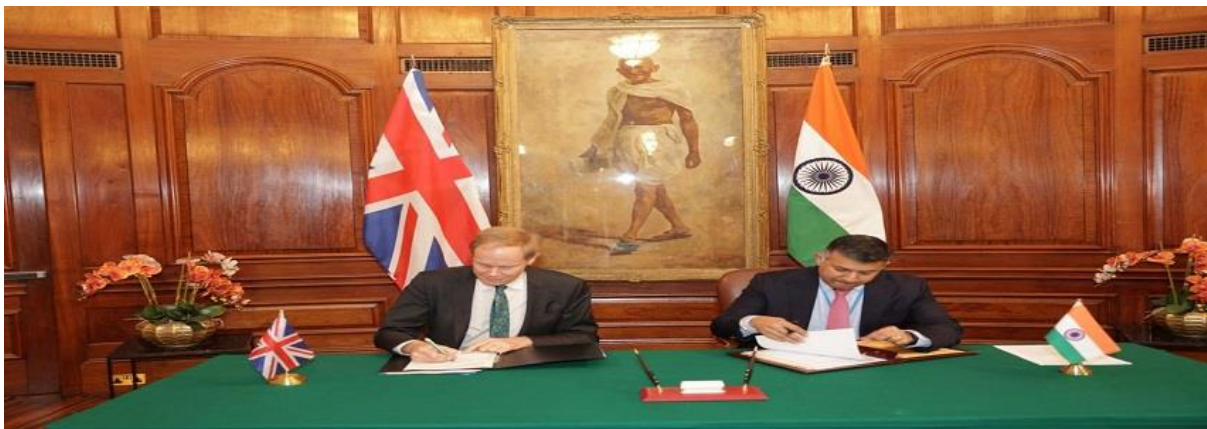


### **Brazil: 1,500 people held after supporters of Jair Bolsonaro stormed Congress, presidential palace & Supreme Court in Brasília**



In Brazil, around 1,500 people have been held after supporters of ex-President Jair Bolsonaro stormed Congress, the presidential palace, and the Supreme Court in the capital Brasília. According to media reports, authorities arrested 1,200 people and 300 were detained a day earlier. Justice Minister Flavio Dino said some 40 buses that had been used to transport protesters to the capital had been seized. The rioting came a week after President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva was sworn in.

### **India, Britain sign and exchange letters for Young Professionals Scheme**



The governments of India and the U.K. marked Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on January 9 by kicking off the Young Professionals Scheme, which will permit up to 3,000 of their degree-holding citizens aged between 18 and 30 to live and work in each other's countries for a period of two years. The launch of the scheme, which was conceived as part of an India-U.K. Migration and Mobility MoU signed in May 2021, was announced in November at the G20 summit in Bali, where U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak held talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

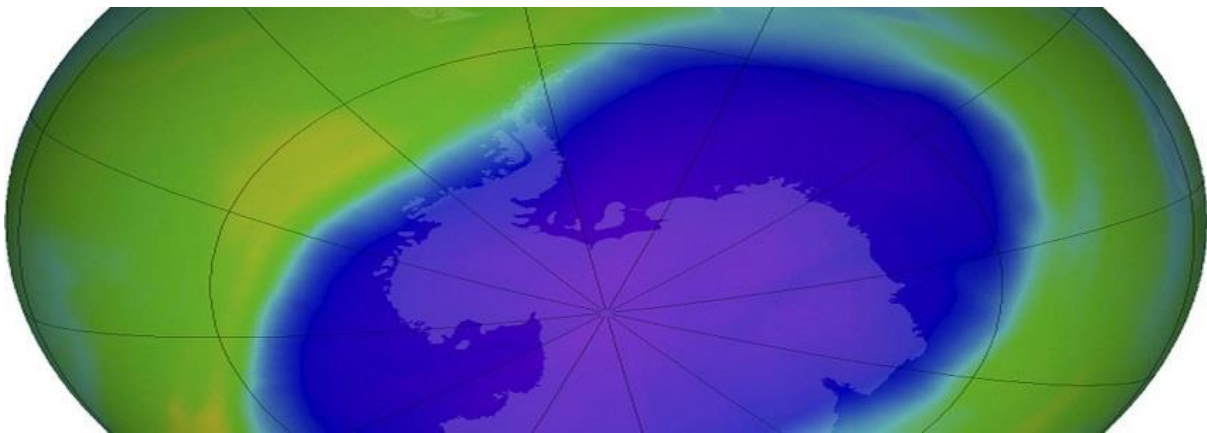
## Sri Lanka's cabinet approves new electricity tariffs.



Sri Lanka's cabinet has approved new electricity tariffs to reflect the cost of coal and power generation to take effect this month. Power Minister Kanchana Wijesekera tweeted that cabinet approval was granted to amend general policy guidelines for the electricity industry and to implement cost reflective tariffs.

Sri Lanka raised electricity tariffs by 75% last August and a cabinet proposal to raise them by a further 25% was under consideration. Sri Lanka is struggling under its worst financial crisis in seven decades. The island nation has been taking a slew of measures to improve public finances to unlock a \$2.9 billion IMF credit facility.

## Ozone layer healing, hole will mend by 2066, says UN



Earth's protective ozone layer is slowly but noticeably healing at a pace that would fully mend the hole over Antarctica in about 43 years, a new UN report says. A once-every-four-years scientific assessment found recovery in progress, more than 35 years after every nation in the world agreed to stop producing chemicals that chomp on the layer of ozone in Earth's atmosphere that shields the planet from harmful radiation linked to skin cancer, cataracts and crop damage. The global average amount of ozone 18 miles (30 kilometers) high in the atmosphere won't be back to 1980 pre-thinning levels until about 2040, the report said. And it won't be back to normal in the Arctic until 2045.



## **PM Modi appeals to document lives, struggles and achievements of overseas Indians in various countries.**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed to document lives, struggles and achievements of overseas Indians in various countries. He was speaking after the inauguration of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Indore. Mr. Modi called upon the Indian Diaspora to strengthen India's unique global vision and its important role in the global order. The Prime Minister urged the Indian diaspora to keep abreast of India's progress along with cultural and spiritual information so that they can tell the world about India.

## **Ravi, first T.N. Governor to skip portions of text of speech.**



A massive controversy erupted as Tamil Nadu governor RN Ravi skipped portions of the customary address prepared by the state government in the Assembly on Monday and walked out in a huff. The governor had included certain comments of his own, leading to strong opposition from the Treasury Benches and DMK allies. Subsequently, chief minister MK Stalin moved a resolution to include only the text prepared by his government in the Assembly records and remove Ravi's comments. Moments later, the governor walked out of the House even before the national anthem was sung.

Ravi has skipped references to Periyar, BR Ambedkar, K Kamaraj, CN Annadurai and M Karunanidhi and on the state attracting foreign investment due to "better law and order".

## All damaged buildings in Joshimath to be razed; cracks on 678 structures.



Uttarakhand Chief Secretary S.S. Sandhu ordered the immediate demolition of buildings that have developed cracks and are badly damaged in the alleged land subsidence in Joshimath town. As per the data of district administration, 678 houses and other establishments across the town are damaged. A total of 81 families have been rehabilitated by the district administration since January 4.

## Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela being conducted in 242 districts

The Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela, PMNAM is being conducted in 242 districts of the country on Monday. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship said that several local businesses, companies, and organisations have been invited to be part of the mela and provide apprenticeship opportunities to India's youth. The candidates who are Class five to Class 12th pass outs and have skill training certificates, or ITI Diploma holders or graduates can apply in this apprenticeship mela. Apprenticeship Melas are hosted in the country on the 2nd Monday of every month, wherein selected individuals receive a monthly stipend in accordance with government criteria for gaining new skills.

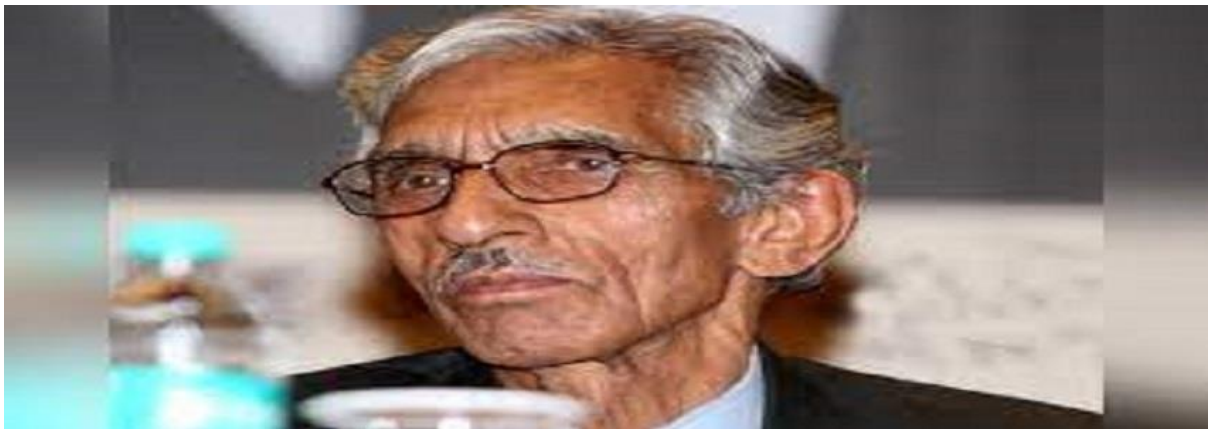


## **Over 3.12 lakh Indian Railways posts lying vacant, says Ministry**



The Indian Railways is reeling under a crushing staff shortage with 3.12 lakh non-gazetted posts lying vacant across 18 zones in the country as on December 1, 2022. This was disclosed by Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology, in response to a starred question in the Rajya Sabha. The highest number of posts is vacant in the northern zone (38,754), followed by the western (30,476), eastern (30,141), and central (28,650) zones.

## **Kashmir's first Jnanpith awardee, Rehman Rahi passes away at 98**



Noted academic, poet, and Kashmir's first Jnanpith awardee, Professor Rehman Rahi, passed away at his Srinagar residence morning after a brief illness. He was 98. Prof Rahi was an acclaimed poet who also translated the works of many renowned poets and writers into the Kashmiri language. In 2007, he was awarded the country's highest literary award, the Jnanpith, for his work "Siyah Rood-e-Jaerenn Manz" (In the black downpours). Among other awards, he also received Padma Shri in 2000.

## World Hindi Day 2023 observed on January 10



Vishwa Hindi Diwas, also known as World Hindi Day, is observed on January 10. The purpose of the day is to promote the language. Additionally, January 10 is the anniversary of the language's first use in the UN General Assembly. This day is different and from National Hindi Day celebrated on September 14th every year. The Constituent assembly of India adopted and recognised Hindi as one of the official languages of India in 1949.

First observed in 2006 on Manmohan Singh's orders as prime minister, Vishwa Hindi Diwas. The date of January 10 was chosen since it was on that day in 1949 that Hindi was first spoken in the UN General Assembly.

## TCS Q3 net profit rises 11% on cloud business, forex gains.



Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (TCS) said third quarter net profit surged 11% year-on-year to ₹10,846 crore, on the back of strong performance in its cloud business, market share gain and currency support. Revenue grew 19.1% to ₹58,229 crore. Operating margin narrowed 50 basis points to 24.5%. The board announced a dividend of ₹75 per share including special dividend of ₹67. The firm said its employee count reduced by 2,197 on a net basis to 6,13,974 as on December 31, 2022.

## HDFC Capital raises \$376 mn for affordable housing fund



HDFC Capital, the real estate private equity arm of HDFC Ltd., had successfully closed Scheme 2 of the HDFC Capital Affordable Real Estate Fund – 3 (H-CARE 3), raising \$376 million. H-CARE 3 Scheme 2, combined with H-CARE 3 Scheme 1 and HDFC Capital Affordable Real Estate Funds – 1 & 2, forms a \$3.1-billion funding platform that had been rated as one of the world's largest private finance platforms focussed on development of affordable housing.

## NCLT scraps Torrent bid to stop second RCap auction.



The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has rejected a plea by the Torrent Group, one of the bidders for the Anil Ambani-promoted Reliance Capital, seeking to halt the Committee of Creditors voting to hold a second round of auction. Torrent Investments had given the highest offer of ₹8,640 crore for the debt-ridden firm, followed by Hinduja Group's ₹8,110 crore offer.



## ONGC retakes 20% stake in Sakhalin-1 oil, gas fields



ONGC Videsh Ltd. has re-taken 20% stake in the Sakhalin-1 oil and gas fields in the far east region of Russia. Russian President Vladimir Putin had in October disbanded Exxon Neftegaz, a regional subsidiary of U.S.'s ExxonMobil, as operator of Sakhalin-1. Other former foreign shareholders – Japan's Sodeco consortium and ONGC Videsh – were asked to apply to Russia to regain their shareholdings in the project.

## Naseem and batters shine in Pakistan's win



Fast bowler Naseem Shah picked up five wickets before the trio of Fakhar Zaman, Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan all scored half-centuries as Pakistan chased down a target of 256 for a comfortable six-wicket win over New Zealand. Opener Zaman (56) and captain Azam (66) stitched together a partnership of 78 runs, with Rizwan then scoring an unbeaten 77 off 86 balls to guide Pakistan over the finish line.



## France's goalkeeper Lloris quits international football



France's World Cup-winning captain Hugo Lloris announced his retirement from international football at the age of 36. Lloris represented France in four World Cups and three Euros and captained Les Blues to the World Cup trophy in 2018. The Tottenham Hotspur shotstopper led his team to the World Cup final in Qatar, where they were beaten by Argentina on penalties.