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**Most Important Current Affairs**

**Madrid Spain Masters 2023: Check the complete list of winners**

**Madrid Spain Masters 2023**

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

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

**Winners & Runners Of Madrid Spain Masters 2023**

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

**Forbes billionaire 2023 list: Mukesh Ambani become richest sports owner**

**Forbes billionaire 2023 list**

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

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

**Here's 're the the 20 richest sports team owners:**

Rank	Name	Citizenship	Team	Net Worth
1	Mukesh Ambani	India	Mumbai Indians	\$83.4 Billion
2	Steve Ballmer	US	Los Angeles Clippers	\$80.7 Billion
3	Rob Walton	US	Denver Broncos	\$57.6 Billion
4	François Pinault & family	France	Stade Rennais F.C.	\$40.1 Billion
5	Mark Mateschitz	Austria	New York Red Bulls, Red Bull Racing, RB Leipzig	\$34.7 Billion
6	James Ratcliffe	UK	OGC Nice	\$22.9 Billion
7	Masayoshi Son	Japan	Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks	\$22.4 Billion
8	David Tepper	US	Carolina Panthers, Charlotte FC	\$18.5 Billion
9	Daniel Gilbert	US	Cleveland Cavaliers	\$18 Billion





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

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

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

**Bimonthly RBI monetary policy: RBI Rates**

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

**Bimonthly RBI monetary policy: Key points**

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

**The Monetary Policy Committee**

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

**Jallianwala Bagh Massacre 104th Anniversary**

On April 13, 1919, the **Jallianwala Bagh massacre** took place in Amritsar, Punjab, which is remembered as a tragic event and a symbol of the atrocities committed against the Indian people during the British colonial era. The massacre played a significant role in India's fight for independence, as it increased the nation's determination to achieve self-rule and break free from British subjugation.

**Jallianwala Bagh Massacre 2023**

Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day 2023 marks **104 years** since the tragic incident that is seen as a turning point in Indian History. It was this that led to Gandhi's full commitment to the cause of Indian nationalism and independence from Britain.





**Causes of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre-** Why people's are gathered in Jallianwala Bagh?

The British military officer, General Dyer, on April 13, 1919 entered the Jallianwala Bagh (Amritsar) with his troops, where people had gathered to peacefully protest against the arrest of the two nationalist leaders, **Satya Pal and Dr Saifuddin Kitchlew**. Without so much as a warning to the people to disperse, he ordered his troops to fire at the unarmed crowd. The onslaught lasted ten minutes till their ammunition was exhausted, after which the British soldiers left. A total of 1,650 rounds were fired, and more than 500 people were killed and murdered. The exact number of casualties remains unknown.

On the morning of Baisakhi, **Colonel Reginald Dyer** had announced the implementation of a curfew throughout Amritsar and a ban on all processions that even prohibited a group of 4 or more people to meet publicly. At about **12:40 PM**, Dyer received confidential information about the meeting taking place at Jallianwala Bagh that may result in riots and protests.

**Jallianwala Bagh Massacre-** General Dyer's Orders

General Dyer had issued orders to his troops to shoot at the protesters without warning. He later defended his actions by saying that he wanted to teach the Indians a lesson and that he would have used even more force if he had more troops at his disposal. There were about **25,000 people** present there at the time of the firing. Some tried to escape while some choose to jump in the solitude well built in the premises of Jallianwala Bagh. The troops were ordered to start shooting from the most densely crowded spot to harm the maximum number of people.

**Who take revenge of Jallianwala Bagh massacre?**

After the tragedy, Sardar Udham Singh avenged his people by killing the British officer serving as Governor General of Punjab, Michael O'Dwyer. He was Born on December 26, 1899, Udham Singh was a member of the Ghadar Party and the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA). The assassination of Michael O'Dwyer, the ex-lieutenant governor of Punjab, brought him widespread notoriety. Singh carried out the murder in retaliation for the 1919 slaughter at Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar. The recognized martyr (born Sher Singh) was born to Tehal Singh, a manual laborer, and Narain Kaur, a housekeeper, in the vicinity of Pilbad, some 130 miles from British India's Lahore. His older brother Sadhu was two years older than him, making him the youngest. They lost both parents at an early age, both to separate mishaps.

**The Memorial Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Ground**

In 1951, a memorial was built at Jallianwala Bagh to commemorate the victims of the massacre. The park, which covers an area of approximately 6.5 acres, contains a museum that displays artefacts related to the incident. Every year on April 13, people gather at the park to pay their homage to the victims. The Jallianwala Bagh Massacre remains a dark chapter in India's history, and its impact can still be felt today. The incident served as a catalyst for India's freedom struggle and inspired many Indians to fight for their independence.

### India ranks 5th in countries with most AI investment

**Stanford University's AI Index report** states that **India is ranked fifth** in terms of investments received by startups offering AI-based products and services in 2022. AI startups in India received a total investment of \$3.24 billion, surpassing countries such as **South Korea, Germany, Canada, and Australia**. However, **India is still behind the US, China, the UK, and Israel in terms of AI investments received**.

According to the same report, AI startups in India received a cumulative funding of \$7.73 billion from 2013 to 2022, which places it sixth among the countries with the highest AI investments during that period. However, nearly 40% of this funding was received in the year 2022 alone.

The AI Index report by Stanford University revealed that 54% of the researchers working on Large Language Models (LLMs) are from American institutions. Nonetheless, for the first time, researchers from Canada, Germany, and India contributed to the development of LLMs last year.

**About the Stanford University's AI Index report**

The AI Index is an independent initiative at the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI), led by the AI Index Steering Committee, an interdisciplinary group of experts from across academia and industry. The annual report **tracks, collates, distills, and visualizes** data relating to artificial intelligence, enabling decision-makers to take meaningful action to advance AI responsibly and ethically with humans in mind.

The AI Index collaborates with many different organizations to track progress in artificial intelligence. These organizations include: the Center for Security and Emerging Technology at Georgetown University, LinkedIn, NetBase Quid, Lightcast, and McKinsey. The 2023 report also features more self-collected data and original analysis than ever before. This year's report included new analysis on foundation models, including their geopolitics and training costs, the environmental impact of AI systems, K-12 AI education, and public opinion trends in AI. The AI Index also broadened its tracking of global AI legislation from 25 countries in 2022 to 127 in 2023.





**Shakib and Ishimwe clinch ICC Player of the Month awards for March 2023**

**ICC Player of the Month awards for March**

The ICC has revealed the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for March 2023, with **Shakib Al Hasan** from Bangladesh being named as the ICC Men's Player of the Month, while **Henriette Ishimwe** from Rwanda was selected as the ICC Women's Player of the Month. This is Shakib's second time winning the Player of the Month award, with his first win being in July 2021.

**ICC Men's Player of the Month, March 2023 – Shakib Al Hasan**

Shakib Al Hasan, an experienced all-rounder, has been awarded the prestigious ICC Men's Player of the Month award for March 2023 due to his outstanding performances. He beat out tough competition from Asif Khan of UAE and Kane Williamson of New Zealand. Shakib was a bright spot for Bangladesh in the three-match ODI series against England, where he emerged as the highest run-scorer and wicket-taker for the team. In Bangladesh's only victory in the series, he scored 75 runs off 71 balls and took four wickets to earn the Player of the Match award in the hosts' 50-run win.

**ICC Women's Player of the Month, March 2023 – Henriette Ishimwe**

ICC has announced Rwanda's Henriette Ishimwe as the ICC Women's Player of the Month for March 2023. Ishimwe outperformed other strong contenders, including Sibona Jimmy and Ravini Oa from PNG, to clinch the award. Ishimwe, who is just 19 years old, has already played almost 50 T20Is for Rwanda and showcased her all-round skills in March. She began the Nigeria Cricket Federation Women's International Twenty20 Tournament with a splendid performance, contributing with both bat and ball against Ghana. After scoring a quick 32 off 22 balls, she took four wickets for just four runs to help Rwanda limit Ghana to 41 runs.



**National Current Affairs**

- **PM Modi** inaugurated the **Vande Bharat Express** train service between Rani Kamalapati Railway Station in Madhya Pradesh and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station in Delhi.
- PNGRB has amended regulations to introduce a unified tariff for natural gas pipelines, with the aim of "One Nation, One Grid and One Tariff."
- The PM inaugurated the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) which was established by a resolution of the Ministry of Home Affairs in 1963.
- The Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, **Sarbananda Sonowal**, introduced the "**Sagar Setu**" mobile application for the National Logistics Portal Marine.
- The **Rajya Sabha** approved the **Competition Amendment Bill, 2023**, aimed at modernizing the two-decade-old anti-trust law to align with changes in the economy.
- India developed a mathematical model to estimate the prevalence of tuberculosis cases, providing data months before the WHO's annual estimates, presented at the 36th Stop TB Partnership Board meeting in Varanasi.
- India is expected to become the **world's second-largest solar manufacturer** by 2026.
- India elected to UN Statistical Commission Narcotic Drugs & Programme Coordinating Board of Joint UN Program, showing increasing global presence.
- During his visit to Telangana, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched the **Secunderabad-Tirupati Vande Bharat Express**.
- PM Modi launched the International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA) to conserve seven species of big cats including tigers, lions, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars, snow leopards, and clouded leopards.
- EC grants national party status to AAP based on electoral performance in four states.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah to present the 'Maharashtra Bhushan' Award to social worker Appasaheb Dharmadhikari on April 16 in Navi Mumbai.
- 3D-printed post office being built in Bengaluru, India, expected to cost 30-40% less than traditional building and to be completed within 30 days.
- Union Minister Parshottam Rupala launched the Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative (APPI) and Animal Health System Support for One Health (AHSSOH) project on April 14, 2023, at the India Habitat Center in New Delhi.
- PMJDY accounts record a surge of ₹50,000 crore, with total balance reaching ₹1.99 lakh crore and addition of 5 crore new accounts in FY22-23.







- Tourist train 'Bharat Gaurav' launched from New Delhi to visit cities associated with BR Ambedkar on his 132nd birth anniversary. The tour will cover sites in Maharashtra and Bihar and last for seven nights and eight days.
- Union government to introduce 'Vande Metro' by Dec 2023 to connect major cities and provide cost-effective transportation.

### International Current Affairs

- UK to join CPTPP, its largest trade deal yet, covering a market of 500 million with a GDP of £9tn.
- Norwegian company Norled has launched the world's first liquid hydrogen-powered ferry. The MF Hydra is a hybrid vessel that runs on batteries and liquid hydrogen fuel cells, approved by the Norwegian Maritime Authority.
- Georgia becomes first US state to condemn Hinduphobia & anti-Hindu bigotry through legislative resolution, recognizing Hinduism's diversity & contributions to American culture.
- In a startling move, the **Italian government** has announced that it plans to ban the **English language** and impose heavy fines on individuals and organizations that continue to use it. The announcement comes just weeks after the ban on **ChatGPT**, a language model developed by OpenAI.
- China publishes standardized names for 11 locations in Arunachal Pradesh, staking a claim on the Indian state.
- French President Macron invites Indian PM Modi to the Bastille Day parade to strengthen bilateral ties.
- Israel launches spy satellite Ofek-13 for advanced intelligence capabilities.
- Parisians vote to ban rental e-scooters, with 89% in favor, and the ban will start from September 1, 2023.
- Ruchira Kamboj hands over USD 2 million to UN Trust Fund for peace and stability in Somalia and Horn of Africa.
- Jaishankar launched the 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' in Varanasi during his Uganda visit, commending the Overseas Friends of BJP-Uganda. Uganda will chair the Non-Aligned Movement for 2022-2025.
- **Ghana** approved a highly effective **malaria vaccine** developed by scientists at the **University of Oxford** in the UK. The vaccine, called **R21/Matrix-M**, has exceeded the **World Health Organization's** target of 75% efficacy.
- Turkey receives its first aircraft carrier, TCG Anadolu, which is expected to have the world's first primarily unmanned air wing.
- Philippines and US launch largest-ever joint military exercises, Balikatan, with nearly 18,000 troops, including live-fire exercises in the South China Sea, to counter China's growing assertiveness in the region.

### Current Affairs Related to States in India

#### Andhra Pradesh

- Greenfield International Airport in Bhogapuram to be inaugurated on May 3 by Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, spanning 2,200 acres, works to be completed within 24-30 months.

#### Gujarat

- Indian Home Minister Amit Shah has unveiled a 54-foot-tall statue of **Lord Hanuman** at a temple in **Gujarat, India**.

#### Himachal Pradesh

- Himachal Pradesh launches Sanjeevani project to support small dairy farmers and livestock owners.

#### Karnataka

- **Bandipur National Park**, located in the southern Indian state of **Karnataka**, recently completed 50 years as a **Project Tiger Reserve**.

#### Kerala

- **Eravikulam National Park in Munnar, Kerala**, which is home to the Nilgiri tahr, now features a new attraction: a fernarium located within the park.
- Kerala secures highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) tags for products among Indian states in FY23. Products recognized include Attappady Aattukombu Avara, Onattukara Ellu, and Kodungallur Pottuvellari.
- KSINC launches solar-powered tourist boat, Sooryamshu, equipped with 27 KW solar panels and generators for passenger lift systems and air-conditioners.

#### Madhya Pradesh

- Gond painting of Madhya Pradesh gets GI tag, recognizing and protecting the work of tribal artists.

#### Maharashtra

- Maharashtra CM declares May 28 as 'Swatantrya Veer Gaurav Din' to commemorate the birth anniversary of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar and promote his ideology.

#### Tamil Nadu

- Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation develops TN REACH to use unused helipads for intercity connectivity in Tamil Nadu.

#### Telangana

- Telangana CM unveils 125-ft bronze Ambedkar statue in Hyderabad to mark his 132nd birth anniversary, becoming the tallest statue of Ambedkar in India.

#### Tripura

- Tripura wins best-performing state in NE for e-Procurement at a national workshop in Delhi.

#### Uttar Pradesh

- World's first Asian king vulture conservation and breeding center, Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre (JCBC), to open in Uttar Pradesh's Maharajganj district, with facilities for breeding, rehabilitation, and release into the wild.

#### West Bengal

- Kolkata Metro completes the first under-river journey in India.





**New Appointments: National**

S.No.	Designation/Post	Who is appointed
1	Vice-Chief of Naval Staff (VCNS)	Sanjay Jasjit Singh

**CEO'S/Chairman of Companies/Organizations/Banks/ Or Appointments**

S.No.	Designation/Post	Who is appointed	Replacing whom
1	President of the Indus Entrepreneurs (TIE) Rajasthan	Dr. Sheenu Jhawar	Dr. Ravi Modani
2	President of FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO)	Sudha Shivkumar	
3	Managing Director of Suzuki Motorcycle India Pvt. Ltd.	Kenichi Umeda	Satoshi Uchida
4	President, CEO & Managing Director of Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India	Tsutsumu Otani	Atsushi Ogata
5	President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)	Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo	Raninder Singh
6	Chairman of Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association	Anshuman Singhania	
7	Chief Investment Officer of LIC	Ratnakar Patnaik	PR Mishra

**Agreements/Memorandum of Understandings**

- Romania and India have signed their first Defence Cooperation Agreement, paving the way for expanded military cooperation and joint work in various fields.
- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-Bombay) to develop a touchless biometric capture system that is easy to use and accessible from anywhere.
- IIT Kanpur's SIIC has signed a CSR agreement with Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited, one of the newly created Defence PSUs, at the Ordnance Factory Kanpur.
- Nepal and India will sign an agreement to allow cross-border digital payments through e-wallets to boost trade and tourism between the two countries. Indian tourists in Nepal can use Indian e-wallets like BharatPe, PhonePe, Google Pay, and Paytm.
- Cipla signs licensing agreement with Novartis to produce and market Galvus range from 2026.

**Banking Current Affairs**

S.No.	Bank Name	Purpose
1	India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)	has launched WhatsApp Banking Services in New Delhi, enabling customers to access banking services on their mobile phones, such as requesting doorstep services and finding the nearest Post Office.
2	Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)	Bank of Maharashtra opens its first dedicated startup branch in Pune, Maharashtra, offering comprehensive support during their growth journey.
3	Fino Payments Bank	Fino Payments Bank renews its association with Rajasthan Royals for IPL 2023, becoming their official Digital Banking Partner.
4	DBS Bank	DBS Bank India has launched 'digiPortfolio', a new investment solution available on the bank's digibank platform that offers customized investment options curated by Morningstar. It aims to provide an easy-to-use, one-stop solution for investors to put money into mutual funds.
5	SBI	SBI plans to introduce new variants of current and savings accounts in FY 2023-24, including two new types of current accounts and a new savings account called "Parivar" account.

S.No.	Bank Name	Scheme/ App Name/ Mou	Purpose
1	HDFC	EXIM Bank of Korea	to help HDFC Bank raise foreign currency funds, which will be used to support Korea-related businesses.
2	Canara Bank	NPCI Bharat Billpay Ltd	Canara Bank and NPCI Bharat BillPay have launched a cross-border bill payment service for Indians in Oman to pay bills in India.





Current Affairs related to Regulatory authorities		
S.No.	Name	Purpose
1	RBI	RBI shares India's IIP data: Non-residents' net claims drop by \$12 bn in Q3 2022, while foreign liabilities rise due to trade credits and loans. Reserve assets make up 64.3% of India's international financial assets as of December 2022.
2	RBI	Neeraj Nigam has been appointed as the new executive director (ED).
3	RBI	introduce a new secured web-based portal called "PRAVAAH" (Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And AuthOrisation) aimed at simplifying and streamlining the application processes.
4	SEBI	SEBI unveils new logo on its Foundation Day, representing its commitment to economic growth through capital formation and technology.
5	RBI	RBI issues guidelines for banks and NBFCs on accepting 'green deposits' for financing green projects.

**Other Banking Current Affairs**

- Indian public sector banks transfer Rs 35,012 crore in unclaimed deposits to RBI.

**Economy/Financial Current Affairs**

- India's unemployment rate rises to 7.8% in March 2023, a three-month high: CMIE data.
- GST revenue collection for March 2023 rises by 13% to Rs 1.60 lakh crore, marking the third consecutive monthly increase.
- UPI set a new record with 8.7 billion transactions worth Rs 14.05 trillion in March 2023.
- The Ministry of Finance announced that the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) has sanctioned 41 crore loans amounting to ₹ 23.2-lakh crore in the past eight years.
- India and Malaysia can now trade using INR alongside other currencies, as per the Ministry of External Affairs, following the launch of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023. The move aims to promote the rupee as a global currency and reduce transaction costs for businesses.
- Foreign investments from Mauritius in Indian capital markets declined sharply in FY22-23, while Norway and Singapore gained popularity, according to National Securities Depository data.

- India's gold imports dropped 30% to \$31.8 billion during Apr-Feb 2023 due to high customs duty and global economic uncertainties, according to commerce ministry data.
- India's March retail inflation falls below central bank's tolerance level for the first time in 2023, easing to 5.66% from 6.44% in February, according to NSO data.
- India's employment rate improved marginally by 0.3% in the March quarter, with the rate rising to 36.9% and the number of unemployed individuals decreasing by nearly two million.
- NSE Indices Limited launched India's first Nifty REITs & InvITs Index to track the performance of publicly traded REITs and InvITs.

**Business Current Affairs**

- RIL to hire former MD of GCMF, RS Sodhi, to expand its grocery business in India and strengthen its consumer brands, with a focus on fruits and vegetables.
- PhonePe, the Walmart-backed Indian fintech, has launched a new consumer-facing app called Pincode aimed at strengthening its e-commerce initiatives.
- ADB to invest Rs 150 crore in TPDDL through non-convertible debentures and approves USD 2 million grant for pilot BESS integration.
- Solar Energy Corporation of India has been granted Miniratna Category-I CPSE status by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. SECI is a key implementing agency for renewable energy schemes/projects of the ministry aimed at fulfilling India's international commitments.
- WhatsApp launches 'Stay Safe with WhatsApp' safety campaign to educate users about product features for online safety and messaging experience.

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LIC AAO | NIACL AO | UIIC AO  
OICL AO | GIC & Others  
**100+ TESTS**  
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**India's GDP Reports by Different Organization**

S.No.	Name of Organization	GDP Growth of India predicted
1	World Bank	6.3%
2	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	6.4%
3	IMF	5.9%

**Defense Current Affairs**

- The 10th annual SLINEX-2023 bilateral maritime exercise between India and Sri Lanka has commenced in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Sukhoi-30s from India will participate in a dogfighting exercise with American F-15 Strike Eagles in an exercise called 'Cope India'.
- Andaman & Nicobar command, which is India's sole tri-services unit, held a collaborative military drill named Exercise 'KAVACH.'

- Greek and Indian Air Forces to conduct joint training exercise with Su-30, F-16, and Rafale fighter jets for ten days over Greece and the Mediterranean Sea starting April 18th.

**Awards & Recognition**

S.No.	Name of Award	Winner
1	Order of the White Eagle	Volodymyr Zelensky
2	Young Urologist of the Year Award	Dr. Nitya Abraham
3	International Prize in Statistics	Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao
4	Best Production/Process Development award	Bharat Biotech
5	Maratha Udyog Ratna	Nilesh Bhagwan Sambre
6	Business Leader of the Decade Award	Kumar Mangalam Birla

**Summits | Events | Festivals (National/International)**

**Summits Held Nationally**

S.No.	Name of Summit/Events	Venue
1	G20 EMPOWER Alliance	Kerala
2	Youth20 Consultation	IIT, Kanpur
3	Gaj Utsav-2023	Kaziranga National Park
4	Food Conclave-2023	Telangana
5	G20 Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS)	Varanasi

**Summits Held Internationally**

S.No.	Name of Summit/Events	Venue
1	Global Buddhist Summit	New Delhi
2	United Nations 2023 Water Conference	New York

**List/Indexes (Ranks & Reports)**

S.No.	Name	Organization	Important facts
1	India Justice Report (IJR) 2022	Tata Trusts	state of Karnataka has achieved the top rank among the 18 large and mid-sized states with populations over one crore.
2	'100 Most Influential Women in US Finance'	Barron's	includes five Indian-origin women executives who have attained prominent positions in the financial services industry. These women are Anu Aiyengar from J.P. Morgan, Rupal J. Bhansali from Ariel Investments, Sonal Desai from Franklin Templeton, Meena Flynn from Goldman Sachs, and Savita Subramanian from Bank of America.
3	2023 TIME100 Reader Poll	TIME	Shah Rukh Khan won the 2023 TIME100 Reader Poll.
4	tiger census data		the tiger population in India has reached 3,167 in 2022
5	State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI)		Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, and Telangana





S.No.	Name	Organization	Important facts
6	Freedom in the World 2023 Report	Freedom House	Tibet is the country with the least freedom in the world
7	world's "most criminal countries"	World of Statistics	Venezuela has been ranked top
8	Wealth of Chief Minister	ADR	Jagan Mohan Reddy from Andhra Pradesh is the richest among them with assets worth ₹510 crore, while Mamata Banerjee, the Chief Minister of West Bengal, has the lowest assets worth around ₹15 lakh.
9	100 Most Influential People of 2023	Time Magazine	SRK, Rajamouli

### Books & Authors

Name of Book	Author
"Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire"	Nandini Das
Gandhi: Siyasat aur Sampradaiykta ('Gandhi: Politics and Communalism')	Piyush Babele
"The Great Bank Robbery: NPAs, Scams and the Future of Regulation"	Pattabhi Ram & Sabyasachee Dash
"The Banker to Every Indian"	State Bank of India (SBI)

### Sports Current Affairs

**Cricket** {National Game of Australia, Bermuda, England, Jamaica No. of Players: 11

**Important Terms associated:** Arm ball, Beamer, Bottom hand, Bouncer, Cameo, Carrom ball, Chinaman, Flick, Free hit, Glance, Googly, Hat-trick, Hit wicket, Leg bye, Nelson, Night watchman, Pinch hitter, Sweep, Upper Cut.}

- Kim Cotton made history by becoming the first woman to umpire in a men's international match between two full-member teams on April 5th during the T20I match between Sri Lanka and New Zealand in Dunedin.
- Former Indian cricket captain MS Dhoni and Yuvraj Singh have been awarded honorary life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).
- According to the latest FIFA rankings, the Indian men's football team has climbed up five spots and is now ranked at 101.
- David Warner becomes fastest IPL batsman to reach 6,000 runs.

### Important Terms associated: tennis

- Daniil Medvedev won his fourth Miami Open title by beating Jannik Sinner in the final.

**Football** {National Game of Brazil, Italy, Germany, Israel, Mauritius, Poland No. of Players: 11

**Important Terms Associated:** Back Pass, Corner Kick, Free Kick, Dribble, Futsal, Header, Kick off, Banana Kick, Toe Poke, Throw-in, Bicycle Kick}

- FIFA withdrew Peru's hosting rights for the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2023™ due to concerns over the country's ability to meet the requirements.
- At the Ordinary Congress of European Soccer's governing body held in Lisbon, Aleksander Ceferin was re-elected as the UEFA president unopposed.

### Grand Prixes

- Max Verstappen wins Australian Grand Prix 2023, Hamilton second, Alonso third.





**Badminton / Boxing/ Wrestling/Weightlifting**

- Indian weightlifter Sanjita Chanu banned for 4 years by NADA after failing drug test at National Games.

**Other Sports Current Affairs**

- India wins both men's and women's categories at 4th Asian Kho Kho Championships in Assam's Tamulpur.
- Brazilian artist Dante Akira Uwai has won the Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024 medal design competition.
- Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh, a teenager, defeated former world rapid champion Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan in the World Chess Armageddon Asia & Oceania event, securing the championship and qualifying for Armageddon's Grand Finale in September.

**Science & Technology**

- Chinese company Space Pioneer successfully launched its Tianlong-2 rocket into orbit, marking the first time a liquid-fueled rocket has been launched into orbit by a Chinese firm, and the first time a startup has reached orbit on its initial attempt. The rocket enabled Beijing Tianbing Technology to launch a small satellite named "Love Space Science" to a polar orbit around Earth.
- ISRO has accomplished the Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX) at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) in Chitradurga, Karnataka.
- NASA selects four astronauts for Artemis II Moon Mission after 50 years, including the first woman and black astronauts, Christina Koch and Victor Glover. They will orbit the Moon in late 2022 or early 2025, preparing for future crew to make a touchdown.
- Hyderabad-based startup Skyroot Aerospace test-fires fully 3D-printed cryogenic engine.
- India approves Space Policy 2023 to strengthen the Department of Space and ISRO's activities, aiming for self-reliance in space technology.
- NASA's TEMPO instrument launched to monitor air pollutants, providing high-resolution observation of air quality from space.



**Schemes/ Apps**

Name	Ministry	Year	Purpose
Captive Employer initiative under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)	Ministry for Rural Development	2023	This program aims to train rural poor youth and provide employment opportunities through 19 captive employers who will offer training in different sectors, including hospitality, textiles, retail, and telecommunications.
Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana	Ministry of Finance	2014	Financial Inclusion
Global Engagement Scheme	Ministry of Culture		to promote Indian Folk Arts and Culture abroad

**Committees in News**

- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry forms committee to tackle incomplete real estate projects, chaired by Amitabh Kant.
- Indian govt forms committee to enhance pension benefits of govt employees under NPS, chaired by finance secretary with three other members.
- India implements Kirit Parikh committee's recommendations to change the pricing model of domestic natural gas, linking prices monthly to 10% of the international price of the Indian crude basket, resulting in a 10% decrease in prices for PNG, CNG, and industrial use.

**Important Days**

Date	Day & Theme
2 April	World Autism Awareness Day & "Contribution of Autistic Individuals at Home, at Work, in the Arts, and Policymaking."
1-7 April	Prevention of Blindness Week
4 April	International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action & "Mine Action Cannot Wait"
5 April	International Conscience Day
6 April	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) & "Scoring for People and the Planet."





Date	Day & Theme
7 April	World Health Day & "Health For All"
10 April	World Homeopathy Day & One Health, One Family
11 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Safe Motherhood Day</li> <li>Jyotirao Phule Jayanti</li> </ul>
12 April	The International Day of Human Space Flight
14 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambedkar Jayanti</li> <li>World Chagas Disease Day &amp; Time to integrate Chagas disease into primary health care</li> </ul>
15 April	World Art Day
16 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Voice Day</li> <li>Save the Elephant Day</li> </ul>

### Miscellaneous Current Affairs | One-Liners

- British-Hindu **Murugesvaran 'Subby' Subramaniam** has been appointed as Warrant Officer of the UK's Royal Air Force, the aerial warfare and space force announced.
- Anjali Sharma becomes the first Indian woman to scale Mount Kilimanjaro in South Africa wearing a traditional Gaddi dress (Luanchadi) promoting Gaddi culture on mountain peaks.
- Benarasi Paan, featured in Amitabh Bachchan's "Khaike Paan Benaras Wala," was granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag on April 3, 2022, along with three other Varanasi-based products: Banarasi Langda Mango, Ramnagar Bhanta (Brinjal), and Adamchini Rice.
- Chhattisgarh's Nagri Dubraj, an aromatic rice variety, has been granted a geographical indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indication Registry.
- Pandit Ravi Shankar's 103rd birth anniversary is being celebrated. He promoted Indian music worldwide and collaborated with musicians globally. He was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1999.
- The Mircha rice variety from West Champaran district of Bihar has recently been granted the GI tag.
- A woman in Guangdong, China, died from a rare strain of bird flu, the H3N8 subtype of avian influenza, not common in humans, with no evidence of human-to-human transmission.
- Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary identified as a new tiger area in India by recent census report, with photographic evidence captured for the first time.
- NCRTC has named India's first semi-high-speed regional rail services as 'RAPIDX' to operate on RRTS corridors in the National Capital Region.
- India-Spain Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation held its 12th session, with officials discussing collaborations in key sectors such as renewable energy, shipping, tourism, infrastructure, and more.
- Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve and Indian Highways Management Company signed an MoU for a FASTag-based payment system at forest entry points.

### Obituaries (National/International)

S.NO.	Person Died	Profession/Famous In?
<b>Politician (National-International)</b>		
1	Jagarnath Mahto	Politician
<b>Actor/Director/Producer (National-International)</b>		
1	Jalabala Vaidya	Theatre Artist
2	Uttara Baokar	Actor
<b>Sportsmen/Sportswomen (National-International)</b>		
1	Salim Durani	Indian cricketer
<b>Others (National-International)</b>		
1	Keshub Mahindra	Chairman Emeritus of Mahindra & Mahindra and India's oldest billionaire
2	Dr. Zafrullah Chowdhury	public health activist and veteran fighter of the Liberation War

