

### **GOP leader McCarthy elected House Speaker on 15th vote in historic run**



The U.S. House of Representatives elected GOP leader Kevin McCarthy of California as speaker in a dramatic 15th vote, after a contentious four days and 14 failed ballots — the longest the chamber has gone leaderless in a century.

Support for McCarthy dwindled over the first three days of voting from 203 votes on Tuesday to 200 by the 11th vote on Thursday, falling far short of the number needed to win the speakership. He needed support from more than half of the lawmakers who cast their ballots. With 222 Republicans in the House, he could only afford to lose a handful of votes.

### **CJI Chandrachud to be conferred with 'Award for Global Leadership' by Harvard Law School Center**



Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has been selected for the "Award for Global Leadership" by the Harvard Law School Center in recognition of his lifetime service to the legal profession in the country and around the world.

Chandrachud obtained an LLM degree and a Doctorate in Juridical Sciences (SJD) from the Harvard Law School in the United States.

Justice Chandrachud, who was part of the apex court benches that delivered several landmark verdicts, including the Ayodhya land dispute case, was sworn in as the 50th CJI on November 9, 2022.

## International Kite Festival 2023 begins in Ahmedabad, Gujarat



The International Kite Festival 2023 began in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Governor Acharya Devvrat inaugurated the festival at Sabarmati Riverfront. The festival is being organized by Gujarat Tourism on the G20 theme of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'. Apart from Ahmedabad, the International Kite festival will also be organized in Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot, Dwarka, Somnath, Dhordo, and Kevadia.

## MoU signed between Leh Sub Area and Looms of Ladakh Co-operative Ltd under aegis of Fire and Fury Corps



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Leh Sub Area and Looms of Ladakh Co-operative Limited on Saturday at Leh, under the aegis of Fire and Fury Corps. The aim of the Memorandum of Understanding is to impart weaving and tailoring training to Veer Naris, widows and dependent ladies of veterans from Ladakh in three cycles of two months each.

Approximately, two hundred Veer Naris, widows and dependent ladies of veterans will benefit from this initiative, wherein Looms of Ladakh will also employ them post-completion of their training.

## India, Japan to hold joint exercise to promote air defence cooperation



India and Japan are all set to hold the joint Air Exercise, 'Veer Guardian-2023' involving the Indian Air Force and Japan Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) at Hyakuri Air Base, Japan from 12th of January.

The Joint Exercise which will continue till 26th January aims at promoting Air Defence cooperation between the countries. The Indian contingent participating in the air exercise will include four Su-30 MKI, two C-17 and one IL-78 aircraft, while the JASDF will be participating with four F-2 and four F-15 aircraft.

## Indian Navy signs agreement for autonomous armed boat swarms under SPRINT Initiative



In a major development, the Indian Navy has inked an agreement with Sagar Defence Engineering Pvt. Ltd for acquiring armed autonomous boat swarms under the 'SPRINT' initiative, which aims to promote development and usage of indigenous defence technologies by domestic companies.

This is the 50th contract that has been signed under 'SPRINT'. Reportedly, Sagar Defence Engineering possesses the the know-how to develop this first armed autonomous unmanned boat with swarming capabilities for the country.

## Power Grid Ranked 1st in Services Sector in PE Survey 2021-22

**POWERGRID Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Services Sector across categories in DPE Survey -**

- ★ Dividend Declaration in FY 21-22
- ★ Overall Net Profit in FY 21-22
- ★ Gross Block in FY 21-22
- ★ Value Addition in FY 21-22
- ★ Contribution to Central Exchequer in FY 21-22
- ★ Net Worth in FY 21-22

Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Services Sector by Gross Turnover in FY 21-22

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Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (Power Grid), a Maharatna CPSE of Ministry of Power, has been ranked 1st in the Services Sector across categories Gross Block, Value Addition, Net Profit, Net Worth, Dividend Declaration and Contribution to Central Exchequer and has also been ranked 3rd amongst Top 10 Profit Making CPSEs in the recently published Public Enterprises Survey 2021-22 by Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

The Public Enterprises Survey is a unique data repository to measure the progress and contribution of the CPSEs to the Indian Economy.

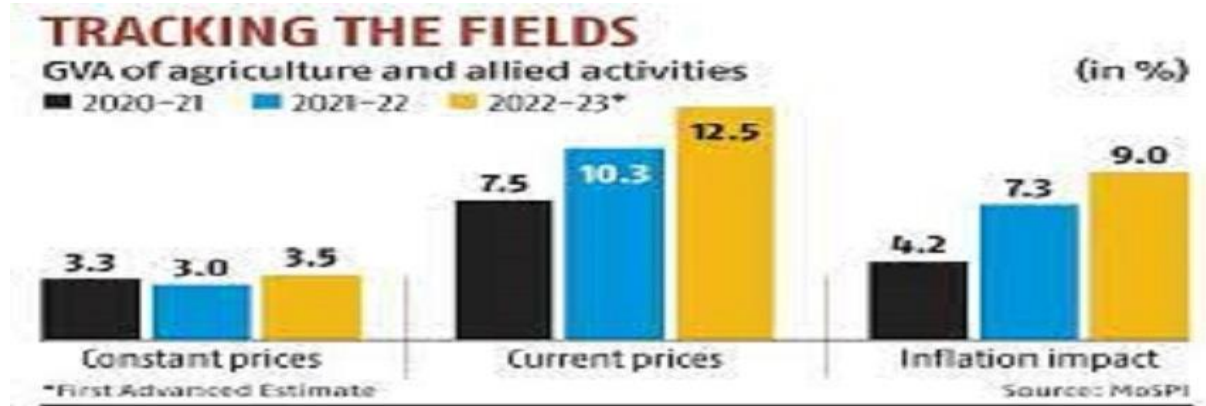
## Killer Jeans maker now jersey sponsor of Indian cricket team; MPL out



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has found a replacement for one of the two jersey sponsors of Team India. The cricket body has signed Kewal Kiran Clothing, the maker of Killer Jeans, as the official partner of the Indian cricket team for five months (until May 31, 2023).

Kewal Kiran Clothing, which also owns brands such as Lawman and Integrity, replaces gaming firm MPL, which has been keen to exit its jersey sponsorship, BCCI sources said. Under this deal, the flagship brand (Killer) is on display on the right upper chest of the Team India jersey.

## Growth in farm sector pegged at 3.5% in FY23: First advance estimates



The gross value added (GVA) in agriculture and allied activities is expected to grow by 3.5 per cent in constant price terms in financial year 2022-23 (FY23), which is close to its long-term growth trend.

According to the first advance estimate of national income for FY23 released on Friday, the growth in GVA in FY22 was estimated at 3 per cent at constant prices. In current price terms, the FY23 GVA growth was projected at a sharp 12.50 per cent, among the best in recent times. This translates to an inflationary impact of 9 per cent, which too is among the highest in recent times.

## Surya Kumar Yadav becomes fastest player to reach 1,500 runs in T20I



Suryakumar Yadav has become the fastest player to reach 1,500 runs in T20 International cricket in terms of balls faced. He took only 843 balls to reach this landmark. However, he is the third-fastest batter to reach the 1,500-run mark in terms of innings.

The fastest batters to reach this landmark are Indian batter Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Australian veteran Aaron Finch and Pakistan skipper Babar Azam, who all took 39 innings to score 1,500 runs in T20 International cricket. Pakistan wicketkeeper-batter Mohammed Rizwan reached the milestone in 42 innings and Suryakumar did so in 43 innings.

## Two-time champion Naomi Osaka withdraws from Australian Open



Two-time champion Naomi Osaka has withdrawn from this year's Australian Open just eight days before the start of the tournament. Osaka, a winner in Melbourne in 2019 and 2021, has not played on the WTA Tour since September and has slipped to 42 in the world rankings. No reason was given for the 25-year-old Japanese player's withdrawal.

## India beat Sri Lanka by 91 runs in 3rd, final T-20 International to clinch three-match series 2-1



In Cricket, India defeated Sri Lanka by 91 runs in the third and final T20 International in Rajkot. With this victory, India clinched the three match series 2-1. Chasing a target of 229 runs, Sri Lanka were all out for 137 in 16.4 overs. Earlier electing to bat first after winning the toss, India posted a mammoth 228 runs losing five wickets. Suryakumar Yadav remained unbeaten on 112 in 51 balls. Axar Patel also remained not out on 21.

Suryakumar Yadav was declared Man of the Match and Axar Patel player of the series.

### Chetan Sharma Reappointed as Chief Selector



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced the new Senior Men's National Selection Committee and reappointed Chetan Sharma as the chief selector.

The Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) comprising Sulakshana Naik, Ashok Malhotra, and Jatin Paranjape shortlisted 11 individuals for personal interviews and based on the interviews, Chetan Sharma, Shiv Sundar Das (Central), Subroto Banerjee (East), Salil Ankola (West) and Sridharan Sharath (South) were finalised for the positions.