

# Weekly One Liners 19th to 25th of June 2023

## International Yoga Day 2023

**International Yoga Day** is celebrated every year on **June 21st** to promote the numerous benefits of practicing yoga. The chosen date coincides with the summer solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. This day serves as a platform to raise awareness about the holistic approach to well-being that yoga offers. It highlights the importance of finding balance in our fast-paced, modern lives and encourages physical, mental, and spiritual harmony. Yoga fosters mindfulness, stress reduction, and overall health and vitality.

In its **9th edition**, this year's International Day of Yoga will be led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the UN Headquarters on June 21st. This marks the first time a yoga session will be conducted by the Prime Minister at this location.

### International Yoga Day 2023 Theme

The theme selected for this year's International Day of Yoga 2023 is "**Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,**" which represents our shared desire for "One Earth, One Family, One Future."

### International Yoga Day 2023 Significance

The significance of International Yoga Day is to raise awareness of the many benefits of yoga for physical and mental health. Yoga is a mind-body practice that originated in India thousands of years ago. It combines physical postures, breathing exercises, and meditation. Yoga has been shown to improve flexibility, strength, balance, and endurance. It can also help to reduce stress, anxiety, and depression.

The primary objective of the International Day of Yoga is to raise awareness about yoga as a holistic practice for mental and physical well-being. This observance holds great importance in shedding light on the importance of psychological and physical wellness in today's world. Furthermore, the day encourages the cultivation of a regular meditation practice to foster mental clarity and self-awareness, essential for thriving in a stress-free environment.



## International Yoga Day History

During his speech at the 69th session of the UN General Assembly in **2014**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi put forward the concept of a dedicated yoga day. On December 11, 2014, all 193 member states of the United Nations unanimously agreed to observe the International Day of Yoga on June 21. The inaugural celebration occurred on **June 21, 2015**. Millions of people around the world participated in yoga events on this day, and the event was widely covered by the media. Since then, International Yoga Day has become a global phenomenon, and it is now celebrated in over 190 countries.

## PM Modi and President Biden Exchange Unique Gifts During White House Visit

During Prime Minister **Narendra Modi's** visit to the United States and his meeting with President **Joe Biden** at the White House, both leaders exchanged unique and thoughtful gifts as a symbol of friendship and diplomacy. These gifts not only represented the cultural heritage of India and the United States but also showcased the personal connection between the two leaders. Here are the details of the gifts exchanged between PM Modi and President Biden:

### Gifts from PM Modi to President Biden and First Lady Jill Biden:

1. **Special Sandalwood Box:** Prime Minister Modi presented a special sandalwood box to President Biden. This box was meticulously handcrafted by a master craftsman from Jaipur, showcasing the exquisite artistry and craftsmanship of India. The box contained an idol of Lord Ganesha, a revered deity in Hinduism, symbolizing wisdom, success, and good fortune. Additionally, it included a Diya, an oil lamp that holds great spiritual significance in Indian culture.
2. **Lab-Grown Diamond:** As a gesture of appreciation, PM Modi gifted a 7.5-carat lab-grown diamond to First Lady Jill Biden. This diamond was specifically chosen for its ability to reflect the chemical and optical properties of earth-mined diamonds. The exquisite diamond was placed in a Papier mache box called kar-e-kalamdani, adding to its uniqueness and elegance.

### Gifts from President Biden and First Lady Jill Biden to PM Modi:

1. **Antique American Book Galley:** President Biden and First Lady Jill Biden presented PM Modi with a handmade, antique American book galley from the early 20th century. This gift symbolized the rich literary heritage and shared love for knowledge between the United States and India. The book galley held historical significance, representing the importance of cultural exchange and intellectual collaboration.

2. Vintage American Camera and Prints: Accompanying the book galley, the Bidens gifted PM Modi a vintage American camera, evoking the spirit of artistic expression and photography. The camera was accompanied by an archival facsimile print of George Eastman's Patent of the first Kodak camera, paying homage to the invention that revolutionized photography. Additionally, a hardcover book on American wildlife photography and a signed, first edition copy of 'Collected Poems of Robert Frost' were included, celebrating American literature and nature.

**President of India presents National Florence Nightingale Awards for 2022 and 2023**

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On June 22, 2023, the President of India, **Smt. Droupadi Murmu**, bestowed the National Florence Nightingale Awards for the years 2022 and 2023 to nursing professionals during a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. These prestigious awards were established by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, in 1973 to honor the exceptional contributions made by nurses and nursing professionals to society.

**National Florence Nightingale Awards for 2022**

2022

S.No.	Category	State	Name
1	ANM	Assam	Ms. Namita Kalita
2	ANM	Maharashtra	Ms. Sujata Peter Tuscano
3	ANM	Manipur	Ms. Dimkhanman Hangshing
4	ANM	Telangana	Ms. Tejavath Susheela
5	ANM	West Bengal	Ms. Rita Mondal
6	LHV	Meghalaya	Ms. Reliance Pyrngap
7	Nurse	Arunachal Pradesh	Ms. Athodo Linggi
8	Nurse	Delhi	Ms. Anita Nakra
9	Nurse	Delhi	Maj Gen Smita Devrani, VSM
10	Nurse	Karnataka	Dr. Poreddi Vijayalakshmi
11	Nurse	Lakshadweep	Ms. Hindumbi K.
12	Nurse	Odisha	Ms. Sebati Sahoo
13	Nurse	Rajasthan	Mr. Neeraj Tamboliya
14	Nurse	Tamil Nadu	Ms. Ganapathy Santhi
15	Nurse	Uttarakhand	Ms. Manju Kaira

- ANM= Auxiliary Nurse and Midwife
- LHV= Lady health visitors



**National Florence Nightingale Awards for 2023**

2023

S.No.	Category	State	Name
1	ANM	Andaman & Nicobar Island	Ms. Suchitra Mistry
2	ANM	Bihar	Ms. Gaytri Kumari
3	ANM	Karnataka	Ms. Nagarathna T
4	ANM	Odisha	Ms. Manjulata Maharana
5	ANM	Tamil Nadu	Ms. Suganthi K
6	LHV	Sikkim	Ms. Ambika Pradhan
7	Nurse	Jammu & Kashmir	Ms. Firdousa Jan
8	Nurse	Kerala	Ms. Geetha A R
9	Nurse	Maharashtra	Brig Amita Devrani
10	Nurse	Maharashtra	Ms. Pushpa Shrawan Poday
11	Nurse	Manipur	Ms. Irom Chandrabala Devi
12	Nurse	Mizoram	Ms. C Zopari
13	Nurse	Puducherry	Ms. Sathiyakani Thangaraj
14	Nurse	Punjab	Ms. Madhavi Rane Chikhale
15	Nurse	West Bengal	Ms. Abishmita Ghosh

**National Affairs**

- **The Personnel Ministry** announced that the central government has launched a new collection of courses called **"Dakshta"** (Development of Attitude, Knowledge, Skill for Holistic Transformation in Administration) on the **iGOT Karmayogi Platform**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** led a unique yoga session at the United Nations Headquarters on Wednesday, marking the **9th International Day of Yoga**. The historic celebration saw the participation of top UN officials, envoys from around the world, and prominent individuals. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On the auspicious occasion of the Jagannath Rath Yatra, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, **Shri Amit Shah**, inaugurated various development works and performed Bhoomipujan in Ahmedabad. Among the inaugurated projects was the **CREDAI Garden-People's Park**, a beautiful park constructed by CREDAI with the aim of providing a comfortable and environmentally friendly space for people from all walks of life. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Central government has allocated ₹145 crore to **Nagaland** for the construction of a **Unity Mall** in **Dimapur**. This funding is part of the Union Budget 2023-24, which has set aside ₹5,000 crore for the establishment of Unity Malls across the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** has announced the launch of a **knowledge-sharing platform** by the **National Highway Authority of India**. This platform aims to promote the inclusive development of national highways. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- In a recent judgment, the **Supreme Court** of India ruled that **Coal India Limited** (CIL) and its subsidiary companies are subject to the **Competition Act, 2002**. The court held that the Competition Commission of India (CCI) can take action against CIL for abuse of its dominant position in the coal sector. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** has inaugurated the construction of the '**Balidan Stambh**' in **Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir**, June 24. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha joined him at the park near **Lal Chowk**, the commercial center of Srinagar. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### States in the News

- The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, **Yogi Adityanath**, made a significant decision to reform the prison system in the state in June of 2023. During a high-level meeting where he reviewed the conditions of the current prisons, Adityanath issued crucial guidelines that emphasised the importance of prisoner rehabilitation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The '**Anna Bhagya**' scheme in **Karnataka**, which guarantees 10 kg of rice to **Below Poverty Line** (BPL) cardholders, has hit a roadblock due to a shortage of rice. Despite approaching neighboring states for procurement, the Karnataka government is struggling to secure an adequate rice supply to implement the scheme. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant move to boost the dairy industry, the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh recently announced the establishment of a state-of-the-art milk processing plant in collaboration with the **National Dairy Development Board** (NDDB). With an estimated cost of **Rs 250 crore**, this ambitious project aims to revolutionize milk production and processing in the region. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Reddy recently inaugurated the **Medha Rail Coach Factory**, the largest private coach factory in India, located in Kondakal, Shankarpally mandal of Rangareddy district. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### International Affairs

- **IREDA**, a Mini Ratna (Category – I) enterprise under the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy**, participated in the prestigious three-day "Intersolar Europe 2023" exhibition held in Munich, Germany. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- In a historic move, **Bangladesh's** central bank has decided to allow its currency, the taka, to float freely for the first time. The decision comes in response to demands from the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** and aims to unlock additional funds from a \$4.7 billion loan program. While Bangladesh is not heavily indebted, the country joins a growing list of nations, including Pakistan, Egypt, and Lebanon, that have opted to loosen control over their local currencies to secure financing from the Washington-based lender. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Nusrat Chowdhury**, a civil rights lawyer, has been confirmed by the **Senate as the first Muslim female federal judge in US history**. She will assume her lifetime appointment in Brooklyn federal court in New York after a 50-49 vote on Thursday along party lines. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Representatives from all **193 UN member** nations joyfully approved the first-ever treaty to safeguard marine life in the high seas. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Pakistan** is currently facing a severe economic crisis characterized by a shortage of dollars, leading to a complete halt in the import of essential food and beverages. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Estonia's** parliament passed a law legalising same-sex marriage, making it the first central European nation to do so. While much of western Europe has already legalised same-sex marriage, it remains prohibited in many former communist central European countries that were once part of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Petteri Orpo**, the leader of the conservative party in **Finland**, has been elected as the country's prime minister by the parliament. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a pioneering initiative, the Indian Embassy in the **Sultanate of Oman** has introduced an innovative video called '**Soulful Yoga, Serene Oman**' on the eve of the **International Day of Yoga 2023**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Pakistan** has recently implemented a ban on the celebration of **Holi** and other Hindu festivals across educational institutions in the country. The decision was made to protect what the government considers to be the eroding Islamic identity of the nation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **United Kingdom's** public sector net debt has surpassed 100% of its GDP in May, a level not seen since 1961, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS). The rising debt, excluding state-controlled banks, reached £2.567 trillion (\$3.28 trillion), representing 100.1% of GDP. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **China and Pakistan** have signed a significant agreement worth **USD 4.8 billion** to establish a 1,200-megawatt nuclear power plant. This deal reflects the deepening strategic cooperation between the two nations and comes as a welcome development for Pakistan. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Intel** has committed to invest **\$32.8 billion** in Magdeburg, a city in **Germany** for the establishment of two cutting-edge semiconductor facilities. This collaboration, with financial support from Berlin, represents the largest foreign investment ever made in Germany. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, **Gopal Baglay**, and the Secretary of the Sri Lankan Ministry of Education, **M.N. Ranasinghe**, exchanged diplomatic notes regarding the implementation of a **digital education project** in Sri Lanka's **Galle District**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** and the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) have joined forces in a collaborative partnership aimed at empowering women and enabling them to make informed career choices in the field of entrepreneurship. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to the United States, **General Electric (GE) Aerospace** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**, a state-run Indian aerospace company. The MoU paves the way for the joint production of fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force (IAF) and signifies a new era in the India-US partnership. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Ministry of Railways in India** has entered into an agreement with the **US Agency for International Development (USAID)** to accelerate the progress of eco-friendly energy solutions and encourage the use of electric vehicles. The memorandum of understanding (MoU) aims to foster cooperation in renewable energy and energy efficiency. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Paytm Payment Services Limited (PPSL) entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **Arunachal Pradesh Innovation and Investment Park (APIIP)** to establish a thriving startup ecosystem for the youth in the northeastern state. The partnership aims to nurture entrepreneurship and encourage young business ventures during their early stages of development. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Books and Authors

- Veteran Journalist **Ashok Kumar Bhattacharya (AK Bhattacharya)** has authored a new book titled "**India's Finance Ministers: From Independence to Emergency (1947-1977)**". ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Sberbank, Russia's top lender**, has announced that individuals can now open accounts in Indian rupees, as the bank looks to decrease its reliance on the US dollar and euro. Sberbank has more than 100 million retail clients and already offers deposits in China's yuan and UAE dirhams. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian low-cost carrier **IndiGo** has made aviation history at the Paris Air Show 2023 by securing a monumental deal with **Airbus**. The airline has placed an order for 500 Airbus A320 family aircraft, marking the largest-ever single aircraft purchase by any airline from Airbus. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** has taken action against six entities for violating insider trading norms in the case of Shilpi Cable Technologies. The entities have been barred from participating in the securities markets for one year and have been ordered to pay penalties totaling Rs 70 lakh. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Union Bank of India** has debuted four specialised bank accounts catering to different segments of the population, namely women, women entrepreneurs and professionals, pensioners, and cooperative housing societies. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Ratings agency **Fitch** has revised its GDP forecast for India, predicting a growth rate of 6.3% for the financial year 2023-24 (FY24). ([Click here to read the article](#))

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- **The Indian cabinet** has given its approval to US chipmaker **Micron Technology's** plan to invest **\$2.7 billion** to set up a semiconductor testing and packaging unit in Gujarat. The cabinet approval comes ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United States. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Lloyds Banking Group**, one of the leading financial services organizations in the UK, has announced its plans to establish a technology centre in Hyderabad, India. The centre aims to enhance the group's digital capabilities and will be operational by the end of 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Apple Inc** is planning to launch its credit card in India, also known as **Apple Card**. The iPhone maker is planning to tie up with **HDFC bank** to bring its credit card to its Indian customers. About the Apple Card is in its primitive stage and there has been no concrete decision taken till now. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- IT services giant **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has announced a significant expansion of its partnership with the UK's National Employment Savings Trust (NEST), the country's largest workplace pension scheme. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2.5 crore on Jammu & Kashmir Bank for non-compliance with certain directions issued by the RBI. The penalty relates to the bank's failure to adhere to RBI's guidelines on the central repository of large common exposures across banks, loans, and advances, as well as statutory and other restrictions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- NTPC Ltd., India's largest power generator, has been recognized by Team Marksmen as the **"Most Preferred Workplace of 2023-24."** This esteemed award acknowledges NTPC's outstanding performance in several key areas, highlighting the organization's commitment to organizational purpose, employee centricity, growth, recognition and rewards, intrapreneurial culture, work-life balance, diversity, equality and inclusion, safety, and trust. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Government of India** has appointed **Swaminathan Janakiraman** as a **Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Aalok Kumar** has been appointed as a member of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) High-level Advisory Group on Digital Technology for Development, effective May 1, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Hasmukh Adhia**, a senior retired bureaucrat and former Union Finance Secretary & Revenue Secretary, has been named as the **Chairman of GIFT City Ltd.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Alibaba Group Holding**, a Chinese e-commerce company that has been facing challenges in market share and growth recovery after the Covid-19 pandemic, is undergoing leadership changes. **Daniel Zhang**, the chief executive who has been with the company for eight years, will be replaced by **Joseph Tsai**, the executive vice chairman, who will assume the role of **chairman** of the board. **Eddie Wu**, the chairman of Alibaba's core Taobao and Tmall online commerce divisions, will take over as the chief executive of the company. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ruby Sinha** has been appointed as the president of **BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry Women's Vertical (BRICS CCI WE)** for a three-year term. Sinha, the founder of SheAtWork and Kommune Brand Communications, will assume the role. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Defence News

- During a meeting between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Vietnamese General Phan Van Gang, it was revealed that the Vietnam People's Navy will soon receive the **INS Kirpan**, a warship from the **Khukri class** commissioned in **1991**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Multinational Peacekeeping Joint Exercise **"Ex Khaan Quest 2023"** has commenced in **Mongolia**, featuring military contingents and observers from over 20 countries. This **14-day exercise** aims to enhance interoperability and train uniformed personnel for **United Nations Peacekeeping Operations**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- As part of the **International Day of Yoga**, naval ships deployed in the Indian Ocean region are visiting ports of friendly foreign nations and promoting the message of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (the world is one family). This initiative, known as the **'Ocean Ring of Yoga'**, aims to strengthen bonds and foster harmony among nations. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Appointments/Resignations

- **Kamal Kishore Chatiwal** began his role as Managing Director of Indraprastha Gas Ltd. (IGL), the country's largest CNG distribution company with City Gas Distribution networks operating across 30 districts in four states, including NCT of Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ravi Sinha**, a senior IPS officer, has been appointed as the new chief of India's external intelligence agency, **the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)**. Sinha will take over from Samant Kumar Goel, who is completing his four-year term on June 30. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Integrated Simulator Complex (ISC) ‘Dhruv’ at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi on June 21, 2023. The ISC ‘Dhruv’ houses advanced, indigenous simulators designed to enhance practical training in the **Indian Navy**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **India-United States Defence Acceleration Ecosystem** (INDUS X) was launched at an 2-day event in Washington DC which was co-organised by Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX), Ministry of Defence and US Department of Defence (DoD). The event aimed to foster collaboration between Indian and US start-ups in deeptech innovations especially in the domains of Space and **Artificial Intelligence** (AI). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** and the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** have formed a partnership to create an **Indigenous Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) System** for the submarines in the Indian Navy. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Awards and Recognitions

- **The Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021** will be conferred on **Gita Press, Gorakhpur**, in recognition of its “outstanding contribution towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violent and other Gandhian methods”, the ministry of culture announced. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for 2023** has been awarded to British-American author **Salman Rushdie**, “for his indomitable spirit, for his affirmation of life and for enriching our world with his love of storytelling.”. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Writer and activist **Arundhati Roy** has been awarded the **45th European Essay Prize** for lifetime achievement on the occasion of the French translation of her latest essay, ‘Azadi’. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** awarded **Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus**, the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), with the Olympic Order. This recognition was given to Dr. Tedros for his inspiring efforts in making the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 happen, even amidst the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Acharya N. Gopi**, a renowned poet, literary critic, and recipient of the Sahitya Akademi Award, has been chosen as the recipient of the **Prof. Kothapalli Jayashankar Award**. This prestigious award is presented by Bharat Jagruthi, a cultural organization and an extended arm of Bharat Rashtra Samithi. The award ceremony will take place at the Telangana Saraswatha Parishath in Abids on June 21. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Ranks and Reports

- Vice President **Jagdeep Dhankhar** presented the fourth National Water Awards in New Delhi on Saturday, recognizing and encouraging the commendable efforts made by individuals, organizations, districts, and states in water conservation. **Madhya Pradesh** emerged as the top-performing state in the Best State category, demonstrating its commitment to water conservation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The recently released **Hurun India’s ‘2022 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500’** list highlights the changes in the valuation of India’s top 500 companies. According to the report, Reliance Industries Limited, led by Mukesh Ambani, has claimed the title of the most valuable private sector company in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to the latest **Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2023**, Tata Power Company has emerged as India’s most attractive employer brand, followed closely by Amazon and Tata Steel. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **World Economic Forum (WEF)** recently released the annual **Gender Gap Report for 2023**, which measures the gender disparity in various aspects of society. India has shown progress by moving up eight places to rank 127 out of 146 countries in terms of gender parity. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)’s **Global Liveability Index 2023 report**, Vienna, Austria has once again claimed the top spot as the best city to live in worldwide. The report attributes Vienna’s success to its exceptional combination of stability, rich culture and entertainment, reliable infrastructure, exemplary education, and health services. ([Click here to read the article](#))





**Sports News**

- **India** lifted the **Intercontinental Cup** as it tamed a young Lebanon side by two second-half goals at the Kalinga Stadium. India beat Lebanon 2-0 in the Intercontinental Cup final at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar to win the title. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Goa's Chief Minister Pramod Sawant launched 'Moga' at a launch ceremony held at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium in Taleigao, Goa. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Egypt** have been crowned the SDAT (Sports Development Authority of **Tamil Nadu**) WSF(World Squash Federation) Squash World Cup Champions after beating **Malaysia**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty emerged as men's doubles champions in the Indonesia Open after beating Malaysian world champion duo of 'Aaron Chia' and 'Soh Wooi Yik' by 21-17 & 21-18 respectively. ([Click here to read the article](#))
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- **Max Verstappen**, the reigning world champion, showcased an outstanding performance at the **Canadian Grand Prix**, securing a dominant victory and marking the **100th Formula One** win for his Red Bull team. **Fernando Alonso**, driving for Aston Martin, claimed the second position, while **Lewis Hamilton** of Mercedes completed the podium in Montreal. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **C.A. Bhavani Devi**, an Olympian from **Chennai**, made history by securing India's first-ever medal at the Asian fencing championships held in Wuxi, **China**. Bhavani's outstanding performance and determination earned her a well deserved **bronze** medal in this prestigious event. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Cristiano Ronaldo** has received a **Guinness World Record** after reaching **200 international caps for Portugal**. The legendary forward is making his 200th appearance for A Selecao das Quinas in their Euro 2024 qualifier against Iceland. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Schemes and Committees News**

- The Indian government, through the Department of Legal Affairs, has taken a significant step towards improving the arbitration process by forming an expert committee. Led by former law secretary **T K Vishwanathan**, the committee aims to recommend reforms to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act of 1996. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Karnataka Government** recently launched its **Gruha Jyothi Scheme**, aimed at providing affordable housing to the poor and middle-class families of the state. The scheme is a part of the state's ambitious "**Housing for All**" plan and aims to provide housing to nearly 4.5 lakh families in the next five years. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian government has decided to discontinue the sale of rice and wheat from the central pool under the **Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS)** to state governments. This move, aimed at curbing rising prices, will impact certain states, including Karnataka, that provide free grains to the poor. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- To accelerate the implementation of various **SAGARMALA projects** joint review meeting was held recently between the Ministry of Shipping and various stakeholders. SAGARMALA is a flagship project by the government of India with the aim of port-led development and promoting maritime economy in the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In April 2023, a staggering 17.88 lakh new employees were added to the **Employees' State Insurance (ESI)** Scheme, signifying substantial growth in employment opportunities. This increase reflects the expanding reach and effectiveness of the scheme in providing social security benefits to workers across various sectors. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Science and Technology News**

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** signed the Artemis Accords during his state visit to the United States, marking India's commitment to global space cooperation and lunar exploration. The accords, initiated by NASA and the US Department of State, provide a framework for collaboration in civil space exploration and use, with a focus on returning humans to the Moon and expanding space exploration to Mars and beyond. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Important Days News**

- The annual observance of the **International Day for Countering Hate Speech** on **June 18** serves as a crucial reminder to address the pressing global problem of hate speech. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sustainable Gastronomy Day** which takes place on **June 18** every year, highlights the important role that food plays in promoting sustainable development and the crucial choices about what we eat. The theme for this year's celebrations is **'Local Flavours, Preserving Global Heritage.'** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is a United Nations observance on June 19 to raise awareness of the need to put an end to conflict-related sexual violence. The theme of this year is "Bridging the gender digital divide to prevent, address and respond to conflict-related sexual violence". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **DD India and All India Radio** have been acknowledged as the most dependable electronic media entities in the nation in accordance with the **2023 issue of the Reuters Institute's Digital News Report.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Refugee Day** is an internationally recognized day established by the United Nations to pay tribute to refugees worldwide. It is observed annually on **June 20th** and serves as a platform to acknowledge the bravery and determination of individuals who have been compelled to flee their homeland due to conflicts or persecution. The theme of World Refugee Day is **"Hope away from home,"** emphasizing the significance of mental well-being in the process of refugees rebuilding their lives and striving for a brighter future. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The National Reading day is observed on 19th June to commemorate the death anniversary of **PN Panicker**, widely recognized as the **'Father of the Library Movement'** in the state of Kerala. The day is observed on 19th June every year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Music Day**, also referred to as Fête de la Musique, is a yearly commemoration held on **June 21st** that advocates for the influence of music and its universal ability to connect people. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year, the 21st of June marks the summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere, known as the longest day of the year. On this special day, the sun reaches its highest point in the sky, casting its rays over the Earth for an extended duration. In this article, we delve into the scientific and astronomical reasons behind why June 21st holds the distinction of being the longest day of the year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Each year on **June 21**, the **International Day of Celebration for the Solstice** is observed. This holiday was established by the United Nations in order to raise awareness about various solstice celebrations across religions and cultures. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Sickle Cell Awareness Day** is observed annually on **June 19th** to raise awareness about sickle cell disease (SCD) and its profound impact on individuals, families, and communities worldwide. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year on **June 23**, we celebrate **United Nations Public Service Day.** This special day is all about appreciating the importance of public services and the people who work in them. Public services play a big role in making our communities better and helping them grow. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Widows Day**, observed on **June 23**, aims to raise awareness about the challenging circumstances faced by countless widows who often find themselves in poverty. For the year 2023, the reported theme for International Widows Day is **"Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality."** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Olympic Day or International Olympic Day** is observed globally on **June 23** to honor the establishment of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and encourage the principles upheld by the Olympic Movement. The theme of this year's Olympic Day is **'Let's Move'** which aims to inspire people around the world to make time for daily physical activity. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **International Day of Women in Diplomacy (IDWID)** is observed annually on **June 24** to honor and recognize remarkable women in the fields of diplomacy and decision-making across the globe. The theme for this year's International Day of Women in Diplomacy (IDWID) Inaugural Forum, organized by the Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT), is **"Breaking Barriers, Shaping the Future: Women in Diplomacy for Sustainable Development."** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On **June 21, 2023**, the Indian Naval Hydrographic Department celebrated **World Hydrography Day (WHD).** The National Hydrographic Office (NHO) in Dehradun organized a range of activities to commemorate WHD.
- **The Day of the Seafarer** is a special day dedicated to all those who work closely with salt water, including Coast Guards, Navies, fishermen, marine biologists, and cruise ship captains. This year's Day of the Seafarer reflects the 2023 World Maritime theme: **"MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on".** The 2023 campaign hashtag is **#OceansWorthProtecting.** ([Click here to read the article](#))



**Obituaries News**

- Renowned Tollywood choreographer **S. Rama Rao**, widely known as **Rakesh Master**, has sadly passed away. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Miscellaneous News**

- The **146th Rath Yatra** of **Lord Jagannath** commenced in the city of **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**, with tight security measures in place. A large number of devotees gathered along the 18-kilometer procession route to catch a glimpse of the deity. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The construction of the world's largest temple, the **Virat Ramayan temple**, commenced on June 20 in Bihar's east **Champan district**. Led by Acharya Kishor Kunal, the Chairman of Shree Mahavir Asthan Nyas Samiti, the temple is set to surpass the size of the under-construction Ram Lala temple in Ayodhya. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Surat**, a city in Gujarat, India, witnessed a historic event on International Yoga Day as it broke the Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of people participating in a yoga session at a single location. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Static Takeaways**

- International Olympic Committee Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;
- International Olympic Committee President: Thomas Bach;
- International Olympic Committee Founded: 23 June 1894, Paris, France;
- International Olympic Committee Director General: Christophe De Kepper;
- International Olympic Committee Founders: Pierre de Coubertin, D. Bikélas.
- Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu is the current Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh.
- Chairman of National Dairy Development Board is Meenesh Shah;
- Alibaba Headquarters: Hangzhou, China;
- Alibaba Founded: 4 April 1999.
- Railways Founded: 18 February 1905;

- Railways Headquarters: Rail Bhavan, Raisina Road, New Delhi;
- Minister of Railways: Ashwini Vaishnav.
- Minister of Road Transport and Highways: Nitin Jairam Gadkari.
- Apple Founders: Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, Ronald Wayne;
- Apple Headquarters: Cupertino, California, United States;
- Apple CEO: Tim Cook (24 Aug 2011–);
- Apple Founded: 1 April 1976, Los Altos, California, United States.
- International Olympic Committee Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;
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- International Olympic Committee Founded: 23 June 1894, Paris, France;
- International Olympic Committee Director General: Christophe De Kepper;
- International Olympic Committee Founders: Pierre de Coubertin, D. Bikélas;
- International Olympic Committee Official language: French.
- International Hydrographic Organization Established: 1921;
- International Hydrographic Organization Secretary-General: Dr Mathias Jonas;
- International Hydrographic Organization Headquarters: Monaco.
- DRDO Date founded: 1958;
- DRDO Headquarters: DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi;
- DRDO Chairman: Sameer V Kamath.

