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President of India **Droupadi Murmu** appointed 13 new Governors while accepting the resignations of Bhagat Singh Koshyari as Governor of Maharashtra and of Radha Krishnan Mathur as Lt. Governor of Ladakh on 12 February. Following is the complete list of new governors who have been appointed. These appointments will take effect from the dates they assume charge of their respective offices :-

The fresh appointments

State	Name
Governor of Arunachal Pradesh	Lt. General Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik (Retired)
Governor of Sikkim	Lakshman Prasad Acharya,
Governor of Jharkhand	C P Radhakrishnan,
Governor of Himachal Pradesh	Shiv Pratap Shukla,
Governor of Assam	Gulab Chand Kataria,
Governor of Andhra Pradesh	S. Abdul Nazeer,

Change of states of some current governors

State	Name
Governor of Andhra Pradesh appointed as Governor of Chhattisgarh	Justice (Retd) Biswa Bhusan Harichandan
Governor of Chhattisgarh appointed as Governor of Manipur	Anusuiya Uikye
Governor of Manipur appointed as Governor of Nagaland	La. Ganesan
Governor of Bihar appointed as Governor of Meghalaya	Phagu Chauhan
Governor of Himachal Pradesh appointed as Governor of Bihar	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
Governor of Arunachal Pradesh appointed as Lt. Governor of Ladakh	Brig (Dr) B D Mishra (Retd)
Governor of Jharkhand appointed as Governor of Maharashtra	Ramesh Bais

How are Governors appointed?

- **Article 153** of the Constitution says "There shall be a Governor for each State."
- According to **Article 155** "the Governor of a State shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal".
- Under **Article 156**, "the Governor shall hold office during the pleasure of the President", but his term shall be five years.
- **Articles 157 and 158** lay down the qualifications and terms of office of the Governor.

Age and eligibility

- The Governor must be a citizen of India and must have completed **35 years** of age.
- The Governor should not be a member of Parliament or State Legislature, and should not hold any other office of profit.
- The position of Governor is envisaged as a political head who has to act on the advice of the Council of Ministers of the State.

Here are some Constitutional Articles related to Governor:

- **Article 153**- Governors of states
- **Article 154**- Executive power of state
- **Article 155**- Appointment of Governor
- **Article 156**- Term of office of Governor
- **Article 157**- Qualifications for appointment as Governor
- **Article 158**- Conditions of Governor's office
- **Article 159**- Oath or affirmation by the Governor
- **Article 160**- Discharge of the functions of the Governor in certain contingencies
- **Article 161**- Power of the Governor to grant pardons and others
- **Article 162**- Extent of executive power of state
- **Article 163**- Council of ministers to aid and advise the Governor

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Who can remove the Governor of a State from its office?

He/she is appointed by the President and holds his office during the pleasure of the latter. A Governor's normal term of office is five years. However, he can be removed by the **President** at any time without assigning any cause.

Shubman Gill and Grace Scrivens named ICC Men's and Women's Player of January

India batter **Shubman Gill** was named ICC Men's Player of the Month for January following a series of impressive innings in the ODI format, while England U-19 skipper **Grace Scrivens** became the youngest player to be named for the women's honour. The awards were decided in a global vote conducted among media representatives, ICC Hall of Famers, former international players, and fans registered at the ICC website.

ICC Men's Player of the Month, January 2023 – Shubman Gill

India's Shubman Gill wins his first ICC Men's Player of the Month award following another fine series of performances in ODI cricket. With 567 runs during January, which included three century-plus scores, the 23-year-old batter wowed fans with a lethal combination of graceful and attacking strokeplay.

Gill overcomes a competitive field to claim the award, beating New Zealand opener Devon Conway and compatriot Mohammed Siraj in the global vote. In doing so, he becomes the first Indian winner since Virat Kohli in October 2022.

ICC Women's Player of the Month, January 2023 – Grace Scrivens

Scrivens bagged the award after her all-round brilliance in the inaugural ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup. Equally, the England captain excelled in her leadership role, guiding her side to the final, only to lose to eventual title winners India. Captaining her side in seven outings, the 19-year-old enjoyed plenty of success in the middle, scoring 293 runs at an average of 41.85 which included three successive half-centuries in victories over Rwanda, Ireland and the West Indies.

ICC Men's Player of the Previous Month:

- January 2022: Keegan Petersen (South Africa)
- February 2022: Shreyas Iyer (India)
- March 2022: Babar Azam (Pakistan)
- April 2022: Keshav Maharaj (South Africa)
- May 2022: Angelo Mathews (Sri Lanka)
- June 2022: Jonny Bairstow (England)
- July 2022: Prabath Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka)
- August 2022: Sikandar Raza (Zimbabwe)

- September 2022: Mohammad Rizwan (Pakistan)
- October 2022: Virat Kohli (India)
- November 2022: Jos Buttler (England)
- December 2022: **Harry Brook (England)**

ICC Women's Player of the Previous Month:

- January 2022: Heather Knight (England)
- February 2022: Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)
- March 2022: Rachael Haynes (Australia)
- April 2022: Alyssa Healy (Australia)
- May 2022: Tuba Hassan (Pakistan)
- June 2022: Marizanne Kapp (South Africa)
- July 2022: Emma Lamb (England)
- August 2022: Tahlia McGrath (Australia)
- September 2022: Harmanpreet Kaur (India)
- October 2022: Nida Dar (Pakistan)
- November 2022: Sidra Ameen (Pakistan)
- December 2022: Ashleigh Gardner (Australia)

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- ICC Founded: 15 June 1909;
- ICC Chairman: Greg Barclay;
- ICC CEO: Geoff Allardice;
- ICC Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

5th Khelo India Youth Games 2022: Maharashtra topped the medal tally

The fifth edition of the **Khelo India Youth Games** conclude on February 11. In the Khelo India Youth Games - 2022, **Maharashtra** was the overall champion by securing a total of **161 medals including 56 gold, 55 silver and 50 bronze** medals. On the other hand, Haryana has been at the second position by getting a total of 128 medals including 41 gold, 32 silver and 55 bronze. Host Madhya Pradesh finished third with 96 medals including 39 gold.

Khelo India Youth Games

- The Games were hosted in Madhya Pradesh from 31 January 2023 to 11 February 2023. For the first time water sports namely Kayaking Canoeing, Canoe Salam and Fencing were part of this edition of Khelo India Games. It was organized in eight different cities of the state.
- These eight host cities are Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Ujjain, Maheshwar, Mandla and Balaghat.
- Over 5,000 athletes from 36 states and union territories of India participated in the Khelo India Youth Games 2022. Where athletes competed for 973 medals – 295 gold, 295 silver and 383 bronze – in 27 sports. The participation of girls in these games was about 40 percent.

Khelo India Youth Games: Medal Tally

Rank	State	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Maharashtra	56	55	50	161
2	Haryana	41	32	55	128
3	Madhya Pradesh	39	30	27	96
4	Rajasthan	19	10	19	48
5	Delhi	16	22	26	64
6	Kerala	15	12	19	46
7	Manipur	13	9	12	34
8	Tamil Nadu	12	19	21	52
9	Odisha	11	8	11	30
10	Punjab	11	7	15	33

National Affairs

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **14th edition** of its flagship aero show in Bengaluru, an event seen to be a great business opportunity when New Delhi is looking to push indigenous products, modernise Soviet-era equipment and as domestic carriers add fleet. The theme of Aero India 2023 is "**The Runway to a Billion Opportunities**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Railways, **Ashwini Vaishnaw** inaugurated **AMRITPEX 2023** - National Philatelic Exhibition. This five-day **Mahakumbh of Stamps** is being celebrated from 11th February to 15th February 2023 and is being organized as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Celebrations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** celebrated the **200th birth Anniversary of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati**, who founded the Arya Samaj in 1875. According to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the nation is making development thanks to nondiscriminatory efforts and policies. The first yagya for the nation, he claimed, is being performed today in service of the poor, uneducated, and oppressed. In this regard, Mr. Modi emphasised housing, healthcare, and women's empowerment. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- India's first air-conditioned **double-decker electric bus** was inducted into the fleet of BEST- the civic transport public body in Mumbai. The wet-leased e-bus will be registered at the **Regional Transport Office** before it hits the road for the public. This air-conditioned double-decker electric bus is likely to ply on the routes in suburbs where conventional double-decker buses that run on diesel are currently operated. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **National Aadi Mahotsav** on 16th February 2023 at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi. This was announced at a media briefing by the **Union Minister of Tribal Affairs**, Arjun Munda in New Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Environment Minister **Bhupender Yadav** announced Twelve cheetahs will be flown in from South Africa on 18th February. Under the ambitious Cheetah reintroduction program, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** released the first batch of eight spotted felines -- five females and three males -- from Namibia into a quarantine enclosure at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh on his 72nd birthday on September 17 last year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
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- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Jal Jan Abhiyan** virtually on Abu Road in the Sirohi district of Rajasthan. PM Modi noted that the 21st-century world is realizing the seriousness of limited water resources on earth and pointed out that water security is a huge question for India due to its large population. He informed that in the **Amrit Kaal**, India is looking towards the water as the future. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Union Cabinet approved the signing of the memorandum of understanding (**MoU**) between the India and Republic of South Africa for cooperation in the 'disability sector'. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment said that the bilateral MoU would encourage cooperation between the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, the Government of India and South Africa through joint initiatives in the disability sector. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The Union Cabinet approved signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) between India and Chile for cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied sectors. The MoU will come in force upon its signature and will remain effective for 5 years from the date of execution after which it will be automatically renewed for another 5 years. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** has recently launched a chatbot to help people get an answer to their queries related to the Aadhaar card. It is called "**Aadhaar Mitra**". The Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML)-a based chatbot can answer queries related to Aadhaar enrolment number, PVC Card order status, and complaint status, among other things. It is available in both English and Hindi languages. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar** unveiled Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's bust in **India House** in Suva and interacted with a large gathering of members of the diaspora community. S. Jaishankar informed that he was privileged to unveil a bust of Sardar Patel at the India House in Suva, Fiji. His vision of a united, stronger nation remains an inspiration for all Indians. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Advancing India's cyber-preparedness, **KAVACH-2023**, a national level hackathon was launched to identify innovative ideas and technological solutions for addressing the cyber security and cybercrime challenges of the 21st century. KAVACH-2023 is a one-of-a-kind national hackathon jointly developed by **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)**, **Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD)** and **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

States in the News

- The country's strictest **Anti-Copying Law** has come into force in **Uttarakhand**. Governor Lieutenant General Gurmeet Singh has approved the Uttarakhand Competitive Examination (Measures for Prevention and Prevention of Unfair Means in Recruitment) Ordinance 2023. In view of this, the Anti-Copying Law is being described as the biggest anti-copying law in the country. This comes after the UKPSC paper leak which led to cancellation of exam for around 1.4 lakh government job aspirants. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** inaugurated the **IFFCO Nano Urea Liquid Plants** at Aonla and Phulpur in Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Mandaviya stated that it is an important day because Nano urea plants have been dedicated to the nation. He informed that Nano Urea, in the coming times will ensure the progress of the farmers and increase their income. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The state government of Maharashtra has announced that renowned social worker, preacher and reformer **Dattatreya alias Appasaheb Dharmadikari** will be honoured with **Maharashtra Bhushan award for the year 2022**. The Maharashtra Bhushan award comprises a medal, a citation and Rs 25 lakh, which will be conferred to Appasaheb at a function later in the year. Appasaheb was honoured with Padmashri in 2017. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** has presented the **President's Colour to Haryana Police** in recognition of its exceptional service. He Shah presented the award on behalf of President Droupadi Murmu in a ceremony at the Haryana Police Academy in Karnal's Madhuban. In his remarks at the event, Shah also paid tribute to those martyred in the 2019 Pulwama attack. He added that the names of the 40 Central Reserve Police Force personnel who died would be written in "golden letters" in India's defence history. ([Click here to read the article](#))

International Affairs

- Russian state news agencies reported that **India** received arms worth around \$13 billion from **Russia** in the past five years. Moreover, New Delhi has further placed orders with Moscow for weapons and military equipment exceeding \$10 billion. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- As Cyclone Gabrielle approaches the coast of the nation, residents of Auckland, the largest city in New Zealand, and the surrounding area are being warned to prepare for more intense rain, flooding, and gale-force winds. Some homes are also being evacuated. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A former judge and freedom fighter, **Mohammad Shahabuddin Chuppu**, was elected unopposed as **Bangladesh's 22nd President**. A gazette was issued on the appointment of the new Bangladesh President by the Chief Election Commissioner. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Nikos Christodoulides** was elected as the **President of Cyprus** after a second and final round of voting. Christodoulides, 49, took 51.9% of the vote, compared with runoff rival Andreas Mavroyiannis, 66, taking 48.1%. Christodoulides ran as an independent with the backing of centrist and right-of-center parties. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The first-ever woman astronaut of **Saudi Arabia** will go to space this year, Saudi woman astronaut Rayyana Barnawi will join fellow Saudi Ali Al-Qarni on a 10-day mission to the International Space Station (ISS) this year. Barnawi and Al-Qarni will fly to the ISS aboard a **SpaceX Dragon spacecraft** as part of a mission by the private space company Axiom Space. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)** Indore Students won AED 1 million by winning the gold medal at the World Government Summit in Dubai. **Niyati Totala and Neel Kalpeshkumar Parikh** of The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore, were awarded the prestigious medal by Egyptian President Abel Fattah Al-Sisi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- World Bank chief **David Malpass** has announced his resignation nearly a year early. He ending a tenure at the head of the development lender that was clouded by questions over his climate stance. The veteran of Republican administrations in the United States was appointed to the role in 2019 when Donald Trump was president and previously served as Under Secretary of the Treasury for international affairs. Malpass's term would have originally ended in 2024. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian-origin Republican leader **Nikki Haley** formally launched her 2024 presidential bid, casting herself as a younger, fresher alternative to her one-time boss and former US President Donald Trump. Haley, 51, is the two-term Governor of South Carolina and the former US Ambassador to the United Nations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Spanish government** approved a historic law granting paid medical leave to women suffering from severe menstrual pain is the first for any **European country**. These leave facilities are available in a handful of countries including Japan, Indonesia, and Zambia. Equality Minister **Irene Montero** informed that it is a historic day of progress in feminist rights. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- India and Fiji have signed a pact to **exempt visas** for holders of diplomatic and official passports. As of now, India has diplomatic and official passport holders' visa exemption pacts with 59 other countries as per the PassportIndia.gov.in website. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation with Spanish PM **Pedro Sánchez** and both leaders agreed to collaborate on issues such as digital infrastructure, climate action, clean energy transition and sustainable development. Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in a statement said that the leaders discussed a number of bilateral and international issues of mutual interest. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The Central Water Commission (**CWC**), Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti entered into a Memorandum of Agreement for Development of International Centre of Excellence for Dams (**ICED**) under externally funded Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project Phase II and Phase III. This MoA will remain valid for ten years or till the duration of the DRIP Phase-II and Phase-II Scheme, whichever is earlier, from the date of signing. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Tata Group** is set to record the highest growth in its history, with both unlisted and listed entities growing upwards of 20%. Importantly, both traditional and new businesses have lined up large capex plans. Traditional businesses will fund their own growth through internal accruals. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In honour of India's G20 presidency and the nation's prominence in mobile payments, One97 Communications Limited, the owner of the top payments and financial services startup **Paytm**, unveiled a special **G20-themed QR Code**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **RBI's 'Financial Literacy Week'** started on **13th and will last till February 17, 2023**. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been conducting this every year since 2016 to propagate financial education messages on a particular theme among members of public across the country. Last year, RBI observed 'financial literacy week' from **February 14 to February 18, 2022**. The central bank held an event to propagate financial education messages on the theme of "**Go Digital Go Secure**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Centre said that around **39 crore loans** have been extended under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana till 27th of January 2023. The scheme was introduced in 2015. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's consumer inflation hit a three-month high in January at 6.5%, reversing its downtrend because of higher food prices. The year-on-year increase in the **consumer price index (CPI)** breached the central bank's upper tolerance limit of 6%, after keeping within targeted range in November and December, according to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The government has said that it proposes to set up a **Bima Sugam portal** to address the existing protection gap across life, health and general insurance businesses in the country. Replying to a question in the Lok Sabha, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that **the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of**

- India (IRDAI)** has informed that the portal will be an insurance market infrastructure, where insurers, distribution networks and the policy holders would virtually meet across a seamless digital platform. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- United States President **Joe Biden** hailed Air India's decision to purchase over 220 aircraft from Boeing and called it a "historic agreement between Tata-owned airlines and Boeing. This purchase will support over one million American jobs across 44 states, and many will not require a four-year college degree. This announcement also reflects the strength of **US-India economic partnership**," Joe Biden said in an official statement. ([Click here to read the article](#))
 - **Gross direct tax collections** grew 24 per cent to Rs 15.67 trillion so far this fiscal, the finance ministry said. After adjusting for refunds, the net direct tax collection stood at Rs 12.98 trillion, a growth of 18.40 per cent. ([Click here to read the article](#))
 - The **Reserve Bank** announced its second global hackathon - '**HARBINGER 2023** - Innovation for Transformation' with the **theme** 'Inclusive Digital Services'. Registration for the hackathon starts from February 22, 2023. It had received 363 proposals submitted by teams from within India and from 22 other countries including the US, UK, Sweden, Singapore, Philippines, and Israel. ([Click here to read the article](#))
 - The Reserve Bank of India said it has cancelled the registration of Pune-based **Kudos Finance** and Investments and Mumbai-based **Credit Gate** for regulatory lapses in lending practices. With cancelled Certificate of Registration(CoR), the two NBFCs should not transact the business of a non-banking financial institution, the RBI said in a statement. ([Click here to read the article](#))
 - **Paytm Payments Banks Limited (PPBL)** has launched **Unified Payments Interface (UPI) LITE**, enabled by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) for multiple small-value UPI transactions. This feature will help with faster real-time transactions with a single click through Paytm as the bank aims to drive the adoption of digital payments across the country. As a part of its efforts to drive innovation, the Bank said it is the first payments bank to launch such UPI LITE feature. ([Click here to read the article](#))
 - The **RBI** has granted a total of 32 in-principle authorisations to existing payment aggregators, to operate as online payment aggregators, according to a press statement issued by the central bank. RBI also granted a total of 19 new online PA authorisations to firms including Groww Pay Services, Juspay Technologies, Mswipe Technologies, Tata Payments, and Zoho Payment Tech. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The public sector oil refineries in India are estimated to build **green hydrogen** capacity of 137,000 (1.37 lakh) tonnes per annum (TPA) by 2030. If fructified, besides boosting the economy with investments and jobs, this massive capacity building in the green hydrogen sector would reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a large way. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rolls-Royce**, a British engineering company, announced that it has received an order from **Air India** for 68 Trent XWB-97 engines, in addition to an option for 20 more. The large **A350 aircraft of Airbus** are powered by Rolls-Royce XWB engines. Air India sealed an order for procuring **250 Airbus** passenger jets. The order comprises 40 Airbus A350s and 210 Airbus A320/321 aircraft. Separately, Air India ordered 220 planes from Boeing. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Karnataka Bank** was awarded with '**Prathista Puraskar**' under '**Digidhan Awards 2021-22**' by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), government of India for achieving target with highest percentage in BHIM-UPI transactions in private sector bank category. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **ICICI Bank and BNP Paribas** have signed an initial pact to cater to the banking requirements of European corporates operating in India and Indian companies in the European Union. The Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) between the two entities establishes a framework of a partnership between the two banks for providing financial services to corporate customers operating in the India, Europe corridor, private sector lender ICICI Bank. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has made changes to the NEFT and RTGS systems for Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (**FCRA**) related transactions following the Home Ministry's order for State Bank of India (SBI) to report details of overseas donors on a daily basis, including the purpose of remittances. Under the FCRA, foreign contributions can only be received in the "**FCRA account**" of SBI's New Delhi Main Branch, with contributions coming directly from foreign banks through SWIFT and from Indian intermediary banks through NEFT and RTGS systems. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- Public sector **Indian Overseas Bank** has launched the facility of issuance of e-BG (Electronic Bank Guarantee) scheme in association with the **National e-Governance Services Ltd**. The e-BG is an instrument issued by the city-headquartered bank in which the bank undertakes to guarantee a specific amount against the non-fulfillment of some action/performance of the applicant. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's gross domestic product (**GDP**) is expected to grow at **6.2 per cent in FY24** as drivers of domestic demand remain intact amid fears of an impending slowdown, Morgan Stanley said in a research report released. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- As the US dollar rises due to the speculation that the Federal Reserve will continue to tighten repo rates, it has bogged down the Indian Rupee. The need to tackle a free fall in the value of the Rupee, was bound to trigger a sell off of foreign currency by the **Reserve Bank of India**. This may have triggered a \$8.31 billion in India's foreign exchange reserves for the week that ended on February 10. This has taken the reserves down to \$566.94 billion. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's foreign exchange** reserves experienced its biggest decline in over 11 months, dropping by 8.3 percent in the week ending February 10, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) statistical supplement released. After rising for three weeks, forex reserves had started dropping from the week that ended on February 3. This has taken the reserves down to **\$566.94 billion**, of which \$500.59 billion are foreign currencies, down \$7.11 billion from the previous week. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- The **Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** elected its new president and vice president. For the 2023-24 term, **Aniket Sunil Talati** will serve as the president of ICAI, while **Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal** will be the accounting body's vice president. At the helm of the ICAI's council, Talati and Agarwal will be responsible for organising the three-tiered CA exam and looking after all administrative affairs. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- An Indian-American, **Neal Mohan** will become the next **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of Alphabet-owned **YouTube** following **Susan Wojcicki's** announcement that she will be stepping down from her role as the head of the video-sharing platform. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Lt Gen MV **Suchindra Kumar** has been named as the new **Vice Chief of Army Staff**, while incumbent Lt Gen B S Raju will take charge as South Western Army Commander. Lt Gen Kumar has been promoted as Army Commander and appointed as the new Vice Chief of Army Staff. He is serving as the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy) in the Army Headquarters at present. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- BCCI's Chief selector **Chetan Sharma** has resigned from his post following a sting operation conducted by a TV news channel, where he shared internal information about the team and selection process. Chetan Sharma sent his resignation to **BCCI Secretary Jay Shah** who accepted it. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Tata Motors, has been appointed **Rajan Amba** as the Managing Director of **Jaguar Land Rover India**. He will take charge on March 1, 2023. Amba replaces **Rohit Suri**, who announced his retirement earlier this year. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Defence News

- The **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** has unveiled the **Hindustan Lead-in Fighter Trainer (HLFT-42)** design of the scale model at the 14th edition of **Aero India 2023** held in Bengaluru. The HLFT-42 aircraft design includes a unique rail art of the Hindu God Maruti, symbolizing strength, speed, and agility. HAL did a project named HF42 Marut. Marut means spirit of the winds. The aircraft similar configuration. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- NewSpace Research**, a Bengaluru-based start-up has delivered **SWARM drones** to Indian Army, which makes the Army the first major armed force in the world to operationalise these high-density SWARM drones. This delivery may possibly be the world's first operational high density swarming UAS (**Unmanned Aerial System**) induction for military applications, especially given that most swarm drone research is yet to be operationalised across the world. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Drone startup **Garuda Aerospace** has unveiled its solar-powered drone "**SURAJ**", designed specifically for surveillance operations, at Aero India 2023. SURAJ is an ISR (intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance) high-altitude drone designed specifically for surveillance operations, providing "real-time information to the high command and protecting jawans on the ground." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In **Aero India**, the **Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd** has received the Indian Technical Standard Order (ITSO) authorisation from **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)** for its indigenously developed Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR) and Flight Data Recorder (FDR). CVR and FDR are popularly known as '**black boxes**'. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched the 'iDEX Investor Hub' (iIH), under which more than Rs 200 crores had already been pledged by leading Indian investors. Defence Minister also launched the ninth edition of 'Defence India Startup Challenges (DISC 9)' on "Cybersecurity" during the annual defense innovation event 'Manthan' as part of the Aero India 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A joint counter-terrorism exercise **Tarkash** between **National Security Guard (NSG) and US Special Operations Forces (SOF)** culminated in Chennai, after four weeks of intense training and joint anti-terror exercises. The main highlight of the exercise was mock drills for the CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) counter terror response by special forces of both countries. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India and Japan** has kick started an exercise 'Ex Dharma Guardian' at Camp Imazu in Shiga Province, Japan from February 17 to March 2, 2023. The Indian Army contingent arrived at the exercise location on February 12, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian Air Force** has developed an innovative solution 'Vayulink' that would aid pilots in dealing with bad weather and also provide jammer-proof uninterrupted communication with the base station. The data link communication uses the **Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) that is also known as NAVIC**, to send radio communication to the base station when the signals are low. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Navratna Defence PSU **Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL)** has signed an MoU with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) for the domestic manufacture and supply of its **Long-Range Artillery Weapon System (LORA)** for the Indian Tri-services. This state-of-the-art strategic weapon system will be manufactured by BEL, as the prime contractor, based on the workshare arrangement with IAI. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- For her assistance to refugees in Germany, former German chancellor **Angela Merkel** was awarded the **UNESCO peace prize**. According to Politico, the former German leader received the UN prize for her choice to accept the refugees into German territory back in 2015. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Writer **Subhash Chandran's** novel **Samudrashila** has been chosen for the **Akbar Kakkattil Award** instituted by a trust in the memory of the short story writer and novelist from Kozhikode. The novel was selected by a three-member jury from among the literary works published in the last five years. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The '**Don't Choose Extinction**' campaign, launched by the **UN Development Programme (UNDP)** to raise awareness about the climate emergency, has won Gold and Silver in two different categories at the 2nd Annual Anthem Awards. This was announced by the International Academy of Digital Arts & Science (IADAS), which was launched by the Webby Awards in 2021. The Awards are intended to celebrate mission-driven work and the social impact of individuals, corporations and organizations. Its goal is to define a new benchmark for impactful work that inspires others to take action in their communities. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Kollam district panchayat** has won the **Swaraj Trophy** for the best district panchayat in the State for the **2021-22 financial year**. The Kannur district panchayat stood second in the rankings. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Summit and Conference

- The **2nd Indian Rice Congress 2023** was inaugurated in Cuttack by **President Droupadi Murmu** in the presence of Odisha Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar, and Odisha Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Empowerment, Fisheries, and Animal Resource Development, Ranendra Pratap Swain. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- DHARA**, Driving Holistic Action for Urban Rivers, the annual meeting of the members of the River Cities Alliance (RCA) is organized by the **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMGC)**, partnered with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) from 13th to 14th February 2023 in Pune. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** and Fiji Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka to inaugurate the three-day event 'the 12th World Hindi Conference on 15th February at the Pacific Island nation. The **12th World Hindi Conference**, scheduled to be held at Nadi from 15th February to 17th February 2023, will be on the theme "Hindi - Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence". ([Click here to read the article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- Argentina's **Lionel Messi** is the highest paid athlete in 2021-22 with a total earning of **\$130 million**, a data compiled by Genuine Impact Newsletter. The Argentine star player earned \$75 million from on-field through salary and competition winnings, while rest \$55 million are from off-field that comes from sponsors, endorsements and non-sporting ventures, etc. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Among the big States in the country, **Chhattisgarh and Bihar** allocated the most proportion of their budget towards education in FY23. While Chhattisgarh allocated 18.82 per cent of the State's estimated net budget expenditure to education, Bihar allocated 18.3 per cent. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Asia** will use half of the **world's electricity** for the first time by 2025, even as Africa continues to consume far less than its share of the global population, according to a new forecast released by the **International Energy Agency**. Most of Asia's electricity use will be in China. It is a country with 1.4 billion people whose share of global consumption will rise from a quarter in 2015 to a third by the middle of this decade. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Mumbai** has been ranked as the most-polluted city in India and second most polluted city globally within a week between January 29 and February 8, according to **Swiss air tracking index IQAir**, a real-time air quality monitor. On February 13, Mumbai took over **Delhi** as the most polluted city in India and was the third most unhealthy city worldwide for air quality worldwide. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Sports News

- **Real Madrid** has won the Club World Cup for a record-extending fifth time after beating **Saudi Arabia's Al-Hilal 5-3** in the final in **Rabat, Morocco**. Vinícius Júnior scored twice and assisted Karim Benzema to lead Real Madrid to its record-extending eighth Club World Cup title by beating Saudi Arabia's Al-Hilal 5-3. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian batter **Smriti Mandhana** was the most expensive buy at the inaugural Women's Premier League auction in Mumbai. **Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)** snapped her up for **INR 3.4 crore** deal. After bagging a whopping amount paid by the RCB in the WPL auction, Mandhana is set to earn double the Pakistan Super League (PSL) highest-paid players. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- DS Penske's **Jean-Eric Vergne** won Formula E's first race in India as Porsche's Pascal Wehrlein extended his championship lead with fourth place in Hyderabad. The win was **Vergne's 11th in Formula E** but first in two years and the double champion needed an energy-saving defensive drive to hold off New Zealander Cassidy in the closing laps near the Hussain Sagar Lake. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Hyundai Motor India Ltd** has signed on two more women cricketers named **Yastika Bhatia and Renuka Singh Thakur**, to its roster of brand ambassadors. Bhatia and Thakur will join **Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma and Jemimah Rodrigues**. The company recognises these women as rising sport stars and that they will be a catalyst in this women's cricket calendar of 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **U.S. men's national team**, along with **Mexico and Canada**, will automatically qualify for the **2026 FIFA World Cup**. The three countries won the right to host the World Cup in a united North American bid. FIFA historically has given host nations the right to play in the World Cup without going through the usual qualification tournaments, though this is the first time FIFA had to set aside three host bids. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sania Mirza** has been roped in as mentor of **Royal Challengers Bangalore** for the inaugural **Women's Premier League (WPL)**, to be played in Mumbai from March 4 to 26. The franchise also announced the signing of Australian Ben Sawyer as head coach. Sawyer is the head coach of New Zealand Women and was part of the Women's World Cup-winning side with Australia last year as the assistant coach. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Schemes and Committess News

- The Shipping Ministry has formed a committee to draft revised Guidelines for operationalization of Roll on-Roll off (**Ro-Ro**) and Roll on-Passenger (**Ro-Pax**) ferry service. This committee, headed by the Chairman, Deendayal Port Authority, would also draft the Model Concession Agreement for Ro-Ro or Ro-Pax Terminal Operator and Model License Agreement for Operation of the ferry services in the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Namami Gange Programme** was launched from June 2014 till 31st March 2021 to rejuvenate River Ganga and its tributaries with a budget of Rs.20,000 crore. The Government of India has approved **Namami Gange Mission-II** with a budgetary outlay of **Rs.22,500 crore** till 2026 including projects for existing liabilities (Rs.11,225 Cr) and new projects/interventions (Rs.11,275 crore). ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **Ministry of Tourism** under its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'National Mission on **Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)**' has identified four pilgrim centers for development. They provide financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations etc. for the development of tourism infrastructure in the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The deadline for completing projects under the **Smart Cities Mission (SCM)** was extended for all 100 participating cities to June 2023 due to the delays caused by COVID-19 and based on a NITI Aayog recommendation, according to Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry. In response to several questions about Smart City projects in the country, the Ministry informed the Lok Sabha that "the period of implementation of SCM has been extended to June 2023". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Cabinet approved the '**Vibrant Villages Programme**' to ensure the comprehensive development of villages along the northern border areas. Out of the financial allocation of Rs 4,800 crore, Rs 2,500 crore would be used for constructing roads. To improve the quality of life and encourage people to stay in their native locations in border areas, the union government announced a Rs 4,800 crore centrally sponsored scheme for four years through FY26. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Science and Technology News

- **The Science Center and Planetarium** will be constructed in Kota, Rajasthan. The Science Center and Planetarium will be one of the best science centers and planetariums in the world. About **35 crore 25 lakh rupees** will be spent on these. An MoU was signed between the National Council of Science Museums and the **Science and Technology Department** of the Government of Rajasthan in this regard. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Antaris** announced that the world's first satellite fully conceived, designed, and manufactured using the company's end-to-end cloud platform, **JANUS-1** has successfully reached orbit. JANUS-1 rode on the Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) SSLV-D2 rocket. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Intel has launched the new **Xeon W-3400 and Xeon W-2400** desktop workstation processors (code-named Sapphire Rapids), which are built for professional creators to provide massive performance for media and entertainment, engineering, and data science professionals. According to Intel, the **new workstation processors** are available for pre-order from industry partners, with system availability beginning in March. ([Click here to read the article](#))

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- **Lexi**, a ChatGPT-powered AI chatbot, has arrived in India. Velocity, a financial technology firm, launched the chatbot to assist e-commerce owners by presenting them with business information in a simplified manner. Velocity insights, Velocity's proprietary analytics platform, has been linked with the chatbot. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Important Days News

- **World Radio Day** is celebrated every year on **February 13** to mark the important role that radio plays in our lives and in society. In 2023, the theme for the World Radio Day is "**Radio and Peace**" which aims to focus on the importance of independent radio to foster peace and prevent conflict. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Unani Day** is observed on **February 11** every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of social reformer and renowned Unani scholar **Hakim Ajmal Khan**, widely regarded as the pioneer of Unani medicine in India. The Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine, Ministry of AYUSH, host an international conference on Unani medicine in a hybrid virtual mode with the theme "**Unani Medicine for Public Health**" in **Delhi**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The annual celebration of **National Productivity Day** is observed on **February 12**, coordinated by the National Productivity Council (NPC). The NPC's mission is to promote awareness towards increasing the productivity of the country. The day is celebrated as part of National Productivity Week, which is observed from February 12 to 18. This year's National Productivity Day theme is "**Productivity, Green Growth, and Sustainability: Celebrating India's G20 Presidency.**" ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year on February 13, the nation commemorates **Sarojini Naidu's** birth anniversary. The **144th anniversary of Sarojini Naidu's birth is this year**. She was well-known in India as a poet, politician, and administrator. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD)** is observed on **February 15** every year. The day was observed by the Childhood Cancer International, an umbrella organisation of various child cancer support groups created by parents. The three-year campaign for International Childhood Cancer Day began in 2021 and will conclude in 2023. The theme for the three-year campaign is '**Better Survival**'. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The United Nations General Assembly** has adopted a resolution from Jamaica to declare the first-ever **Global Tourism Resilience Day** on **17th February 2023**, in an effort to future-proof the sustainability of tourism. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Pangolin Day** is observed annually on the third Saturday in February, and this year it falls on **February 18**. It is a day to remember and celebrate pangolins, raise awareness, and fight against global pangolin capture in Africa and Asia. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Obituaries

- Veteran theatre and film actor **Javed Khan Amrohi**, best known for his roles in the popular DD serial Nukkad and films such as Lagaan and Chak De! India, passed away at the age of 70s. After graduating from the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Amrohi appeared in smaller yet pivotal roles in over 150 films and close to a dozen TV shows. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Eminent Indian painter and late filmmaker Guru Dutt's sister **Lalitha Lajmi** passed away at the age of 90. She was born to a poet father and a poly-linguistic writer mother in Kolkata in 1932. She was a self-taught artist with a keen interest in classical dance. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tulsidas Balaram**, one of the country's finest footballers and a member of the golden era of Indian football (1951-1962), passed away. He was 86. He played in two Olympics in 1956 and 1960 and reached the pinnacle of Asian football when India, under the guidance of legendary coach Syed Abdul Rahim, won the Asian Games gold in Jakarta, beating South Korea 2-1 in 1962. Balaram scored 131 goals, including 14 for India, across seven seasons. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Shahnawaz Pradhan**, best known for featuring in series Mirzapur and movie Raees, has passed away. He was in his late 50s. He has played character roles in films M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story, Khuda Haafiz, Raees and Phantom; web series The Family Man and Hostages, and TV show Krishna and 24 among others. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Famous Yakshagana singer and screenwriter **Balipa Narayan Bhagwat** passed away at the age of 85. He had mastered a unique style of singing, due to which fans have given it the name of 'Balipa Style'. Rich in voice, Bhagwat has written more than 30 Yakshagana 'Prasanga' (scripts). ([Click here to read the article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- **GA Infra Pvt Ltd**, a leading infrastructure company in India, has been awarded the contract for designing and constructing the country's first **National Metro Rail Knowledge Centre**. The centre will be located at the Vishwavidyalaya Metro Station in Delhi and built on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Government of India** has launched a mobile app "**KhananPrahari**" and a web app Coal Mine Surveillance and Management System (CMSMS) for reporting unauthorized coal mining activities so that monitoring and taking suitable action on it can be done by the concerned Law & Order enforcing authority. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Pangong Tso Lake in **Ladakh** will host the first-ever frozen lake marathon on 20th February 2023, at an altitude of roughly 13,862 feet. The **first-ever frozen lake marathon** which is of 21-kilometer is India's first of its kind. The marathon will occur at a height of 13,862 feet and it will be the first of its kind to ever take place in the globe at this altitude. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A new **beetle** species have been discovered in India, according to a paper published in the **New Zealand-based journal Zootaxa**. The beetle is important for forensic science as it helps detect the time of death of an animal or human. Omorgus Khandesh is necrophagous and is also called a keratin beetle. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Static Takeaways

- Uttarakhand Governor: Gurmit Singh;
- Uttarakhand Chief minister: Pushkar Singh Dhami;
- Uttarakhand Capitals: Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer).
- Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
- Bangladesh Currency: Bangladeshi Taka
- Bangladesh Capital: Dhaka.
- Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Established: 1st July 1949;
- Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Headquarters: New Delhi.
- FIFA President: Gianni Infantino;

- FIFA Founded: 21 May 1904;
- FIFA Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.
- Indian Army Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Indian Army Founded: 1 April 1895, India;
- General Manoj Pande is the current Chief of Army Staff.
- Paytm Payments Bank Headquarters: Noida;
- Paytm Payments Bank Founded: 2015;
- Paytm Payments Bank Founder: Vijay Shekhar Sharma;
- MD & CEO at Paytm Payments Bank: Surinder Chawla.
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States;
- World Bank Founded: July 1944.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd Founder: Walchand Hirachand;
- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd Headquarters: India;
- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd Founded: 23 December 1940, Bengaluru.
- Karnataka Bank Headquarters: Mangaluru;
- Karnataka Bank CEO: Mahabaleshwara M. S (15 Apr 2017-);
- Karnataka Bank Founded: 18 February 1924.
- YouTube Founders: Jawed Karim, Chad Hurley, Steve Chen;
- YouTube Founded: 14 February 2005, San Mateo, California, United States;
- YouTube Headquarters: San Bruno, California, United States;
- YouTube Parent organization: Google.

