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## Grammy Awards 2023 Winners List: All you need to Know 65th Grammy Awards

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The Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles played host to the 65th Annual Grammy Awards ceremony on February 5, 2023. It honoured the top performers, songs, and recordings from the eligibility year, which spanned October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022. November 15, 2022 saw the announcement of the nominations. The 63rd and 64th ceremonies were presented by South African comedian Trevor Noah, who served as host once more this year. Let us know all about the 65th Grammy Awards and the Grammy Awards 2023 Winners list:

### 65th Grammy Awards 2023: Key Highlights

- The biggest night in music made a comeback to Los Angeles on Sunday at Crypto.com Arena, with Trevor Noah serving as host once more.
- Lizzo, Bad Bunny, Brandi Carlile, Harry Styles, and others performed at this year's show.
- The ceremony honoured three "lost icons": Takeoff, the Migos rapper who was shot and killed in November, one of the glories of country music, who passed away in November, and Christine McVie, the Fleetwood Mac vocalist who passed away in October.
- With nine nominations, Beyoncé is the most nominated artist this year. She announced her 2023 world tour last week.
- The top nominees also include Carlile (seven nominations), Adele (seven nominations), and Kendrick Lamar (eight nominations each).
- Viola Davis became only the third Black woman in history to acquire the elusive and prestigious EGOT status.
- She won her first Grammy for her reading of her biography "Finding Me" on audiobook.
- As the first transgender woman to get a Grammy in the best pop duo/group performance category, Kim Petras created Grammy history.

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## Grammy Awards 2023 Winners List: Know all the Nominations

The 65th Grammy Awards was presented in Los Angeles on 5th February 2023. With nine total nominations, Beyoncé is in first place, followed by Kendrick Lamar with eight, Adele with seven, and Brandi Carlile with six.

Category	Winner
Record of the Year	Lizzo
Album of the Year	Harry Styles - Harry's House
Song of the Year	Lizzo - About Damn Time
Best New Artist	Samara Joy
Best Pop Solo Performance	Bonnie Raitt wins for 'Just like That'
Best Pop Duo/Group Performance	Sam Smith & Kim Petras - Unholy
Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album	Michael Buble - Higher
Best Pop Vocal Album	Harry Styles - Harry's House
Best Dance/Electronic Recording	Beyoncé - Break My Soul
Best Contemporary Instrumental Album	Snarky Puppy - Empire Central
Best Rock Performance	Brandi Carlile - Broken Horses
Best Metal Performance	Ozzy Osbourne Featuring Tony Iommi - Degradation Rules
Best Rock Song	Brandi Carlile - Broken Horses
Best Rock Album	Ozzy Osbourne - Patient Number 9
Best Alternative Music Performance	Wet Leg - Chaise Lounge
Best Alternative Music Album	Wet Leg - Wet Leg
Best R&B Performance	Muni Long - Hrs & Hrs
Best Traditional R&B Performance	Beyoncé - Plastic Off the Sofa
Best Progressive R&B Album	Steve Lacy - Gemini Rights
Best R&B Album	Robert Glasper - Black Radio III
Best Rap Performance	Kendrick Lamar - The Heart Part 5
Best Melodic Rap Performance	Future Featuring Drake & Tems - Wait for U
Best Rap Song	Kendrick Lamar - The Heart Part 5
Best Country Solo Performance	Willie Nelson - Live Forever

Category	Winner
Best Country Duo/Group Performance	Carly Pearce & Ashley McBryde – Never Wanted to Be That Girl
Best Country Song	Cody Johnson – 'Til You Can't
Best New Age, Ambient, or Chant Album	Mystic Mirror – White Sun
Best Improvised Jazz Solo	Wayne Shorter & Leo Genovese – Endangered Species
Best Jazz Vocal Album	Samara Joy – Linger Awhile
Best Jazz Instrumental Album	Stevens – New Standards, Vol. 1
Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album	Steven Feifke, Bijon Watson & Generation Gap Jazz Orchestra – Generation Gap Jazz Orchestra
Best Gospel Performance/Song	Maverick City Music & Kirk Franklin – Kingdom
Best Contemporary Christian Music Performance/Song	Maverick City Music & Kirk Franklin – Fear Is Not My Future
Best Gospel Album	Maverick City Music & Kirk Franklin – Kingdom Book One (Deluxe)
Best Contemporary Christian Music Album	Maverick City Music – Breathe
Best Roots Gospel Album	Tennessee State University – The Urban Hymnal
Best Latin Pop Album	Rubén Blades & Boca Livre – Pasieros

- Kamlesh Patel - The Wisdom Bridge: Nine Principles To A Life That Echoes In The Hearts Of Your Loved Ones
- Jeff Kinney - Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: Diper Overlode
- Ashneer Grover - Doglapan: The Hard Truth About Life And Start-Ups
- Ruskin Bond - How To Live Your Life
- Namita Thapar - The Dolphin And The Shark: Stories On Entrepreneurship
- Sneh Desai, Sunil Tulsiani & Brian Tracy - Ultimate Secrets To Wealth
- Raj Shamani - Build, Don't Talk - Things You Wish You Were Taught In School
- Bhupendra Singh Raathore - The Magic Of Thinking Rich
- Deepak Bajaj - Network Marketing In 60 Minutes
- Deepti Naval - A Country Called Childhood: A Memoir
- Smita Goswamy - Family Run To Family Led
- Subadra Ilan - An Enticing Career
- Aadya Dube - Always Be Unique
- Navin Reuben Dawson - Chimaera
- Rajeev Kumar Dubey - Urvi
- Dr Soumendra Nath Bandyopadhyay - The Mysteries Of The Universe-Where Fact Is More Interesting Than Fiction
- Ankush Pare - Secret to overcome stammering and becoming an effective speaker
- Parag Pandya - Padagha ( Japanese Version - Bussokusekika )
- Moasenla R. Jamir - Foreign Engine In Flight - A Light Of Passage In Poems
- Gowri Venket - Superstar Of My Life - Saibaba
- Dr Sreeveni V - Self-Worth As Your First Impression - Signature Of Your Expression
- Ashutosh Madhukar Marathe - The Extra In Ordinary
- Dr K. Sreekumar - Buddhavelicham
- Rakhi Kapoor - Now You Breathe - Overcoming Toxic Relationships And Abuse
- Chandrima Chowdhury - The Tales Of The Uncommon Commons
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**A "Golden Book Awards" 2023 announced**

The "Golden Book Awards" is announced its winner for 2023. This prestigious event recognizes and celebrates the best book in literature. There were more than 75,000 books published in India and nominees include a diverse mix of literary genres, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and children's books. The awards are judged by a panel of literary experts, like **Dr Kailash Pinjani** (President Indian Authors Association), **Dr Deepak Parbat** (Founder of Superfast Author) & **Murali Sundaram** (Founder of TLC), who choose the winners based on factors such as originality, creativity, and impact on the literary world.

**The winners of Golden Book Awards 2023:**

- J.K Rowling - Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets Of Dumbledore
- Gaur Gopal Das - Energize Your Mind: A Monk's Guide To Mindful Living
- Deepak Chopra - The Seven Spiritual Law Of Success: A Practical Guide To Achieving Your Dreams

**About the Golden Book Awards**

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## Centre Notifies Appointment Of 5 Judges To Supreme Court of India, Working Strength Rises To 32

The **Union government** notified the **appointment of five new judges** to the **Supreme Court**. With their appointments, the number of judges in the **Supreme Court will rise to 32**. Currently, the Supreme Court of India has a sanctioned strength of thirty-four Judges and is presently functioning with **twenty-seven Judges**.

Now there remain only two vacancies at the **Supreme Court**, which could be filled in the coming days if **SC Collegium's** January 31 proposal to elevate **Allahabad High Court** Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal and **Gujarat High Court** Chief Justice Aravind Kumar as SC judges, is accepted by the president.

### The 5 newly-appointed judges are:

- **Justice Pankaj Mithal**, the chief justice of Rajasthan High Court
- **Justice Sanjay Karol**, the chief justice of Patna High Court
- **Justice PV Sanjay Kumar**, the chief justice of Manipur High Court
- **Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah**, a judge of Patna High Court
- **Justice Manoj Misra**, a judge of Allahabad High Court

### Timeline of These Appointment:

- The **Supreme Court collegium** had recommended the names of these judge for elevation on December 13.
- The notification came a day after the Supreme Court had pulled up the **Union government** for delaying the appointments. The court had given the Centre 10 days to process the appointments, after , after **Attorney General N Venkataramani** had said that it would be done soon.
- In the past few months, the Collegium has been releasing more information in public about its rationale for recommending judges, names pending with the government and inputs of intelligence agencies on judicial appointments.

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- On January 24, **Union law minister Kiren Rijiju** said that the releasing of certain portions of sensitive reports of the **Intelligence Bureau** and the **Research and Analysis Wing** was a “matter of grave concern”.
- Traditionally, discussions that took place during collegium meetings were not recorded or released in any form, and only the names of the recommended candidates were released in the public domain.

## RBI Monetary Policy: Repo rate raised by 25 basis points; FY23 GDP growth estimate raised

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das released the Monetary Policy statement, which included the highly anticipated increase in the repo rate of 25 basis points. The central bank had increased the important benchmark interest rate by 35 basis points in its December monetary policy review (bps). In order to keep inflation under control, the Reserve Bank has raised the short-term lending rate by 250 basis points, including the rate in effect today.

Following are the revised rates in the RBI Monetary Policy 2023:

- **Repo Rate: 6.50%**
- **Standing Deposit Facility (SDF): 6.25%**
- **Marginal Standing Facility (MSF): 6.75%**

### Important Takeaways from RBI Monetary Policy Q1 FY23:

- Governor Shaktikanta Das Core inflation has not changed. As of January 27, 2023, non-food credit growth was up 16.7% from the prior corresponding period. In order to reduce the CPI, we must never waver.
- As the policy likely defied expectations of a dovish turn, bonds declined, with the yield on benchmark 10-year notes jumping by as far as four basis points to 7.36%, while the currency was trading higher.
- In 12 cities, RBI will roll out a prototype programme for coin-operated machines that use QR codes.
- After the RBI policy announcement, the Sensex was trading almost 300 points higher and the Nifty was up 0.6%.
- Current account deficit will remain eminently controllable and moderate in the second half of 2022-2023: RBI Governor
- In 2022 and thus far this year, the Indian Rupee has remained the least volatile of its Asian counterparts: RBI Governor
- According to the RBI Governor, a rate increase of 25 bps is acceptable at this time, and monetary policy should remain flexible and responsive to inflation.
- According to the RBI, retail inflation will be 6.5% instead of 6.7% in FY23 and 5.3% in FY24.
- Estimated growth of the gross domestic product (GDP) for FY23 was raised to 7% from 6.8%.
- The RBI anticipates 6.4% GDP growth for 2023-2024.



- Rate adjustment for the SDF (Standing Deposit Facility) to 6.25% from 6%.
- Early trading sees the Indian rupee gain 4 paise to 82.66 against the US dollar as traders assess Jerome Powell's remarks and wait for the Reserve Bank of India to announce its policy.

**Here are the inflation rate projections by the RBI Monetary Policy:**

- FY23 Inflation Rate Projection: 6.5%
- Inflation FY23: 6.5%
- Inflation Average (Jan-March FY23): 5.6%
- Inflation FY24 Projection: 5.3%
- Real GDP Growth FY24: 6.4%

**World Happiness Index 2023 Country Wise List**

The **World Happiness Index 2023 Report** will mark its tenth anniversary with this year's Globe Happiness Reflect, which uses data from international surveys to show how people rank their lives in more than 150 countries. In these dark times, there is a glimmer of optimism revealed by the World Happiness Index 2023. The pandemic not only caused anguish and suffering, but it also led to a rise in social assistance and charitable giving.

Rank	Country	Happiness Index 2023	Population in 2022
1	Finland	7.842	5,554,960
2	Denmark	7.62	5,834,950
3	Switzerland	7.571	8,773,637
4	Iceland	7.554	345,393
5	Netherlands	7.464	17,211,447
6	Norway	7.392	5,511,370
7	Sweden	7.363	10,218,971
8	Luxembourg	7.324	642,371
9	New Zealand	7.277	4,898,203
10	Austria	7.268	9,066,710
<b>136</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>3.819</b>	<b>1,406,631,776</b>

**World Happiness Index 2023: Key Highlights**

- Finland was named the world's happiest country for the fifth year in a row, according to the World Happiness Report.
- The Sustainable Development Solutions Network of the UN has published a new report, which was made public two days prior to the yearly International Day of Happiness.
- It rates 150 countries (146 in 2023) based on factors such as GDP, life expectancy, and other indicators of quality of life.
- The ranking, now in its eleventh year, assigns a score between 0 and 10 based on an average of data gathered over three years and a mathematical formula.

- According to a yearly UN survey released, Russia is not having a happy year as it drops in the global happiness rankings again this year.
- According to factors that contribute to happiness, such as GDP per capita, social support, healthy life expectancy, social freedom, charity, and lack of corruption, the World Happiness Report ranks 156 nations.

**National Affairs**

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** laid the foundation stone of a ₹450 crore nano urea plant and township of the **Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO)** in Deoghar, **Jharkhand**. The nano urea plant will be the fifth such plant in India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the world's first nano urea plant in Gujarat in 2021. According to Union Minister Amit Shah Nano Urea will benefit farmers and it is already being exported to five countries. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **India Energy Week (IEW) 2023** event that aimed to showcase India's rising prowess as an energy transition powerhouse. The IEW is being held in Bengaluru from 6th to 8th February 2023. Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas **Hardeep Singh Puri**, Governor Thaaawarchand Gehlot, and CM Basavaraj Bommai also felicitated the event. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the **HAL Helicopter Factory** to the nation in Tumakuru. He also laid the foundation stone of the Tumakuru Industrial Township and two **Jal Jeevan Mission** projects at Tiptur and Chikkanayakanahalli in Tumakuru. The Prime Minister took a walkthrough of the Helicopter Facility and Structure Hangar and unveiled the Light Utility Helicopter. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the **36th Surajkund International Crafts Mela** at Faridabad, Haryana. On the inaugural occasion, he urged everyone to consider locally produced handicraft items when looking for gifts for their friends and relatives. He underscored that such an approach would not only help in the conservation of many unique art forms but also enhance the economic condition of the talented **artisans & craftsmen**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Reliance Jio in collaboration with GSMA has unveiled a nationwide Digital Skill initiative. This collaborative effort intends to provide rural women and people from low-income groups with training based on their specific needs. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Youva Sangam registration portal** was launched in New Delhi. The Youva Sangam is an initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to build close ties between the youth of the Northeast Region and the rest of India under the spirit of **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**. Under the initiative, over 20 thousand youth will travel across the country and gain a unique opportunity for cross-cultural learning. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Union Minister of Ayush **Sarbananda Sonowal** and Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** jointly inaugurated the Integrative Medicine Centre at Safdarjung Hospital. Minister of State for Health, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, and Minister of State for Ayush, Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai, and Secretary Ayush, Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha were also present on the occasion. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Aljamea-tus-Saifiyah**, Arabic Academy of the Dawoodi Bohra Community in Mumbai. The Prime minister was accompanied by His **Holiness Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin**, the 53rd al-Dai al-Mutlaq, head of the global Dawoodi Bohra community and Rector of Jamea, Eknath Sindhe, Chief Minister of Maharashtra and deputy **Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off two new **Vande Bharat Trains** from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus. The new and upgraded version of Vande Bharat Express will connect Mumbai and Solapur and Mumbai and Sainagar Shirdi. **Mumbai-Solapur train**, the ninth Vande Bharat Train will connect the country's commercial capital to the City of Textiles and Hutatmas in Maharashtra. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Meta**, announced its partnership with the ministry of electronics and information technology (**MeitY**) for the G20 stay safe online campaign. As part of the partnership, the company claims that it will create and share helpful resources in multiple Indian languages through various channels, and spread awareness on how to stay safe online. Moreover, Meta has also launched its **#DigitalSuraksha campaign** to build on the company's efforts to offer a safer and more inclusive internet to everyone. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Kala Ghoda Arts Festival** began on 4th February and will go on till 12th February 2023. The Kala Ghoda Arts Festival is Asia's biggest multicultural festival. The festival is happening after a break of two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Himachal Chief Minister **Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu** laid the foundation stone of '**Himachal Niketan**' which will provide accommodation facilities to the students and residents of Himachal Pradesh visiting New Delhi. 'Himachal Niketan', a five-story building will be constructed in Dwarka, Delhi for **Rs 57.72 crore**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Uttar Pradesh government** has launched the portal for the creation of '**Family ID - One Family One Identity**', to identify families as a unit for implementing the 'one job per family' proposal. According to a state government, all such families that are not eligible for the **National Food Security Scheme** will be able to avail of the ID, while the ration card ID of the families having it, will be considered as their family ID. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In Jammu and Kashmir, 5.9 million tonnes of lithium reserves have been discovered for the first time in India, according to the Mines Ministry's announcement on Thursday (February, 9). According to the Ministry of Mines, the Geological Survey of India has for the first time discovered 5.9 million tonnes of lithium inferred resources (G3) in the Salal-Haimana area of the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### International Affairs

- Indian-American Congressman **Dr. Ami Bera** has been appointed as a member of a powerful US House Committee handling intelligence-related matters. The **House Permanent Selection Committee on Intelligence** is charged with providing oversight of the country's intelligence activities, including the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), office of the **Director of National Intelligence** (DNI), National Security Agency (NSA) as well as the military intelligence programs. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A **7.8 magnitude earthquake** shook **Turkey** followed by another strong quake which was felt in several provinces in the region, knocking down a number of buildings, reports said. The **US Geological Survey** said quake was centred about 33 kilometres (20 miles) from **Gaziantep** about 26 kilometres (16 miles) from the **town of Nurdagi**. It was centred 18 kilometres (11 miles) deep, according to the US Geological Survey. **Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management agency** was centred in the **town of Pazarcik, in Kahramanmaras province**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### States in the News

- The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) unveiled "Bal Mitra," a WhatsApp chatbot designed to improve communication between kids and parents in Delhi. "The chatbot 'Bal Mitra' will serve as a source of reliable information regarding children and their rights," claims Manish Sisodia, the deputy chief minister of Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Kerala** government announced a scheme of Rs 200 crore for developing **green hydrogen** hubs at Trivandrum and Kochi. Kerala aims to become a 100 percent **renewable energy-dependent state** by 2040 and a net carbon-neutral state by 2050. The state has a favorable atmosphere for the production of green hydrogen. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **India, France and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** announced the creation of a **formal trilateral cooperation** initiative for projects in **solar and nuclear energy**, the fight against **climate change** and joint production of **military hardware**. The initiative will also act as a platform to bolster **cooperation on sustainable projects** between the development agencies of the three countries, which will also work to align their economic, technological and social policies with the objectives of the **Paris Agreement**, according to a joint statement. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India and the European Union (EU)** announced the formation of three working groups under the **'Trade and Technology Council'** that was set up to deepen strategic ties with the **trade bloc**. India and EU had in April last year agreed to establish a **'Trade and Technology Council'**, to tackle the challenges at the nexus of **trade, trusted technology and security**. Such a council is the first for India with any of its partners and second for the EU, following the first one it has set up with the **United States (US)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to a current United Nations report, North Korea stole more bitcoin assets in 2022 than any other year and targeted the networks of multinational aerospace and defence industries. Independent sanctions monitors reported to a U.N. Security Council committee that (North Korea) used increasingly sophisticated cyber techniques to access digital networks used in cyber finance and to steal information with potential value, including to its weapons programmes. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian-American student at Harvard Law School, **Apsara Iyer** has been elected president of the prestigious **Harvard Law Review**, becoming the first woman from the community to be named to the position in the **prestigious publication's 136-year history**. She was elected the 137th president of the Harvard Law Review, which was founded in 1887 and is among the oldest student-run legal scholarship publications. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** delivered fifty buses to **Sri Lanka** at the Presidential Secretariat premises as Sri Lanka celebrated its 75th Independence Day. High Commissioner of India **Gopal Baglay** handed over the buses to Sri Lanka's President Ranil Wickremesinghe. Ashok Leyland, the commercial vehicle maker **Ashok Leyland** had bagged the contract for supplying 500 buses to the Sri Lank Transport Board. The order is a part of a Line of Credit extended by the Export-Import Bank of India, under the **Economic Assistance Scheme** of the Indian government. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **6th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI) Leaders' Meeting** is being hosted by the **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)** of India in **Lucknow** on 6 February. **Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Girish Chandra Murmu** led the discussions on the theme **'Integrating Emerging Technologies in Audit'**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- New 'everyday' stamps featuring the image of **King Charles III** were unveiled for the first time, the latest item in **Britain** to get a makeover following the death of **Queen Elizabeth**. From coins and banknotes and to the official royal cypher used by the government, Britain has been slowly introducing replacements featuring the new monarch since his mother's death in September. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A 13-year-old girl, **Natasha Perianayagam** won the title of "world's brightest" student. Natasha Perianayagam, an Indian American, was named to the list compiled by the **Johns Hopkins Center** for Talented Youth in the United States. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Peru** reported the death of 585 sea lions and 55,000 wild birds due to the **H5N1 bird flu virus** in recent weeks. Following the discovery of 55,000 dead birds in eight protected coastal areas, rangers found the bird flu that killed them had also claimed 585 sea lions in seven protected marine areas, the Sernanp natural areas protection agency said. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Pakistan's Prime Minister **Shahbaz Sharif** has approved a deal with the International Monetary Fund (**IMF**) and all matters over the bailout programme are settled, citing sources. Cash-strapped Pakistan had been due to wrap up talks with the IMF in a bid to unlock stalled funds from a **\$6.5 billion** bailout to ward off economic meltdown. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The commencement of a public campaign to strengthen cyber security in these four countries has been announced by The Quad, a plurilateral structure made up of India, Australia, Japan, and the US. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Oxford-based Tokamak Energy created a new generation of high temperature superconducting (HTS) magnets and are being manufactured and tested in situations that are pertinent to fusion power plants. Strong magnetic fields are needed to contain and manage the extremely hot, positively-charged hydrogen fuel, which creates a plasma several times hotter than the sun, in order to produce clean, sustainable fusion energy. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In order to speed up the government's reaction to an ongoing energy crisis, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa proclaimed a state of Disaster. He also promised to designate a minister in his office who will concentrate on increasing the supply of power. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- Ahead of the scheduled coronation ceremony for **Britain's King Charles III** on 6 May, 2023, the Buckingham Palace released the newly appointed **king's official coronation emblem**. The coronation emblem features the King's love for nature by joining the flora that symbolize the four nations of the United Kingdom in a single image. The logo, to be used for events over the coronation long weekend in May, features a rose, thistle, daffodil and shamrock - emblems from across the United Kingdom. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Union Ministry of Science & Technology; Earth Sciences, Dr Jitendra Singh** said, the world today recognises India's Blue Economy resources and the **International Seabed Authority with headquarters in Jamaica** has officially designated India as a "**Pioneer Investor**". The Union Ministry of Science & Technology said, the **Blue Economy** has been given high priority and the same is now being recognised globally. **PM Modi** referred to India's Deep Sea Mission in his Independence Day address for two consecutive years in 2021 and 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Energy Efficiency Services (EESL)**, a joint venture of public sector undertakings under the **Ministry of Power**, signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle Joint Business Council (IMT-GT JBC) Malaysia at India Energy Week (IEW)**. The **MoU aims to promote the adoption of energy efficiency and sustainable practices in the region.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI)** and the **National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for setting up digital forensic laboratories along with the exchange of information and knowledge, technological advancement and skill development in the field of digital forensics. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Samsung Semiconductor India Research (SSIR)** has announced a new partnership with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to promote research and development in the field of on-chip Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) Protection. Samsung India announced that it will hire around 1000 engineers for its **R&D institutes**, including its Samsung Semiconductor India Research in Bengaluru last year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Air India Ltd. has signed deals with Airbus SE and Boeing Co. for what may end up being the largest acquisition of aircraft in commercial aviation history. In an effort to rebuild itself with a fleet that can compete with regional low-cost rivals and strong Gulf airlines like Emirates. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Books and Authors

- A two-volume box set, '**The Best of Satyajit Ray**' published by **Penguin Random House India**, is not only a treat for Ray enthusiasts but also a collector's edition. A new anthology offers a glimpse into the fiction and non-fiction writings of the legendary filmmaker and polymath Satyajit Ray. The book set picks from the ever-popular adventures of Ray's enduring creation, the professional sleuth, Feluda, to the chronicles of Professor Shonku, his short stories as well as writings on filmmaking, and his thoughts on world and Indian cinema. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Salman Rushdie** published his new novel "**Victory City**", an "epic tale" of a 14th-century woman who defies a patriarchal world to rule a city. The much-anticipated work tells the tale of young orphan girl Pampa Kampana who is endowed by a goddess with magical powers and founds the city, in modern-day India, of Bisnaga, which translates as Victory City. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- In the process of the adoption of the Central Bank of Digital Currency (CDDC), **Reliance Retail** started accepting digital rupees or **e-rupee** for payments at its store. The payment through digital currency has been started in Reliance Retail's Freshpik store in Mumbai but will soon be expanded to other 17,000 stores of India's largest retailer. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **government** has approved conversion of over **Rs 16,133 crore** interest dues of **debt-ridden Vodafone Idea** into equity, after receiving a firm commitment from **Aditya Birla Group** to run the company and bring necessary investment, **telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnaw** said. Equity shares of face value of Rs 10 each will be issued to the government at the same price. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to the RBI's most recent status report, there were approximately 1.87 crore physical and digital payment acceptance devices deployed under the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) Scheme as of December 31, 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **HDFC Bank**, one of the leading private sector banks of India, has partnered with National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) Limited, a global talent development corporation, to build a large pool of skilled Virtual Relationship Management professionals for the banking industry. Virtual Relationship managers (VRMs) act as one point of contact for all requirements or issues of bank's managed customers. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **India's unemployment rate** fell to 7.14% in January, the lowest in four months, from 8.30% in the previous month, data from the **Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)** showed. The **urban unemployment rate** declined to 8.55% in January from 10.09% in the previous month, while the **rural unemployment rate** slipped to 6.48% from 7.44%, the data showed. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** and **Ashok Leyland** unveiled India's first **Hydrogen Internal Combustion Engine (H2-ICE) technology solution** for heavy duty trucks. This technology was flagged off by PM Modi at the India Energy Week in Bengaluru. The Hydrogen tech solution will emit near zero emissions, deliver performance on par with conventional diesel trucks and reduce noise and with projected reductions in operating costs thus redefining the future of green mobility. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- PhonePe announced the debut of a service that will enable its Indian users who are travelling overseas to pay foreign businesses using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). "UPI international" enables retail locations with a native QR (quick response) code in the UAE, Singapore, Mauritius, Nepal, and Bhutan. Similar to how they do with overseas debit cards, users would be able to make direct payments in a foreign currency from their Indian bank. The Walmart-backed finance app PhonePe claimed to be the first to do so in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Airtel Payments Bank announced the availability of its current account, BizKhata, which offers small businesses and business partners across the nation fast activation and limitless transactions. Because they cannot maintain the minimum amount required for business accounts, many small business owners continue to use savings accounts for business-related expenses. This makes it difficult to distinguish between personal and corporate dealings. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Edelweiss General Insurance** has rebranded itself as **Zuno General Insurance Limited (Zuno GI)**, which is a new age digital insurer with an aspiration to reimagine and redefine Insurance to make it easy, friendly, and transparent. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's leading fintech, **MobiKwik** has become the first fintech apps to support **RuPay Credit Cards on UPI**. The development brings a new level of convenience to the millions of Indians who use UPI for their daily transactions. With nearly 50 million users possessing one or more credit cards, this is a significant milestone in India's drive towards a cashless economy. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- During 2021-22, **India** received foreign inward **remittances** of USD 89,127 million which was the **highest ever inward remittances** received in a single year. This was stated by Union Minister of State for Finance **Pankaj Chaudhary** in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India** decided to expand the scope of the Trade Receivable Discounting System or the **TReDS platform** allowing the use of insurance facilities, permitting entities eligible to undertake factoring business to participate as financiers on TReDS and allowing secondary market operations on the platform. The central bank's decision is expected to boost trade of receivables increasing cash flows to **MSMEs**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Shaktikanta Das, the governor of the **RBI**, announced that a pilot programme to introduce **coin vending machines** that use **QR codes** will begin shortly. In response to the outcome of the monetary policy for the year 2023, the Central Bank Governor announced that the RBI will introduce a coin vending machine that uses a QR code to improve accessibility to coins. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's newly created **infrastructure-financing institution** is planning a maiden bond issue of 50 billion rupees in the next quarter. The managing director at the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development, India's new development finance institution, **Rajkiran Rai** informed that the institution aims to test the market in terms of pricing with the small issuance. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to Telecom and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, the government has said that it will provide a digital credit facility this year in a similar manner to how it introduced the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). Even modest street sellers will be able to use the programme to obtain credit from banks. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC)** has launched India's first public issue of municipal bonds intending to raise up to Rs 244 crore to fund a solar power project. This would be the first time a municipal body is targeting individual investors in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- China's **Alibaba** Group has sold its remaining stake in Indian digital payments firm **Paytm** for about 13.78 billion rupees (**\$167.14 million**) through a block deal, stock exchange data showed. ([Click here to read the article](#))





- India's foreign exchange reserves saw a drop after nearly three weeks, falling **\$1.5 billion** to **\$575.27 billion** in the week ended February 3. The fall was the result of the decline in the Foreign Currency Assets (FCA), a major component of the overall reserves, the Reserve Bank of India's weekly statistical supplement said on February 10. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The "Digital Payments Utsav," a comprehensive campaign aiming at encouraging digital payments throughout India, was launched by Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Communications, and Railways. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The third dedicated branch for start-ups in the nation has been established by State Bank of India (SBI) in Gurugram. Dinesh Kumar Khara, the chairman of SBI, declared during the branch's inauguration on Thursday that it will offer start-ups comprehensive support from entity formation through the issuance of IPOs and FPOs. Gurugram is home to the third-highest number of unicorns—startups valued at \$100 billion or more—in India, behind Bengaluru and Mumbai. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Appointments/Resignations

- **Mahindra Finance** has appointed **Raul Rebello** as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Designate. Mahindra Finance is the vehicle financing unit of the Mahindra & Mahindra Group. Raul Rebello is currently the Chief Operating Officer of the company and will take charge as MD and CEO when Ramesh Iyer retires on 29th April 2024. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Economics professor and researcher **Shamika Ravi** has been appointed as a member of the **Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister (EAC-PM)**. She is currently non-resident senior fellow of the governance studies program at the Brookings Institution Washington D.C. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Nepal Cricket Association** has appointed former Indian cricketer **Monty Desai** as the head coach of the Nepal national cricket team. He will replace another former Indian cricketer **Manoj Prabhakar**, who resigned from his post in December 2022. Nepal Cricket Association has signed a two-year deal with Monty Desai. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Union Government has appointed **K Satyanarayana Raju** as its Managing Director and CEO of **Canara Bank**, with immediate effect. He will be replacing L V Prabhakar who demitted office on December 31, 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Lawyer **Lekshmana Chandra Victoria Gowri** was appointed to the higher judiciary and took an oath of office as the additional judge of **Madras High Court**. Lakshmana Chandra Victoria Gowri faced opposition from a section of the legal fraternity to her following their usual practice. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **UnCrave**, the plant-based meat brand by Licious, unveiled popular comic, actor, and musician **Vir Das** as its Brand Ambassador. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Drugmaker Pfizer Limited has announced the appointment of **Meenakshi Nevatia** as an Additional Director and Managing Director for five years. She comes in the place of **S Sridhar**, who announced his early retirement in August 2022. Sridhar, the current India country President, will step down as Managing Director and board member from March 31, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's Supreme Court is now back to its full strength of 34, with the elevation of two **High Court Chief Justices** to the apex court. The last time the apex court was at its full strength was in September-November 2019. The Chief Justices of the Allahabad High Court and the Gujarat High Court are the latest additions to the **34-judge collegium**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Defence News

- As part of "Operation Dost," India is deploying a field hospital, supplies, and rescue personnel to the earthquake-stricken countries of Turkey and Syria. A 7.8-magnitude earthquake that occurred while people were asleep destroyed thousands of buildings, trapped an undetermined number of people, and may have affected millions of people. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Ministry of Defence on February 8 inked a contract with Larsen & Toubro (L&T) for the purchase of 41 indigenous modular bridges for the Corps of Engineers of the Indian Army, valued at over Rs 2,585 crore, providing a significant boost to the "Aatmanirbar Bharat" initiative. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Awards and Recognitions

- Five athletes were nominated for the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year award, including wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik, who recently protested WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh and accused him of sexual abuse and intimidation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Managing Director & CEO, Manappuram Finance Ltd, **VP Nandakumar** has bagged the **Hurun India's award** for his remarkable achievements in the world of business. V.K. Mathews, founder and executive chairman, IBS Software, has been conferred the Hurun Industry Achievement Award 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- MRF Ltd. Chairman and Managing Director **K.M. Mammen** was presented the **ATMA Lifetime Achievement Award** by Maruti Suzuki India MD & CEO Hisashi Takeuchi at the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) Annual Conclave 2023 in New Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The country's largest power generating company, **NTPC Limited** has been honoured with 'ATD Best Awards 2023' by the **Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA**. This is the sixth time that NTPC Limited has won this award for demonstrating enterprise success in the field of talent development. The foundation of NTPC's culture has always been to engage employees through creative techniques. The award is testimony to NTPC's contemporary HR practices. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In 2023, the **Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Award** is presented to Journalist **A.B.K. Prasad** for his contributions towards journalism. Raja Ram Mohan Roy lived in the 19th century. The reformer founded Brahma Samaj in 1828 and played a major role in abolishing Sati. The Press Council of India presents awards in the name of the legend every year. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Summit and Conference

- The first **Youth20 (Y20) Inception Meeting 2023** under G20 began in Guwahati. Briefing the media ahead of the meeting Meeta Rajivlochan, Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs informed that Youth20 deliberations hope to reach out to youth and consult with them for their ideas for a better future. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit 2023 in Lucknow. The 10-12 February event is expected to be attended by several ministers of the Union and the state government and a host of leading industrialists. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **World Government Summit 2023** is set to begin on 13th February 2023 in Dubai. The World Government Summit will be held under the theme of "**Shaping Future Governments**". It will bring together global thought leaders, global experts, and decision-makers to share and contribute to the development of tools, policies, and models that will be critical in shaping future governments. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Ranks and Reports

- **PM Narendra Modi** has been pegged as the **world's most popular leader** with an approval rating of **78 per cent** as per a survey by a US-based consulting firm '**Morning Consult**.' As per the rating **PM Modi's ratings** trump those of other leaders including **US President Joe Biden**, **French President Emmanuel Macron** and **UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak**. The poll surveyed 22 global leaders for the ratings. **Neither Vladimir Putin nor Xi Jinping** figured among the 22 popular leaders globally. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has been named to **FORTUNE® magazine's list of the World's Most Admired Companies**. Regarded as a barometer of corporate reputation, the list is based on a survey of business executives, directors and analysts around the globe. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, **Parshottam Rupala** told Lok Sabha that India is the highest milk producer in the world contributing twenty-four per cent of global milk production in the year 2021-22. According to production data of **Food and Agriculture Organization Corporate Statistical Database (FAOSTAT)**, India is the highest milk producer in the world contributing twenty-four per cent of global milk production in the year 2021-22. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's** national accreditation system under the Quality Council of India (**QCI**) has been ranked 5th in the world in the recent Global Quality Infrastructure Index (**GQII**) 2021. The GQII ranks the 184 economies in the world on the basis of the quality infrastructure (QI). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's** aviation safety oversight ranking has jumped to the **55th** position from 112th place earlier, with a significant improvement in the country's score under the ICAO's coordinated validation mission, according to regulator DGCA. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Sports News

- Gymnast **Dipa Karmakar** has been handed a 21-month ban for failing a dope test conducted by the **International Testing Agency**. Dipa Karmakar's dope sample collected out-of-competition by the ITA, which is an independent organization that manages the anti-doping program of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) was found to contain Higenamine which is a prohibited substance under **World Anti-doping Agency Code**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Kerala** has crowned to their bulging cabinet of national football trophies, putting on a show in the final of the National Beach Soccer Championships and overwhelming **Punjab 13-4**, to win the title, at Dumas Beach, Surat. In the third place game played earlier in the day, **Delhi beat Uttarakhand 3-1**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The central ice hockey team of the **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** has won the 12th edition of the **Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI)** National Ice Hockey Championship for men- 2023 organized in Leh, Ladakh. The ITBP team defeated the Ladakh Scouts by a score of 1-0 at the final. This is the third time in succession that the mountain trained Force has won this premier national ice hockey championship. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Australia's longest-serving captain in the shortest format of the game, veteran batter **Aaron Finch** called time on his international career. Finch, who retired as the One Day International (ODI) captain of the Australian team last year, has confirmed his retirement from T20Is. Finch guided Australia to its maiden ICC World T20 title in 2021. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- France defender **Raphael Varane** is retiring from international football, ending a 10-year career with Les Bleus in which he won the World Cup in 2018 and was a runner-up four years later. The 29-year-old, who has 93 caps after making his debut in 2013, also helped Didier Deschamps's side win the UEFA Nations League in the 2020-21 season. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Veteran Pakistan wicketkeeper **Kamran Akmal** has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. Prior to the 2023 edition of the Pakistan Super League (PSL). Akmal was earlier named as the batting consultant for the Peshawar Zalmi, led by Babar Azam, for the upcoming edition of the PSL. The 41-year-old said that he is keener on taking up managerial roles with the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Gary Ballance**, who represented **England** 42 times across all three formats, scored a superb century for **Zimbabwe** on the fourth day of the first Test against West Indies in Bulawayo. The 33-year-old's outstanding 137 means he is just the second player in the history of the game to have scored Test centuries for two different countries, following in the footsteps of former Australia and South Africa international **Kepler Wessels**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian Olympian **Aditi Ashok** won the 2023 Magical Kenya Ladies Open Title with a final-round score of 74. This is the fourth **Ladies' European championship** of Aditi Ashok overall. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Cristiano Ronaldo** scored all of Al Nassr's goals in a 4-0 rout of Al Wehda in the Saudi league as he passed the 500 league goal mark in his club career. The 38-year-old Portuguese star now has **503 goals** scored for five different teams stretched across five leagues. The Portuguese superstar scored 103 goals for Manchester United, 311 for Real Madrid, 81 for Juventus, three for Sporting Lisbon. Now, he has five for Al Nassr as well. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Ravichandran Ashwin** picked up his **450th Test wicket** during the first Border-Gavaskar Trophy game between India and Australia at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Nagpur. He achieved the feat when he bowled Alex Carey in the 54th over. He also became the fastest Indian to scale the landmark, going past former leg-spinner Anil Kumble. Ashwin took 89 Tests to reach the milestone as compared to Kumble's 93. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rohit Sharma** led from the front as he scored his ninth Test century to become the first Indian captain to score hundreds in all formats. This was Rohit's first three-digit score in the longest format of the game against Australia in the 1st Test of the four-match series for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium, Jamtha in Nagpur. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Peter Burwash International (PBI), one of the top tennis instruction programmes, has partnered with the Ileseum Club in Bavdhan, Pune, to open a second training facility there. Rene Zondag, president of PBI, announced the opening of the new centre, which spans 12.5 acres and offers top-notch amenities. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Schemes and Committess News

- The government has extended **PM-KUSUM scheme** till March 2026 as its implementation was significantly affected due to the pandemic. Launched in **2019**, **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM)** aimed at adding solar capacity of **30,800 MW by 2022** with total central financial support of **Rs 34,422 crore**, including service charges to the implementing agencies. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Bhupender Yadav** launched the '**Save Wetlands Campaign**' in the presence of the Chief Minister of Goa. This campaign is structured on a "whole of society" approach to wetlands conservation, enabling affirmative actions for wetlands conservation at all levels of society and involving all strata of society. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Draft Digital Competition Act**: A month after a Parliamentary panel sought a new **digital competition law**, the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has constituted a 16-member committee to look into the **Draft Digital Competition Act**. Chaired by **Corporate Affairs Secretary Manoj Govil**, the panel will review existing competition norms and will examine the need for new legislations to tame the digital gatekeepers. **Joint Secretary (Competition)** in the Corporate Affairs Ministry will serve as member secretary. ([Click here to read the article](#))





## Science and Technology News

- **ISRO and Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)** plans to develop a training module for the Indian Spaceflight Programme using **Augmented Reality / Virtual Reality / Mixed Reality (AR / VR / MR)**. ISRO aims to utilise the advanced technologies created at the newly-established eXperiential Technology Innovation Centre (XTIC) at IIT Madras to promote Research and Development (R&D) in the domain of Extended Reality. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Google** has unveiled an experimental conversation AI service called "**Bard**", as it races to catch up with the wildly popular chatbot **ChatGPT** from the Microsoft-backed firm **OpenAI**. According to Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai, the service will be initially opened up to "trusted testers" before making it more widely available to the public in the coming weeks. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **NASA's "all-electric" plane X-57** is soon set to take off, the US space agency. The plane has 14 propellers along its wings and is powered entirely by electricity. Recently, NASA's X-57 Maxwell performed successful thermal testing of its cruise motor controllers. Thermal testing is important because it validates the design, operability, and workmanship quality of aircraft controllers. The controllers have temperature-sensitive parts and must be able to withstand extreme conditions during flight. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The battle for the most known moons in the **Solar System** is raging on. After losing its lead to Saturn in 2019, **Jupiter** has once again surged ahead. **Astronomers** have counted 12 previously unknown moons in orbit around our **Solar System's biggest planet**, bringing the known total to **92**, and **leaving Saturn**, with its measly count of **83**, in the dust. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Chinese search engine **Baidu** revealed its plans of launching a ChatGPT-style AI chatbot called '**Ernie Bot**'. Baidu's Hong Kong-listed shares jumped as much as 13.4% on the news. Ernie, meaning "**Enhanced Representation through Knowledge Integration**," is a large AI-powered language model introduced in 2019. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- SpaceX intends to fire up all 33 of its engines before launching its massive Starship launch system into orbit for the first time. This is an important step in the company's mission to the moon and Mars. Gwynne Shotwell, president and chief operating officer, announced at an industry conference that the so-called static fire is slated. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** unveiled Skye UTM, which is the most cutting-edge unmanned traffic management system in the world, which is capable of handling 4,000 flights per hour and 96,000 flights per day. **Skye UTM** is a Cloud-based aerial traffic management system that integrates unmanned air traffic with manned aviation airspace. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**), jointly developed an Earth-observation satellite, called **NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar)**, got a send-off ceremony at the American space agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Southern California. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) successfully launched the second edition of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (**SSLV-D2**) from the first launch pad of Satish Dhawan space centre at **Sriharikota**, Andhra Pradesh. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Jeff Bezos-led **Blue Origin** scored a big contract from the American space agency, Nasa, to launch a **mission to Mars**. The private space company was given its first interplanetary **NASA** contract to launch the mission to study the magnetic field around the Red Planet. The expected launch date for the mission is **2024**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Alphabet Inc. lost \$100 billion in market value shortly after its new chatbot inadvertently disclosed false information in a promotional video. While Microsoft shares jumped almost 3% before losing some of their gains, its shares fell as much as 9% during regular trade. Initially, Reuters called attention to a mistake in Google's advertisement for its debuting chatbot Bard. ([Click here to read the article](#))

## Important Days News

- **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)** is observed on **February 6**. This year, the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation: Delivering the Global Promise launched the 2023 theme; "**Partnership with Men and Boys to transform Social and gender Norms to End FGM**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- This year's **Safer Internet Day** took place on **Tuesday, 7 February 2023**. Significantly, it was the **20th edition** of the campaign. Safer Internet Day is marked to help the younger generation understand safe practices on the Internet. According to UK Safer Internet Center, the theme for Safer Internet Day 2023 is '**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online**.' This year, the day will be commemorated on February 7. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Every year **World Pulses Day** is celebrated on **February 10** with an aim to spread awareness about the nutritional and environmental benefits of pulses as part of sustainable food production. '**Pulses for a Sustainable Future**' as the theme for the 2023 celebration. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **United Nations General Assembly** has designated **February 11** as the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** to recognise the significant contribution that women make to the fields of science and technology. The theme for the 8th International Day of Women and Girls in Science is "**Innovate. Demonstrate. Elevate. Advance (IDEA): Bringing communities Forward for sustainable and equitable development.**" ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The National Deworming Day** is observed on **February 10** every year. It is an initiative taken by the Government of India to deworm all the children across the nation in the age group of 1 to 19. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Obituaries

- **Vani Jayaram**, 78, a legendary playback singer from the **South film industry** passed away. She breathed her last at her Chennai home in Haddows Road, Nungambakkam. The **National Awardee** recipient died due to age-related issues. On this year's Republic Day, she was awarded the prestigious **Padma Bhushan** to recognize her contribution to Indian music for over 50 years. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Popular artist **B.K.S. Verma**, has passed away in the city. The subject of his paintings was mainly environmental and social issues presented in a surreal form. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Italian Skier **Elena Fanchini** passed at the age of 37 after a toiling battle with cancer on 9th February 2023. Elena Fanchini competed at three Winter Olympics and six World Championships for **Italy**, and she won a silver medal in the downhill at the 2005 World Championships. Her last race was in December 2017 after that she stepped away from the game due to her diagnosis. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Legendary American pop songwriter **Burt Bacharach**, whose prodigious work created a chart-topping soundtrack for the 1960s and 1970s, passed away at the age of 94. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Miscellaneous News

- An international sand artist named Sudarsan Pattnaik made a sand sculpture of the late singer Lata Mangeshkar at Puri Beach in the state of Odisha to commemorate her first death anniversary. With the words "Tribute to Bharat Ratna Lata Ji, Meri Awaaz Hi Pehechan Hai," he built a stunning sculpture. Using around 5 tonnes of sand and a 6-foot-tall sand sculpture of the late singer that included a massive gramophone record, Pattnaik built it. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Yaya Tso**, known as birds' paradise for its beautiful lake located at an altitude of 4,820 metres, has been proposed as **Ladakh's first biodiversity heritage site (BHS)**. The Biodiversity Management Committee, the panchayat of Chumathang village, along with SECURE Himalaya Project recently resolved to declare Yaya Tso as Ladakh's first BHS under the Biological Diversity Act. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indore Municipal Corporation** has ranked top in cleanliness survey for six consecutive years, has become the country's first civic body to launch **green bonds**, seeking to raise **Rs 244 crore for a 60-mw solar plant** at its water pumping station. The public issues of the green bonds will be open for subscription from February 10-14. The issue will be listed on the National Stock Exchange. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian government issued urgent and emergency orders to restrict 138 betting and gambling applications and 94 loan-providing apps. Players including PayU's LazyPay, Kissht, and numerous more loan apps were impacted by the prohibition. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Sculpture Park** at Bikaner House in **New Delhi** was inaugurated by Rajasthan Chief Secretary Usha Sharma. Sculpture Park showcases a fusion of modern and contemporary art and culture in the traditional setting of Bikaner House. The **Sculpture Park** is a trailblazer in the national capital and offers a premier platform for emerging artists to showcase their work with ease. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Visva-Bharati University** was founded by **Rabindranath** in 1921. It will soon receive the UNESCO 'heritage' tag. This will allow it to be the first university of living heritage. Bidyut Chakraborty, Vice-Chancellor of Visva-Bharati University, stated that the university would be designated a heritage university. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Glass igloo restaurant** has been opened in the middle of the snow-covered mountains in Gulmarg and has become the center of attraction for tourists in the hill station in Kashmir. Tourists are seen enjoying their meals and taking photographs in the glass-wall restaurant. This unique glass igloo restaurant is developed by **Kolahoi Green Heights**, a hotel in Gulmarg. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Google honored **PK Rosy** who became the first female lead in **Malayalam cinema** with a doodle. PK Rosy was born on 10th February 1903 in Thiruvananthapuram formerly known as Trivandrum. Google remembers PK Rosy, the first woman leader in Malayalam on her 120th birth anniversary. She was the first actress to work in Malayalam films with JC Daniel's Vigathakumaran. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Lok Sabha has revealed that the **National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)** is currently functioning with less than **50% of its sanctioned strength**. According to data from the Commission, rules provide for the ST panel to have one Chairperson, one Vice-Chairperson, and three Members (two among V-C and Members must be from ST community). Currently, it just has a Chairperson (Harsh Chouhan) and one Member (Ananta Nayak) with all other positions, including that of the mandatory ST Member, vacant for the last three years. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- ISRO Chairman: S. Somanath;
- ISRO's foundation Date: 15th August, 1969;
- ISRO's Founder: Dr. Vikram Sarabhai.
- Food and Agriculture Organization Head: Qu Dongyu;
- Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters: Rome, Italy;
- Food and Agriculture Organization Established: 16 October 1945.
- Pfizer Headquarters: Tadworth, United Kingdom;
- Pfizer Founded: 1952.

### Static Takeaways

- HDFC Bank CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan (27 Oct 2020-);
- HDFC Bank Founded: August 1994, Mumbai;
- HDFC Bank Headquarters: Mumbai.
- NASA Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States;
- NASA Founded: 29 July 1958, United States;
- NASA Founder: Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- NTPC Limited Headquarters: New Delhi;
- NTPC Limited Chairman and Managing Director: Gurdeep Singh.

