

## Weekly One Liners 06th to 12th of March 2023

### Mirabai Chanu won BBC Indian Sportswoman of The Year for 2022

#### 2022 'BBC Indian Sportswoman Of The Year' award

Tokyo Olympic Games silver-medallist weightlifter **Mirabai Chanu** has bagged the **2022 'BBC Indian Sportswoman Of The Year' award** after a public vote. The 28-year-old weightlifter from Manipur became the first athlete to win the award twice in a row after bagging it in 2021 as well. BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year Award was launched in 2019 to celebrate sportswomen in India who have made their mark on the world stage.

#### Other awardee's in different Categories:

- Table tennis player **Bhavina Patel** won the **'BBC Para Sportswoman of the Year' award**, a category introduced this year. She won a silver at the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo, becoming the first Indian paddler to achieve the feat. Bhavina also won gold at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- Former captain of the Indian women's hockey team **Pritam Siwach** was conferred with the **'BBC Lifetime Achievement Award'** for her contribution to Indian sports and for inspiring generations of players. Siwach was the first woman hockey coach to be given the Dronacharya Award, the highest national award for coaches.
- **Boxer Nitu Ghanghas** was chosen as the **'BBC Emerging Player of the Year'**. She is a two-time youth world champion and Commonwealth Games medallist. She won gold at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in the minimum weight category.
- The women's lawn bowls team of **Lovely Choubey, Rupa Rani Tirkey, Pinki and Nayanmoni Saikia**, which won gold at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, India's first-ever medal in the sport was given the **'BBC Changemaker of the Year Award'**.

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Every year on **March 8**, the world celebrates **International Women's Day** as a focal point for the campaign for women's rights. It raises awareness of topics including gender equality, access to abortion, and violence and abuse against women. The day serves as a rallying point for advancing women's equality. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women, who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

#### Theme of International Women's Day 2023

With the theme "**DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality**," the **United Nations** Observance of International Women's Day honours and celebrates the women and girls who are leading the way in the development of transformational technology and digital education. In addition to highlighting the significance of safeguarding the rights of women and girls in digital environments and tackling online and ICT-facilitated gender-based violence, the observance will investigate how the growing economic and social inequities caused by the digital gender gap.

#### Significance of International Women's Day 2023

The day celebrates women and addresses issues such as women's equal rights, violence and abuse against women, and reproductive rights. Gender inequality and discrimination are rampant in our societies, and most of the time, women are victims of them. To fight these gender biases and to bring attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women, International Women's Day is celebrated. It has become a forum to raise awareness and galvanize change in society.

#### History of International Women's Day

The concept of International Women's Day first emerged in the early 1900s. Women's Day first came into existence in 1909 and it was known as National Women's Day. The day was initially celebrated on 28 February 1909, when 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter hours, better pay, and voting rights.

Around the same time in Europe, in 1910 to be precise, the second International Conference of Working Women was held in Denmark's Copenhagen, where Clara Zetkin, who led the Women's Office for the Social Democratic Party in Germany tabled the idea of an International Women's Day and on March 9, 1911, International Women's Day was honoured for the first time in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland.

The United Nations (UN) started celebrating International Women's Day in 1977, it was officially agreed that the day will be widely observed on **March 8 every year**.

### 8th National Photography Awards

Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting **Dr L. Murugan** presented the 8th National Photography awards in New Delhi. A total of thirteen awards were presented during the ceremony today including 6 each in the Professional and Amateur category. The theme for the Professional category was "**Life and Water**", while in the Amateur category the theme was "**Cultural Heritage of India**".

A total of 13 awards were presented comprising of one Lifetime Achievement Award with cash prize of Rs.3,00,000; one award each in Professional Photographer of the Year category and Amateur Photographer of the Year category with cash prize of Rs.1,00,000 and Rs.75,000 respectively; and 5 Special Mention Awards in both Professional and Amateur categories with cash prize of Rs.50,000/- and Rs.30,000/- each respectively.

#### Winners of the 8th National Photography Awards

##### Lifetime Achievement Award

- Ms Sipra Das

##### Professional Photographer of the Year Award

- Shri Sasi Kumar Ramachandran

##### Special Mention Awards in the Professional category

- Shri Dipjyoti Banik
- Shri Manish Kumar Chauhan
- Shri R S Gopakumar
- Shri Sudipto Das
- Shri Umesh Harishchandra Nikam

##### Amateur Photographer of the Year Award

- Shri Arun Saha

##### Special Mention Awards in the Amateur category

- Shri C S Sreeranj
- Dr Mohit Wadhawan
- Shri Ravishankar S L
- Shri Subhadip Bose
- Shri Tharun Adurugatla

#### Jury for 8th National Photography Awards

Shri Vijay Kranti, Chairman of Jury for the awards informed the audience that a total of 9 entries were received for Lifetime Achievement Award while 12 were entered in the category on recommendation of Jury members. He further informed that 462 entries with a total of 4,535 images were received for the Professional category. These entries were received from 21 States and 4 Union Territories. In the Amateur category, 874 entries with 6,838 images were received from 24 States and 6 Union Territories.

#### Members of the Jury for 8th National Photography

##### Awards

- Shri Vijay Kranti, Chairman
- Shri Jagdish Yadav, Member
- Shri Ajay Aggarwal, Member
- Shri K. Madhavan Pillai, Member
- Ms. Ashima Narain, Member, and
- Shri Sanjiv Misra, Photographic Officer, Photo Division, Member Secretary

### National Affairs

- Yuva Utsava-India@2047 launched by **Anurag Singh Thakur**, the Union Minister for Youth Affairs, Sports, Information, and Broadcasting, from **IIT Ropar in Punjab**. On this occasion, **Shri Anurag Thakur** also unveiled the **Yuva Utsava Dashboard**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched 'Swachhotsav', a three-week women-led swachhata campaign under the **Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)**. Series of events and activities will be organized across cities to celebrate women from all walks of life. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### States in the News

- **Mauganj** was declared as 53rd district of Madhya Pradesh by **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, the chief minister of **Madhya Pradesh**. Mauganj is a tehsil of the **Rewa district**. CM Chouhan declared that **Mauganj** would become the 53rd MP district during a function in Rewa. It will be built by combining four of the Rewa district's tehsils. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, the chief minister of **Madhya Pradesh**, unveiled the "**Laadli Behna**" Yojana, under which qualified women will get 1,000 rupees every month in support. On March 5, the chief minister's 65th birthday, the procedure for accepting applications for the benefit programme started. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** and four Sikkim ministers released a unique cover of the Department of Posts, 'Go Green, Go Organic' for Sikkim. The union minister thanked Department of Posts for this release and congratulated Sikkim State for its achievements of becoming the first state of the world to get recognized as an Organic state by the **World Book of Records (London)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Chief Minister of **Uttarakhand**, **Pushkar Singh Dhami** has announced the launch of **Mukhyamantri Ekal Mahila Swarozgar Yojana** in the state at the end of **Women Empowerment and Safety Week**. Women in remote villages of the state are giving impetus to the rural economy through self-help groups. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Conrad Kongkal Sangma** was sworn in as the **Meghalaya chief minister** for the second successive term in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Manik Saha** took oath as 13th chief minister for the second time as Tripura **Chief Minister** after the BJP clinched a victory in the February 16 Assembly polls. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Thousands of women devotees gathered at the **Attukal Bhagavathy temple** on March 7 for **Attukal Pongala**, the ninth day of the annual 10-day **women-centric festival**. 300 priests have been appointed for the sanctification ceremony at 2.30 pm and the city of **Thiruvananthapuram** is in a very festive mood. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Neiphiu Rio**, the leader of the **Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP)**, took the oath of office as the **fifth Chief Minister of Nagaland**. Governor La Ganesan gave the 72-year-old lawmaker the oath of secrecy. Mr. Rio is serving his fifth term and second consecutive term as the NDPP's leader. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Yaoshang**, **Manipur's version of Holi**, which lasts for five days, has begun. On the full moon of Lamta (February–March) in the Meitei lunar calendar, the event is observed annually. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Deputy Chief Minister **Devendra Fadanvis** informed the Maharashtra's Legislative Council that the state will introduce the fourth women's policy to give more opportunities to women by considering the issues of women from all groups. ([Click here to read the article](#))



## International Affairs

- The **United Nations(UN)** inked the first '**High Seas Treaty**' in a bid to protect the ocean bodies of the world that lie outside the national boundaries and form almost two-thirds of the world's oceans. The treaty will create a new body to manage **the conservation of marine life** and establish marine protected areas in the high seas. Also referred to as the 'Paris Agreement for the Ocean', the treaty to deal with Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **5th Asean-India Business Summit** took place on 6 March 2023 in **Kuala Lumpur**. Speakers and participants from Asean and India convened to discuss how business linkages, connectivity and supply chain resilience can be enhanced through deeper ASEAN-India cooperation. The Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology addresses the 5th ASEAN-India Business summit. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Qatar's Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani** has appointed Foreign Minister **Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani** as the country's new prime minister. The decision to appoint Sheikh Mohammed, who was the deputy prime minister, came after the amir accepted the resignation of former Prime Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani. Sheikh Khalid was appointed as Qatar's prime minister and minister of interior in January 2020. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Xi Jinping** began an unprecedented third term as **China's president** after he was endorsed by a unanimous vote from the 2,977-member National People's Congress (NPC). Xi will head a hand-picked party and government team tasked with steering the world's second-largest economy through challenges at home and abroad over the next five years. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indonesia** is all set to move its capital from **Jakarta** to **Borneo** over environmental issues such as being congested, sinking into seawater, and being prone to earthquakes. Officials said the new metropolis city will be a "sustainable forest city," that puts the environment at the heart of the development and will be carbon neutral by 2045. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ram Chandra Paudel** has been elected to serve as the new **president of Nepal**. According to the Nepalese Election Commission, he received 33,800 electoral votes, while his opponent, Subash Chandra Nembwang, received 15,500 votes. Ram Chandra Paudel received votes from 352 members of provincial assemblies and 214 members of parliament. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Colombia** has opened military service to women for the first time in 25 years. A cohort of 1,296 women have been enlisted in **Colombia's Army** in the month of February. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The National Anti-Doping Agency (**NADA**) under the Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry; and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (**NCERT**) signed an MoU to strengthen value-based sports education amongst school children and teachers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** on Research, Technology, and Innovation Collaborations between **India** and **Mexico** has been inked. It focuses on **several key technology areas**, including Aerospace, Electronics Instrumentation & Strategic Sectors, Civil, Infrastructure & Engineering, Ecology, Environment Earth & Ocean Sciences, and Water, Mining, Minerals, Metals & Materials, Chemicals (including leather), and Petrochemicals, Energy (Conventional & Non-Conventional), and Energy Devices. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Centre and the **World Bank** have signed two complementary loans of \$500 million each to support and enhance the country's **health sector development**. Through this combined financing of \$1 billion, the World Bank will support India's flagship **Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)**, launched in October 2021. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Domestic information technology (IT) services firm, **HCL Technologies**, announced a partnership with Azure Quantum, **Microsoft's** quantum cloud computing service. Through this partnership, HCLTech will offer cloud-based quantum computing services to businesses using Microsoft's platform as a technology stack. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **United States and India** will sign a memorandum of understanding on semiconductors as both countries discuss coordination of investment and continue dialogue around policies to spur private investment, U.S. Commerce Secretary **Gina Raimondo** said. The dialogue comes close on the heels of the launch of the inauguration of the initiative on **Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Australia and India** have agreed to accelerate a broader economic partnership and to boost their defence ties, Australian Prime Minister **Anthony Albanese** said in New Delhi. Last year the two countries signed a free trade deal called the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA), the first signed by India with a developed country in a decade. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Books and Authors

- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya released the book '**India's Vaccine Growth Story - From Cowpox to Vaccine Maitri**' authored by Shri **Sajjan Singh Yadav**, Additional Secretary, Govt of India at the World Book fair 2023, at Pragati Maidan. The book elaborates on India's impressive achievement in developing, producing and distributing COVID-19 vaccines. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Vice President **Jagdeep Dhankhar** announced the release of the book "**Mundaka Upanishad: The Gateway to Eternity**". Dr. **Karan Singh**, a former member of parliament, wrote the book at Upa-Rashtrapati Nivas in New Delhi. He is a philosopher and politician from India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- "**As Good as My Word**," written by **KM Chandrasekhar**, who served as the Cabinet Secretary from 2007 to 2011, begins as an autobiography with descriptive descriptions of his early years, academic career, and college years, all of which take place inside the walls of a modest but orderly Malayali home. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- **India's per capita income** in nominal terms doubled to Rs 1,72,000 since 2014-15 when the **Narendra Modi**-led NDA came to power but uneven income distribution remains a challenge. As per the **National Statistical Office (NSO)**, the annual per capita (net national income) at current prices is estimated at Rs 1,72,000 in 2022-23, up from Rs 86,647 in 2014-15, suggesting an increase of about 99 per cent. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- While **digital payments** have skyrocketed during the past few years, a significant portion of the population still does not use digital payments for day-to-day transactions. In order to bridge this gap, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor **Shaktikanta Das** launched a mission -- "**Har Payment Digital**" – with the aim of making every citizen in the country a user of digital payments as part of Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Reserve Bank of India governor Shaktikanta Das said payments through **UPI (unified payment interface)** have grown exponentially in the past 12 months with daily transactions crossing 36 crore, which is up 50 per cent from 24 crore in February 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company (**Kotak Mutual Fund**) has launched a digital campaign called '**DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality**', which calls for digital inclusion of all with the hashtag #IncludeAll. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Punjab National Bank, nation's public sector bank and **Central Warehousing Corporation** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate financing under **e-NWR (Electronic Negotiable Warehousing Receipt)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a country witnessing rapid growth, it comes as no surprise that **India** also has one of the fastest-growing **fintech** landscapes in the world, driven primarily by the advancement in the digital payments segment. **Boston Consulting Group (BCG)**, in collaboration with **PhonePe**, India's leading digital payments company, today unveiled a report titled, "**Digital payments in India: A US\$10 trillion opportunity**". ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Appointments/Resignations

- Pramerica Life Insurance Limited has appointed **Pankaj Gupta** as **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer**. The appointment has been approved by the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** and the Board of Pramerica Life Insurance. **Pankaj Gupta** succeeds **Kalpna Sampat**, who was the previous MD & CEO. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **S.S. Dubey** took charge as the new Controller General of Accounts (**CGA**). He is the 28th officer to hold the position of CGA. Prior to that, Dubey has served as Chief Controller of Accounts in Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion etc. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tejal Mehta**, an Indian-American woman judge who promised to make a real impact to the community and treat people with compassion, has taken oath as the first Justice of a district court in the US state of Massachusetts. Mehta will serve as the first Justice of the Ayer District Court. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Savlon revealed the God of Cricket, **Sachin Tendulkar** as its world's first 'Hand Ambassador' for its Swasth India Mission. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In the first command appointment for a woman officer in the Indian Air Force (IAF), Group **Captain Shaliza Dhami** has been selected to take over the command of a frontline combat unit in the Western sector. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Arun Subramanian**, an attorney, has been appointed as the first **Indian American judge of the Manhattan Federal District Court in New York**. The nomination of Mr. Subramanian for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York was first made public by US President Joe Biden in September 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **B Gopkumar**, the managing director and CEO of Axis Securities, has been named the new CEO of renowned fund house **Axis Mutual Fund** by Axis Asset Management Company. Chandresh Nigam, the previous CEO of the company, is replaced by Gopkumar. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The selection of **Rohit Jawa**, a senior executive of the UK-based parent company Unilever, as **Hindustan Unilever Ltd.'s (HUL)** new managing director and CEO has been approved by the company's board. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Defence News

- The Indian warship **INS Trikand** has arrived in Bahrain for her first participation in the **International Maritime Exercise** organised by the US-led Combined Maritime Forces, a 34-nation naval group. INS Trikand hosted Rear Adm Jean Michel Martinet of the French Navy, who is also the Vice Commander of IMX23 & Commander Task Force (East). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On March 7 and 8, 2023, the **Indian Army** and the **French Army** will hold their first joint military exercise, **FRINJEX-23**, at **Pangode Military Station** in **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**. The two armies are participating in this format for the first time, with each contingent consisting of a Company Group from the French **6th Light Armoured Brigade** and Indian Army personnel stationed in **Thiruvananthapuram**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year on **March 10**, the **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day** is observed to mark the CISF's founding in 1969. This year, the **54th CISF Raising Day** celebrated to appreciate the efforts and contributions of Central Industrial Security Force. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian Navy's exercise, called the "Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise for 2023" (**TROPEX-23**), culminated in the **Arabian Sea** after running for four months from November 2022 to March 2023. TROPEX-23 witnessed the participation of approximately 70 Indian Navy ships, six submarines and over 75 aircraft. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **Colonel Geeta Rana** of the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers has taken over command of an independent field workshop in the **Eastern Ladakh region with China after the Indian Army** recently approved women officers for command posts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In what is being seen as a major success for the "**Make in India**" initiative in defence sector, the **Indian Navy** has received a fully indigenised fuze for an **anti-submarine warfare (ASW)** underwater rocket, manufactured for the first time by a private Indian industry. This would be the first time the Indian Navy has placed a supply order for underwater ammunition fuzes with an Indian private sector industry. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The defence ministry sealed a deal with **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** to procure six Dornier aircraft at a cost of Rs 667 crore for the **Indian Air Force**. The addition of the six aircraft will further bolster the operational capability of the IAF in remote areas, the defence ministry said announcing the contract. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In the rugged **Doda area of Jammu & Kashmir**, the Army erected the tallest "**Iconic National Banner**". The highest tricolour in the Doda district, which has been erected on a 100-foot pole, was unfurled by Maj Gen Ajay Kumar, GOC Delta Force, Commander 9 Sector RR Brig. Samir K. Palande, DC Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan, and SSP Abdul Qayoom. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Awards and Recognitions

- **Vinod Kumar Shukla** has won the **PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International Literature** for lifetime achievement in literature, one of the most coveted literary prizes worldwide, after decades of composing acclaimed novels like Naukar Ki Kameez (1979) and poetry collections like Sab Kuch Hona Bacha Rahega (1992). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The "**Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023**", organized by the Ministry of Jal Shakti to honour the women champions of rural water and sanitation sector, was graced by the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Delhi airport** has been ranked among the cleanest airports in **Asia-Pacific** as a part of the Airport Council International (ACI)'s annual service quality award. The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), operated by DIAL, has bagged the award for Airport Service Quality (ASQ) best airport for 2022 in the category of over 40 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA). ([Click here to read the article](#))

- CBIP award 2022: **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)** has been awarded the **Central Board Of Irrigation And Power (CBIP) Award 2022** for 'Best Contribution in Solar Energy'. The **Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL)**, the State-run transmission utility, has been conferred with the Central Board of Irrigation and Power Award 2022 for the 'best-performing transmission power sector'. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Civic architect, urban planner and activist, **Sir David Alan Chipperfield** has been selected as the **2023 Laureate of The Pritzker Architecture Prize**, the award that is regarded internationally as architecture's highest honor. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Summit and Conference

- On March 8, 2023, in conjunction with Sangeet Natak Akademi, Government of India, and P. L. Deshpande Maharashtra Kala Academy, Government of **Maharashtra**, an All India Women's Folk Art Conference will be held in **Ravindra Natya Mandir in Prabhadevi, Mumbai** on the occasion of **International Women's Day**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A Ministerial Meeting on **South-South Cooperation** has been held during LDC5 with an aim to explore concrete, innovative and actionable solutions in support of the deliverables of the DPoA through multi-stakeholder participation of the global South and traditional development partners. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The 23rd Commonwealth Law Conference was inaugurated by Goa Governor **P.S. Sreedharan Pillai**. The five-day conference, which is being held from March 5-9, 2023, was also attended by Union Minister for Law and Justice **Kiren Rijiju** and Chief Minister of Goa **Dr. Pramod Sawant**. The Conference has 500 delegates from 52 countries in attendance. ([Click here to read the article](#))



## Ranks and Reports

- An **ILO-UNICEF report** on Social Protection for Children said **31 Indian states** have implemented the national ' **PM CARES for Children** ' scheme launched during the pandemic with 10,793 full orphans (children who have lost both parents) and 151,322 half-orphans (children who have lost one parent) due to the pandemic taking the benefit of the scheme. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** has now been ranked at the **108th spot** globally for electoral democracy, far behind nations like Tanzania, Bolivia, Mexico, Singapore, and even Nigeria, which comes in at a modest 91st spot by **V-Dem Institute** in its **Electoral Democracy Report** for 2023. This ranking may come as a shock to many, but it is also far below nations like Tanzania, Bolivia, Mexico, Singapore, and even India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rudraprayag and Tehri** the two districts in **Uttarakhand** are facing the highest risk of landslides, according to satellite data collected over the past two decades. Data collected by the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has highlighted that Rudraprayag and Tehri Garhwal are at the highest risk of facing landslides, having seen the highest number of landslide incidents in the past 20 years. ([Click here to read the article](#))

## Sports News

- **Karnataka** ended their 54-year wait to win the Santosh Trophy national football championship, beating **Meghalaya** 3-2 in a pulsating final at the King Fahd International Stadium in the Saudi Arabia capital. Services beat Punjab 2-0 in the playoff to finish third. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Max Verstappen** won the season-opening **Bahrain Grand Prix** from pole position, leading almost the entire race as he opened the defense of his back-to-back Formula One titles. It was the first time he had won in Bahrain and also the first time he had triumphed in a Formula One opener. ([Click here to read the article](#))

## Science and Technology News

- Researchers trying to uncover the secrets of **Earth's geology** have revealed the **fifth layer of the planet**. Seismic waves generated by earthquakes have revealed new insights about the deepest parts of Earth's inner core. The fifth layer is made of **iron and nickel**, the same materials that comprise the rest of the inner core. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has received the **NASA-ISRO SAR (NISAR)** satellite from the U.S. space agency. A US Air Force C-17 aircraft carrying the NASA-ISRO synthetic aperture radar (NISAR) has landed in Bengaluru. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Reliance Life Sciences Pvt Ltd** has received a licence from the **Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur** for a gene therapy method that has the potential to treat a variety of genetic eye ailments. Reliance Life Sciences will further develop the gene treatment technology from IIT Kanpur into a native product. ([Click here to read the article](#))
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## Important Days News

- Observed on **5 March**, the **International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness** plays a role in deepening the global public's understanding about how disarmament efforts contribute to enhancing peace and security, preventing and ending armed conflicts, and curbing human suffering caused by weapons. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)** in collaboration with Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the implementing agency of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) and States and Union Territories is celebrating **5th Jan Aushadhi Diwas 2023** under (PMBJP). The 5th Jan Aushadhi Diwas is organized across India based on the theme "**Jan Aushadhi – Sasti bhi Acchi bhi**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year on the second Wednesday of March, **No Smoking Day** is observed. It falls on **March 8** this year. Even though we all know that smoking is bad for our health, quitting the habit appears to be a difficult task. This year's theme is: "**Stopping smoking improves your brain health**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The International Day of Women Judges**, which is celebrated every year on **March 10**, honours all female judges who have taken the lead in the fight against social injustice. This International Day of Women Judges is being observed with the campaign "**Women in Justice, Women for Justice**". ([Click here to read the article](#))

- On the **second Thursday in March** each year, the world observes **World Kidney Day**, a day dedicated to raising awareness about kidney health. On **March 9, 2023**, it will be remembered this year. "**Kidney Health for Everyone - Preparing for the Unexpected, Supporting the Vulnerable**" is the theme for World Kidney Day in 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Obituaries

- Renowned Bengali novelist and short story writer **Sasthipada Chattopadhyay** has passed away. The creator of the famous 'Pandav Goenda' (five detectives) series was 82. **Sasthipada Chattopadhyay** on March 9, 1941, at Khurut in Howrah district, Chattopadhyay published his first literary work 'Kamakhya Bhraman' (visit to Kamakhya) in 'Dainik Basumati' in 1961. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Veteran actor-writer-director **Satish Kaushik** has passed away at the age of 67. He was born on April 13, 1965, in Haryana, Kaushik was an alumnus of the NSD and the FTII, and started his film career in the early 1980s. He was an Indian actor, comedian, screenwriter, director and producer. He acted in theatres before finding his break in Bollywood. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Miscellaneous News

- The world's first 200-metre-long bamboo crash barrier has been installed on a highway connecting **Chandrapur and Yavatmal districts in Maharashtra**. Named '**Bahu Balli**', the bamboo crash barrier underwent "rigorous testing" at various government-run institutions like the **National Automotive Test Tracks (NATRAX)** in Pithampur, Indore. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- FinEMPOWER**, a new initiative from **BSE and UN Women India**, was introduced at the **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)**. In order to empower women towards financial security, BSE and UN Women have collaborated on a year-long capacity-building programme. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Savitribai Phule** was a Maharashtrian **poet, educator, social reformer, and teacher**. She made a significant contribution to advancing women's rights in India along with her husband, Jyotiba Phule in Maharashtra. **Savitribai Phule** is credited with founding the feminist movement in India. Savitribai Phule contracted the plague during this process and passed away on March 10, 1897. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Static Takeaways

- Governor of Madhya Pradesh: Mangubhai Patel
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- MP Capital: Bhopal.
- BBC Headquarters: London, United Kingdom;
- Director-General of the BBC Timothy Douglas Davie;
- BBC Established: 18 October 1922.
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral R Hari Kumar;
- Indian Navy Founded: 26 January 1950;
- Indian Navy headquarters: New Delhi.
- BSE Full Form: Bombay Stock Exchange
- BSE MD and CEO : Sundararaman Ramamurthy
- UN Women India: Ms. Susan Ferguson.
- Capital of France: Paris
- President of France: Emmanuel Macron
- Chief of Army Staff, India: General Manoj Pande
- Chief of Defence Staff, India: Lt General Anil Chauhan.
- Uttarakhand Founded: 9 November 2000;
- Uttarakhand Chief minister: Pushkar Singh Dhami;
- Uttarakhand Official tree: Rhododendron arboreum;
- Uttarakhand Capitals: Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer).
- Meghalaya Capital – Shillong
- Meghalaya Chief Minister – Conrad Sangma
- Meghalaya Governor – Phagu Chauhan.
- Tripura Capital: Agartala;
- Tripura Governor: Satyadeo Narain Arya.
- Qatar Capital – Doha
- Qatar Currency – Qatari riyal
- Emir of Qatar – Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.
- Hindustan Unilever Ltd Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Hindustan Unilever Ltd Founded: 17 October 1933.

