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Madrid Spain Masters 2023: Check the complete list of winners

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Gregoria Mariska Tunjung, an Indonesian badminton player, emerged victorious in the Women's singles category at the Madrid Spain Masters 2023 finals. She defeated PV Sindhu from India, marking her first BWF World Tour title and her first win over **PV Sindhu** in eight matches. The tournament took place at Centro Deportivo Municipal Gallur in Madrid, Spain from March 28th to April 2nd, 2023, as part of the Spain Masters championship. The 2023 Spain Masters was the eighth event of the 2023 BWF World Tour.

The Madrid Spain Masters 2023 is a globally recognized badminton competition classified as a Super 300 event. The prize money for the tournament amounted to USD 210,000, making it a highly lucrative event. The Spanish Badminton Federation organized the tournament with the approval and regulation of the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

Winners & Runners Of Madrid Spain Masters 2023

Category	Winner	Runner-Up
Men's Singles	Kenta Nishimoto (Japan)	Kanta Tsuneyama (Japan)
Women's Singles	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung (Indonesia)	PV Sindhu (India)
Men's Doubles	He Ji Ting & Zhou Hao Dong (China)	Lee Fang-Chih & Lee Fang Jen (Chinese Taipei)
Women's Doubles	Liu Sheng Shu & Tan Ning (China)	Chen Fang Hui & Du Yue (China)
Mixed Doubles	Mathias Christiansen & Alexandra Bøje (Denmark)	Praveen Jordan & Melati Daeva Oktavianti (Indonesia)



Forbes billionaire 2023 list: Mukesh Ambani become richest sports owner

Forbes billionaire 2023 list

Mukesh Ambani has been named the richest sports owner in the **Forbes billionaire 2023 list**, with a net worth of \$83.4 billion, surpassing Steve Ballmer, the owner of the Los Angeles Clippers, whose net worth is \$80.7 billion. It's interesting to note that despite a 3% fall in Reliance Industries' share value over the past year, Ambani's net worth has still increased, indicating the strength and diversity of his business interests.

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Mukesh Ambani's net worth as of March 10, 2023, was \$83.4 billion, making him the world's richest sports owner, while Steve Ballmer, the owner of the Los Angeles Clippers, had a net worth of \$80.7 billion, making him the planet's second-wealthiest team owner. In recent years, Reliance Industries, owned by Ambani, has been expanding its presence in the sports industry, having purchased a franchise in the inaugural Women's Premier League and owning cricket teams in South Africa and the UAE. This indicates the company's continued commitment to growing its presence in the sports industry.

Here's are the the 20 richest sports team owners:

Rank	Name	Citizenship	Team	Net Worth
1	Mukesh Ambani	India	Mumbai Indians	\$83.4 Billion
2	Steve Ballmer	US	Los Angeles Clippers	\$80.7 Billion
3	Rob Walton	US	Denver Broncos	\$57.6 Billion
4	François Pinault & family	France	Stade Rennais F.C.	\$40.1 Billion
5	Mark Mateschitz	Austria	New York Red Bulls, Red Bull Racing, RB Leipzig	\$34.7 Billion
6	James Ratcliffe	UK	OGC Nice	\$22.9 Billion
7	Masayoshi Son	Japan	Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks	\$22.4 Billion
8	David Tepper	US	Carolina Panthers, Charlotte FC	\$18.5 Billion

Rank	Name	Citizenship	Team	Net Worth
9	Daniel Gilbert	US	Cleveland Cavaliers	\$18 Billion
10	Steve Cohen	US	New York Mets	\$17.5 Billion
11	Robert Pera	US	Memphis Grizzlies	\$15.5 Billion
12	Jerry Jones	US	Dallas Cowboys	\$13.3 Billion
13	Stanley Kroenke	US	Los Angeles Rams, Denver Nuggets, Colorado Avalanche, Colorado Rapids, Arsenal FC	\$12.9 Billion
14	Shahid Khan	US	Jacksonville Jaguars, Fulham FC	\$12.1 Billion
15	Stephen Ross	US	Miami Dolphins	\$11.6 Billion
16	Philip Anschutz	US	Los Angeles Kings, LA Galaxy	\$10.9 Billion
17	Robert Kraft	US	New England Patriots, New England Revolution	\$10.6 Billion
18	John Malone	US	Atlanta Braves	\$9.2 Billion
19	Hasso Plattner & family	Germany	San Jose Sharks	\$8.6 Billion
20	Tilman Fertitta	US	Houston Rockets	\$8.1 Billion

Bimonthly RBI monetary policy: RBI Rates

- Policy Repo Rate: 6.50%
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF): 6.25%
- Marginal Standing Facility Rate: 6.75%
- Bank Rate: 6.75%
- Fixed Reverse Repo Rate: 3.35%
- Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR): 4.50%
- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR): 18.00%

Bimonthly RBI monetary policy: Key points

- All members of the MPC unanimously voted to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent.
- Real GDP growth for 2023-24 is projected at 6.5 per cent with Q1:2023-24 at 7.8 per cent; Q2 at 6.2 per cent; Q3 at 6.1 per cent; and Q4 at 5.9 per cent
- Retail inflation is expected to moderate to 5.2 per cent in FY2023-24
- The standing deposit facility (SDF) would remain unchanged at 6.25 per cent, and the marginal standing facility, i.e., the MSF rate, and the bank rate at 6.75 per cent.
- The RBI's MPC has raised the repo rate by 250 bps in the last 11 months, from May 2022.

The Monetary Policy Committee

All members of the MPC – Dr. Shashanka Bhide, Dr. Ashima Goyal, Prof. Jayanth R. Varma, Dr. Rajiv Ranjan, Dr. Michael Debabrata Patra and Shri Shaktikanta Das. **Section 45ZB of the amended RBI Act, 1934** provides for an empowered six-member **monetary policy** committee (MPC) to be constituted by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette. The first such MPC was constituted on September 29, 2016. The present MPC members, as notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette of October 5, 2020.

Bimonthly RBI monetary policy: MPC keeps repo rate unchanged at 6.50%

The Reserve Bank of India has announced its bimonthly monetary policy and kept the repo rate unchanged at **6.50 per cent**. The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) unanimously decided to keep the **repo rate** unchanged at 6.50 per cent, governor **Shaktikanta Das** said, announcing the statement of monetary policy, the first in the current financial year. Economic activity remains resilient, and real GDP growth is expected to have been **7 per cent in FY 22-23**. The RBI Governor also said that the withdrawal of accommodation and that the repo rate hike has been paused only for this meeting. The next meeting of the MPC is scheduled during **June 6-8, 2023**.

National Affairs

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Vande Bharat Express** train service between Rani Kamalapati Railway Station in Madhya Pradesh and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station in Delhi. The train will cover a distance of 701 kilometres in 7 hours and 30 minutes and will operate on all days except Saturday. It will stop at Veerangana Laxmibai Jhansi, Gwalior, and Agra. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)** has introduced amendments to the PNGRB (Determination of Natural Gas Pipeline Tariff) regulations to include regulations related to a unified tariff for natural gas pipelines, with a vision of **"One Nation, One Grid and One Tariff."** ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The Prime Minister, Shri **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The Central Bureau of Investigation was established by a resolution of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India dated 1st April 1963. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, **Sarbananda Sonowal**, introduced the "**Sagar Setu**" mobile application for the National Logistics Portal Marine. The "Sagar Setu" mobile app by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways offers a login module, service catalogue, Letter of Credit, bank guarantee, certification, and track & trace features. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Rajya Sabha** approved the **Competition Amendment Bill, 2023**, aimed at modernizing the two-decade-old anti-trust law to align with changes in the economy. The Competition Amendment Bill, 2023 aims to modify the **Competition Act, 2002**, which authorizes the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** to prevent practices that adversely impact competition and consumer interests. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India has developed a **country-level mathematical model** that estimates the prevalence of **tuberculosis (TB)** cases in the country. The model allows for TB incidence and mortality estimate data to be available by March each year, months before the **World Health Organization (WHO)** releases its annual estimates in October. The model, which draws from data such as an individual's infection and disease status, healthcare utilization, and treatment outcomes, was presented at the **36th Stop TB Partnership Board meeting in Varanasi**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** has been making significant strides toward **renewable energy** in recent years, with a focus on **solar energy**. The country has set ambitious targets to increase its solar energy capacity and has been taking various steps to achieve them. In line with this, India is expected to become the **world's second-largest solar manufacturer** by 2026. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** has recently been elected as a member of the **United Nations (UN) Statistical Commission Narcotic Drugs** and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint **UN Program**, signaling the country's increasing presence in the international arena. The decision was made during a vote held at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on April 6, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India has strongly criticized the **Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** for its "**anti-India**" agenda, accusing the organization of meddling in **India's internal affairs** and promoting extremism. In a statement issued on April 4, 2023, India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) expressed its "strong protest" against the OIC's statement, which it called "unwarranted and factually incorrect." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian Home Minister Amit Shah has unveiled a 54-foot-tall statue of **Lord Hanuman** at a temple in **Gujarat, India**. The statue, made of bronze, was installed at the **Hanuman temple** in Shah's hometown, Naranpura, in Ahmedabad. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- During his visit to Telangana, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched the **Secunderabad-Tirupati Vande Bharat Express**. The Secunderabad Railway Station is also set to undergo a major redevelopment, which will include a new iconic building and world-class amenities, at a cost of Rs 720 crore. The new station will have a double-level roof plaza with all passenger facilities in one place, as well as multimodal connectivity to make it easier for passengers to transfer between rail and other modes of transport. The Prime Minister's Office stated that the new station will provide a seamless and convenient experience for passengers. ([Click here to read the article](#))

States in the News

- **Eravikulam National Park in Munnar, Kerala**, which is home to the Nilgiri tahr, now features a new attraction: a fernarium located within the park. This is the first instance of a fern collection being established in the hill station, according to officials. The fern park is located close to the orchidarium and will be accessible to the public starting from April 20th. The Eravikulam National Park is known for its diverse range of flora and fauna, and the introduction of the fernarium is a step towards educating visitors about the park's biodiversity. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Bandipur National Park**, located in the southern Indian state of **Karnataka**, recently completed 50 years as a **Project Tiger Reserve**. The park, which spans an area of over 874 square kilometers, is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna, including tigers, elephants, Indian bison, and several species of birds and reptiles. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to data shared by the GI Registry, **Kerala** has secured the highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) tags for products among all states in India in FY23. Several products from Kerala, including Attappady Aattukombu Avara (beans), Attappady Thuvara (red gram), Onattukara Ellu (sesame), Kanthaloov Vattavada Veluthuli (garlic), and Kodungallur Pottuvellari (snap melon) have been recognized with the GI tag. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tripura's** recent award as the best-performing state in the **North Eastern region for e-Procurement** is a significant achievement for the state. The award was presented at a National Workshop on e-Procurement organized by the Union Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Electronic and Information Technology in March 2023, held at the India Habitat Center in New Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **The Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (Tidco)** has developed a mechanism called **Tamil Nadu Regional Aerial Connectivity through Helicopters (TN REACH)**, which aims to utilize over 80 unused helipads across the state to provide intercity and town connectivity. This would be possible by leveraging the National Civil Aviation Policy and the Helicopter Policy of the Government of India. ([Click here to read the article](#))

International Affairs

- In a significant development for **post-Brexit Britain**, the UK has reached its largest trade deal yet. The country is set to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), which covers a market of around 500 million people with a combined GDP of £9tn. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Norwegian company **Norled** has successfully launched the world's first **ferry** that runs on liquid hydrogen. The vessel, called **MF Hydra**, is a hybrid that uses both batteries and liquid hydrogen fuel cells. It underwent sea trials for two weeks after initial testing at Hjelmeland quay earlier this year. The Norwegian Maritime Authority (NMA) has given final approval for the ferry to operate. This milestone achievement is a significant step towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the maritime industry, as hydrogen fuel cells produce only clean water as a byproduct. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Georgia Assembly** has passed a resolution that condemns **Hinduphobia** and **anti-Hindu bigotry**, making it the first state in America to take such legislative action. The resolution highlights that Hinduism is a diverse religion with over **1.2 billion adherents** worldwide, and it **promotes values of acceptance, mutual respect, and peace**. The resolution recognizes the contributions of the American-Hindu community in various fields, such as science, medicine, engineering, and hospitality. Additionally, the resolution acknowledges the **contributions of yoga, meditation, ayurveda, music, and art, which have enriched American culture**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a startling move, the **Italian government** has announced that it plans to ban the **English language** and impose heavy fines on individuals and organizations that continue to use it. The announcement comes just weeks after the ban on **ChatGPT**, a language model developed by OpenAI. The decision has been met with widespread criticism and has raised questions about Italy's commitment to international cooperation and its position in the global economy. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **China's Civil Affairs Ministry** published a list of standardized names for 11 locations in **Arunachal Pradesh**, referring to it as "**Zangnan**," the southern region of Tibet, and using Chinese, Tibetan, and pinyin characters. This move is seen as an attempt by China to stake a claim on the Indian state, in line with their regulations on geographical names. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a sudden announcement, **OPEC members**, such as Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Iraq, Kuwait, and Algeria, have declared voluntary **oil production cuts** of more than one million barrels per day from May to December. They have stated that this is a preventive action to support the stability of the oil market. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has been invited to France for the **Bastille Day parade**, which is scheduled for July 14th. The invitation was extended by French President **Emmanuel Macron**, who expressed his desire to strengthen the bilateral ties between the two countries. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In recent years, there has been a shift in the global currency landscape, with **China's yuan** steadily gaining ground against the **US dollar**. This trend is reflected in **Russia**, where the yuan has now overtaken the dollar as the **most traded currency**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On April 5th, 2023, **Israel** successfully launched a new spy satellite, named **Ofek-13**, into orbit. The satellite, **Ofek-13**, launched from the **Palmachim Airbase** in central Israel, is intended to provide advanced intelligence capabilities to the Israeli military and intelligence agencies. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On April 5th, during the second T20I match between Sri Lanka and New Zealand in Dunedin, **Kim Cotton** became the first woman to serve as an on-field umpire in a men's international match between two full-member teams, making history. Cotton has previously worked as an on-field and TV umpire in 54 women's T20Is and 24 women's ODIs, as well as officiating at the women's T20 and ODI World Cups from 2018 to 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))

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- Despite ongoing concerns over the war in Ukraine, high inflation, and financial uncertainty, the **World Trade Organization (WTO)** has raised its projection for global trade growth in 2023 from 1% to 1.7%. This updated outlook indicates that the **global economy** is expected to recover faster than previously anticipated. However, the risks associated with these persistent issues remain, and could still impact the growth trajectory of the global trade landscape. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Parisians have voted to **ban rental electric scooters** from the streets of the city, with **89%** of voters in favor of the **proposed ban**. The referendum was held on Sunday, but only **7% of eligible voters turned out**. The ban will come into effect on September 1, 2023, when the contract allowing three companies to operate around 15,000 e-scooters in Paris comes to an end. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Chinese company **Space Pioneer** has achieved a **historic milestone** in space exploration, launching its **Tianlong-2 rocket** into orbit from the **Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center** in **Inner Mongolia** on April 2. This marks the **first time a liquid-fueled rocket** has been launched into orbit by a **Chinese aerospace firm**, and the first time a **startup has successfully reached orbit on its initial attempt**. The **Tianlong-2 rocket**, also known as "**Sky Dragon-2**," has enabled Beijing Tianbing Technology to launch a **small satellite named "Love Space Science"** to a polar orbit around Earth. The satellite will test its remote sensing capabilities from this sun-synchronous orbit. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Romania's deputy defence minister, Simona Cojocaru**, recently met with **India's defence secretary, Giridhar Aramane**, in New Delhi, during which the two countries signed their first **Defence Cooperation Agreement**. Cojocaru emphasised the significance of the pact, saying that it would provide the basis for expanding their military relationship and offering opportunities to work together in various fields. She also noted that Romania and India had already collaborated in a multinational environment, such as **UN missions**, and highlighted their joint contribution to enhancing stability and strengthening peace and security. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Books and Authors

- "**Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire**" is a book written by **Nandini Das**, a professor of English Literature at the University of Liverpool. The book explores the complex relationship between England and Mughal India in the early modern period, focusing on the cultural and literary exchanges that took place between these two worlds. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- A new book in Hindi titled **Gandhi: Siyasat aur Sampradaiykta** ('**Gandhi: Politics and Communalism**') written by journalist-turned-author **Piyush Babele**, who currently heads the Madhya Pradesh Congress' media department. He cites extracts from Dr. Ambedkar's book Pakistan or the Partition of India and other sources, and claims to "contextualise the developments leading up to India's Partition in 1947 to bust the illusion spread by the Hindu right wing that Mahatma Gandhi was responsible for the Partition". ([Click here to read the article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) launched its WhatsApp Banking Services in New Delhi, allowing customers to conveniently access banking services on their mobile phones. The new WhatsApp Banking channel will enable customers to connect with the bank on WhatsApp and access a range of services, including requesting doorstep services, finding the nearest Post Office, and more. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's unemployment rate has risen to a three-month high of 7.8% in March 2023, according to the latest data released by the **Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)**. This marks an increase from the **7.2% unemployment rate** recorded in February and represents a setback for the country's efforts to revive its economy in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** revenue collection for March 2023 has increased by 13% to Rs **1.60 lakh crore**, according to data released by the **Ministry of Finance**. This marks the third consecutive month of increase in GST collections and is a positive sign for **India's economy**, which has been grappling with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has shared details on **India's International Investment Position (IIP)** at the end of December 2022. According to the data, non-residents' net claims in India dropped by US\$ 12.0 billion between October and December 2022, settling at US\$ 374.5 billion by the end of December 2022. The increase in **India's foreign liabilities** was mainly driven by trade credits and loans. Additionally, reserve assets made up 64.3% of India's international financial assets as of December 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Unified Payments Interface (**UPI**), India's flagship digital payment platform, set a new record at the end of the fiscal year **2022-23**. In March 2023, the UPI processed a historic high of **8.7 billion** transactions, worth Rs 14.05 trillion. This achievement marks yet another milestone for the UPI since its inception. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- According to a recent report by the **World Bank**, **India's GDP growth** is predicted to slow down on April 1 to **6.3% from 6.6%** in the fiscal year 2024. This decline is attributed to a reduction in consumption due to decreased income levels. However, experts believe that India's high level of services exports, which reached a new peak in the last quarter of 2021, will help to protect the economy from external risks since the global economy is slowing down and is expected to have a negative impact on the country's merchandise exports. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- State-owned **Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)** has opened its first dedicated branch for startups in **Pune, Maharashtra**. The dedicated branch will provide all kinds of support to a startup during its growth journey. Asheesh Pandey, Executive Director, Bank of Maharashtra, was present in the inaugural ceremony. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Fino Payments Bank** has renewed its association with **Rajasthan Royals (RR)** for the season 16 of IPL. Fino Bank will be RR's official Digital Banking Partner. The bank made its maiden foray with the mega sporting event last season by partnering with RR as the Digital Payments Partner. The newly launched FinoPay digital savings account is expected to get more traction through this engagement. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On April 3, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced that **Neeraj Nigam** has been appointed as the new executive director (ED). Nigam was previously the regional director of the Bhopal office of the bank, and will now assume his new role as ED. The RBI made this announcement through a press release. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** is set to hire **RS Sodhi**, the former MD of the **Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF)**, which is responsible for the popular Indian milk brand, Amul. Sodhi will be joining Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL), led by Isha Ambani, to assist the company in expanding its grocery business in India, with a specific focus on fruits and vegetables. In addition to this, Sodhi will also be responsible for strengthening the company's presence in consumer brands. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- DBS Bank India has introduced a new investment solution called '**digiPortfolio**,' which is now available on the bank's digibank platform. The platform uses technology and human expertise to curate a set of investment options customized by **Morningstar**, which aligns with the risk preferences of different investors. The platform provides an easy-to-use, one-stop solution for investors to put money into ready-made baskets of **mutual funds**. DBS Bank India is among the first banks in India to offer this digital solution, aiming to redefine the customer experience by using advanced technologies like data and AI. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Several **public sector banks** in India have transferred a total of **Rs 35,012 crore (\$4.7 billion)** in unclaimed deposits to the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**. The move comes as part of an effort to reduce the amount of unclaimed funds held by banks and ensure that the money is put to productive use. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has projected a **moderate economic growth** rate for **India** due to various factors such as a **global slowdown, tight monetary conditions, and elevated oil prices**. According to the latest ADB outlook, India's economic growth rate is expected to reach **6.4% in 2023-24 from 6.8% in FY23**, while the growth forecast for the current year has been revised downwards to 6.4% from 7.2% earlier projected. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Walmart-backed** Indian fintech decacorn **PhonePe** has recently launched **Pincode**, a new consumer-facing app aimed at strengthening its e-commerce initiatives. The app will be integrated into India's **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)** framework. This move comes three months after Flipkart completed the full ownership separation of PhonePe. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced that it has imposed penalties on **Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd, Indian Bank, and Muthoot Money Limited** for non-compliance with regulatory norms. Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd has been fined Rs 6.77 crore for failing to comply with norms related to the disclosure of interest rates to borrowers at the time of loan sanction. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- AWS India's Head of Start-up Ecosystem, **Amitabh Nagpal**, has acknowledged that **gaming** has become one of the most popular forms of **entertainment** today. Indian start-ups are leading the rapid growth of the **gaming industry** in India, utilizing **cloud technologies** to build and operate high-performance games across all categories. AWS offers Indian gaming start-ups the services and solutions necessary to develop successful games. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **RBI** is set to introduce a new secured web-based portal called "**PRAVAAH**" (Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And Authorisation) aimed at simplifying and streamlining the application processes. The portal will display the timeframes for deciding on applications and approvals, leading to greater effectiveness in regulatory processes and making it easier for regulated entities to do business with RBI. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Adani Power Ltd**, one of India's leading private sector power generation companies, recently opened a new power plant in **Jharkhand, India**. This state-of-the-art power plant has a capacity of 1,600 MW and is expected to supply electricity to **Bangladesh**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **The Ministry of Finance** announced that the **Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY)** has sanctioned **41 crore** loans amounting to **₹23.2-lakh-crore in the past eight years**. The scheme has shown significant success in promoting entrepreneurship, with 68% of accounts under the scheme belonging to women entrepreneurs and 51% belonging to entrepreneurs from SC/ST and OBC categories. This data highlights that the availability of easy credit to budding entrepreneurs has led to innovation and a sustained increase in per capita income. The PMMY scheme aims to provide loans of up to ₹10 lakh to small entrepreneurs to start or expand their businesses. The announcement demonstrates the success of the government's initiative in promoting financial inclusion and entrepreneurship in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- On April 2nd, Vice-Admiral **Sanjay Jasjit Singh** assumed the position of **Vice-Chief of Naval Staff (VCNS)** as part of a series of high-level changes in the Indian Navy. Vice Admiral Singh graduated from the National Defence Academy in Pune and joined the Indian Navy's executive branch in 1986. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Ministry of External Affairs declared that trade between **India and Malaysia** can now be conducted using the **Indian Rupee (INR)** as a mode of settlement, in addition to other currencies. This announcement follows the launch of the **Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023** by the Ministry of Commerce the day before, which reaffirmed the government's determination to establish the rupee as a global currency. This move is expected to boost bilateral trade between the two countries and reduce transaction costs for businesses. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Rajasthan** has appointed **Dr. Sheenu Jhawar** as the new President for a term of two years, from 2023 to 2025. This marks a historic moment as Dr. Jhawar becomes the first woman to hold this position in the 21-year history of TiE Rajasthan. She takes over from Dr. Ravi Modani, who had been leading the chapter effectively since 2021. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sudha Shivkumar** has been appointed as the 40th president of **FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO)**, which is the oldest women-led and women-centric business chamber in Southeast Asia. The appointment took place during the 39th annual session. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- British-Hindu **Murugesvaran 'Subby' Subramaniam** has been appointed as Warrant Officer of the UK's Royal Air Force, the aerial warfare and space force announced. The role involves advising the Chief of the Air Staff on matters related to RAF personnel. Subramaniam takes over from Warrant Officer Jake Alpert. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Kenichi Umeda** has been appointed as the new **Managing Director of Suzuki Motorcycle India Pvt. Ltd.** He takes over from **Satoshi Uchida**, who has completed his term as Managing Director. Umeda comes with over **27 years** of industry experience across various **global markets** and will be responsible for growing and strengthening Suzuki Motorcycle India's position in the Indian and overseas markets. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India** has announced the appointment of **Tsutsumu Otani**, currently the Vice President at Honda Motor Co., Japan, as the new President, CEO & Managing Director. He will take over from **Atsushi Ogata**, who will be relocating to Shanghai, China, to serve as the Executive General Manager at Shanghai Branch, Honda Motor (China) Investment Co. Ltd. starting April 1, 2023. The company issued a statement to this effect. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo**, who held the position of Senior Vice-President, took over as the **President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)**. This change occurred as the previous president, Raninder Singh, went on a long leave after the Sports Ministry issued a directive stating that the heads of national sports federations (NSFs) cannot hold office for more than 12 years, as per the National Sports Code. Raninder Singh, who was re-elected as the NRAI president in September 2021, went on leave following this directive. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association has announced that **Anshuman Singhania**, who is currently serving as the **Managing Director of JK Tyre & Industries Ltd**, has been chosen as its new Chairman. Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) said Arnab Banerjee, Managing Director & CEO of CEAT Ltd has taken over as the Vice-Chairman. ([Click here to read the article](#))

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- The 10th annual **SLINEX-2023** bilateral maritime exercise between **India and Sri Lanka** has commenced in **Colombo, Sri Lanka**. The exercise is divided into two phases, the Harbour Phase and the Sea Phase, each lasting three days. The Indian Navy is represented by INS Kiltan and INS Savitri, while the Sri Lanka Navy is represented by SLNS Vijayabahu and SLNS Samudura. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Next week, **India's Sukhoi-30s**, which are made in **Russia**, will participate in an exercise named '**Cope India**' that involves dogfighting with **American F-15 Strike Eagle fighter jets**. The exercise was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is taking place after a four-year gap. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On **April 5, 2023**, the Andaman & Nicobar command, which is India's sole tri-services unit, held a collaborative **military drill** named **Exercise 'KAVACH.'** The soldiers performed multiple exercises such as amphibious landing, air landing operations, heliborne operations, and swift insertion of special forces commandos. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Indian Air Force's Rafale fighter jets** will be participating in a military exercise in France that involves thousands of **NATO troops**. The jets are expected to arrive in France in mid-April to participate in Orion 23, a large-scale war game that includes multiple dimensions, such as ground troops, warships, aircraft carriers, and combat aircraft. The exercise, which began in February and is scheduled to end in early May, is aimed at enhancing military cooperation and interoperability among participating nations. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- The highest decoration of Poland, the Order of the White Eagle, was presented to Ukraine's President **Volodymyr Zelensky** by the President of Poland, Andrzej Duda, during a meeting between the two leaders at the Presidential Palace in Warsaw. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- An Indian-American physician and professor **Dr. Nitya Abraham** has been honoured with the **Young Urologist of the Year Award** conferred by the American Urological Association (AUA). **Dr. Abraham** is an Associate Professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Program Director for the Montefiore Urology residency programme. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Summit and Conference

- The **G20 EMPOWER Alliance** is dedicated to accelerating **women's leadership and empowerment** in the private sector. This initiative is critical not only for **social justice** but also for **economic growth**, given that the G20 represents more than **80% of the world's GDP, 75% of international trade, and 60% of the world's population**. With its strategic position in the global economy, the G20 has enormous potential to advance gender equality and women's empowerment. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- IIT Kanpur, one of India's premier institutes of technology, will host the **Youth20 Consultation** under the **G20 Presidency** of India from April 5th-6th, 2023. The event will bring together over **1200 youth** delegates from India and abroad to discuss innovative solutions to pressing global concerns. During the Y20 Consultation at **IIT Kanpur**, **two of the five core** themes will be discussed: "**Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation, & 21st Century Skills**" and "**Health, Well-being & Sports: Agenda for Youth**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On April 7, 2023, The **Gaj Utsav-2023** was inaugurated at the **Kaziranga National Park** by the President of India, **Smt Droupadi Murmu**. During her speech, she highlighted the significant bond between nature and humanity, which is regarded as sacred. India has always identified itself with a culture of respecting nature. Our country has a unique connection between nature and culture, where both have been intertwined and nourishing each other. Elephants have been held in high esteem in our tradition, and are considered a symbol of prosperity. As the National Heritage Animal of India, safeguarding elephants is an essential element of our national duty to conserve our national heritage. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- According to the **India Justice Report (IJR) 2022**, which assesses the performance of states in terms of justice delivery, the state of **Karnataka** has achieved the top rank among the 18 large and mid-sized states with populations over one crore. The report considers several parameters such as police, judiciary, prisons, and legal aid to assess the overall performance of each state. The state of **Tamil Nadu** has secured the second position in the rankings, while **Telangana** has secured the third position. The State of Gujarat has got the fourth position and Andhra Pradesh is at slot five as per the report which was released on April 4 in New Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Barron's prestigious annual '100 Most Influential Women in US Finance' list includes five Indian-origin women executives who have attained prominent positions in the financial services industry and have played a role in shaping its future. These women are **Anu Aiyengar from J.P. Morgan, Rupal J. Bhansali from Ariel Investments, Sonal Desai from Franklin Templeton, Meena Flynn from Goldman Sachs, and Savita Subramanian from Bank of America.** The fourth annual version of the list, released last month, recognized these women and 95 others for their accomplishments and influence in the US finance industry. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Bollywood superstar **Shah Rukh Khan**, who is basking in the glory of the success of the blockbuster 'Pathaan', has proved he is the ultimate king. The actor won the **2023 TIME100 Reader Poll**, beating the likes of royal-couple **Prince Harry and Meghan Markle**, Argentinian player Lionel Messi, and Meta founder Mark Zuckerberg. It is the readers of the magazine who voted for the world-renowned personalities they believe deserve a spot on TIME's annual list of the most influential people. Securing the lead position in Time Magazine's poll for its annual TIME100 list, SRK bagged over 1.2 million votes. The American publication said that the actor bagged 4 per cent of votes in the poll. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sanjita Chanu**, a weightlifter from India who has won the **Commonwealth Games twice**, has been banned for four years by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) of India after she tested positive for banned drugs. The testing took place during the National Games held in Gujarat in September-October 2022, and the results showed the presence of drostanolone, an anabolic-androgenic steroid prohibited by the **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **MS Dhoni**, the former captain of the Indian cricket team who led the team to victories in the **T20 and ODI World Cups and the 2013 Champions Trophy**, along with **Yuvraj Singh**, the Player of the Tournament in the 2011 ODI World Cup, have been named among the five Indians to be awarded honorary life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **FIFA** announced that it had withdrawn **Peru's** hosting rights to the **FIFA U-17 World Cup 2023™**. The decision was made following extensive discussions between FIFA and the **Peruvian Football Federation (FPF)**. The reasons for the withdrawal of Peru's hosting rights were not immediately clear, but FIFA officials cited concerns over the country's ability to meet the requirements for hosting such a major tournament. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- At the Ordinary Congress of European Soccer's governing body held in Lisbon, **Aleksander Ceferin** was re-elected as the **UEFA president unopposed**. The Slovenian, who was first elected as UEFA's seventh president in 2016, will serve another four-year term until 2027. Ceferin succeeded Michel Platini in 2016 after the latter was banned from football administration due to ethics violations and lost his appeal against the ban, leading to his resignation from UEFA. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Sports News

- Russian tennis star **Daniil Medvedev** claimed his fourth title of the year by defeating **Jannik Sinner** in a closely-contested final match in Miami Opens 2023. Medvedev, who was once the top-ranked player in the world, has now won 24 out of his last 25 matches, including his latest victory at the prestigious Miami Open. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** has claimed his first Australian Grand Prix 2023. Seven-time world champion **Lewis Hamilton**, who drove superbly in his Mercedes, finished second, while Aston Martin's **Fernando Alonso** filled third spot on the podium. Verstappen had appeared to be coasting to victory with an eight-second lead when debris from Kevin Magnussen's Haas forced the second of three red flags issued in the race with three laps remaining. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** emerged as the winners in **both men's and women's categories** at the **4th Asian Kho Kho Championships** held in Tamulpur, located in the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) of north-central Assam's Baksa district. In the finals, the Indian men's team beat Nepal by a margin of 6 points and an inning, while the Indian women's team outscored their Nepalese opponents by 33 points and an inning. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Brazilian artist **Dante Akira Uwai** has won the **Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024** medal design competition. After six weeks and over 3,000 submissions to the International Olympic Committee competition, Akira Uwai's creation - 'A Sparkling Future' - was chosen by a panel of judges including Olympian Laurene Ross, former winner Zakea Page, IOC Young Reporters, Young Leaders, and Gangwon 2024 Youth Supporters. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to the latest **FIFA rankings**, the **Indian men's football team** has climbed up five spots and is now ranked at **101**. The team's upward movement in the rankings can be attributed to their recent wins against **Myanmar and Kyrgyzstan** during the Tri-nation tournament, which helped them secure 8.57 rating points. The victories were achieved in matches held last month in Imphal, with scores of 1-0 and 2-0 against Myanmar and Kyrgyzstan, respectively. The current ranking chart is the first of the year, with the previous one being published on December 22. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Schemes and Commitment News

- The Union Minister for Rural Development, **Shri Giriraj Singh**, has launched an innovative **Captive Employer** initiative under the **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)** in New Delhi. This program aims to train **rural poor youth** and provide employment opportunities through **19 captive employers** who will offer training in different sectors, including hospitality, textiles, retail, and telecommunications. More than **31,000 rural youth** are expected to receive training and employment opportunities through this scheme. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs informed the Rajya Sabha that under the **PM SVANidhi scheme**, **42.7 lakh loans** worth **₹5,152.37 crore** have been disbursed to **street vendors**. Shockingly, only **9.3%** of these loans were granted to **hawkers** from minority communities, **totaling 3.98 lakh loans**. To assist street vendors in overcoming the economic difficulties caused by the pandemic, the government launched the **PM SVANidhi** micro-credit scheme in 2020. This initiative provides collateral-free loans of **₹10,000, with 7% interest subsidy, and subsequent loans of ₹20,000 and ₹50,000**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry** has created a **committee** to tackle the problem of incomplete **real estate projects**. The committee, consisting of **14 members** and chaired by **Amitabh Kant**, will focus on stalled legacy projects and make recommendations on how to complete them. The committee was formed in response to a recommendation made by the **Central Advisory Council under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian government** has formed a **committee** to explore ways of enhancing the **pension benefits** of government employees under the **National Pension System (NPS)**. The committee will be headed by the **finance secretary** and consists of **three other members: the secretaries of the Department of Personnel and Training, the special secretary in the Department of Expenditure, and the Chairman of the Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The government implemented changes to the pricing model of **domestic natural gas** in accordance with the **Kirit Parikh committee's** recommendations on gas pricing. The new pricing system will announce prices monthly and link them to **10%** of the international price of the **Indian crude basket**. As a result, prices for **piped natural gas (PNG)** and compressed natural gas (**CNG**) used by households, auto fuel, and various industries are expected to decrease by 10%. ([Click here to read the article](#))

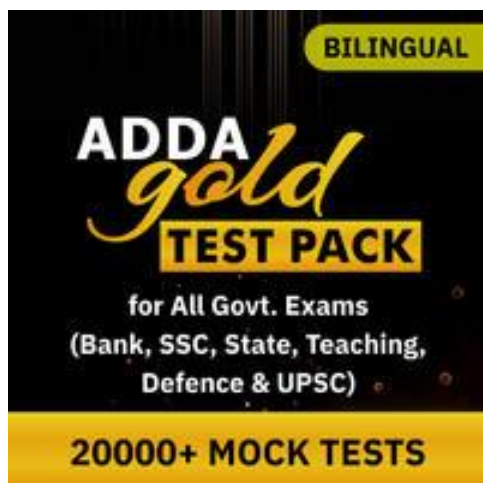
Science and Technology News

- **ISRO** has accomplished the **Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX)** at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) in **Chitradurga, Karnataka**. A Chinook helicopter of the Indian Air Force carried the RLV as an underslung load and flew it to an altitude of 4.5 km. Once the predetermined pillbox parameters were reached, the RLV was autonomously released mid-air, 4.6 km downrange. The RLV then successfully executed approach and landing maneuvers using the Integrated Navigation, Guidance & control system and autonomously landed on the ATR air strip. This achievement marks the successful autonomous landing of a space vehicle by ISRO. ([Click here to read the article](#))
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- Scientists have made a noteworthy discovery in astronomy by identifying the nearest black hole to our planet, which is located nearby in space. This remarkable discovery presents new prospects for studying these mysterious entities and comprehending their impact on the structure of the cosmos. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- After a 50-year break, **NASA** has announced the names of the four astronauts who will be taking humans back to the **Artemis II Moon Mission**. For the first time, a woman astronaut, **Christina Koch**, and a black astronaut, **Victor Glover**, will be part of a lunar mission. The team, along with **Reid Wiseman and Jeremy Hansen**, will orbit the Moon in a capsule in late 2022 or early 2025. While they will not land on the Moon, their mission will prepare the way for a future crew to make a touchdown. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Skyroot Aerospace**, a startup based in Hyderabad, India, has successfully test-fired an advanced, **fully 3D-printed cryogenic engine**, marking a significant milestone in the country's indigenous space technology development. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The Union Government of India has recently approved the **Indian Space Policy 2023**, which aims to enhance the role of the **Department of Space** and boost the activities of the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**. This policy is a significant step towards strengthening **India's space sector** and achieving self-reliance in space technology. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Kerala State Inland Navigation Corporation (KSINC)** has launched a **solar-powered** tourist boat called **Sooryamshu** that can produce **27 KW of energy**. The boat also comes equipped with generators, which will help power passenger lift systems and air-conditioners. The solar panels will provide about 75% of the vessel's energy needs, while the rest will be met by the generators. The **boat was built in Sri Lanka for Rs. 3.95 crores**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Important Days News

- **World Autism Awareness Day:** Autism Speaks, an organization that advocates for individuals with autism, observes **World Autism Month every April**, starting with **World Autism Awareness Day on April 2nd**. This year marks the **16th anniversary** of the day, which is recognized by the United Nations and aims to promote awareness and advocacy for the rights of people with autism. Autism is a condition that usually begins during childhood and can continue into adulthood. Every year, a different topic is used to mark World Autism Awareness Day. World Autism Awareness Day 2023's topic this year is "**Contribution of Autistic Individuals at Home, at Work, in the Arts, and Policymaking**." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Government of India** organises the **Prevention of Blindness Week from April 1-7 every year** to raise awareness about the causes and prevention of blindness. The annual event aims to support individuals with visual impairments, and to promote access to eye care services. The Government of India organises several events to highlight many factors that cause blindness. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- Every year on **April 4**, the world observes the **International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action**, with the aim of creating awareness about the dangers of explosive mines and generating support for efforts aimed at eliminating them. The **UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS)** leads the mine action community, which plays a crucial role in achieving the goals of mine action. **The United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)** has selected the theme "**Mine Action Cannot Wait**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In India, the **National Maritime Week** begins on March 30 and culminates in the celebration of **National Maritime Day on April 5**. This year marks the **60th anniversary** of the event, which aims to recognize India's significant contribution to the maritime industry and its history as a seafaring nation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Conscience Day** is celebrated on **April 5** to promote peace. To lead a conscientious life, one must respect human rights and dignity as well as protect other living beings. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **On April 6, the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP)** is celebrated to acknowledge the significance of sports and physical activity in our personal lives and communities worldwide. Sports play a crucial role in our society by keeping us physically active, promoting competition, and improving our overall fitness. Participating in sports can enhance self-assurance and offer valuable life lessons. The 2023 global theme for the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace is "**Scoring for People and the Planet**." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year on April 7th, the **World Health Day** is celebrated to bring global attention to a specific health issue that impacts people worldwide. This day is also significant as it coincides with the founding day of the **World Health Organisation (WHO) in 1948**. This year marks the **75th anniversary of WHO**. The World Health Day 2023 has adopted the theme "**Health For All**" with the objective of reflecting on the accomplishments of public health in enhancing people's quality of life over the past seven decades. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Obituaries

- **Salim Durani**, a former Indian cricketer known for his striking looks, humor, and ability to hit powerful sixes, passed away at the age of 88. Salim Durani, who was originally from Kabul, Afghanistan, was a talented cricketer known for his explosive batting and left-arm orthodox bowling. He played in 29 Tests for India and played a significant role in India's 2-0 victory over England in a five-match Test series in 1961-62. Durani was especially influential in India's victories at Calcutta and Madras, where he took eight and 10 wickets, respectively. He was renowned for his ability to hit the ball out of the park and was considered an all-rounder due to his talent with both bat and ball. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Jharkhand minister **Jagarnath Mahto** has passed away. Mr Mahto, the minister for school education and literacy, was airlifted to Chennai last month due to health complications. He had undergone a lung transplant in November 2020 after suffering from COVID-19. Mr Mahto, the four-time JMM MLA from Dumri in Giridih district, was taken to Chennai in October 2020, where he had undergone the transplant as his lungs were damaged due to the COVID-19 infection. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- **Anjali Sharma** has made her state and country proud by successfully scaling the peak of **Mount Kilimanjaro in South Africa** while wearing a traditional Gaddi dress (Luanchadi). She is the first Indian woman to achieve this feat while wearing the Gaddi costume, and she aims to promote Gaddi culture on mountain peaks. Anjali had previously conquered a peak of 5289 meters at the age of 15 and also climbed Hanuman Tibba and Pahar Deo, both over 6001 meters in height. The Gaddi dress, or Luanchadi, is a traditional costume from the Indian state of Himachal Pradesh. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On April 3, 2022, the **Benarasi Paan**, which was featured in Amitabh Bachchan's famous song "Khaike Paan Benaras Wala," was granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. This means that these products have unique qualities specific to their respective regions. The Benarasi Paan, known for its distinct taste and unique blend of ingredients, has been awarded the GI tag along with three other Varanasi-based products: **Banarasi Langda Mango, Ramnagar Bhanta (Brinjal), and Adamchini Rice**. The expert Rajinikant, who is a Padma Awardee in GI, has confirmed the designation of these products. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Chhattisgarh's Nagri Dubraj**, an aromatic rice variety, has been granted a geographical indication (GI) tag by the **Geographical Indication Registry**. This will provide the brand with a unique identity and open up a wide market for it. Efforts have been made by authorities in Chhattisgarh for a long time to obtain the GI tag for Nagri Dubraj. The Indira Gandhi Agricultural University played a vital role in obtaining the rights, as it maintained regular communication with the relevant authorities. Additionally, the rice is produced by a self-help group of women. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Pandit Ravi Shankar**, a world-famous sitar player and composer, is widely recognized as one of the most important figures in promoting Indian music around the world. On April 7, his **103rd birth anniversary** is being celebrated. He gained immense popularity among Western audiences for Indian classical music by collaborating with musicians from various parts of the world. His contribution to music was acknowledged by the Indian government, which awarded him the **Bharat Ratna**, the country's highest civilian award, in 1999. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Mircha rice variety from West Champaran district of Bihar** has recently been granted the GI tag. The grains of this rice are similar in size and shape to black pepper, which is why it is called **Mircha or Marcha rice**. The rice has a distinct aroma, and its grains and flakes are known for their palatability. The rice is also famous for its ability to produce aromatic chura (rice flakes). When cooked, the rice is fluffy, non-sticky, and sweet with a pleasant aroma resembling that of popcorn. The application for the GI tag was submitted by the Marcha Dhan Utpadak Pragatisheel Samuh, a registered organization of paddy cultivators. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Static Takeaways

- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral R Hari Kumar;
- Indian Navy Founded: 26 January 1950;
- Indian Navy headquarters: New Delhi.
- ISRO Chairman: S. Somanath;
- ISRO foundation Date: 15th August, 1969;
- ISRO Founder: Dr. Vikram Sarabhai.
- United Nations Mine Action Service Headquarters: United Nations Headquarters; New York, USA;
- United Nations Mine Action Service Founded: October 1997;
- United Nations Mine Action Service Head: Ilene Cohn.
- ISRO Chairman: S. Somanath;
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- ISRO Founder: Dr. Vikram Sarabhai.
- NASA Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States;
- NASA Founded: 29 July 1958, United States;
- NASA Administrator: Bill Nelson.
- Bank of Maharashtra CEO: A. S. Rajeev (2 Dec 2018-)
- Bank of Maharashtra Headquarters: Pune
- Bank of Maharashtra Founders: D. K. Sathe, V. G. Kale
- Bank of Maharashtra Founded: 16 September 1935.
- Fino Payments Bank Founded: 4 April 2017;
- Fino Payments Bank Headquarters: Juinagar, Navi Mumbai;

- Fino Payments Bank MD & CEO: Rishi Gupta.
- Central Bureau of Investigation Founded: 1 April 1963;
- Central Bureau of Investigation Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Central Bureau of Investigation Director General: Subodh Kumar Jaiswal.
- WHO Founded: 7 April 1948;
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- WHO Director-General: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.
- Tamil Nadu Chief minister: M. K. Stalin;
- Tamil Nadu Capital: Chennai;
- Tamil Nadu Governor: R. N. Ravi.

