrow up to \$1 bn for Cipla bid

Torrent Pharmaceutical is in preliminary talks with Apollo Global Management to secure a loan of up to \$1 billion to

help fund a planned bid for Cipla. Torrent is hoping to secure roughly \$3 billion to \$4 billion in financing for the bid for its much bigger rival.

ADB moderates India GDP growth hopes this year to 6.3%

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) pared its growth forecast for India's economy to 6.3% for this year, from 6.4% estimated earlier, citing the impact of falling exports and erratic rainfall patterns that could hit farm output.

WhatsApp adds rival in-app payment options in India commerce push

WhatsApp said that it will offer credit card payments and services from rival digital payment providers within its app in India, the latest bet by the Meta-owned service to boost commerce offerings in its biggest market.

Ola Electric said to plan \$700 mn IPO by Oct. end

Ola Electric plans to file regulatory papers for its up to \$700 million IPO before the end of October as the e-scooter maker fast-tracks its listing move. Backed by investors including Singapore's Temasek and Japan's SoftBank, Ola Electric was valued at \$5.4 billion in a recent fund raising.

Akasa Air gets govt nod to fly international routes

Mumbai-headquartered budget airlines Akasa Air has received the Union Government's nod to start international flights, which it is likely to do before the year-end, the company announced.

Adani Green Energy, TotalEnergies to form JV with 1,050 MW renewable energy portfolio

Adani Green Energy Ltd. (AGEL) and TotalEnergies have entered into a binding agreement to create a new 50:50 joint venture (JV), with a renewable energy portfolio of 1,050 MWs. This portfolio will comprise a mix of already operational (300 MWs), under construction (500 MWs) and under development assets (250 MWs) with a blend of solar and wind power.

Manipal acquires 84% stake in AMRI Hospitals for ₹2,300 cr.

Manipal Hospitals has acquired 84% stake in AMRI Hospitals Ltd., bringing three hospitals in Kolkata and one in Bhubaneswar under its administrative control.

SBI raised ₹10,000 crore via issue of infrastructure bonds

SBI had raised ₹10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.49% through the issue of infrastructure bonds. The issue attracted an overwhelming response from investors with bids of ₹21,045.10 crore and was subscribed by more than 5 times against the base issue size of ₹4,000 crore.

Tata Projects to construct Micron's chip plant in India

TATA Projects Ltd. said it has been awarded a contract by Micron Technology to construct an advanced semiconductor assembly and test plant in Sanand, Gujarat.

PhonePe announces Indus Appstore to take on Google

PhonePe has announced the launch of Indus Appstore developer platform, wooing Android app developers with the promise of zero platform fee or commission for in app payments.

S&P Global Ratings retains India's GDP forecast at 6% for FY 24

S&P Global Ratings has retained India's growth forecast for FY24 at 6 per cent on the back of good growth in April-June quarter.

India to be part of JP Morgan global bond index, could get \$25bn inflows

JP Morgan Chase & Co has announced it will include Indian government bonds to its emerging markets bond index from June 2024. The move can potentially attract about \$25 billion into the country. India, which will be included in the GBI-EM Global index suite starting June 28, 2024, is expected to reach the maximum weight of 10 per cent in the GBI-EM Global Diversified Index (GBI-EM GD).

Foreign investors pump around 1.5 lakh crore rupees into the Indian capital markets.

Foreign investors have pumped around 1.5 lakh crore rupees into the Indian capital markets this year so far even as the Foreign Portfolio investors (FPIs) pulled more than 10 thousand crore rupees from the market this month so far amid concern about interest rate hikes by global central banks.

6.6 million frontline jobs created in FY23

Companies in India created about 6.6 million frontline jobs in the fiscal year ended March 2023, according to the Frontline Index Report 2023 from BetterPlace. The total demand for frontline jobs decreased by 17.5 per cent in FY23 to 6.6 million compared to 8.8 million in the year-ago period.

RBI asks banks to display information on borrowers linked to SARFAESI Act

The RBI has asked Regulated Entities (REs), namely commercial banks and Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs), to display information regarding borrowers whose secured assets have been taken into possession by the REs under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 in a given format.

Of the 10 lakh electric vehicles sold in India, 4 lakh EVs were made in Tamil Nadu.

Of the ten lakh electric vehicles (EVs) sold in India this year, over four lakh were manufactured in Tamil Nadu. According to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways' Vahan Dashboard data, 10,44,600 EVs were registered with RTOs till September 20, 2023.

SIDBI, DALI sign MoU to promote fintech sector

The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has inked an agreement with the Digital Lenders Association of India (DLAI) to boost the country's fintech sector.

Indian banks set to draw more global investment, says S&P Global

Indian banks are expected to attract increasing global investment from investors looking for better returns as higher credit growth, improved margins and stable asset quality have boosted the prospects of the lenders, said S&P Global Market Intelligence in a report.

Sri Lanka cabinet approves \$200 mln loan from Asian Development Bank

Sri Lanka's cabinet has approved a \$200 million loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), as the country focusses on rebuilding its crisis-hit economy.

Centre reappoints M. Rajeshwar Rao as Deputy Governor of RBI

The Centre has reappointed M. Rajeshwar Rao as Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India for a period of one-year beginning from 9th of next month, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

WMA limit for GoI for H2 set at ₹50,000 crore

The Reserve bank of India (RBI), in consultation with the Government of India, has set the limit for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the second half of the financial year 2023-24 (October 2023 to March 2024) at ₹50,000 crore.

Fincare Small Finance Bank gets SEBI approval for IPO

Fincare Small Finance Bank Ltd has received final observations from SEBI for its proposed Initial Public Offerings (IPO). The bank plans to raise funds via IPO through the issue of equity share capital of face value ₹10 each comprising of fresh issue aggregating up to ₹625 crore and Offer for Sale aggregating up to 17,000,000 equity shares by Promoter and Investor Selling shareholders.

India's external debt rises to \$629.1 billion at end-June 2023: RBI

India's external debt at the end of April-June 2023 was placed at \$629.1 billion, recording an increase of \$4.7 billion over its level at end-March 2023 according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Bank credit likely to moderate to 13-13.5% in FY24: CRISIL

Bank credit growth is likely to moderate to 13-13.5% this fiscal as compared with a growth of 15.9% reported in last fiscal according to a report by CRISIL.

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank MD & CEO Krishnan resigns

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd. (TMB) announced that its Managing Director and CEO S. Krishnan has tendered his resignation citing personal reasons.

Net claims of non-Indians on India rise \$12.1 billion to \$379.8 billion as at June

Net claims of non-residents on India rose by \$12.1 billion during Q1:2023-24 and stood at \$379.7 billion as at end June, as per data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on India's International Investment Position (IIP).

Air India completes acquisition of its first A350 aircraft through GIFT City

Air India has completed the acquisition of its first A350-900 aircraft by way of a finance lease transaction with HSBC through the GIFT City. This is also the first wide body aircraft to be leased through the GIFT City, the country's first International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).

Amazon's AWS ties up with ISRO to advance its AI capabilities with cloud technologies

Amazon Web Services (AWS) has signed a strategic MoU with the ISRO and Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) to support space-tech innovations through cloud computing. influence of arts globally.

Oil giant Saudi Aramco announces first global LNG deal

Saudi Aramco announced its first global investment in liquefied natural gas, part of a broader bid by the energy giant to expand beyond oil. The company would acquire a minority stake worth \$500 million in MidOcean Energy, which is managed by the U.S. investment firm EIG.

Combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) rises to a 14-month high of 12.1% provisionally in August 2023

The Combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) rose to a 14-month high of 12.1 percent provisionally in August this year as compared to the Index of August 2022. recorded positive growth in August 2023 over the corresponding month of last year.

Govt revises interest rates for small saving schemes for 3rd quarter of this fiscal starting from 1st October

The Centre has revised the interest rates for small saving schemes for the third quarter of this fiscal starting from 1st of October. The five year recurring deposit will now fetch 6.7 percent interest rate against the existing 6.5 percent rate. However, there is no change in the interest rates for all other small savings schemes and they will continue to offer the same rate of interest as they did in July to September period.

AWARDS

Assam-based oncologist among winners of 2023 Ramon Magsaysay Award

Renowned oncologist Dr Ravi Kannan, director of Assam's Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (CCHRC), was declared as one of the awardees of Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023 for his contribution towards providing cancer care to patients from the North Eastern states of India.

12 scientists selected for Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards for year 2022

India's top annual science prize, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards were announced after a gap of two years. This year 12 scientists will get the awards in seven categories. Named after Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, the first director of CSIR, these awards are given every in seven scientific disciplines - physics, biology, engineering, mathematics, medicine, chemistry, and earth sciences.

Wild comedy 'Poor Things' wins top prize at Venice Festival

Yorgos Lanthimos' "Poor Things", a fantastical feminist fable starring Emma Stone as a woman reanimated by a Frankenstein-style Victorian scientist (Willem Dafoe), has won the Golden Lion for best film at the 80th Venice International Film Festival.

Designer Rahul Mishra's Indian Artistry Honoured With The Prestigious French Chevalier Of The Order Award

Renowned Indian fashion designer, Rahul Mishra has been awarded the Chevalier Of The Order Of Arts And Letters at a ceremony held in France. Rahul Mishra was awarded for his contributions to the fashion industry, especially for his role in promoting the

84 artists conferred with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar presented the one-time Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards to 84 artists from varied fields of performing arts. The award was constituted to honour the Indian artists aged above 75 years who have not been accorded any national honour in their career so far. The awardees received ₹1 lakh, besides a 'Tamrapatra' and 'Angavastram'.

Swati Nayak wins Norman Borlaug award for introducing rice variety

Fondly called Bihana Didi (Seed Lady) by local communities in Odisha, agriculture scientist Swati Nayak has perhaps begun to reap the fruits of having lived in tribal villages with farmers and understanding their actual needs. Ms. Nayak became only the third Indian agriculture scientist to win the prestigious Norman E. Borlaug Award for 2023.

Waheeda Rehman to be conferred with this year's Dadasaheb Phalke Award

Veteran Bollywood actor Waheeda Rehman would be conferred with the Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021, honouring her stellar contribution to Indian cinema. Ms. Rehman has worked in more than 90 films. She also bagged the National Award for Best Actress (1971) and was honoured with the Padma Shri by government in 1972 and the Padma Bhushan in 2011.

Journalists and litterateurs of 18 Indian languages honoured with Bharatiya Bhasha Samman 2023

Journalists and litterateurs of 18 Indian languages were honoured with Bharatiya Bhasha Samman 2023 during the Bharatiya Bhasha Samman Diwas program organized by the multilingual news agency Hindusthan Samachar on the occasion of Hindi Diwas.

PERSONS IN NEWS (National and International)

Tharman Shanmugaratnam

Indian-origin Singapore-born economist Tharman Shanmugaratnam was sworn in as the ninth president of the city-state, days after he was overwhelmingly elected as the head of state. He served as Deputy Prime Minister from May 2011 to May 2019.

Sultan Al Neyadi

Emirati astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi has returned to the UAE after a historic six-month mission aboard the International Space Station (ISS). Al Neyadi's mission of 186 days aboard the ISS was the longest by an Arab astronaut & he made history during his time on the ISS by becoming the first Arab astronaut to perform a spacewalk.

Rupert Murdoch

Rupert Murdoch, the 92-year-old Australian media magnate whose creation of *Fox News* made him a force in American politics, is stepping down as leader of both Fox's parent company and his News Corp. media holdings.

Jaya Verma Sinha

Jaya Verma Sinha was appointed as the first woman Chairperson of the Railway Board, the top decision-making body for the Ministry of Railways. She is the first ever woman to head the Board in its 118-year-old history.

Brice Oligui Nguema

Brice Oligui Nguema, the leader of Gabon's military junta, was sworn in as the nation's interim President. General Nguema seized power of the Central African nation, ousting Gabon President Ali Bongo, minutes after he was named winner of a disputed election.

Rajesh Nambiar

The National Association of Software and Service Companies (nasscom) has announced the appointment of Rajesh Nambiar, Chairman and Managing Director, Cognizant India as its Chairperson.

Sindhu Gangadharan

Sindhu Gangadharan, MD, of SAP Labs India has been appointed as NASSCOM Vice Chairperson. Earlier this year, she was appointed as Chairperson of the Nasscom GCC Council 2023-25. Ms. Sindhu also serves on the Board of Siemens India and Titan Company.

Amit Khare

Former bureaucrat Amit Khare has been given extension as advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension in Mr Khare's tenure beyond October 12, 2023, for a period co-terminus with the term of Prime Minister.

Aditya 'Dicky' Singh

Noted wildlife photographer and conservationist Aditya 'Dicky' Singh, known for developing a forest reserve on the outskirts of the Ranthambore National Park in Rajasthan's Sawai Madhopur district, died of a heart attack.

Arun Kumar Sinha

Special Protection Group (SPG) Director Arun Kumar Sinha died at a Gurugram hospital. A 1987 batch Kerala cadre IPS officer, Sinha, was granted a one-year extension in service on May 31. The SPG provides the Prime Minister proximate armed security cover.

Cartoonist Ajit Ninan

Cartoonist Ajit Ninan passed away in Mysuru. Mr. Ninan is best known for the 'Centrestage' series in India Today magazine and 'Ninan's World' in Times of India. One of his popular cartoon characters was 'Detective Moochwala' in Target.

Ustad Ali Zaki Hader

Noted Rudra veena exponent Ustad Ali Zaki Hader passed away. Disciple of Ustad Asad Ali Khan, Ali Zaki Hader was the last exponent of the Khandarbarani (Khandaharbarani) style of the Jaipur Beenkar gharana of Dhrupad.

Dennis Austin

Computer scientist Dennis Austin, one of the inventors of the PowerPoint program, died at his home in Los Altos, California. Austin was the lead developer of PowerPoint from 1985 until 1996, when he retired.

Ian Wilmut

Ian Wilmut, the cloning pioneer whose work was critical to the creation of Dolly the Sheep in 1996, has died.

Gita Mehta

Gita Mehta, an eminent writer, journalist and elder sister of Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, passed away. She has written five books — Karma Cola, Snakes and Ladders: Glimpses of Modern India, A River Sutra, Raj, and Eternal Ganesh: From Birth to Rebirth.

Saroja Vaidyanathan

Bharatanatyam dancer Saroja Vaidyanathan died after battling cancer. The classical dancer was conferred the Padma Shri in 2002 and the Padma Bhushan in 2013.

Michael Gambon

Harry Potter actor Sir Michael Gambon died in a hospital at the age of 82. Michael was best known for playing Professor Albus Dumbledore in six of the eight Harry Potter films.

M.S. Swaminathan

M.S. Swaminathan, the legendary agricultural scientist and a key architect of the country's 'Green Revolution,' passed away. His contributions to agriculture and food security have earned him numerous awards and honors, including the Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan. He has also received the World Food Prize for his work in improving food production and security in developing countries.

Heath Streak

Former captain of Zimbabwe cricket team, Heath Streak died at the age of 49. Streak had been battling liver cancer for a long period. Streak took 216 wickets in 65 Tests.

Dianne Feinstein

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein of California, a centrist Democrat who was elected to the Senate in 1992 in the "Year of the Woman" and broke gender barriers throughout her long career in local and national politics, has died.

Danielle McGahey

Danielle McGahey is set to become the first transgender player to feature in international cricket after being named in Canada's squad for the Women's T20 Americas Qualifier, the pathway tournament to the 2024 T20 World Cup.

SPORTS

Viacom18 bags Indian cricket digital and TV media rights

Viacom18 has bagged the media rights - both digital and television - to Indian cricket globally for INR 5963 crore (USD 720 million approx.) for the period 2023-28.

D.Gukesh overtakes Viswanathan Anand as India's top chess player in International ranking

Teenaged Grandmaster D. Gukesh has replaced the legendary Viswanathan Anand as India's top chess player after more than three decades. Anand has been India's No.1 since July 1986. He moved ahead of Anand to be ranked No.8 in the world.

Neeraj Chopra finishes second in men's javelin event in Zurich Diamond League

Neeraj Chopra finished second with a final round throw of 85.71 m in the men's javelin event of the Diamond League Meeting at Zurich.

India qualified for FIH Men's Hockey 5s World Cup 2024 in Oman.

India beat Pakistan in penalty shootout in the final to win the inaugural Men's Hockey 5s Asia Cup 2023 in Salalah, Oman. The win also served as Asia's qualifying tournament for the FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024. Subsequently, India qualified for the FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024.

F1 2023, Italian Grand Prix: Max Verstappen wins 10th race in a row

Max Verstappen celebrated a record 10th win in a row by leading Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez one-two at Ferrari's home Italian Grand Prix on September 3. The victory was also Red Bull's 15th in succession — a Formula One record previously held by Ferrari.

Bhubaneswar, Guwahati to host India's first two FIFA World Cup Qualifiers

Bhubaneswar and Guwahati will host India's opening two home matches in the FIFA World Cup 2026 and AFC Asian Cup 2027 Preliminary Joint Qualification Round 2.

Mohun Bagan lifts Durand Cup 2023 in Kolkata

Mohun Bagan clinched the Durand Cup 2023 trophy beating East Bengal 1-0 at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata. Mohun Bagan won the 132nd Durand Cup for the first time in 23 years.

Indian men's team finishes with bronze medal at Asian Table Tennis Championships 2023

Indian men's team finished with a bronze medal at the Asian Table Tennis Championships 2023 following a semi-final defeat to Chinese Taipei in Pyeongchang, the Republic of Korea.

Tata Steel Chess: Vachier-Lagrave wins rapid title in style

Maxime Vachier-Lagrave from France has won the rapid section of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament with a round to spare.

US Open Tennis: Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden lose men's doubles final

In US Open Tennis, Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden lost the final match of men's doubles against Rajeev Ram-Joe Salisbury in New York.

Djokovic beat Daniil Medvedev to win record 24th Grand Slam title

In US Open Tennis, Novak Djokovic created history winning 24th Grand Slam title. Serbian star Djokovic defeated Daniil Medvedev of Russia to win the US Open 2023 Men's Singles final.

Coco Gauff won U.S. Open for her first Grand Slam title at age 19

Coco Gauff has surged to her first Grand Slam title at age 19, coming back to defeat Aryna in the U.S. Open final. Gauff is the first American teenager to win the country's major tennis tournament since Serena Williams in 1999.

Spain's football chief Luis Rubiales announced resignation

Spanish football federation chief Luis Rubiales, engulfed in a scandal over allegations he gave an unsolicited kiss to a player on the women's World Cup team last month, said that he will resign from his position as president.

Neymar breaks Pele's Brazil goal-scoring record

Neymar eclipsed Pelé as the top goal scorer for Brazil's national team after overtaking the three-time World Cup winner's career total. The goal that put Neymar on the top of Brazil's scoring record with 78 came in the 61st minute in a World Cup qualifying match against Bolivia.

China's Ruoning Yin, 20, grabs No. 1 world ranking

China's Ruoning Yin is the new No. 1 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings. She is the 18th different player to reach the top spot and the fifth this year, a record.

62nd edition of Subroto Cup International Football Tournament was held from 19th September

The 62nd edition of the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament was held from 19th September this year. A total of 109 teams from 27 States and Union Territories will participate in the tournament.

Ahamed set to make history as he prepared for Moto 3 debut at inaugural Bharat GP

Chennai's K.Y. Ahamed will race in the Moto 3 championship (two levels below MotoGP) as a wildcard entry. He will race for PETRONAS MIE Racing Vision Track Racing team aboard the Honda NSF250R bike, making him the first Indian to compete in the Moto 3 class.

India beats Sri Lanka by 10 Wickets in Colombo to win Asia Cup 2023 title

India demolished hosts Sri Lanka by registering a 10 wicket win in the final to lift the Asia Cup in Colombo. Opting to bat, the hosts were bundled out for a paltry score of 50 runs in just 15.2 overs. India's Mohammed Siraj brought Sri Lanka down to their knees with a six-wicket haul.

South Africa scripts a remarkable comeback, clinches series 3-2

South Africa secured its third straight victory over Australia to win the ODI series 3-2 and enjoy an edge over its rival ahead of the Cricket World Cup next month.

Sainz wins Singapore Grand Prix

Carlos Sainz led from start to finish to win a dramatic Singapore Grand Prix. Lando Norris was second in a McLaren with Lewis Hamilton crossing the line in third.

Elavenil Valarivan wins Gold medal in women's 10 metre air rifle event at ISSF World Cup

Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan has won the gold medal in the women's 10 metre air rifle event at the ISSF World Cup 2023 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Shooter Nischal wins silver at Rio World Cup

Young Indian shooter Nischal stamped her mark on the ISSF World Cup, winning the silver medal in the women's 50 metre Rifle 3 Positions event, in Rio De Janeiro.

Siraj reclaims No. 1 spot in ODI bowling rankings

Mohammed Siraj is back as the No. 1 ODI bowler in the world following his spectacular show in the Asia Cup final against Sri Lanka. This is the second time Siraj has been at the top of the table.

ICC releases official Anthem 'Dil Jashn Bole' for Men's Cricket World Cup

International Cricket Council, ICC has released the official Anthem for the Men's Cricket World Cup beginning on the 5th of next month. The theme of the anthem is Dil Jashn Bole and it features Bollywood superstar Ranveer Singh and other popular social media influencers.

Antim wins World bronze, books ticket for Paris

Young wrestler Antim Panghal's superb campaign at the World Championships culminated with a bronze medal, a performance that earned India a 53kg-quota for the Paris Olympics.

19th Asian Games, 2023 begins in Hangzhou, China in a colorful ceremony

The 19th edition of the 2023 Asian Games began in Hangzhou city of China. Over 12,000 competitors from 45 nations and territories are taking part in 61 disciplines. Indian Hockey Team Captain Harmanpreet Singh and boxer Lovlina Borgohain were India's flag bearers for the event.

India become No 1 ranked team in all formats after defeating Australia in 1st ODI

After their 5-wicket win against Australia, India became the number 1 ranked team in all three formats i.e. Tests, ODIs, and T20Is. India displaced Pakistan from the top of the ODI rankings while they lead England in the T20I rankings.

India bag 5 medals on Day One of Asian Games at Hangzhou in China

Indian athletes have won three silver and two bronze medals on Day One so far in Asian Games at Hangzhou in China. Three of those medals came from rowers while air rifle shooters brought home two more.

Marco Bezzecchi wins inaugural Indian MotoGP race

VR46 Racing's Marco Bezzecchi has won the 21-lap inaugural Indian Grand Prix in 36 minutes and 59.157 seconds to bag 25 points.

Max Verstappen Wins Japanese GP, Red Bull Clinch Constructors' Championship

Max Verstappen helped Red Bull clinch the Formula One constructors' championship and took a giant step towards his third straight drivers' title by winning the Japanese Grand Prix.

India wins first Asian Games 2023 gold medal in men's 10m air rifle team event

The men's 10m air rifle team, comprising Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil, Divyansh Singh Panwar, and Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, have bagged India's first Asian Games 2023 gold medal in Hangzhou.

Indian Women's Cricket team clinch first-ever Asian Games gold medal

The Indian Women's Cricket Team secured gold at the Asian Games, being held in Hangzhou, China. Women in Blue beat Sri Lanka in a closely fought final match.

MISCELLANEOUS

India becomes 13th country that can issue internationally accepted OIML Certificates

India has become the 13th country in the world that can issue Internationally Accepted OIML (International Organisation of Legal Metrology) Certificates.

Japan launched SLIM Moon lander.

Japan launched a lunar lander aiming to become the fifth nation to achieve a soft landing on the moon's surface following India's success in a similar mission last month. The Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM) was sent to space on an H-IIA rocket. SLIM is taking a long route to the Moon and is scheduled to make a landing in four to five months.

Over half of Sri Lankan people 'vulnerable': UNDP

The crushing economic crisis in Sri Lanka last year has left more than half of the island's population "multidimensionally vulnerable", according to a national citizens' survey led by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

95 million Pakistanis under poverty, urgent reforms needed to achieve economic stability: World Bank

Poverty in Pakistan shot up to 39.4% as of last fiscal year, with 12.5 million more people falling into the trap due to poor economic conditions, the World Bank has said, as it urged the cash-strapped country to take urgent steps to achieve financial stability.

By 2080, India could lose groundwater by 3 times the current rate: Study

The rate of groundwater depletion could triple by 2080, if Indian farmers continued to draw groundwater at the current rate, which could threaten the country's food and water security, according to a new study.

India participated in 48th Toronto International Film Festival

India participated in the 48th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) on 7th September. This year, the focus was to showcase India as a hub of talent, content, and entertainment.

ICCR held festival of democracy on September 15

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) held a festival of democracy at Nalanda University, Bihar showcasing India's rich democratic traditions. The 'Vaishali' festival of democracy was held on September 15 coinciding with the International day for Democracy.

40% sitting MPs have criminal cases, 25% serious criminal cases: ADR

About 40% of sitting MPs have criminal cases registered against them out of which 25% have declared serious criminal cases under charges of murder, attempt to murder, kidnapping and crimes against women, according to poll rights body ADR.

US issues record 90,000 student visas in India in three months.

The US Embassy in India has announced that it issued a record number of student visas to Indian students this summer. Over 90,000 student visas were issued in the last three months..

Writers Guild of America calls off monthlong strike

In the United States, a monthlong strike by Hollywood's writers was called off after their union approved a contract agreement with studios. The Writers Guild of America (WGA) leadership voted unanimously to end the strike.

Teachers' Day being celebrated throughout country on September 5,2023

Teachers' Day is being celebrated throughout the country on September 5. The day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of educationist and former President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

International Literacy Day: September 8

September 8 is International Literacy Day (ILD). It is celebrated to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights, and to advance the literacy agenda towards a more literate and sustainable society.

Hindi Diwas being celebrated across country on September 14

Hindi Diwas is being celebrated across the country on September 14. It was on this day in 1949 that the Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of the country. Today, Hindi is one of the widely spoken languages in the world and the first language of more than 520 million people.

International Day for Interventional Cardiology was celebrated on 16th September,2023

The International Day for Interventional Cardiology, celebrated annually on 16 September, is a significant occasion dedicated to recognizing the crucial field of interventional cardiology and its impact on heart health worldwide.

World Ozone Day was observed on 16th September 2023

World Ozone Day, also known as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, is observed annually on 16th September. This day serves as a reminder of the critical role played by the ozone layer in safeguarding our planet Earth.

World Patient Safety Day: 17th September

World Patient Safety Day 2023 was observed on 17 September under the theme "Engaging patients for patient safety", in recognition of the crucial role patients, families and caregivers play in the safety of health care.

World Bamboo Day: 18th September

World Bamboo Day, observed annually on September 18, is a global initiative that sheds light on the incredible significance of bamboo. This remarkable plant, often referred to as "green gold," holds immense potential in sustainable development, poverty alleviation, environmental conservation, and cultural preservation.

World Rivers Day 2023: 24th September

World Rivers Day, observed on the fourth Sunday in September each year, is a global celebration that underscores the immense value of our rivers and aims to raise public awareness about their significance.

Eid Milad-un-Nabi, the birthday of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad being celebrated on Sep 28

Eid Milad-un-Nabi, the birthday of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad, is being celebrated with religious fervour in various parts of the country on September 28.